

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

We invite you to pray for Christiania Lutheran Church and the needs that we have. The commitment and drive for our church is necessary to grow and thrive.

Sunday, November 24th is Commitment Sunday. During worship, you will be invited to bring forward your enclosed Commitment Card, offering your gifts to God. You may also mail your commitment card to the church office or fill out an online commitment card.

Then on Sunday, December 8th, 2024 we will announce the current results of our commitments, including the number of Commitment Cards received and the faithful response of the congregation. We invite you to celebrate with us.

We are excited about the opportunities to meet the needs of the church and community in 2025.

Growing our church family ensures that Christiania will be that place called home by many of God's faithful people for years to come. We certainly appreciate your thoughts and your prayers as you consider your giving in 2025.



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CONTINUED REFRESHMENT THROUGH GOD'S PEOPLE, MISSIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025



INTRODUCTION

God refreshes the ministry of Christiania Lutheran Church and refreshes us, the people of God.

We welcome all who share the common goal of knowing and loving God with all their minds, their hearts and souls.

It's a great time to be a part of Christiania's ministry! We look to the future with hope, knowing that God walks with us. Together over the past 3 years, we:

- Refreshed the sanctuary space and the conditions of the church building
- Called Pastor Joy Knoppel to help grow interest of young families to attend and to grow with us
- Improved the communications of how our missions are spread to our members with technology and modernization

Members of our congregation have stepped up to fill positions crucial to the future. We have great leaders guiding us, such as leadership positions and all the missions that we support. It takes many hands to emphasize God's work and we appreciate the dedication to make Christiania a place where we call...home.



*"Create in me a clean heart oh God
and renew a right spirit within me."*

- Psalm 51:10 King James Version

MINISTRY INITIATIVES

As we look ahead to 2025, with an additional \$3,120 a week we will meet the growing needs of the community.

Keep People Connected Through Technology

The world continues to evolve. In addition to face-to-face interactions, technology now allows us to sustain important connections with each other. We will keep people informed and inspired about the ministry God accomplishes at Christiania, connecting to all generations.

Increased generosity will allow us to bring on a staff member who will be tasked with taking the lead on making sure our congregation stays connected with all activities that Christiania has going on!

Impact the World through Missions

Christiania deeply cares for the world outside our walls. We have a long history of connecting with missions. Through our support:

- People at our partner church in Ihemi, Tanzania (Helping them with funds for their new church construction and funding the students for their education)
- Young people have hope through Urban Ventures
- Kids grow deep in faith through ministry at Camp Onomia
- Hungry people have food through Tri-County area Food Shelves
- People experience God's love at the Northfield Retirement Community

Increased generosity will maintain our commitment to this vital work.



Invest in Existing Ministry

It's a great time to be a part of Christiania's ministry! We have a staff that do amazing work in allowing us to live out our mission.

- Our Pastors bring amazing strengths to Christiania through their preaching, leading of Bible studies, leading ministries, providing outreach in the community and providing pastoral care to members.
- Our multi-talented music director brings both traditional and more contemporary music selections to Christiania. He encourages congregational participation in: choir, church band, cantering, supporting the Sunday School music program and venturing into new things such as the church musical.
- Our interim communications director provides technical aspects of the day-to-day church life to keep members of Christiania informed.

Increased generosity will allow us to care for our staff, providing wages that reflect our appreciation for their ministry among us.



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RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



Find yourself on the chart and consider these questions:

- How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?
- Where would I be if I doubled my offering?
- How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS 174

NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVERS 185