

# Christiania Newsletter

February 2022

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



## SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. (Psalm 23)*

Christiania People,

Ash Wednesday is March 2 this year which begins the season of Lent. In Worship at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm, and Curbside at 1:00 pm, ashes will be imposed or marked on foreheads in the shape of Christ's cross. We'll hear those familiar words, "*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.*" Words which remind us of the link between death and life, poverty and abundance, sacrifice and gift.

The forty-day season of Lent reorients us so that we can gain a new perspective. In putting our priorities in order, Lent prepares us for what is to come. We leave behind our old self so that we are properly prepared for Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. Lent puts us in a place to be fully present with the journey through Holy Week's great Three Days and the fifty days of Easter.

Our preparation during Lent will include preparations for baptism, for first communion, and for new membership. Together, we'll worship each Wednesday (11:30 am and 6:30 pm) focused on Psalm 23 and the Holden Evening Prayer. Psalm 23 (above in text box) reminds us of a relational, present God who is all about loving those in his care. In Him we are drawn to trust and, therefore, able to live differently. An accompanying Lent Devotional, based on Psalm 23 and entitled "Shepherd Me O God," is available in hardcopy at church and electronically on our Facebook page.

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

Sunday Worship (9:00 am) will focus on Luke's Gospel. The readings each week will move us to unity. They will affirm God as the one who calls beloved but flawed people and forgives these same people—even when they don't deserve it. We're invited to live in the same abundance and mercy Christ does while sustained by the food and abundance of God's good earth.

I strongly encourage you, friends, to take some prayer and meditation time to consider your approach to this holy season. Lent can be a time to take on something like prayer, worship, devotions, or service. Lent is also a great time to fast from or give up something like food, material goods, time, or other vices. Whichever you choose, know that both "taking on" and "giving up" are to make room for and attentiveness to God.

Join me in this Lenten season as we go back to the beginning so we might go forward to redemption. Join me in seeing ourselves as dust, so that we may detach ourselves from the things of this world; emptying ourselves so that we might be filled with God's Spirit.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

### Read the Scriptures

Don't read in an academic or investigative way, although that is good for learning, but rather in thoughtful, contemplative, and meditative way. Nouwen suggests, (page 121): "instead of wondering if we agree or disagree, we should wonder which words are directly spoken to us and connect directly with our most personal story...we should be willing to let them penetrate into the most hidden corners of our heart, even to those places where no other word has yet found entrance. Then and only then can the word bear fruit as seed sown in rich soil. Only then can we really *"hear and understand"* (Matthew 13:23)."

### Quiet Time for God

Practice silent listening to the voice of God. We must have quiet time in God's presence. This step requires discipline and risk-taking because other urgent things are always pressing. Whether a minute, ten minutes, an hour, or a morning—we need time for God. Unfortunately, devoting ourselves to prayer can feel strangely like doing nothing and wasting time. Nouwen (page 122) puts

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## GET INVOLVED

# Come & Worship

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

**Wednesday, March 2:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion  
**Sunday, February 6:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
**Wednesday, February 9:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion  
**Sunday, February 13:** 9:00 a.m. Worship (Camp Sunday)  
**Wednesday, February 16:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship  
**Sunday, February 20:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
**Wednesday, February 23:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion  
**Sunday, February 27:** 9:00 a.m. Worship (Mission Sunday)

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:00-5:30 p.m.	Nitty Gritty Church Band
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Dinner — All are Welcome
6:00-6:25 p.m.	Youth Bells
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation
7:00-7:25 p.m.	Adult Bells
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir



**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.**  
 March 1, 8, 15 & 22 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)**  
 March 8 & 22 — *Meets at church*

**Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. (CLCW)**  
**Christiania Lutheran Church Women**  
 March 16 — *Meets at church*

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**  
 March 3, 10, 17 & 24 — *Meets via Zoom*

**March 12 & 26 — Meets via Zoom**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**GREETERS; LECTORS;  
 ASSISTING MINISTERS;  
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS;  
 VIDEO OPERATORS;  
 COFFEE HOUR HELPERS;  
 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."

### January Worship Attendance

<i>Sunday Worship</i>	<i>Midweek Worship</i>
January 2: O: 140 I: --	January 5: O: 44 I: --
January 9: O: 172 I: 54	January 12: O: n/a I: n/a
January 16: O: 262 I: 54	January 19: O: n/a I: n/a
January 23: O: -- I: --	January 26: O: n/a I: n/a
January 30: O: -- I: --	

O=online, I=In-person

## PRAYER REQUESTS



### For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson • Ken Beske • Denny Carey  
John Christianson • Margaret Corrigan  
Karen Erickson • Melanie Kubischta  
Harold Martin • Kenny Maxa • Gladys Michelsen  
Jeff Otto • Ellie Panek • Colleen Powell  
Susie Stiehl • Don Storlie • Sharon Syverson  
Brian Tonsager

### For those whose are mourning:

Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Jean Henry who passed away early on the morning of January 28, 2022. We pray for comfort for her family and friends, including daughters Lori Henry and Sherri (Terry) Mullery, with the hope of the resurrection. Funeral arrangements are pending.

### For those in our surrounding community who are in need:

Dale Burnham—son of Tony Burnham  
Bill Gould — brother-in-law of Don Eide  
Waneta Shriver — mother of Sharon Buckley

### For those who are newly baptized:

Walter Casto, son of Dana & Chris Casto  
(January 23, 2022)

### In the Military:

Max Baker — grandson of Sandy Cross  
Josh Dennehey — son of John Dennehey  
Kenneth Feilen — husband of Stacy Feilen; father of Brooklyn, Max, and Zac  
Billy Hukka — son of Beth Hukka  
Andrew Johnston — nephew of Denise Kanfield  
Matthew Johnston — nephew of Denise Kanfield  
Miguel Nuno — nephew of Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler-Gutierrez  
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.**

### Other Contacts

Alissa Jorgensen	Sunday School Supt.
Jane Ward	Altar Guild Chair
Debbie Lundeen	Bells Director
Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW) Chair
Bob Monio	Usher Co-Coordinator
Daryl Rieck	Usher Co-Coordinator

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### Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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### Executive Council

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

### Ministry Board

Sue Jacobson	Jane Ward
Joel Ruen	Becky Ruen
Lucy Hurre	Anne Schindeldecker
Pastor Jon Rhodes	

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**QUILT TYING:** The quilters meet on **Wednesday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Area. All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions about health and safety measures, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

### PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday, February 7 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, February 16 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.

### SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiana's "Singles" group will meet at **Rudy's Red Eye Grille on Monday, February 21 @ 5:00 p.m.** All are welcome to meet for dinner and fun, lively conversation. Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.



### BOOK CLUB



We will be reading "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins and will be meeting on **February 23, at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

### A Special Thank You

Dear friends, and most especially, our Veterans of the Armed Forces,



I am belated in writing this letter to you, so please accept my apology. I'm writing to show my gratitude to you, and I apologize for not speaking up during the Veteran's Day ceremony in November. That was your day to share your own experiences with our congregation, and it was full of wonderful stories that touched each and every one who attended. Thank you for sharing.

Today, I wish to thank you for not only my own freedom, but also that of my co-workers and students. You see, many of them are from other countries; these include Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Vietnam, Ghana, Pakistan, India, Korea, Singapore, Russia, and others. The freedoms they enjoy: freedom to work where they desire, practice their faith where and how they want, shop where they wish, vote in elections, and educate their children how and where they choose. These freedoms were all made possible by you and your honorable service. You made the choice to put on a military uniform, and you recited the oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, with God's help.

At many events at my school, we teach our preschool and kindergarten students to sing our national anthem (The Star-Spangled Banner), stand at attention and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, and carry the flag with respect and honor. We teach the meanings of the words and phrases in the anthem and the pledge. Our children portray the nation's presidents on Presidents Day with memorized speeches and decorate their bikes for our Independence Day parade on July Fourth. It was on that day this past summer, while watching my friend June wave a U.S. flag and sing, "God Bless the USA!" that it really hit home what she was feeling. June was showing and celebrating her love for America and gratitude for her freedom...something many Americans take for granted. Later, I interviewed June for an employee spotlight and found out how she and her father left South Vietnam. He had been an officer in the South Vietnamese Army; they were part of the HO (Humanities Operation) Act, leaving the rest of their family behind to come to California in 1976. Her initial 18-year-old view of our country was: "This is a big place and anything is possible!"

In closing, dear veterans, thank you again for your sacrifice. These are just a few people I know who you've helped reach the American dream. The numbers are too many for my mind to comprehend, but your heart knows. Thank you again for making it possible for so many.

Sincerely, Becky Ruen

# Children, Youth, & Family Updates



**February 19-21:** In place of Youth Group, we will be taking a group to Wisconsin Dells for our annual Winter Retreat.

**March 6:** Bowling at Bowlero in Lakeville

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. For the latest details, visit [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events).



Camp Onomia has published their youth summer program options for 2022. Executive Director Jim Schmidt will join us for worship on February 13.

For more information about camp and to register, go to [camponomia.org](http://camponomia.org).

Financial assistance is available to any youth who wants to attend camp.

## Reminder:

# Winter Retreat

**February 19-21, 2022**

**Wilderness Resort,  
Wisconsin Dells**

**\*\*Advance sign-up required\*\***



Program details can be found on our website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/Sunday-school](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/Sunday-school)

### Upcoming Lessons:

- Feb. 6: The Disciples-Week 2
- Feb. 13: The Disciples-Week 3
- Feb. 20: Joseph and Pharaoh-Week 1
- Feb. 27: Joseph and Pharaoh-Week 2

## First Communion



We will celebrate First Communion during Holy Week. Any school-age child is eligible. Contact the church office by March 1 if you would like to be included.



## SAVE THE DATE

## Vacation Bible School

**June 20-23, 2022**



Program details can be found on our website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation).

### Upcoming Lessons

Date	6th/7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
2/2	Service Project	The Greatest Prayer	Ministry Team Profile
2/9	Samuel and Saul	God's Kingdom and Will	Lutheran Worship Practices
2/16	King David	God Gives and Forgives	Hot Topics
2/23	A Split Kingdom	Temptation, Trial, & Deliverance	Connecting with God

## February 2022 \*\* Y=YouTube Z=Zoom F=Facebook I=In-person

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	2 9:30 a.m.: Quilters (I) 5:00 p.m. NGCB 5:30 p.m.: Meal 6:00 p.m.: Youth Bells (I) 6:30 p.m.: Midweek Worship with Communion (I/Y) 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation (I) 7:00 p.m.: Adult Bells (I) 7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir (I)	3 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	4	5
6 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion (I/Y) 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour (I) 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School (I)	7 9:30 a.m.: Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting (I/Z) 7:00 p.m. Troop 325 Meeting	8 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z) 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (I) 6:00 p.m.: Exec. Council Meeting (Z) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting	9 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch (I) 5:00 p.m. NGCB 5:30 p.m.: Meal 6:00 p.m.: Youth Bells (I) 6:30 p.m.: Midweek Worship 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation (I) 7:00 p.m.: Adult Bells (I) 7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir (I)	10 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	11	12 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study (Z)
13 <b>CAMP SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.: Worship with NGCB 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour (I) 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School (I) 11:00 a.m.: CYF Team Meeting (I)	14 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting (I/Z) 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	15 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	16 9:30 a.m.: CLCW 5:00 p.m. NGCB 5:30 p.m.: Meal 6:00 p.m.: Youth Bells (I) 6:30 p.m.: Midweek Worship 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation (I) 7:00 p.m.: Adult Bells (I) 7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir (I)	17 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z) 5:30 p.m.: Ministry Board Meeting (Z) 6:30 p.m. Tiger Den Meeting	18	19 <b>Youth Winter Retreat</b>
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27 <b>MISSION SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.: Worship (I/Y) 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour (I) 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School (I)	28 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (I/Z) 7:00 p.m. Troop 325 Meeting					



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**February's Food Shelf:**



We are collecting **soup** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the front entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

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