

Christiana Newsletter

WORSHIP

Sunday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

Wednesday, January 6

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion
5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Sunday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

Wednesday, January 13

Annual Reports Due

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study Online-Zoom

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

Wednesday, January 20

9:30 a.m. CLCW
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion
5:00 p.m. NDCB
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Sunday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

Wednesday, January 27

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

Silverness ... Scott Mischke ... Marjorie Tonsager
Lillian Panek ... Melissa Hanson ... Bob Jacobson
Cindy Hildreth ... Carol Garant ... Tony Burnham
John Ahnsen ... Sharon Syverson ... Ardis vonFischer

Those fighting against the COVID-19 virus:

Krenz

Those who need healing:

Linda Dorn, friend of the congregation

Lee Jacobson, brother of Bob and Arlene Jacobson

Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins

Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa

Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom

Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and
Eckdahl's

Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson

Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross

Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of
Bonnie Lindquist

Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation

Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch

Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson

Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker

Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine

Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers

Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel

Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover

Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son

Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members

Brian, son of George Kasper

Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum

Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield

Annie, friend of Lori Rogers

Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

Ministry:

Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)
Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)
Max Baker (Sandy Cross' grandson)
Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler's nephew)
Mark Langreck (Dona Jo & Lee Braun's nephew)

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Beth Hukka &
Dr. Matt** Chorister Choir Directors

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Bob Monio Usher Co-Coordinator

Daryl Rieck Usher Co-Coordinator

the world: COVID-19; cancer; a poor economy; poorly performing investments; lack of savings; a health crisis; death; financial ruin; loss of a job/relationship; loss of safety; not getting what we deserve; loss of security; food insecurity; being made a fool of; crime committed against us; ID theft; violence; and even someone treating us poorly/wrongly.

Really, the list is endless—there is plenty to be afraid of—but God has provided a new way; a safe path in the midst of danger. Jesus Christ, the messiah, is our safe path. The one for whom we've been waiting.

The Bible has a lot to say about fear. Basically, it describes two paths: the path of fear and the path of trust. God is the solution to the problem of fear. Here are a couple of the Bible's powerful proclamations against fear:

***do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.***
(Isaiah 41:10)

“Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever...”
(Revelation 1:17b-18a)

One of my favorite hymns is a simple one we always sang to close each camp chapel service. Written by poet, Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932), "I Will Not Be Afraid," was a confident expression of faithful living. Evidently, author Flint was burdened deeply with physical challenges including painful arthritis. It appears suffering brought her into a deep and abiding relationship with God. Here is the simple verse we sang as we departed worship:

I will not be afraid;
I will not be afraid;
I will look upward,
And travel onward,
And not be afraid.

God is, indeed, doing a new thing. These lyrics express a good and right approach to the dangers we are confronted by. I will not be afraid, friends, and I hope you'll join me in drawing into deeper love and trust of our newborn king, Jesus Christ.

God loves you and so do I!

Sun	Mon	Tue	
3 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ Zoom 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Games/Zoom	4 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	5 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	6 1:00 p.m. Online- 1:30 p.m. Comm- 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Online 7:30 p.m. Zoom
10 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Sunday School Online 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube	11 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team Meeting	12 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Exec. Council Meeting	13 ANNUAL 1:00 p.m. Online- 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Online 7:30 p.m. Zoom
17 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion/Sunday School Online 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube 6:30 p.m. 2021 Mission Trip Meeting/Online-Zoom	18 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	19 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	20 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Online- 1:30 p.m. Comm- 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Zoom
24 Annual Reports Will Be Available 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Sunday School Online 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube	25 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team	26 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	27 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Online- 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Zoom
31 Annual Meeting 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube			

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Classes will be held via Zoom each week, and videos of lessons will be posted on YouTube for those who were unable to attend live. For the latest details, visit the confirmation webpage: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation or contact Joe with questions.

Upcoming lessons:

- 1/6: (6/7) Review Activity
(8/9) Review Activity
- 1/13: (6/7) Parables: Sheep & Goats
(8/9) Serving through Vocation
- 1/20: (6/7) Last Supper
(8/9) Theology of the Cross
- 1/27: (6/7) Crucifixion
(8/9) Connecting w/ God thru Prayer



Family Ski/Tubing Event

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, our winter retreat is being replaced with a family ski/tubing event at Buck Hill on February 13, 2021 from 1-3 pm. Contact Joe or check the church website for more information.

thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2020 Youth Holiday Bake Sale through orders, donations, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.



EXECUTIVE CO

My year as Executive Council President last past year was not what I or anyone could have expected. The pandemic required us to complete the Executive Council wrote and approved to meet and worship again; first in a new building. While quite a few churches believe we found the right mix of operating as normal in a new environment as possible. Many of you were involved in this process. Thank you. I want to especially thank the Re-Engagement Committee about how we could reopen and operate safely, the Technology Committee for making it possible each and every week, a group of technology volunteers to produce high quality online services, and our staff who provided excellent cooperation. I also want to thank the Executive Council members who made several difficult decisions this year and they did so wisely. I want to thank each of you for the time and talent you have given. As we begin 2021, let's follow Pastor Jon's example and continue calling us to do in the coming year.

Executive Council Update

The Executive Council held their regular monthly meeting, the Council did not recommend any formal action. Council members also heard a report from the Nominations Committee at the meeting to review the church finances for 2020. The report will be approved at the January Executive Council Meeting.

Rob Metz
Council President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to be readers for the 9:00 indoor and 10:00 a.m. online worship services. If you are available for either, please contact Madalyn Petersen at madandpete@gmail.com

We are also looking for:

Ushers, greeters or anyone interested in filming a short welcome/departure video. If you are interested, please contact Bob Monio at Robert.monio@gmail.com or Daryl Rieck at rieckda@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE JANUARY 13!

Attention: All commission chairs, council secretary, staff, organization and special committee chairs/secretaries, and treasurers - please have your 2020 report information submitted by January 13 to be included in the Annual Report.

The Annual Report will be available on January 24 to read in preparation for our Annual Meeting on January 31.

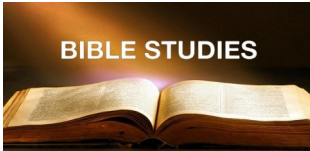
If you are not sure if you are responsible for a report, contact Carri in the church office.

—Thank you!—



CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN January 20 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. or shortly thereafter. Come join us for the Bible Study or the whole morning. Our Bible Study is taken from the "Gather" magazine. To subscribe to this magazine go to www.gathermagazine.org and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or call 844-409-0576. The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).



BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon

Women's Bible Study: January 12 & 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Zoom Video/Telephone Conference Contact Cheryl Bahnsen at bahnc12@aol.com For more information

Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) Bible Study: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon

Men's Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon



A word from our Director Joe Jorgensen

It is a common understanding that we practice faith at home, school, and work. We plan to use this space to share with you how we practice faith at your home. This month we celebrate the start of a new year. A great start is by modeling Christ's love through random acts of kindness for you to try. I would love to hear how you choose to practice faith in your family. May God richly bless you that you may be blessed.

12 Random Acts of Kindness

- #1: Make a card for someone in your neighborhood.
- #2: Do a chore without being asked or paid.
- #3: Share something with a friend.
- #4: Give compliments to every member of your family.
- #5: Tell or read a story to someone.
- #6: Hold the door for someone.
- #7: Fill a bag full of clothes to donate.
- #8: Donate food to your local food shelter.
- #9: Let someone else in the line go in front of you.
- #10: Leave kind notes in the parking lot.
- #11: Record your child singing a song at home.
- #12: Shovel your neighbor's sidewalk.

How to find Christiania on YouTube

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.)
2. In the address bar, type www.youtube.com

3. In the search bar, type "Christiania Lutheran Church Women"
4. Look for the search result that contains "Christiania Lutheran Church Women" and click on it.

5. If you have a YouTube account, click "SUBSCRIBE" to receive notifications of new video postings.