

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



**SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES**

***I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
 (Psalm 69:30)***

Christiania friends,

Receiving this newsletter means the month of November has arrived. Together, we recently will have celebrated the Protestant Reformation and the Affirmation of Baptism of our tenth graders on October 30. November will culminate with our celebrations of Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent. Join us at Highview Christiania at 6:30pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving Eve Worship. Then Sunday, Nov. 27 marks the beginning of Advent.

I am so thankful for all that God has seen fit to provide to me and us a rich blessing through Christiania. If I've learned anything in more than half a century, it is that God is the ultimate source of everything and we are dependent upon God for everything: food, drink, shelter, clothes, weather, government, work, family, neighbors, and friends. Literally everything is a sweet gift of God—even that which challenges or maybe, especially that which challenges, tests, and pains us.

As we work our way toward Thanksgiving, remember to give thanks each day rather than waiting for that single day on the calendar. 1 Thessalonians 5:18a reminds us, *“Give thanks in every situation.”* Living with a heart of thanksgiving brings more to be thankful for. Thomas Merton is quoted as saying, *“Those who are not grateful soon begin to complain of everything.”* Let's make a conscious effort to complain and grumble less.

This month is also an intentional time for our life together as members of Christiania: we devote time and energy to stewardship. In stewardship we are afforded an opportunity to remember God's promise through Abraham, *“Blessed to be a Blessing,”* as we consider the time, talent, and resources entrusted to us—our blessings.

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

What a wonderful season to practice gratefulness by being thank-filled every day and be intentional in considering how we will use the gifts God has provided. Even better, we use the gifts by sharing our blessing and bounty with one another.

Please be talking about and praying for how God might like you and us to use the many blessings to bless the church, our world and those around us.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

# Come & Worship

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

- Wednesday, November 2:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship with Communion**
- Sunday, November 6:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion (All Saints Sunday)**
- Wednesday, November 9:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship with Communion**
- Sunday, November 13:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship**
- Wednesday, November 16:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship**
- Sunday, November 20:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
- Wednesday, November 23:** 6:30 p.m. **THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP @ HIGHVIEW**
- Sunday, November 27:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship** (Advent)
- Wednesday, November 30:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship**

## Octobers Worship Attendance

### **Sunday**

October 2: O: 78 I: 99  
October 9: O: 154 I: 154  
October 16: O: \* I: 128  
October 23: O: \* I: 123  
October 30: O: \* I: \*

### **Midweek**

October 5: O: 44 I: 43  
October 12: O: 20 I: 42  
October 19: O: \* I: 17  
October 26: O: \* I: \*

O=Online, I=In-person

\*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day

## PRAYER REQUESTS



### **FOR THESE OF OUR CONGREGATION:**

Bridget Anderson	Eunice Ott
Ken Beske	Jeff Otto
Denny Carey	Karen Erickson
John Christianson	Dale (Skip) Fredrickson
Colleen Powell	Lois Haglund
Susie Stiehl	Melanie Kubischta
Don Storlie	Rob Ruh
Sharon Syverson	Judy Lantto
Yvonne Anderson	Alissa Jorgensen
Kim Robertson	Linda Camp
Doc Aaker	Sierra Hansen

### ***For those who mourn:***

Brian, Kim, Will and Kate as they mourn the loss of mother and grandmother, Beverly Buechele. Bev's Celebration of Life was held at Christiania on Tuesday, October 11.

The Duffrin and Cummings families as they mourn the loss of Kim Duffrin's brother-in-law, David Cummings.

### ***Others:***

Dalton Cole, son of Sierra Hansen and Dan Cole  
Noah Passmore, friend of Ron and Mary Ovans  
Judy, mother of Daron DuLac  
Eric, husband of April Krissman  
Judy Wicklund Cummings, sister of Kim Duffrin  
Jim Hooper, son of Carl & Jeanette Hooper  
Jack, friend of the Holien's  
Milt Strang, brother in law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen  
Chelsea Lawrence, niece of Julie & Pete Johnson  
Paul, nephew of Sandy Cross  
Michael Butler, brother of Becky Ruen  
Anne Zimanske, friend of Sue Jacobson  
Tina Des Marais, sister of Tim Emmons  
Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch  
Larry Olson, father of Jackie DuLac

### ***In the Military:***

Max Baker - grandson of Sandy Cross  
Josh Dennehey - son of John Dennehey  
Billy Hukka - son of Beth Hukka  
Andrew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield  
Matthew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield  
Brenden Rogers - nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers  
John Rogers - son of Mark & Lori Rogers  
Christian Weidling - nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn  
Miguel Nuno - nephew of Arcadio & Tania Drexler-Gutierrez

## **GET INVOLVED**

### *Bible Study*

**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.**  
November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)**  
November 8 & 22

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW)**  
**Christiania Lutheran Church Women**  
November 16

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**  
November 3, 10 & 17

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)**  
November 12 & 26

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**GREETERS  
LECTORS  
ASSISTING MINISTERS  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS  
VIDEO OPERATORS  
COFFEE SERVERS  
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."**

## **Weekly Offering Counters Needed**

A few of our team members would like to pass their counting duties on. If you are interested in counting or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Schindeldecker at 952-469-3795.



**OFFERING  
COUNTERS**

**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.**

# Thank You

A big "Thank you" to everyone for donating, helping to serve and cleaning up at the Chili Cook Off.

We look forward to this getting bigger and better every year. Blessings.

Joel Ruen and Lori Clausen  
Stewardship Committee

## Greeting Christiania friends!

I am writing to you as Bo and I travel through Dar es Salaam on our way to Iringa and Ihemi. It is such an ongoing honor to represent Christiania during our visits and work in Tanzania. This year I will be formally establishing a new program designed to empower girls in Secondary Schools by providing sexual reproduction education and reusable menstrual products. This is designed to help prevent them from missing classes on a monthly basis, and prevent disease and pregnancy. I am very excited about this new program!



## RED CROSS

A blood drive will be held at Christiania on Wednesday, December 21 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. All registration is online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**American Red Cross**

Speaking of Secondary Schools, it is that time of year when student sponsorships are needing financial commitments from Christiania and our members. As a reminder, most of the girls and boys served by your gifts live in homes with no parents or just a single parent. We leave financial need evaluation to a committee of elders at Ihemi and they allocate funds based upon known family ability and economic situations. Bo and I have been involved in many mission initiatives over the past 20+ years in Iringa but the one important constant has been student sponsorship.

The average student sponsorship amounts to \$500 per year. I ask you to consider if supporting this need might fit your family plans. Sponsoring multiple students or a partial student, all make a difference in these young adults' lives. It also makes a difference for other family members in many ways. To sponsor, please just write a check to Christiania and note "Ihemi Student" in the memo line.

Asante Sana and Mungu aku Bariki!  
Thank you, and God bless you!  
Juli Skillman

P.S.

Donations for this are requested by November 30th.

**It is time for Christiania to be present with our partners at Ihemi Tanzania once again, are you ready to change, in a positive way, your perspective and enhance your faith?!?!?**

If interested in leaning more about this amazing opportunity, please talk to Pastor Jon, Sharon Buckley, Rachael/Adam Fausch or Bo/Juli Skillman (612)889-9329. The trip cost is highly dependent upon airfares at the time but there are ways to creatively allow travel for various budgets. In other words, don't be scared off until you talk to Bo and/or Juli.

## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION.



Christiania will be honoring all our veterans at worship November 13. If you are a Veteran and have a military picture of you or if you

would like to share your story and branch of service, please contact a member of our team. You are also welcome to bring military memorabilia to display on our veteran recognition table.

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## WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR (S)

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our Wednesday evening meals. If interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Lucy Hurrell at 507-581-0019, Carri in the church office or the CYF director Joe. To be reimbursed for making the main dish, please turn receipts in to Lucy or Carri.



### QUILT TYING

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, November 2 at**

**9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Area. All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.



### MISSION TEAM

Collections continue for Lutheran Disaster Response to support recovery efforts following Hurricane Ian.

You can put your donations in the big jar in the back of the sanctuary, or mail a check to the church with "hurricane" or "disaster" in the memo line. 100% of your donation goes to help, as the overhead costs are already covered through the ELCA.

### WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at The Tavern Grille **on Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 am.**



Please call Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211 or Carol Garant 651-334-3286 by November 7 if you would like to carpool or if you have questions.



### CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 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.

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



**NOVEMBER 6**

On Sunday, Nov. 6 at both worship services we pause to thank God for the lives of the saints—those children of God redeemed by him and now living with him in heaven. We will ring a chime for each Christiania member who has died in the last year and remember all our family and friends no longer living with us, but together with us in God. It is a bittersweet day, some grief at our loss, some joy at the promise of the resurrection. We hold fast to God who carries us all through the valley of the shadow of death.



### "SINGLES" DINNER

Christiania's "Singles" group will meet at **The Northern Tap House in Lakeville on Tuesday, November 15 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Please call Carri in the church office or Cindy Hildreth (612-636-0397) for more information or to RSVP.

### BOOK CLUB:

We will be reading "TBD" and will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 30, at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink, coffee will be provided.

For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



### FRIENDLY VISITORS

We have members who cannot always get to church and would enjoy a monthly phone conversation or visit. Do you feel a call to visit and care for others?

Please consider being a Friendly Visitor! If you have any questions about being a Friendly Visitor, call Tia Burnham at 952-380-7502 or Andrew Mendez at 952-890-9212.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
		1 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	2 9:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 5:30 p.m.: 6:00 p.m.: 6:30 p.m.:  7:00 p.m.:
6 <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship with Communion/</b> Chorister Choir 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m.: Sunday School First Communion Class 6:00 p.m.: Casting Crowns concert	7 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	8 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.: Congregation Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	9 11:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 5:30 p.m.: 6:00 p.m.: 6:30 p.m.:  7:00 p.m.:
13 <b>VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION</b> 9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship</b> with Chancel Choir 10:00 a.m.: Coffee 10:00 a.m.: Worship Team Meeting 10:15 a.m.: Sunday School First Communion Class 11:00 a.m.: CYF Team Meeting	14 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	15 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	16 9:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 5:30 p.m.: 6:00 p.m.: 6:30 p.m.:  7:00 p.m.:
20 <b>FIRST COMMUNION</b> 9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship with Communion</b> 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m.: Sunday School	21 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	22 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	23 6:30 p.m.:
27 <b>ADVENT</b> 8:00 a.m.: Membership Team Meeting 9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship</b> 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m.: Sunday School	28 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	29 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	30 11:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 5:30 p.m.: 6:00 p.m.: 6:30 p.m.:  7:00 p.m.:

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Quilters Chancel Choir Meal Youth Bells <b>Midweek</b> <b>Worship with</b> <b>Communion</b> Confirmation Stay Curious Adult Bells	3 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Financial Review Committee	4	5
Women's Lunch Bunch NGCB Meal Youth Bells <b>Worship with</b> <b>Communion</b> Confirmation Stay Curious Adult Bells	10 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>4:30 p.m.:</b> Missions Team Meeting <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Ministry Board Meeting	11	12 <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study
CLCW Chancel Choir Meal Youth Bells <b>Worship</b> Confirmation Stay Curious Adult Bells	17 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study	18	19
<b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Eve Worship</b> <b>at Highview</b> <b>Christiania</b>	24 <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	25 <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study
Book Club Chancel Choir Meal Youth Bells <b>Worship</b> Confirmation Adult Bells Faith Alive	31 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study		

## 2022 MISSIONS CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Every year, the Christiania Missions team brings forward a project at Christmas as a way for the congregation to share Christ's love in the community. This year we are partnering with Better Futures Minnesota to provide first apartment move in kits for men working to stabilize their lives.

Established in 2007, The Network for Better Futures DBA Better Futures Minnesota is a non-profit social enterprise dedicated to reintegrating high-risk adults, primarily African-American men, into society by providing a platform to help them succeed. Learn more about the organization and their mission at <https://betterfuturesminnesota.com/>

*“At Better Futures, we believe the Four Fundamentals are necessary components for building a healthy life: stable, safe housing, workforce training and good jobs; health and wellness engagement, and life skills/family coaching and mentorship. Our integrated-care model gives men access to these core needs on Day 1.”*

As men work through the program, they can earn their own apartment at Better Futures. When they move up, they are in need of all of those daily things we take for granted. We will be collecting household items from the list below to provide to Better Futures for their efficiency move in kits. Look for a large donation bin in the back of the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

<b>Kitchen:</b>	
Dining essentials:	plates, bowls, cups
Dining utensils:	forks, spoons, soup spoons, knives
Utensils:	pizza cutter, ladle, spatula, slotted spoon, mixing spoon, tongs, can opener, paring knife, vegetable peeler, scissors
Cookware:	Fry pan, sauce pan, pizza pan
Dishwashing Pack:	dish soap, sponges, dish towels (2)& wash cloths (2), Ziploc type bags, aluminum foil, saran wrap
Clean Pack:	vinegar, baking soda, cleaning rags, empty spray bottle
Paper towels	
<b>Bathroom:</b>	
Toilet brush with holder	
Toilet bowl cleaner	
Toilet paper	
Tissue	
Bandages	
<b>Bedroom:</b>	
Laundry pack:	detergent pods (12), dryer sheets
Hangers	10
<b>Misc.:</b>	
Broom & dust pan	
Swifter mop kit	
Windex	
Cleaning wipes (Lysol type)	
Garbage bags	



## PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

The property splits (two parcels for sale) and the move of the building right (moving from one parcel to another) are both now recorded at the county and the township. The parsonage property has had many showings and Christiania has been presented with two formal offers. No members from the congregation made any offers on either parcel during the pre-sale opportunity. The woods/ballpark property is still for sale.

## REFRESH/REVIVE

- \* Carpet has been ordered
- \* An oversight team has been organized for payments and to oversee the construction process. Members are: Brad Smith, Cheryl Mohn, Bruce Mohn and Lee Braun
- \* The Refresh team met again and determined the roof material will be asphalt, not steel due, to cost and evaluated the pew layout for flexible handicapped areas and pews will be ordered soon
- \* Josh Carlson, the contractor from Treasured Spaces and Lee Braun met to discuss the project and will work together as it progresses. The next step is to acquire permits for the project

## REVIVE INCOME REPORT UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

### Current Income

Pledges	\$535,869	
Pledges for 2022	\$338,189	- \$306,518 (received) = \$31,671 pending
Pledges for 2023	\$181,580	
Pledges for 2024	\$16,100	

Miscellaneous Income	<b>\$327,000</b>
Generous gift	\$250,000
Roof Insurance	\$32,000
CLC Foundation	\$30,000
Memorial Money	\$15,000

Non Pledged Gifts	<b>\$48,083</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$681,601</b>

### Project Income Needs

Project Estimate	\$1,232,592
Total income	- \$681,601
Subtotal Balance	\$550,991
Outstanding pledges	- \$229,351
Final Balance	\$321,640 -- (to be paid by property sale)



# Children, Youth, & Family Updates

## Family Events



### Tubing @ Buck Hill: Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 2:00 pm

All students and their families are invited to meet at Buck Hill for tubing on Sunday, January 8 from 2-4 pm.

Please sign up ahead of time by going to [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events). Click the RSVP button to sign up so I know you're coming and then go to the Buck Hill website to purchase your ticket.

Any confirmation student who has met their midterm goals is eligible for a complimentary ticket. You will be notified if this applies to you.

## Preschool-5th Grade



Upcoming Lessons:

November 6 & 13: Jesus is Born  
November 20 & 27: Christmas Program  
Rehearsal

For the latest info, go to:  
[www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sunday-school](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sunday-school).



The students have been rehearsing some new songs on Sunday mornings. They are looking forward to singing in worship again on **Sunday, November 6**. All students, preschool-12th grade, are invited to add their voices to the choir. Come make a joyful noise!

# Children, Youth, & Family Updates

## 6th-12th Grades



### Upcoming Lessons:

	6th/7th	8th/9th
11/2	The Magi	Stewardship of Creation
11/9	Wilderness Temptation	Stewardship of Money
11/16	First Disciples	Hot Topics
11/23	No Class: Thanksgiving Break	

Find the latest information at [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation).

### STAY CURIOUS

Confirmation parents (and any other interested teens or adults)

What do I do when my child asks big questions about God? How do I handle my own questions and doubts about God or the Bible?

Join us for a 3-week series that will explore these and similar concerns. Our conversation will be built around "Stay Curious" by Pastor Stephanie Williams O'Brien.

**November 2, 9, & 16 @ 7 pm**



**Sunday, November 6, 2022 @ 7:00 pm** (All youth and their families)  
Casting Crowns concert at Target Center

December 4, 2022 @ 2:00 pm (All middle school and high school youth)  
White Elephant gift exchange

All the latest details can be found at [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events).



### High School Winter Retreat:

We are making plans to take a group of high school youth to the Winter Retreat hosted by Camp Onomia. Dates for the retreat are December 2-4, 2022.

This will be a good time for connecting with friends from church and camp to enjoy a quick retreat. Let's kick off the Christmas season and explore the reason for the season, as they say!

The winter retreat is open to all high school youth. Feel free to invite a friend. Go to [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events) to **sign up by November 6**.



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## **COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINES**

**Weekly announcements are due Wednesdays by 12 noon.**

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**Got questions, suggestions, or items to include in the next edition?  
Contact Carri in the church office at  
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or 952-461-2283.**