

We start with Christ
in our serving, in our caring,
and in our growing



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

***“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”
 (Isaiah 43:19)***



Friends,

Warmer temps are coming. Not only is spring in the air, but something new is happening at Christiania—can you feel it? Each week it seems we are connecting with more and more of you. After a two-year pandemic season slowed everything down, we are moving at what feels like rapid speed again. There are many important projects happening here at the same time: planning for summer worship; letting go of the last of our pandemic practices; Ministry Team statements of purpose; the Sanctuary Refresh & Revive Campaign; updates to our financial policies and processes; and beginning to think about our Director of Faith Formation, Joe Jorgensen’s 2023 absence for internship beginning next January.

So many have been participating and our ministries are growing. The past month or two has brought increases in the number of people in worship each week. Most of our ministries have returned to face-to-face gatherings. Indeed, God is doing a new thing, *do you not perceive it?* What a great and meaningful Lenten Season and Holy Week we just lived through. It was so good to join together with so many of you online and at Christiania to prepare for and remember Christ’s journey: the Palm Sunday shouts of “Hosannah!” as Jesus arrives in the city; Maundy Thursday’s remembering of Christ’s command to *Love One Another* and the Disciple’s Last Supper; to the Good Friday jeers of “Crucify him!” and Christ’s crucifixion and death. After Jesus’ death, his body placed in a tomb while we wait until Easter morning, the finding of the empty tomb, and the joyous refrain: *Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!*

Palm and Passion Sunday also provided an opportunity to welcome 18 new members to Christiania. Welcome all of you! In fact, many of you have already been among us for an extended period. You have become an important part of our community of faith for some time. Please know your presence and commitment to Christiania matters to all of us. Together, we celebrate with you what is best considered a gift from God. Congratulations Yvonne & LeRoy Anderson, Jessica, Adam & Cameron Besse, David Cook, Danell, Eric, Oliver, Harrison & Bennett Kline, Karen, Andrew, Peter & Elizabeth Mendez, Beth & Jamie Minea, and Danna Jo Neugebauer. We cannot wait to see how God will use you and your gifts among us.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

What a joy it was to celebrate and witness four students receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday. During the weeks of Lent these students along with grandparents and parents joined the pastor in an intentional time of learning and preparation. Maundy Thursday became a special time to connect with Christ in a special way as we heard, *“The body of Christ, given for YOU. The blood of Christ, shed for YOU.”* Yes, even you young and beautiful people. Congratulations to all the families and especially those receiving communion for the first time: Aria Duffrin, Audrey Flaa, Olivia Spors, and Reuben Zaffke.

Friends, I invite you to join me and our leaders in prayer on behalf of our Treasurer, Lisa Schultze. Lisa has taken a leave of absence through June 1 to deal with some personal and family matters. In the meantime, our Council, Financial Review Committee, Personnel Team, and bookkeeper are working hard to continue our good tradition and efforts in keeping Christiania’s finances safe. I’m praying for all of us as we work into the beauty of spring. Stay strong and let me encourage you all to make space for God, regular worship, and keeping connected with your Christiania friends. We are truly blessed!

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon

Come & Worship

All Worship Services are offered in person as well as online.

- Sunday, May 1:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- Wednesday, May 4:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion
- Sunday, May 8:** 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Wednesday May 11:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship
- Sunday, May 15:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- Wednesday, May 18:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion
- Sunday, May 22:** 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Wednesday, May 25:** No Midweek Worship
- Sunday, May 29:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

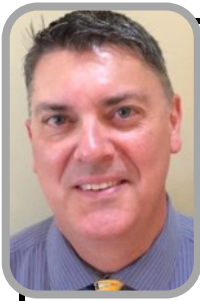
WEDNESDAY Schedule

5:00-5:30 p.m.	Nitty Gritty Church Band/ Chancel Choir
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Worship
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation

April Worship Attendance

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Midweek</i>
April 3: O: 108 I: 142	April 6: O: 46 I: 74
April 10: O: 96 I: 174	April 14: O: 116 I: 92
April 17: O: 132 I: 287	April 15: O: 80 I: 104
April 24: O: —* I: 138	April 20: O: —* I: 37
	April 27: O: —* I: *

O=online, I=In-person



Bill Kanfield - Christiania Council President

Spring is here! A time of change. Spring came, and then it left for a bit, but as always, it is now back again! For us personally, spring means planning – fields, gardens, yards, summer vacations, enjoying the world as everything changes green, and spending time in the sun.

As a congregation, it means the end of Lent, Holy Week and of course, Easter.

This year, it also means some other changes.

Hopefully everyone has seen the CLC Sanctuary Refresh team video, visualizations, samples and scope of work to renew our building and worship space and the Revive capital campaign team's plan to finance the changes.

This is an opportunity to combine deferred maintenance (Roof, AC and Heating) with safety, accessibility and energy efficiency updates, punctuated with a warm, new Sanctuary.

Parallel to this, Council, Board, Committee and Team leads and representatives met to refine the Ministry Teams Statement of Purpose. The goal is to reignite our ministry, mission and outreach to align with the elevated vision of our refreshed new worship space. This also includes welcoming Andrew Mendez and Tia Burnham in rebuilding the Evangelism Team and how we express evangelism at Christiania.

Finally, it is time for the 2022 State of the Church address. In this address we will present the current and projected financials, and touch on other 2022 core themes.

More to come as we continue on this journey!

Yours in faith,
Bill Kanfield, Council President

2022 Congregation Council

President:	Bill Kanfield
Vice-President:	Greg Silus
Secretary:	Alan Ritchie
At Large Members:	Jane Ward
George Silverness	Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger	Tia Burnham
Treasurer:	Lisa Schultze
Senior Pastor:	Jon Rhodes

Ministry Board

Sue Jacobson	Jane Ward
Joel Ruen	Becky Ruen
Lucy Hurrle	Anne Schindeldecker
Pastor Jon Rhodes	Andrew Mendez



Lutheran Disaster Response

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing the violence and seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major

humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Please consider supporting these efforts. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. Gifts may be made through the congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

PRAYER REQUESTS



For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson • Ken Beske
Denny Carey • John Christianson
Karen Erickson • Melanie Kubischta
Lois Haglund • Gladys Michelsen
Jeff Otto • Ellie Panek • Colleen Powell
Susie Stiehl • Don Storlie • Sharon Syverson
Dale (Skip) Fredrickson • Eunice Ott
Lori Clausen • Bernie Ward • Harold Martin
Yvonne & LeRoy Anderson

For those who Mourn

For Sharon Buckley, other family members, and friends as they mourn the loss of Waneta Shriver. Waneta entered God's Eternal Kingdom on April 18, 2022.

For the Newly Baptized

4/24: Asher Blohm
4/27: Aria and Liam Duffrin

For friends of our community:

Janine Scherere, sister of Kim Duffrin
Tina Des Marais, sister of Tim Emmons
Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch
Larry Olson, father of Jackie DuLac
Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
Luella and Dorthy, family of Alan Ritchie
Dale Burnham, son of Tony Burnham

In the Military:

Max Baker - grandson of Sandy Cross
Josh Dennehey - son of John Dennehey
Billy Hukka - son of Beth Hukka
Andrew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield
Matthew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield
Brenden Rogers - nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers
John Rogers - son of Mark & Lori Rogers
Christian Weidling - nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn

If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain, please contact Carri in the church office. Names will remain on this list for one month unless an extension is requested.

GET INVOLVED

Bible Study

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)
May 3, 17 & 31

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW)
Christiania Lutheran Church Women
May 18

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
May 5, 12, 19 & 26

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)
May 14 & 28

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**GREETERS
LECTORS
ASSISTING MINISTERS
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
VIDEO OPERATORS
COFFEE SERVERS
WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR(S)**

You can sign up for these opportunities by calling the church office or by going to our website and clicking on "How do I Serve."



On **Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.** Merlin Leine and Karla Schrader will host a "Celebration of Life" for Margaret Corrigan at their home.

Address: 24698 Cedar Ave. Farmington, MN 55024.

Phone number: 952-469-3765.

All are welcome to attend.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

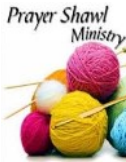


QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on
Wednesday, May 4 at 9:30 a.m.

in the Fellowship Area. All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on
Monday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a project you are working on or start a new one. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, contact Lori Clausen at 952-461-2333.



CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, **Wednesday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.** We begin our morning with fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., and continue with the business meeting at 11:00 a.m. Join us for just the Bible Study or stay for the whole morning.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **Lucky 13 Pub on Wednesday, May 11 at 11:30 am.** at The Luck 13 in Burnsville. If you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.



SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiana's "Singles" group will meet on **Tuesday, May 17 @ 5:30 p.m.** At the Red Lobster in Burnsville. Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman for more information or to RSVP.



DINNER GROUPS



Dinner groups are starting to form. The group meets four times a year and everyone in the group gets a chance to be the host. The meals are pot luck. There is a sign up sheet located on the Information Desk. Or if you would like, call Carri in the church office.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



To celebrate the end of the current program year, our Confirmation and Sunday School families will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast after worship on **Sunday, May 1.** All are welcome. A

free will offering will be collected to offset the cost of curriculum materials.

BOOK CLUB:



We will be reading "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules" by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg and will be meeting on **May 25, at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink, coffee will be provided. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



MISSION GARDEN

The Mission Garden produces thousands of pounds of fresh produce for our local food shelves each summer. However, it takes the care of many workers to maintain this wonderful community service. We are in dire need of volunteers to help with tilling, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, delivering food, winterizing the garden, and coordinating helpers throughout the summer.

If you are willing to help, please contact Sue Jacobson (952-758-3438), Bertie Mohling (952-393-8367) or Linda Costa (612-812-4945).

Thank you!



Red Cross Blood Drive

May 25 from 2:00 - 8:00 pm.
Sign up at Redcross.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p>1 9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion 10:00 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast 2:00 p.m.: Youth Group</p>	<p>2 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>4 9:30 a.m.: Q 5:00 p.m.: N 5:30 p.m.: S 6:30 p.m.: W 6:30 p.m.: C</p>
<p>8 MOTHER'S DAY REVIVE/REFRESH/ COMMITMENT SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>9 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:00 p.m.: Congregation Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>11 11:30 a.m.: Lu 5:00 p.m.: C 5:30 p.m.: S 6:00 p.m.: C 6:30 p.m.: W</p>
<p>15 9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.: CYF Team Meeting</p>	<p>16 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>17 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m.: Singles Dinner Red Lobster in Burnsville, MN 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m.: C 5:00 p.m.: N 5:30 p.m.: S 6:30 p.m.: W C</p>
<p>22 8:00 a.m.: Membership Ministry Team 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>23 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>24 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Foundation Meeting</p>	<p>25 NO WORSHIP 9:30 a.m.: B 2:00 p.m.: B</p>
<p>29 9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour w/ Celebration of May Birthdays</p>	<p>30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	

2022

	Thu	Fri	Sat
Guilders GCB Upper Worship w/ Communion Confirmation	5 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: FRC Meeting	6 10:00 a.m.: Plant Sale Pick-up	7 1:00 p.m. Celebration of Life for Margaret Corrigan at Merlin Leine and Karla Schrader's home. (See invitation on page 4)
Lunch Bunch Chancel Choir Upper Confirmation @ MSC Worship	12 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Ministry Board Meeting	13	14 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study
LCW GCB Upper Worship w/ Communion	19 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 3:00 p.m.: Missions Ministry Team	20	21
HIP Book Club Food Drive	26 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	27	28 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

Volunteer Opportunities



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23

We are in need of several **youth** and **adult** helpers for our VBS program. There are a variety of areas to assist including crafts, music, games, Bible study, being a small group leader, and/or helping supervise kids during the wrap-around time.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, contact Joe or sign up by going to www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs.

Programs/Activities

Vacation Bible School



We are excited for the return of Vacation Bible School at Christiania this summer! This year's program will run

June 20-23 from 10 am-4 pm (Wrap-around care will be offered 1 hour before and after). VBS is open to any child who will be entering kindergarten through completing 5th grade.

For more details and to register, visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs.



Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders; friends are always welcome. We typically meet on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm.

May 1 @ 2 p.m.: Games @ Church

June 15 @ 10 a.m.: Valleyfair

For the latest details, visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events.

Youth Summer Trip: God's Boundless Love @ Camp

July 17-21, 2022

Open to current 6th-12th graders

A gathering to explore God's Boundless Love for Everyone.

Church groups from all over will be gathering @CAMP for a few days of fun, inspiration, service, and action! Daily themes include CARE of Others, CARE of Creation, and CARE of SELF! Daily afternoon options will include servant opportunities, topical discussions, interaction with the local Native American community, river canoe trips, swimming and paddleboarding, gaga, 9 square and other campy recreation. Morning church groups will explore our Boundless God through Bible study and youth led worship. The nightly large group gatherings will feature dynamic performances from David Scherer and Joe Davis, Jonathan Rundman Band, and Rachel Kurtz.

While the initial sign-up deadline has passed, **there is still room to join the group**. Visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events or contact Joe for more information and to sign up.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 16, we hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We welcomed more than 30 children and their parents, and all seemed to have a great time. Thanks to Jackie DuLac and Becky Ruen and all of the volunteers who helped coordinate this event. Enjoy some photos from the day.





CHRISTIANIA REFRESH AND REVIVE

Church “Refresh” Project Update

The Revive Campaign is now underway! Thanks to the vote of approval of 116 members (12 nays) we can now move ahead. The next step is determining people’s financial commitment to the project.

At this time the members of Christiania and many of our friends and neighbors have received a letter about the campaign along with a “Statement of Intent.”

May 8 has been designated as Commitment Sunday

On that Sunday members will be asked to come forward with their “Statements of Intent.” It is at that time after much thought, prayer and budget consideration members will be asked to commit to a pledge toward the project. Those who would prefer can place their pledges in an offering plate or mail it in before or after that Sunday. No amount is too small—all are given with heart and received with gratitude.

Generating revenue....

Statements of intent are only the first step. Other means of generating the needed revenue are being considered. This includes the possible sale of the parsonage and an adjoining lot which now contains the old ball field. Research on this possibility is being done and the congregation will also have a vote in any final decision regarding the sale of church property. The sale of the actual farmable land is not being considered.

Planning the “Refresh”

The project has two parts. One is to do the much needed **maintenance on the building**. This includes:

- ✦ Repairing windows
- ✦ Updating the sound system and lighting
- ✦ Roof repair and insulation
- ✦ Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- ✦ Safety and accessibility issues addressed
 1. Ramp to altar area
 2. Moving the altar rail forward
 3. Replacement of carpet in the altar area

The second part is the **renewal of the sanctuary**. First of all, know that great care has been taken to maintain and honor much of the tradition in our worship space (altar, pulpit, stained glass, large cross, altar rail) while enhancing and making our worship and fellowship hall safe.

- ✦ Replacing old pews with new pews and a few padded chairs
- ✦ Replacing old carpeting on the aisle and sides with new tile under the pews
- ✦ Opening up the front of the church with a large window while preserving the stained glass inserts which will be backlit
- ✦ Altar area would be faced with stone; ceiling could be painted or whitewashed

For all upgrades see: www.christianialutheranchurch.org

While the **NEEDS** are very necessary for accessibility and safety, the **RENEWAL** part is needed too. We must ask ourselves “when is ‘good enough’ just not ‘good enough’ any longer? The proposed updates will help revive our space so that it is opened to more light, comfort, and beauty as well as safety. The intent is to bring renewed focus to our worship space, the cross, and to rejuvenate our spirits.

After the revenue available for the project has been identified and totaled, **a second vote is needed** to actually proceed with the project. Although we had initially thought that vote would be later in May, it seemed a bit more time was needed. **The second vote, to move ahead with the project has been set for June 12.**

Those are details and plans right now, but there is one more important thing that you need to know. That is that although “Refresh” is a word you are hearing a lot there is another key word: **REMEMBER.** That is an important word too. While the building is in transition and some changes are being made, the spirit of the people, the preservation of the traditions and memories will be honored. That is what makes a family and keeps it together.

IN THE NEXT WEEKS....

Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead our church family forward while remembering to thank the Lord for each other and all the years together in this building. Our church family has been so blessed.

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May's Food Shelf:
We are collecting **Baking Mixes Muffin, biscuits, Jello, etc.,**) for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the basket or on the table at the main entrance. Thank you for your contributions!