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**Sunday Worship**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Education & Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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**FOOD SHELF**

Canned or fresh veggies

Items can be placed in the baskets located in the entry ways.

Thank you for your contributions!

**OUR NORWEGIAN DINNER OCT. 28**

What is the Norwegian Supper about?  
It is about building community and fundraising. Those were the goals in 1905 at the first supper Christiania held and they are the same today. People come for the memories, the traditional foods, for the chance to visit with neighbors, and for good food served with a smile.



The way to really get the most from the Norwegian Supper is to come and lend a hand!! Sign-up sheets are located in the fellowship area or contact Linda Otto for more information.

**Prep. help needed:**

- October 3, at 9:00 a.m.:** Making meatballs
- October 18, at 9:00 a.m.:** Cooking potatoes, ricing & prep. for lefse making
- October 19, at 9:00 a.m.:** Lefse rolling (**Child care will be available**)
- October 27 at 1:00 p.m.:** Lutefisk prep.
- 7:00 p.m.:** Staging supplies for a.m.
- October 28, at 8:00 a.m.:** Peeling potatoes
- 9:00 a.m.** Set-up and decorating
- 2:30 p.m.** Dinner helpers



Deadline for the **November** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **October 18**.  
Email info. to the church office at [office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org](mailto:office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org).

October 2017

# Christiania Newsletter

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

OCTOBER 28TH  
SEATING TIMES  
3:00 P.M.  
4:30 P.M.  
&  
6:00 P.M.

**NORWEGIAN  
LUTEFISK-MEATBALL  
SUPPER**

TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW!

**BAKE SALE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL WING STARTING AT 3:00**

**ADULTS: \$18.00**

**KIDS: \$8.00**  
(10 AND UNDER)

**Christiania Lutheran Church**  
26691 Pillsbury Avenue  
Lakeville, Minnesota  
Call 952-461-2283 for tickets  
*Sponsored by Christiania Women*

<u>October Sunday Worship</u>
<p><b>October 1 — Matthew 21:23-32 - 3rd Grade Bibles &amp; Blessing of Teachers and Students</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Connections &amp; Conversations 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>
<p><b>October 8 — Matthew 21:33-46 - 4 &amp; 5 Grade First Communion Class</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Connections &amp; Conversations 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>
<p><b>October 15 — Matthew 22:1-14 - State of the Church Address &amp; 4 &amp; 5 Grade First Communion Class</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Handbell Choir with Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Connections &amp; Conversations 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>
<p><b>October 22 — Matthew 22:15-22 - Bob Monio MET talk</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>
<p><b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>October 29 — John 8:31-36 - First Communion Celebration</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Connections &amp; Conversations 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>

# Prayers for our Congregation



Please remember the following in your prayers

Bridget Anderson	Eunice Estrem
Orville Nelson	Ron Petersen
Crisa Aasen	Scott Mischke
Danielle Hartwell	Brian Strese
Dave Olson	Carol Melgaard
Jackie DuLac	Nathan Mohling

### Those who mourn:

Bob & Gladys Michelsen and family on the loss of their son David. David joined God's eternal kingdom Monday, September 25.

### Those who need healing:

John Kunzer, friend of Tia & Tony Burnham  
 Clark Smith, father of Brad Smith  
 Pete Leclair, Joe Jorgensen's uncle  
 Joy friend of Cathy Breyer  
 Chuck Crosby, Deb's husband. Lori & Mark's friend  
 Will Healy, thanks be to God for remission  
 Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel  
 Shirley Johnson, sister of Eunice Ott  
 Helen Steinbron, grandmother of Matt Steinbron  
 Dave, father of Brian Aasen  
 Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover  
 Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son  
 Nora, great niece of Jeff & Linda Otto  
 Clarice, mother of Kim Robertson  
 Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members  
 Ryan Laber, friend of Maren & Ken Zaffke  
 Erin (Weier) Remme  
 Scott, friend of Sue Jacobson  
 Christine, step-sister of Cheryl Bahnsen  
 Brian, son of George Kasper  
 Allen Ross, friend of Ron Ovans  
 MaryLou, mother of Paula Crawford Anderson  
 Earl, friend of Cal Tonsager  
 Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum  
 Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield  
 Betty Johnson, Jackie DuLac's mom  
 Annie, friend of Lori Rogers  
 Jolene Wilker, Jacki Donovan's mother  
 Wally Petersen, brother of Gladys Bolton, Ron & Pete Petersen  
 Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

### In Military:

Andrew Christensen, Summer Keller (Lee & Dona Braun's daughter)  
 Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson)  
 Dean Johnston (Denise Kanfield's brother)  
 Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)  
 Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew)

### Prayer Chain:

To be added to the email list to receive weekly prayer concerns, please email [office@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org).

# October Ministries

Greeters		
October 1		Karla Schroeder and Merlin Leine
October 8		Diane & Roger Brack
October 15		Lee & Donna Jo Braun
October 22		Lori & LeRoy Clausen
October 29		Polly & Jason Flaa
Communion Assistants		
October 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Marriann Storlie Melanie Kubischta
October 15	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Bruce & Debbie Lundeen Melanie Kubischta & Bob Jacobson
October 29	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Lectors		
October 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Kim Robertson
October 8	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Lori Peterson Lori Peterson
October 15	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sharon Syverson Judie Thompson
October 22	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
October 29	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Offering Counters		
October 1		Cheryl Schindeldecker & Judy Lantto
October 8		Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
October 15		Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
October 22		Judy Hanson & Karen Frame
October 29		Judy Hanson & Karen Frame
Altar Guild		
October		Cheryl Bahnsen & Terra Henry
Usher Captains		
October		Jack Eckdahl, LeRoy Clausen & Dick Swan
Ushers		
October		Team #2
Coffee Servers		
October 1		Adam & Rachel Fausch
October 8		Karen Erickson & Eunice Estrem
October 15		Entrip & Sharon Syverson
October 22		Cheryl Bahnsen & Roxanne Christensen
October 29		Warren & Mary Pererson

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>3rd Grade Bibles</b> 8:30a.m. Traditional Worship w/Communion 9:30 a.m. Education & Connections & Conversations 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/ Nitty Gritty Church Band	2	3 7:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Making Meatballs for Norwegian Dinner 6:00 p.m. Financial Review Meeting	4 9:30 a.m. Quilt Tying 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:30 p.m. MET Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner - Goulash 5:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. Yoga	6	7
8 8:30a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Education/First Communion 5th & 5th grades/Connections & Conversations 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band 12:10 p.m. Ministry Board Meeting	9	10 7:30 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting	11 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch - Red Fox 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:30 p.m. MET Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner - French Dip 5:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Yoga	13	14
15 8:30a.m. Traditional Worship w/Communion/ Handbell Choir 9:30 a.m. Education & C & C 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/ Chorister Choir/Nitty Gritty Church Band 12:10 p.m. Children's Fundraising Meeting	16	17 7:30 a.m. Bible Study  5:30 p.m. Mission Meeting	18 <b>MEA Week Newsletter Deadline for November</b> 9:00 a.m. Potatoes Peeling 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:30 p.m. MET Meeting 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	19 9:00 a.m. Making Lefse 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Yoga	20	21
22 8:30a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Education & Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band	23	24 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	25 11:30 a.m. Book Group 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:30 p.m. MET Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner - White Chix. Chili 5:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m. Yoga	27 1:00 p.m. Lutefisk Prep	28 8:00 a.m. Dinner prep. Norwegian Dinner 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
29 First Communion Celebration 8:30a.m. Traditional Worship w/Communion 9:30 a.m. Education & C & C 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/ Nitty Gritty Church Band 12:00 p.m. Halloween Party	30	31 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes 7:30 a.m. Bible Study			<b>Altar Guild</b> Cheryl Bahnsen Terra Henry	<b>Usher Captains</b> Jack Eckdahl LeRoy Clausen Dick Swan




**Sunday School News**

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Christiania has generations of wonderful memories. One of the is teaching our children to grow their faith in God through stories of His everlasting love for us! We'll be continuing this year with the Sparkhouse classroom curriculum. Our fall and winter lessons will be learning stories from the Old Testament. As a community of Christ, there is still a need for leaders / teachers in several grades. Sunday School classrooms have undergone some great improvements, with new handicap accessible locking door knobs and peek windows on the doors. Thank you and blessings to all who gave their time and expertise on this project!

Blessings  
Tia Burnham  
Sunday School  
Superintendent



**You're Invited to a Halloween Party**

**When:** October 29, 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Christiania Lutheran Church  
**What:** We will start with a lunch for kids and parents in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Fun activities will follow lunch.  
**Costumes welcome but not required**

Hosted by Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team (If weather does not cooperate, activities will be held at the church)



**Bible Sunday**  
On October 1, we will give Bibles to the 3rd grade students at both the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

**THE GIFT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Baptism and Communion are remarkable gifts of God's presence in our lives, gifts given to the baptized regardless of age. Once we confined those gifts to the Confirmed, then to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but years ago the ELCA put out a statement recalling the biblical invitation and allowing pastors to speak with the Councils and the parents about teaching their children.



On October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School, Interim Pastor Rebecca will teach about Holy Communion for the 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders whose parents would like them to be included. That first Communion celebration will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, Interim Pastor Rebecca will teach those 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students whose parents would like them to be included in receiving Holy Communion. That first Communion celebration will be held on Christ the King Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Children learn from their parents and their congregation. A parent is asked to accompany their student for these lessons and so review the information with their child. Please talk with Rebecca if you have questions. God bless all God's children.



Join us Sunday mornings in the Heritage/Youth room from 9:45-10:30 a.m. for discussions on:

**Sunday, October 1**  
**What are we teaching this year in Sunday School?**  
Presented by Pastor Rebecca, Tia Burnham and Joe Jorgensen. Come meet other parents and hear what will be going on in Sunday School.

**Sunday, October 8**  
**How do we protect our children?**  
Presentation by Joy McElroy, Prevention Outreach Specialist, ELCA Cherish All Children Ministry Team.

**Sunday, October 15**  
**Internet and Technology Safety**  
Presented by Andrew Wilkins, ED. S, Principal of Washburn Elementary School in Bloomington, MN And Jered McCoy.

**Sunday, October 29**  
**Navigating the Elementary School System**  
Presented by Andrew Wilkins, ED. S, Principal of Washburn Elementary School in Bloomington, MN

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's hours**  
Tuesday 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Friday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

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**Christiania Staff**

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**Matt Steinbron** Worship/Music Coordinator  
[worship@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:worship@christianialutheranchurch.org)

**Carri Tuma** Office Manager  
[office@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org)

**Joe Jorgensen** CYF Leader  
[cylfleader@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:cylfleader@christianialutheranchurch.org)

**Harold Martin** Custodian  
**Rachel Fausch** Treasurer

**Other Contacts**

**Bruce Mohn** Council President  
**Cheryl Schindeldecker** Altar Guild  
**Debbie Lundeen** Bells Director  
**Joe Jorgensen** Chorister Choir Director  
**Linda Otto** Church Women (CLCW)  
**Bob Monio** MET & Usher Co-Coordinator  
**Daryl Rieck** Usher Co-Coordinator  
**Juli Skillman** Care Team Coordinator  
**Tia Burnham** Sunday School Superintendent

The Executive Council will be working on the 2018 budget starting in October. If you have any budget requests, please get them to me as soon as possible for consideration.



Thank you.

Rachel Fausch, Treasurer  
[rachel.fausch@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.fausch@hotmail.com)

**Executive Council**

**President:** Bruce Mohn  
**Vice-President:** Denise Kanfield  
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**At Large Members:** Kim Robertson  
Lori Clausen Brian McGregor  
Scott Selkirk Lee Braun

**Treasurer:** Rachel Fausch  
**Pastor:** Interim Pastor Rebecca

**Ministry Board**

Barb Bachman Ron Ovans  
Terra Henry Valayna Simon  
John Wedel

**Ministry Teams**

**CYF** **Membership**  
Kersten Richter Adam Fausch  
Dan Richter Lonna Selkirk  
Tia Burnham Tia Smith  
Jodi & Tim Emmons  
Sara McGregor  
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Warren Peterson  
Brad Smith

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Sherri Mohn Fayette & Al Ames  
Mariann Storlie Julie Nielsen  
Jerry Wicklund

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Lori Peterson Geeg Aaker  
Scott Tempel Abby Emmons  
Kaylee Wilkins Lucy Hurrle  
Adam Fausch Bob Monio

**Worship**

Vonny Laddussaw John Wedel  
Robin Martin Abby Estep  
Madalyn Petersen  
Ken Zaffke



## Message from Interim Pastor Rebecca

On Sunday, September 17, after a Spirit filled service lead by Pr. John Christianson and Christiania's remarkable musicians, I attended a "Service of Holy Closure" at North Emanuel Lutheran church in north St. Paul. This service too was Spirit filled but instead of the joy so heart-felt here, I left with a heavy heart.

We know that occasionally congregations close and give of their gifts to further other congregations, or not. News of a congregation's closure is sad but is something that happens to other people somewhere else but, this time, not for me. I served that congregation for a time and so joined their joint story for a time and came to deeply admire and respect their efforts to go forward in Christ's mission even with much against them.

At the service Sunday, wonderfully led by their Pr. Kisten Thompson and our Bishop Lull, there were only a couple of children. Encouraging and teaching the children was a big issue there years ago and still. Other issues included a changing neighborhood, pastoral misconduct and

multiple set-backs. Nonetheless, these folks came together in prayer, blessed one another, called a wonderful pastor to walk with them and walk they did for years, out into a rough neighborhood inviting neighbors in for meals and worship. To keep the doors open, they rented space to other Christians from other denominations and cultures and from time to time they joined together in worship and song. But finally, a series of circumstances came against them, finances shaky for so long, withered and before using up the last of their possible resources, the congregation came together to bid farewell to their place and the people of their worshipping community.

That Sunday, the secretary of the church officially handed their Parish Records to Bishop Lull and the secretary of the synod for the archives. Pr. Kisten led us in the final Communion and one by one we left the sanctuary for a moment of cake and conversation and then they closed the doors. The worshipping community of North Emanuel is no more. Their remaining discussions, however, are about how to sell the building to those who will respect the other communities who worship there and how to further the ministry of Christ individually and collectively. It is easy to admire and love that community.

Now members of North Emanuel are looking for other congregations to join. What would we do if they came to our congregation? How would we open our doors for them? How would we honor their courage in the face of almost impossible odds? How would we help them feel included in the life of Christ here and in our individual lives? How would we help them feel welcome? How well do we welcome each other and welcome and include our children?

Christiania is wealthy in children and yet we do not have enough Sunday School teachers. Christiania has great connections in our community. How effective are we at welcoming our community? How do we need to change and grow as the people and community of Christ? How will we continue to be vibrant in mission in this time, welcoming one another and welcoming the strangers looking for a place of God's peace among us?

To answer, we need to look at how we would like to be welcomed were we in North Emanuel's situation. There are so many good people and good gifts here, let us celebrate in our reaching in and reaching out and ask God to open our eyes as to how to do so. Let's thank God for the mercies among us and look forward to Christ's future in this place.

In Christ and in anticipation, Interim Pastor Rebecca

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Lutheran Confirmation

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

- October 4:** Speaker Rashed Ferdous speaks about Islam, parents are encouraged to join us.
- October 11:** 6th & 7th Lesson 2 Hebrew Bible  
8th & 9th Field trip to Urban Ventures
- October 18:** MEA No Confirmation Class
- October 25:** 6th & 7th Lesson 3 Genesis  
8th & 9th Lesson 5 Adiphora

8 & 9th graders service opportunities begin next week but this week have an overview of the Reformation to which we are including more service projects, field trips, worship opportunities and fun experiences together.

While we will continue with the Colaborate Curriculum introduced last year, we have added a second teaching adult each for the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade lessons and the 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade lessons. At 6:30 p.m. we open with a brief worship service for all, then divide by grades 6-7 and 8-9 for lessons, then gather in groups of 5-6 led by an adult (we are still seeking a few gracious and caring adults). At times there will be get-to-know-one-another-better games and, interspersed throughout the year, we will have



**ELCA Youth Gathering 2018:** Houston, TX. We are making plans to attend the 2018 ELCA Youth gathering which will be held in Houston, TX from June 27 - July 1. It is open to any youth currently in 8th - 12th grade. There will be an informational meeting mid-September with more details. To learn more about the National Youth Gathering, visit the ELCA website.

We are very excited to continue our Colaborate Confirmation Curriculum  
Colaborate - Lutheran Confirmation



**Our 6th & 7th Graders will learn the from the Old Testament this year.**  
**Our 8th & 9th Graders will explore the Lutheran History & Catechism this year.**

2017-2018 Confirmation materials will be handed out and explained at the September 13th informational dinner meeting.



**Confirmation Students**  
Go to Sign-up Genius for assignments

There are a wealth of new opportunities available for the Confirmation students. Grades 6-9 will be encouraged to use the Sign-up Genius to serve as: acolytes, ushers, kitchen servers, Sunday School assistants, nursery help or music participants. We would like all the young people to participate in some service to the congregation. Should you come up with a creative, Christ centered idea not included in the above list, please let Joe, Kim or Pr. Rebecca know and we'll talk.



### CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir is open to confirmed youth and adults, regardless of musical experience (reading music is not required). Weekly rehearsals are **Wednesday's from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We generally sing one Sunday per month at both services. Music, practice CDs, and the year's schedule will be passed out at the first rehearsal.

**Chancel Choir Director:** Matt Steinbron  
(worship@christianialutheranchurch.org)

### CHORISTER CHOIR

Children (K-5) will rehearse during the opening of Sunday School each Sunday through the school year.

#### Performance dates are listed below:

**October 15 :** 10:45 a.m.  
**December 17:** 10:45 a.m. Christmas Program  
**December 17:** 4:00 p.m. Christmas Music  
**February 18:** 10:45 a.m.  
**March 25:** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday  
**May 13:** 10:45 a.m.  
**Chorister Choir Director:** Joe Jorgensen  
(CYFleader@christianialutheranchurch.org)

### HANDBELL CHOIRS

The Handbell Choirs will rehearse on **Wednesday's**, through the school year. The Youth Handbell Choir will meet from 6:00-6:25 p.m. and the Adults from 6:30-7:10 p.m.

#### Performance dates are listed below:

**October 15:** 8:30 a.m.  
**November 19:** 10:45 a.m.  
**December 10:** 8:30 a.m.  
**January 28:** 8:30 a.m.  
**February 25:** 10:45 a.m.  
**March 18:** 10:45 a.m.  
**April 22:** 8:30 a.m.

#### **Handbell Directors:**

Debbie Lundeen (blun664735@aol.com)  
Sharon Thompson (sharonthompson@frontiernet.net)

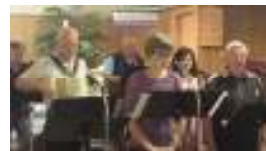


### LITURGICAL WIND ENSEMBLE

The wind ensemble is open to any instrumentalist from middle schoolers to adults, and non-wind players are welcome! We usually play with hymns, liturgical music, and for special music during the 8:30 a.m. service on the third Sunday of each month. The first rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, October 4 from 5:30-5:55 p.m.** and the schedule will be discussed then.

**Liturgical Wind Ensemble Director:**  
Carol Metz (rjmetz1@frontiernet.net)

# Music at Christiania



### NITTY GRITTY CHURCH BAND

Our "non-traditional" band includes vocalists, standard band instruments (guitar, bass, piano), and specialty instruments (mandolin, accordion, banjo, etc.). We welcome enthusiastic musicians who are confident with their voice or instrument. The band plays during most 10:45 a.m. services during the school year, and rehearses from 4:45-5:45 p.m. on Wednesday's preceding those services. Please contact Matt for more information (worship@christianialutheranchurch.org).

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Are you musically inclined and want to perform a solo or with a small group during a service? There are many performance opportunities throughout the year and all are welcome to share their musical talents, be it singing or instrumental. Please contact Matt, for more information.

### YOUTH MUSIC

A variety of musical activities for 6-12 graders will be held throughout the school year. All youth are welcome to propose activities to Matt. Please watch announcements for further details.

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Christmas Music Festival will be a joyous concert involving many of Christiania's ensembles and instrumentalists, but you do not need to be a member of any ensemble to participate in the festival. Please contact Matt by mid-November if you want to play or sing and are not currently in an ensemble. The festival will be held on **Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m.**



## HAVE A TALENT?

### MUSICAL TALENT SHOW

There are musical talents abound at Christiania, and they will be showcased during a talent show on **February 11 at 4:00 p.m.** This will be open to any musical act (small or large groups, young or old), and will not be restricted to sacred music as long as it is appropriate for all ages. Please watch the announcements and website towards December for more information.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to October my favorite month of the year with leaves turning, green grass and blue skies and the harvesting our crops. Our church members will be busy this month also harvesting information. On Sunday October 15 we will have a state of the church address after each service for about twenty minutes. Items to be covered are:  
\*budget of 2017 where are we at?  
\*discussing the need for a part time and a full time position for Children Youth and Family

On Sunday, October 22, Bob Monio, chairperson of the Mission Exploratory Team, will be speaking to the congregation about the survey he and the Mission Exploratory Team have been working on. It will be part of the process to gather information from our members to give guidelines of what we as a congregation are looking for in a new called pastor. Too much to think about? Need some comfort food? October 28 is the Norwegian Supper. For the CLCW this is a long standing tradition serving many Scandinavian favorites. Volunteering to help with dinner is a good way to connect with members of church and to meet visitors that come for dinner! In our September council meeting we covered these items:  
\*approved the purchase of 16 new chairs for the youth/heritage room presented by the décor committee and paid for by the Rose Day memorial fund  
\*designated Kersten Richter, Kim Robertson and Interim Pastor Rebecca to update the youth abuse prevention policy  
\*the personnel committee did staff reviews for Dr. Matt Steinbron and Joe Jorgensen on their hiring anniversary dates and recommended a 2% pay increase for both effective September 1, 2017 which was approved  
Let us all enjoy this coming month of October studying the needs of the church, preparing food for the Norwegian Supper and bring in the harvest which God has provided for us.

Bruce Mohn - Council President

### The Mission Exploration Team (MET) – What is it, What is it About, and What's Happening!

As many of you have heard, there is a team working on behalf of Christiania Church to assess and prioritize the needs, wants and feelings of our Church community. This team – called the Mission Exploration Team (MET) – is made of several members of the congregation including our youth. The goal for the MET is to determine for the Call Committee the pastoral needs for the Church – all on a volunteer basis and with the best intentions in-mind.

The members of the MET are like you – individuals who care about the future directions and priorities for the mission and ministry of the congregation. Working together we are chartered to understand Christiania's needs, wants and feelings such that we can meet the outcomes required as part of the MET process. The MET process is an accepted approach – guided with Pastor Rebecca's help – intended to assist in the calling of our new Pastor. We are not the Call Committee. Members of the MET team include Jane Ward, Geeg Aaker, Abby Emmons, Lucy Hurrle, John Wedel, Abby Estep and Bob Monio.

The MET has been meeting for several weeks and is preparing the first of several activities intended to understand your input on the direction the Church should take. Together with on-going announcements in the monthly newsletter, updates during Sunday services (first update on Sunday, 10/22, for example), and through regular conversations – the MET will be sending out a comprehensive survey to the Church membership during the coming months to gather thoughts and feelings. Not to be confused with the in-sermon survey that you responded to several Sunday's ago, this survey's results will contribute to the eventual creation of a Mission Site Profile and list of key recommendations to be presented in a presentation/report to the Congregation, Synod and to the Call Committee for their efforts. While the timeline for our activities have not been completely finalized, we are working diligently and will update you on our progress regularly going forward.

To be clear, the MET process is intended to be open, conversational and collaborative – such that we all work together to chart the future course. Please take the time to respond to the upcoming survey and engage us through these communications so that we achieve our goals together. The MET members also ask for your prayerful support and patience as we work through what is a very big job – one that we cannot do alone without the coming together of the Congregational family behind this effort. We firmly believe that **"YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE"** in our future direction and for what our Pastoral needs have to be. Look for more information to be forthcoming and thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward! Please let us know if you have questions!

#### **REMEMBER – YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

Geeg Aaker, Abby Emmons, Lucy Hurrle, Jane Ward, John Wedel, Abby Estep and Bob Monio  
The Mission Exploration Team



### IHEMI PARTNERSHIP

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. – James 1:5*

The Ihemi Scholarship Committee is requesting that we lock in our commitments to the students by the end of October.

If you have contributed in the past, thank you for your past contributions to this valuable ministry.

Please prayerfully consider to continue your support of the students of our partnership in Tanzania. If you have not supported a student before please consider to help a student achieve their dreams of an education.

Education above what we consider 6<sup>th</sup> grade is not traditionally supported by the government. Providing a student with a scholarship supplies not only their schooling but also their food and lodging while at school. This can be achieved for around \$400.

Please note that a full scholarship does not need to be provided. Any amount will help. The partnership in Ihemi is empowered to grant partial to full Scholarships based on need and ability.

Please know that these scholarships are greatly appreciated. Having met students Christiania supports, the look on their faces as they express their gratitude can leave one speechless.

To contribute to this valuable ministry drop a check in the offering plate or church office clearly marked with "Ihemi Student Sponsorship."

Asante Sana for your caring support.

Adam Fausch

### MISSIONS MINISTRY

The Missions Ministry Team would like to uplift the **Iringa/Ihemi scholarship program** in the month of October. Bo Skillman will be talking October 1<sup>st</sup> at both services about this vital program in Africa. Only \$400/year gives a student tuition for a year of schooling. October 22<sup>nd</sup> we hope to Skype with Bo and Juli Skillman and our partner congregation in Tanzania. Please think about either becoming a sponsor of a student or making a partial contribution to this amazing program. Thank you!

Thank you to all our **"God's Work, Our Hand's"** volunteers on Rally Sunday. It was a rewarding and fun time that day.

We had over 43 people in some capacity making sandwiches, picking corn, making sundaes, cleaning ditches or helping with the petting zoo. We were helping others and working alongside each other, what a great day!

### LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next volunteer opportunity is **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. That day is going to be a challenge since it is Halloween. If you can help, please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the kiosk. We were short volunteers in August so it would be great if we knew ahead of time who can help, thank you so much!



### MOVIE, "SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME"

A member of the church was kind and donated 15 tickets to the new inspirational movie, "Same Kind of Different as Me" now showing in the theatres. The tickets are for **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**, the Eagan theatre. The story is how a man gets involved and helps another at the Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth TX. If you would like a ticket, additional information will be in the weekly bulletin.



Missions Ministry Team: Sharon Buckley, Scott Tempel, Kaylee Wilkins, Lori Peterson



### BULLETIN BOARD SIGN UP

There is a nice bulletin board by the front entry to communicate about church activities. In an effort to make use of this space there is now a sign-up sheet in the office, or feel free to contact Cheryl Mohn to reserve your space! There is also a sign-up sheet for the bulletin board in the Heritage/Youth room. There are four spaces available on each bulletin board. Cheryl's contact information is 952-994-3368 or cherylmohn1@gmail.com.

### BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday's at 7:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday's at 10:00 a.m.**



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join Wednesday night Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Following Chancel Choir practice. We will follow the choir and Confirmation Wednesday evening schedule, throughout the program year.

This year's study will be "Daniel & Esther, Israel in Exile" by John MacArthur. It is an in-depth look at the historical period of Israel's exile beginning with the prophet Daniel being carried off to Babylon, continuing through the rise of the Persian Empire and concluding with Esther's reign as queen. The guide provides intriguing examinations of the whole of Scripture and incorporates extensive commentary, detailed observations on overriding themes and probing questions to help us understand God's Word. There will be a copy of the study guide in the office for you to review. I have also ordered copies to be picked up at the Lifeway Bookstore in Burnsville. The cost of the study guide is \$10.70.



If you have any questions, please call, text or email Juli Skillman at 952-393-8158, [JuliSkillman@gmail.com](mailto:JuliSkillman@gmail.com) Look forward to seeing you there!



### PROPERTY COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This campaign has been successful – all thanks to YOU!! We've reached 93% of our goal. We still need to raise \$3,500 to completely pay for our roof repairs. Please consider this in your giving.

#### SEAL COATING PARKING LOT

The parking lot looks beautiful. A huge thank you to Don Hardy for proposing, funding and carrying out this project. He, Jack Eckdahl and Bruce Mohn applied two coats of material over our parking lot – on very hot days. Special thank you to Matt Griep for giving Don a nice discount on the materials and for loaning him the tools to use. The striping was done before Rally Day. A huge thank you from your Church!

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2018

What a great satisfaction it is to see improvements in our church. Think about joining the team in 2018. We will be looking for a Property Committee Chair and at least one member.

Blessings from your Property Committee: Brad Smith, Warren Peterson, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann and Lee Braun, Executive Council Liaison.



A huge thanks to Drew Tarara and Troop 205 for the Eagle Scout project for regurbing our play area and swings.



#### WEDNESDAY MEALS

Christiania is hosting Wednesday Meals again this Confirmation season. This is a wonderful ministry that provides not only a meal for people and families who have confirmation, worship band, choirs, Bible studies and various meetings

to attend Wednesday nights, but also a great fellowship for those who come out simply to enjoy a good meal with friends. All are welcome Our meals will run throughout the Confirmation season.

If you would like to cook a main dish (we provide all side dishes, desserts and beverages), please contact, Rachel Fausch at 612-756-0406 or [rachel.fausch@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.fausch@hotmail.com).

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$4/person with scholarships available.

#### Dinner Menu:

**October 4:** Goulash, garlic bread, Carrots & celery, apples & milk.

**October 11:** French dip sandwich, coleslaw, green beans, brownies & milk.

**October 18:** No Meal MEA week (no confirmation)

**October 25:** White chicken chili, chips & salsa, corn bread, cream puffs & milk.

### LUNCH BUNCH

On **October 11**, Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **Red Fox Tavern in Lakeville at 11:30 a.m.**



If you would like more information, please call Karen Erickson at 952-652-2605. If you have never come to Lunch Bunch, we would like for you to join in!

### WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP ONOMIA

Welcoming All Women of Faith

November 3-4, 2017

6:00 p.m. Friday to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

Fee: \$60 One night lodging, 2 meals



Escape the busy day-to-day obligations and treat yourself to a relaxing and faith filled weekend away! Here you will get the opportunity to connect with other women of faith and grow spiritually together through in depth discussions and fellowship. We encourage all women participating in this program to bring a friend or two so that they can grow together as well as branch out and meet new friends from the area. This is a fantastic opportunity, don't wait any longer. You will need to bring with you bedding and toiletries. Lodging is in our comfy retreat center, double occupancy with bathrooms in each room.

Register on-line at [www.camponomia.org](http://www.camponomia.org) or by calling 320-532-3767. Camp address is 14202 Shakopee Lake Road, Onamia MN 56359. Carpooling will be coordinated by Sharon Buckley, 612-581-5739.

### BOOK GROUP

Meatballs, Lefse, Lutefisk and many more tasks take many hands to prepare. It takes a village (or a church called Christiania). We invite you to get involved and share in the fellowship. We also invite you to join us at Book Discussion Group on **October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** We will be having another Book Bag Kit. For more information call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



### CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CLCW next meeting is Wednesday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m. We begin our morning with coffee at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. and continue with the business meeting at 11:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter. Come join us for the Bible Study or the whole morning.



Our Bible Study is taken from the "Gather" magazine. Besides the Bible Study there are many good articles worth reading. To subscribe to this magazine go to [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org) and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or you can call 845-267-3074 (toll free). The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).