

# Christiania Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2016



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

## Worship at Christiania

### **Nov. 6: Luke 20:27-38 All Saints Sunday**

8:30am Traditional Worship/Communion  
10:45am Traditional Worship/Communion

### **Nov. 13: Luke 21:5-19**

8:30am Special Service (Benson Family Singers)  
10:45am Special Service (Benson Family Singers)

*Education and Fellowship each Sunday at 9:30am*

### **Nov. 20: Luke 23:33-43 Christ the King**

8:30am Traditional with Liturgical Wind Ensemble\*  
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship led by the NGCB\*  
Communion/Chancel Choir at both services

**Nov. 23: (Wednesday) 7:30pm Ecumenical Service**  
at Christiania Lutheran Church

### **Nov. 27: Matthew 24:36-44 First Sunday of Advent**

8:30am Traditional Worship (Youth Singers)

This election year enters with a house divided.

Tom Brokaw editorialized our nation's situation, reminding us that on September 11, 2001 we were a united country in purpose and mission. Shortly after, we went to war in Iraq and we slowly ripped the seams apart of our once knitted patriotism. Brokaw contends that for all the election rhetoric, the top priority should be, "how do we unite our country again."

This is hardly a new concept as Jesus addressed the religious opponents in Matthew 12 - *He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand."*

How can we be unified? Clichés like, "can't we just all get along" are unhelpful because we all know the answer is... "No!" We may not get along, but we can still work together for the good of the mission, the goal of freedom, justice, and opportunity.

As the church lifts her voice during this contentious and dissenting time, we are to be a voice crying in the wilderness, a light shining to the world, a beacon of hope. We are a place of refuge. We are a place of peace. A place that knows suffering through the cross and can see a bright future in the resurrection.

We have good reason to be optimistic because Christians do our best ministry under duress. When people are sick, we build hospitals. When veterans return home, we create programs to heal their families. When children are hungry around the world, we stuff manna packs to be sent where they are needed. When families are cold, we tie quilts. God's guidance leads us to be part of a solution, not amplifying the problems.

We, the church, are not simply a microcosm of the bickering politics, thus focusing our behavior through the prism of partisan views. As we taught last week in confirmation classes about the cross, we are a countercultural movement that seeks to transform the world through our actions and deeds of mercy, kindness, self-control, and joy. Our prism is the Bible, the cross, the law and gospel. We live an entirely different worldview.

Certainly, if we take our faith seriously our engagement in politics is inevitable. The prophetic words proclaim justice for the poor, care for the needy, and hospitality to the outcast. However, our movement is rooted in the Bible, not in cultural norms. During this time of mudslinging, we can clarify God's abundant grace together as Paul writes to the Corinthians: "*For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*"

Perhaps it is time to reclaim the great prayer of Francis of Assisi:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

*O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.*

I encourage you to make this prayer part of your devotions as our election season winds down.



~ Pastor Dave

## Mission Ministry Team News:

Feed My Starving Children on Saturday October 1, 2016 in Eagan, MN. Dave Olson led 12 church members that helped pack 116 boxes which is equal to 24,840 meals. Those meals are enough to feed 68 children for one year!

Our November Harvest offering will be going to meet our benevolence goals for 2016. Please see the pastor's letter (which will be mailed in November) for details.



This Christmas we are once again participating in "Armful of Love" and "ELCA Good Gifts". Sherri Mohn has graciously offered to coordinate the Armful of Love project which will start sometime in late November or early December. The ELCA Good Gifts will start the middle of December. There will be more information in the December Newsletter. Your Mission Ministry Team: Dave Olson, Scott Tempel and Lori Peterson

## STEWARDSHIP

We are called to care for our church family. When the community is healthy and thriving we are more effective global missionaries. Our theme of "Grown Locally, Inspired Globally" captures this spiritual metaphor.



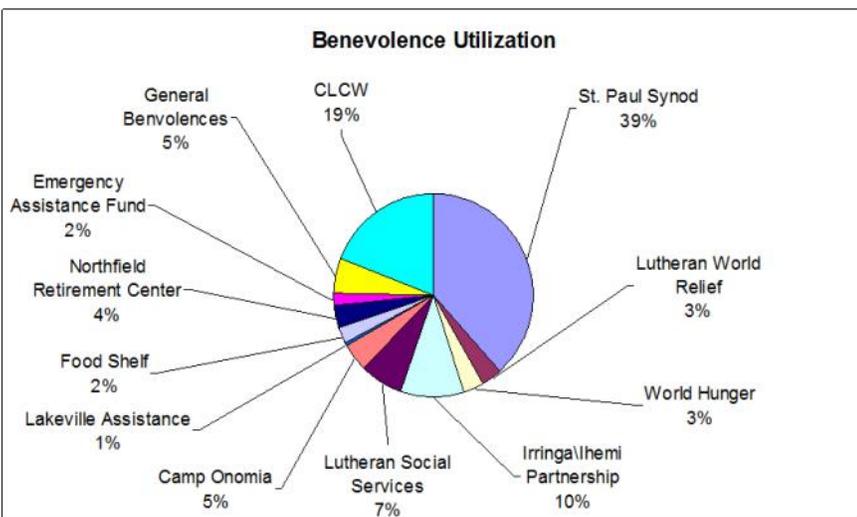
Our staff is primarily called to ministry at home, calling, gathering, and enlightening the saints (you!)

*... if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? 1 Timothy 3:5*

Your calling can inspire many global ministries like our Tanzanian partnership, our mission gardens, Lutheran Social Services, and Luther Disaster Response. The charts reflect the % of budgeted dollars reflected in ministries. Every ministry needs support for the building and administrative costs. Without these things, our ministries would be hampered. Where would we teach children? How would we evangelize through our website? There are many underlying tasks that support the great ministries of our congregation.

Every gift is important because it furthers the ministry of Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing your gifts of money and service. Your tangible expressions touch lives here and abroad transforming our world in the name of Jesus.

**Thank You!**



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Lutheran Confirmation

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

### Wednesday, November 2:

- \* 6th and 7th Grade: Lesson 5—*Mark*
- \* 8th and 9th Grade: Lutheran Social Services

### Wednesday, November 9:

- \* 6th and 7th Grade: Trip to Synagogue on Friday 11/11
- \* 8th and 9th Grade: Lesson 5—*The Church*

### Wednesday, November 16:

All grades—Special Forum

### Wednesday, November 23: No Class—Thanksgiving

### Wednesday, November 30:

- \* 6th and 7th Grade: Lesson 6—*Luke*
- \* 8th and 9th Grade: Lesson 6—*Freedom of the Christian*

# Y O U T H

## FAITH ALIVE!

Announcing Faith Alive!

**What:** Youth Group for anyone in grades 6-12

**When:** Wednesdays at 5:30 (when there is confirmation)

**Where:** Youth table in the fellowship area

**Why:** Discuss upcoming youth events, mission trip ideas, current issues facing us on a day-to-day basis

### Youth Event

#### Newsboys Love Riot Tour

Target Center

#### Friday, November 4

5:00pm Meet at church for pizza

7:00pm Concert

See the website for Sign Up Genius and additional information



## YOUTH

Join us Sunday mornings (between services) at the youth table for goodies and conversation.

## Confirmation Students

Go to Sign-up Genius for assignments

6th-7th Graders: Acolyte

8th-9th Graders: Usher

6th-9th Graders: Coffee Serving



## SignUpGenius



We appreciate the privilege of sharing the faith with your children. This is what we will be working on the next few months:

### October and November

Joseph and His Brothers

Joseph Helps His Family

Baby Moses

The Burning Bush

### December

Birth of Jesus

Christmas Program Practice

**Please contact us if you have questions.**

**Tia Burnham and Maren Zaffke at**

**christianasundayschool@gmail.com**

# Thank You

*A big THANK YOU to all the youth who served as waiters/waitresses at the Norwegian Supper—what a great way to serve your church and your community!*

## Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 18**

**at 4:00pm**

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 17

9:00am to 11:00am



# Calendar

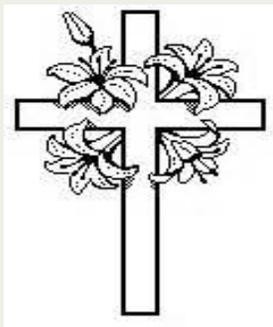
## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 6, 2016

The festival of All Saints occurs just as the landscape in the northern hemisphere heralds the dying of plants and the quiet of winter rest. In like manner, the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.

At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While both life and death may bring us fear and uncertainty, All Saints Day calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death. Christ has claimed us in baptism and nourishes us in the communion of his body and blood. He leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

### We remember those who have died:

Timothy Alan Melgaard  
Mary Lou Ruh  
Desiree Ostermann  
Grace Ethel Hirdler  
Jerome Martin Henry  
Joseph John DuPay  
Dorothy Bernice Kirsebom  
Ruby Leone Hagen



## Christiania Lutheran Church

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### Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Friday

### Telephone Numbers

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### Web Address

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### Christiania Staff

Dave Mesaros	Pastor
Linda Bauer	Office Manager
Joe Jorgensen	Interim CYF Leader
Harold Martin	Custodian
Matt Steinbron	Worship/Music Coordinator
Rachel Fausch	Treasurer

### Other Contacts

Andrew Wilkins	Council President
Cheryl Schindeldecker	Altar Guild
Debbie Lundeen	Bells Director
Joe Jorgensen	Chorister Choir Director
Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW)
Daryl Rieck	Usher Coordinator
Bob Monio	Usher Coordinator
Juli Skillman	Care Team Coordinator

### Executive Council Information

#### State of the Church Address:

Sunday, November 20  
(between services)  
in the Fellowship Hall

#### Budgetary Forums:

Sunday, December 4 at 9:45am  
in the Family Ed Room  
Sunday, December 11 at 9:45am  
in the Family Ed Room

## Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at  
the Firehouse Grill in New  
Market on November 9 at  
11:30.

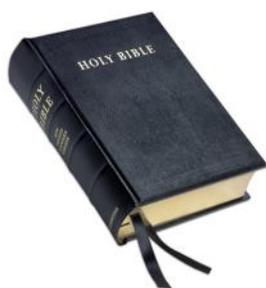
For more information, call  
Karen Erickson at 952-652-  
2605.



## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
**Please mark your calendars**  
The Deadline for reports is December 31

If you are interested in remote  
attendance, please contact the  
church office **prior to**  
January 19, 2017  
for details and instructions.



## THE EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CHALLENGE

Does the sound of that just make you want to turn over in your bed and pull the covers over your head? Sometimes, it does to even the regulars of the group! However, we take on the challenge, pull on some clothes, grab our Bibles and head out the door anyway. Once we get to church there are warm smiles, a hot cup of coffee and always tasty sweet treat to make it easier. Meeting in the Library, we start with a prayer then read the assigned Bible verses for the next Sunday. From there the conversation starts, taking us to ask more questions about the verse to applying what we are learning to our lives in the coming week. As one member has said "I often learn more here by accident than by design!" We always sum up the hour with the question "What is the word for the week?" In other words, what do we want to take away from God's message to carry us through the coming days?

Heading out the door on to our schedules and work of the day, we carry with us a reminder how good it is to take time to gather together and hear God speak to us.

**So here is the challenge:** set your alarm, lay out your clothes and Bible and car keys. You can do this! We'll see you next **Tuesday morning at 7:30am.** We'll bring the warm homemade muffins and have the coffee on.

Submitted by Geeg Aaker

## Greeters

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Nov. 6	David & Bertie Mohling
Nov. 13	Corie & Drew Tarara
Nov. 20	Polly & Jason Flaa
Nov. 27	Alice & Don Storlie

## Offering Counters

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Nov. 6	David Frame, Janice Geissler
Nov. 13	Janice Geissler, Bill Kanfield
Nov. 20	Bill Kanfield, Judy Lantto
Nov. 27	Judy Lantto, Phyllis Hullett

## Coffee Duty

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Nov. 6	Howard & Judy Hanson Madison Burnham, Nathan Rowan
Nov. 13	Carl & Jeannette Hooper Brooke Nelson, Quentin DuLac
Nov. 20	Don & Alice Storlie Nathan Rowan, Kristina Walker
Nov. 27	David & Karen Frame Michael Fish, Quentin DuLac

## Communion Assistants

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Nov. 6	8:30	Greg Silus
	10:45	Vonny Laddusaw
Nov. 20	8:30	Greg Silus
	10:45	

## Nursery (at 10:45 Service)

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Nov. 6	Martha Nelson, Ken & Maren Zaffke
Nov. 13	Nyla Novotny, Ken & Maren Zaffke
Nov. 20	Nyla Novotny, Ken & Maren Zaffke
Nov. 27	Nyla Novotny, Ken & Maren Zaffke

We will have the Nursery staffed during second service!! If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please see the sign-up sheet located in the Nursery or on the kiosk.

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## Acolytes

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Nov. 6	8:30	Lily Estep, Maggie Nielsen
	10:45	Livia Holien, Emily Johnson
Nov. 13	8:30	Alex Tarara, Nathan Matiak
	10:45	Luke Thompson, Lance Thompson
Nov. 20	8:30	Morgan Emmons, Jack McGregor
	10:45	Leah Simon, Hannah Simon
Nov. 27	8:30	Grace Estrem, Calvin Marsh
	10:45	Ayden Scribner, Savannah Stanley

## Student Ushers

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Nov. 13	8:30	Nathan Anderson, Drew Tarara Will Kanfield, Emily Matiak
Nov. 13	10:45	Afton Vandenheuvel, Hayden Jensen Jake & Jordan Bares

## Lectors

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Nov. 6	8:30	Greg Silus
	10:45	
Nov. 13	8:30	Greg Silus
	10:45	
Nov. 20	8:30	Aiden Petersen
	10:45	Madison Coffing
Nov. 27	8:30	Alan Ritchie
	10:45	Alan Ritchie

## Wednesday Meals

Gather with your family and other Christiania friends for a relaxing, inexpensive and healthy dinner on Wednesday evenings when confirmation is in session, 5:30-6:15pm. Cost is \$4.00.

Nov. 2: Pulled pork sandwiches, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cookies, milk

Nov. 9: French toast, sausage, fresh fruit, yogurt, juice

Nov. 16: Chicken alfredo, Caesar salad, bread sticks, grapes, milk

Nov. 23: NO MEAL

Nov. 30: Lasagna, spinach salad, rolls, apples, milk

**ADVENT SEASON  
LOOKING AHEAD**



Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 27. We have a yearly tradition of our families lighting the Advent candles and reading the short liturgy. If your family would like to participate, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

**Mark your calendars for the following dates:**

- Saturday, December 10, 9:00am to noon Choral Festival Rehearsal
- Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm Christmas Choral Festival
- Saturday, December 17, 9:00am to 11:00am Sunday School Program Rehearsal
- Sunday, December 18, 4:00pm Sunday School Children's Christmas Program
- Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service at 3:00, 4:30 & 9:00 (with Communion at the 9:00 Service)
- Sunday, December 25 10:00am Christmas Day Worship

**Annual Pie & Bake Sale Fundraiser  
Sunday, December 11**

(Pre-order and sample dates: November 13, 20, 27 and December 4)

Pie and cookie pick up date: December 11 (between services and after second service)

Several new pies will be available!

We are looking for adult volunteers on the evening of December 9 and during the day December 10 to help with dishes, oven watching and some supervising of young bakers. We would love for you to join us for an hour or whatever length of time you would like to help out.

Please see Kim Robertson if you would like to donate time or ingredients to our fundraiser!



*The series of learning about our Muslim neighbor was a success! Thank you to those who attended the sessions and contributed to the discussion. We still have much to learn about this religion and implications for us as Christians.*

*The Membership Ministry team is researching ways to continue this conversation.*

*More to come.....*

*Your Membership Ministry Team*

**QUILT AUCTION**

**The Quilt the CLCW donated  
(Minnesota summer waves)  
was auctioned off for \$225  
to raise funds for  
Camp Onomia.**

**The Membership Team  
welcomes visitors & future members  
to join us for an informational & social gathering  
Sunday, November 13  
9:40am - 10:30am  
Family Education Room**

**Light fare & coffee served.  
We look forward to this time with you.**

**Your Membership Team: Norma Christianson,  
Lonna Selkirk, Tia Smith and Pastor Dave Mesaros**



## *Christiania Foundation*

*Purchasing a Wreath of Love is a way to remember your loved ones this year and help to keep our cemeteries looking great for years to come.*

*Foundation members will be at the Information Desk on November 6, 13, 20, and 27 to take your orders for wreaths and answer any of your questions. You can order as many wreaths as you want. If you would like to decorate your home or honor someone in another cemetery that would be great.*

*The order form is available on our website.*

### **Property Committee News**

#### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE - PLOT FEE POLICY**

At their October 3 meeting, the Cemetery and Property Committees redrafted the policy on fees for cemetery plots. This policy was adopted by the Executive Council on October 4 and will become effective January 1, 2017.

**There will no longer be free cemetery plots for members.** This decision followed a lot of discussion on how to determine who was an active member (eligible for a free plot) or who was an inactive member (and not eligible for a free plot). There are many examples in our congregation where our extended family members have been baptized and confirmed at Christiania but really don't attend or support our church in a consistent manner. Would they consider themselves members? Probably not. To simplify the process, it was the Committees' and Council's decision to charge \$400 to all members, associate members and inactive members for a plot in either cemetery. Non-members will be charged \$1,500. **The only exception to this would be made for those that have a spouse buried in one of the cemeteries and have a grave marker installed. There would be no charge for that spouse.**

There are many plots that have been "reserved" by either members or non-members. A letter will be sent to them, with a copy of the plot policy, ensuring they understand that there will be fees associated with these plots at the time of a burial. In the past, all of the plot fees have been deposited into the Foundation Cemetery account. From this, we received some funds at the end of each year to offset part of the \$5,600 we spend to mow the cemeteries. With the new policy, all fees will be deposited into a Cemetery Maintenance Account for upkeep of our cemeteries. Our plan is to build up this account and then start paying for some or all of the mowing costs.

#### **CARPETING IN EDUCATION WING AND YOUTH ROOM**

In the last 18 months, we've worked hard to remove the mold from our church. We've removed the carpeting in the Education Wing and Youth Room, we've installed downspout extensions and landscaped where needed, we've repaired two sections of our roof, and we've removed the patio in the back. We are running the fans constantly and leaving the fire doors open to provide ventilation. We feel it is now the time to move forward with the flooring in the Education Wing and Youth Room. The Décor Advisory Committee has researched flooring options and chose carpet for these areas. At their October 4 meeting, the Council approved moving forward with the purchase and installation of the carpeting – realizing that the cost would be between \$20,000 and \$25,000. They will approve the final cost at their November 1 meeting. Hopefully, carpet will be installed in the next few months. Memorial funds have been used for this improvement.

#### **FARMLAND AND SUBCOMMITTEE VACANCY AND REFILL**

Earlier this month, Jerry Swedin withdrew from the Parsonage and Farmland Subcommittee. We will miss Jerry – he was instrumental in getting our Parsonage looking as good as it does today. Thank you Jerry for your dedication to your church.

Steve Anderson, member of the Property Committee, wishes to fill this vacancy. If you don't know Steve, you are missing one of life's greatest pleasures. Thank you Steve for your constant commitment to your church.

#### **ALTERNATIVE USES FOR BALLFIELD AREA**

Since the ballfield will not be mowed next year, we really need input on an alternative use. The Property Committee will be researching this but they would really like your input. Please contact one of us. Thank you!

Blessings from your Property Committee - Brad Smith, Warren Peterson, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann and Christian Donovan (Council Liaison).

**Iringa Hope**, the micro finance program developed by Tom & Sandy Hendrickson, is working on a \$200,000 grant from the International Rotary Foundation. This grant will provide benefits for 160 people at Ihemi. The profits that the Ihemi members will earn will send 38 children to school, build 8 homes, increase the donations at Ihemi by \$1,500 per year, and much much more. To receive this grant Iringa Hope needs to raise \$75,000. If you would like to help with this grant you can



send a check to Iringa Hope, 18641 Knollwood Circle, Lakeville, MN. Tom & Sandy will be holding dinners at their home in Lakeville for those interested in the work of Iringa Hope on Saturday, November 5 and Friday, November 18 starting at 6 PM. If you would like to attend please let them know by calling them at 952 892 5402 or sending them a note at [tehendrickso@gmail.com](mailto:tehendrickso@gmail.com). There are no tickets or admission charges, but they can only accommodate 45 each evening so please let them know if you would like to attend!

## Prayers for our Congregation

Please remember the following in your prayers –

Bridget Anderson  
Orville Nelson  
Philip Tupa  
Crisa Aasen  
Brianna Streefland  
Ron Petersen  
Danielle Hartwell



Carol, sister-in-law to George & Donna Silverness  
Erin (Weier) Remme  
Myrna, Jeff Martin's mom  
Scott, friend of Sue Jacobson  
Christine, Cheryl Bahnsen's step-sister  
Keith and Mark, Bob & Arlene Jacobson's nephews  
Brian, George Kasper's son  
Betty, Cheryl Bahnsen's mom  
Judy, Bob Monio's mom  
Allen Ross, friend of Ron Ovens  
MaryLou, mother of Paula Crawford Anderson  
Earl, friend of Cal Tonsager  
Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum  
Mary, sister of Cindy Hildreth  
Vicki, friend of Karla Schrader  
Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield  
Laurell, Chris Hongerholt's Aunt  
Shannon Clarke, niece of Sharon & John Mohn  
Richard, step-dad of Tia Johnson  
Valerie, friend of Melanie Kubischta  
Barb, mom of Martha Donahoe  
Betty Johnson, Jackie DuLac's mom  
Annie, friend of Lori Rogers  
Dave, father of Brian Aasen  
Jolene Wilker, Jacki Donovan's mother  
Wally & Bonnie Petersen and Steve, Ron & Pete Petersen and Gladys Bolton's brother and sister-in-law and nephew.  
Dan, Dwayne Vosejpk's brother  
Kathy, Rachel Fausch's mother

## Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship service will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30pm Christiania Lutheran Church

Offering—Feed My Starving Children  
Combined choir will rehearse on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00pm. If you would like to be part of the combined choir, please contact Matt at [worship@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:worship@christianialutheranchurch.org)



## Baptism at Christiania

October 9:  
*Austrie Elise Henry*



**CHECK OUT our website for forms, information, calendars, newsletters, policies, Executive Council minutes, pictures and other important information.**  
[ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org](http://ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org)



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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday:**

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

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DATED MATERIAL

**November Food Shelf Donations:**

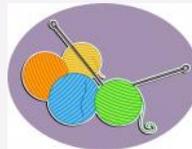
pasta, spaghetti/sauce, rice,  
mac and cheese



**- NOODLE SUNDAY -**

**Prayer  
Shawl  
Meeting**

Monday  
November 7  
at  
9:30am



**Book Discussion  
Group**

We have blessings galore, remember to give thanks. We invite you to join us at 11:30 in the Fellowship Room. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

**November 30TH**  
*What Alice Forgot*  
by Liane Moriarty

**Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight saving  
Time ends  
Sunday,  
November 6.  
Remember to  
turn your clocks  
back one hour  
Saturday night.



Deadline for the **December 2016** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **Nov. 18**.  
Email info. to Linda Bauer at [lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org).

**Bible Studies:**

- Tuesday, 7:30am
- Wednesday, 7:30pm
- Thursday, 10:00am

**December 28th**  
Read any Christmas book and share it with the group.