

# Christiania Newsletter

June 2022

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



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)*

Christiania Friends,

Thank you to all who have prayed for, supported, questioned, worked on, and contributed to our Sanctuary Refresh Project and Revive Campaign; on Sunday, May 15 we announced surpassing the \$800,000 mark in commitments and donations. There is still time to include your intentions and gifts as we continue to move forward in our planning, preparation, and anticipation.

Next steps include an upcoming congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, June 12 when we will gather in person and online (preregistration is only required for those attending the meeting online). On June 12 members of Christiania will vote on two items: whether to approve the project and whether we should sell property and parsonage. In preparation for our gathering, please continue to pray about this project and God’s plans for Christiania.

Also, we’re in the early stages of planning for a return to Friendly Visitors. Over the years, many of you have committed yourselves to loving another by regularly reaching out via visits and phone calls as a part of this ministry. The pandemic has created some challenges for visits and contact but this appears to be an opportune time to reengage our Friendly Visitor team. Let us know if you are interested in serving in this important ministry or if you would be open to having regular visits from a Friendly Visitor.

What a special time of year this is as temps are finally warming and everything is greening up. It’s so amazing to see the trees and flowers budding. And, as is often the case, I’m surprised how busy things are. I am feeling stretched. Perhaps you’re feeling stretched too? Have you been carrying too many commitments and responsibilities? Is your calendar full? Do you have too little time to yourself?

To be a follower of Christ means to be people of peace. This means being people who live in such trust of God that we live in Christ’s peace. In scripture Jesus reminds us the path to peace begins in relationship: “Come to me,” he invites. The path to peace in our world and in our lives is through Jesus and in Jesus we find rest.

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

Psalm 127:1-2 reminds us of the folly of building a life apart from God: *“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.”* In God we find rest and wholeness, and, in our busyness, we are “eating the bread of anxious toil.”

Friends, enjoy the transitions ahead as we move to a new season. Be connected to God like Christ was in practicing rest and restoration of Sabbath. Remember God’s example of creating the world in six days and resting on day seven. Work hard this summer but stay grounded and connected to God and God’s community of Christiania. Make room for prayer each day, worship each week, and connecting with others.

God loves you and so do I!  
Pastor Jon

# Come & Worship

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

**Wednesday, June 1:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship** with Communion

**Sunday, June 5:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship** with Communion

**Wednesday, June 8:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship** with Communion

**Sunday, June 12:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship**

**Wednesday, June 15:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship**

**Sunday, June 19:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship** with Communion

**Wednesday, June 22:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship** with Communion

**Sunday, June 26:** 9:00 a.m. **Worship**

**Wednesday, June 29:** 6:30 p.m. **Midweek Worship**

## May Worship Attendance

### **Sunday**

May 1: O: **106** I: **146**

May 8: O: **154** I: **141**

May 15: O: \* I: **102**

May 22: O: \* I: **166**

May 29: O: \* I:\*

### **Midweek**

May 4: O: **28** I: **39**

May 11: O: \* I: **18**

May 18: O: I: **21**

May 25: No Worship

O=online, I=In-person



## Bill Kanfield - Christiania Council President

Once again, a lot going on around CLC to report on, and even more to be amazed about. Another congregation special meeting has been called for June 12 after service. This session will be to discuss and vote on authorizing the Refresh Project based on the fantastic level of contributions and pledges. It has just been a blessing to see the funds rise on the project meter! We will also vote to formally authorize proceeding with the sale of non-farmable lands including the Parsonage and another homestead parcel. Bruce Mohn and team will lead an information session on June 5 to understand all this entails in advance of a vote. Hopefully, this combination will mean we do not need to use our Line of Credit or take out a loan, but there is a team (Bruce Mohn, Robin Martin and Warren Peterson) exploring fiscally responsible options should we need to.

While the property refresh planning and funding moves forward, mission, ministry and outreach is also continuing to explore. There are some great ideas coming out of Evangelism (Andrew Mendez and Tia Burnham) on different ways to think about evangelism and the relationships we build and even thoughts on ways to assess the congregation to better focus on growing mission, ministry and outreach. The different teams, committees and boards are meeting again on June 23 to continue collaborative goal setting.

Finally, the soft side of change – staffing. We should be nearing resolution to the Treasurer position, with Lisa Schultze either returning from a leave of absence or confirming this role is no longer a good fit; in this case the Personnel committee will advance the hiring of a Treasurer. A huge shout out to the Financial Review Committee (Cheryl Schindeldecker, Cheryl Bahnsen, Tia Burnham, Denise Kanfield and Karen Frame) for picking up the slack and getting us back on track from a financial reporting perspective!

As Joe Jorgensen continues his journey through seminary, we have some good news and not so good news: As part of his Clinical Pastoral Education summer internship, Joe will be providing an additional level of ministry and outreach with CLC. The not so good news is beginning January 2023, Joe will embark on a year-long internship elsewhere, bringing on role discussions around CYF leader and assisting minister. In the meantime, please ask Joe about his summer CPE internship!

Yours in faith,

Bill, Council President



## Friendly Visitors return!

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 or wish to be a Friendly Visitor, call Andrew Mendez at 952-890-9212.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



### **For these of our Congregation:**

Bridget Anderson • Ken Beske  
Denny Carey • John Christianson  
Karen Erickson • Melanie Kubischta  
Lois Haglund • Gladys Michelsen  
Jeff Otto • Ellie Panek • Colleen Powell  
Susie Stiehl • Don Storlie • Sharon Syverson  
Dale (Skip) Fredrickson • Eunice Ott  
Lori Clausen • Bernie Ward • Harold Martin  
Yvonne Anderson

### **For those who Mourn**

For Michelle, Brandon, Emma, Tyler; and all who  
mourn the death of Eric Sandquist.

For the family and friends of Janine (Wicklund)  
Scherer, sister to Kim Duffrin.

For Susan and family and friends who grieve the  
death of Peter King

### **For the Newly Baptized**

5/22: Phillip Fitterer  
5/22: Hunter Melgaard  
5/22: Hattie Novak

### **For friends of our community:**

Mike Schultz, friend of Cindy Hildreth  
Tom Streefland Sr., Tom Streefland's father  
Tina Des Marais, sister of Tim Emmons  
Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch  
Larry Olson, father of Jackie DuLac  
Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa  
Luella and Dorthy, family of Alan Ritchie  
Dale Burnham, son of Tony Burnham

### **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

**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.**

## **GET INVOLVED**

### *Bible Study*

**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.**  
June 7, 14, 21, & 28

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)**  
June 14 & 28

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW)**  
**Christiania Lutheran Church Women**  
June 15

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**  
June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)**  
June 11 & 25

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**GARDNERS  
FRIENDLY VISITORS  
GREETERS  
LECTORS  
ASSISTING MINISTERS  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS  
VIDEO OPERATORS  
COFFEE SERVERS**

**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."**

### **SINGLES GROUP EVENT**

Christiania's "Singles" group  
will meet at the **Chart  
House** in Lakeville on  
**Tuesday, June 21 @ 5:30  
p.m.** For more information,  
or to let us know you are  
coming please call Carri in  
the church office, Cindy  
Hildreth or Barb Bachman.



# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, June 1 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.

## SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR DATE.

For a change of pace, the women of the congregation would like to serve bars/cookies for coffee hour. We are asking anyone who would like to help by making bars or serving to sign up at the information desk. We will need four pans of bars (9"x13") or 2 dozen cookies. If you have a special day/event you would like to celebrate with the congregation (i.e. baptism, anniversary, birthday etc.) and you would like to bring all the treats, just sign up in all four spaces. This is planned for the summer months only.



Questions – contact Linda Otto at 952-469-8561.

P.S. Don't forget the craft sale in October. Are you knitting, crocheting, painting, crafting over the summer?



## CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, **Wednesday, June 15 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.



## MISSION GARDEN Mission Garden

It's time again to get our garden going, we are looking for volunteers to help plant the garden on **June 3 at 5:00 pm with a rain date of June 5 following worship.** Bring your tools, many hands make light work.

Other tasks include:

- Watering (depending on the weather, this needs to be done about once a week)
- Tilling between rows as needed to remove weeds
- Weeding around the plants
- Picking the vegetables
- Delivering vegetables to the food shelf

You can choose the time and tasks that work best for your skills and schedule. The more the merrier. Many hands make light work.

Contact Sue Jacobson (952-758-3438) or Linda Costa (612-812-4945) to volunteer.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at **Boonies Bar & Grill in Millersburg on**

**Wednesday, June 8 at 11:30 am.** If you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.



## BOOK CLUB

### BOOK CLUB:

We will be reading TBD and will be meeting on **June 29, 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.



## DINNER GROUPS

Dinner groups are starting to form. The group meets four times a year and everyone in the group gets a chance to be the host, The meals are pot luck. There is a sign up sheet located on the Information Desk. Or if you would like, call Carri in the church office.

**June**

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
			<p>1            9:30 a.m.: Q            5:00 p.m.: N            6:30 p.m.: W            C</p>
<p>5            9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour with Celebration of May and June Birthdays            10:00 a.m.: Refresh/Revive Presentation            10:30 a.m.: CYF Team Meeting</p>	<p>6            10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting            7:00 p.m.: Troup 325 Meeting</p>	<p>7            8:00 a.m.: Bible Study            6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>8            11:30 a.m.: Lu            5:00 p.m.: N            6:30 p.m.: W            C            70 p.m.: Fina            C            M</p>
<p>12  <b>Refresh &amp; Property Congregational Meeting &amp; Vote</b>            9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship</b>            10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour            10:00 a.m.: Congregational Meeting: Refresh Project Vote &amp; Property Sale Vote</p>	<p>13            10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting            12:00 p.m.: Youth Group @ Valleyfair            7:00 p.m.: Troup 325 Meeting</p>	<p>14            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 Meeting</p>	<p>15            9:30 a.m.: C            5:00 p.m.: N            6:30 p.m.: W</p>
<p>19            8:00 a.m.: Membership Ministry Team            9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship w/ Communion</b>            10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>20  <b>Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b>            10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting            7:00 p.m.: Troup 325 Meeting</p>	<p>21  <b>Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b>            8:00 a.m.: Bible Study            5:30 p.m.: Singles Dinner            6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>22  <b>Vacation Bible (V)</b>            5:00 p.m.: N            6:30 p.m.: W            with Co</p>
<p>26            9:00 a.m.: <b>Worship</b>            10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27            10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting            7:00 p.m.: Troup 325 Meeting</p>	<p>28            8:00 a.m.: Bible Study            9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study            6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>29            9:30 a.m.: B            6:30 p.m.: V</p>

<b>2022</b>			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Quilters GCB <b>Worship with            Communion</b>	2 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	3	4
Lunch Bunch GCB <b>Worship with            Communion</b> Financial Review Committee Meeting	9 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Ministry Board Meeting <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	10	11 <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study
LCW GCB <b>Worship</b>	16 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	17	18
<b>School            (VBS)</b> GCB <b>Worship            Communion</b>	23 <b>Vacation Bible School            (VBS)</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	24	25 <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study <b>11:00 a.m.:</b> Fire Rescue Days Parade
Book Club <b>Worship</b>	30 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting		

# Children, Youth, & Family Updates

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Vacation Bible School

June 20-23

We are in need of several **youth** and **adult** helpers for our VBS program. There are a variety of areas to assist including crafts, music, games, Bible study, being a small group leader, and/or helping supervise kids during the wrap-around time.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, contact Joe or sign up by going to [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs).



### Youth Gathering—Camp Edition

Camp Onomia July 17-21

Trip Meeting: June 26 after worship

## Programs/Activities

### Vacation Bible School



We are excited for the return of Vacation Bible School at Christiania this summer! This year's program will run

**June 20-23 from 10 am-4 pm** (Wrap-around care will be offered 1 hour before and after). VBS is open to any child who will be entering kindergarten through completing 5th grade.

For more details and to register, visit [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs).



Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders; friends are always welcome.

### VALLEYFAIR

Monday, June 13 @ 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE –

Did you notice the improved look at our south door? The old bench was refurbished by Cody Wubben. We have many members that just step in where they see a need.

Thank you, Cody

Flowers outside the south and front entrance doors as well as around the sign on Pillsbury will need to be watered. Please consider signing up to assist with this need.

Parsonage Update – The well at the Parsonage was losing pressure due to a hole in the pipe. Jaekels Well Service replaced the pump, pipe, and the pressure tank. Last year we replaced the pump controller.

The Property Committee met on 4/12 and discussed the church farm and the possibility of lot splits for our parsonage and the wooded area to the west of the parsonage.

Property requested multiple estimates and received two estimates for pest control at our church. We have ants and rodents we have selected Terminix for this service period.

Property was asked to create a Key Control policy. If you have a key that was given to you by a prior Mission or Council member, please let the office know so we can know where they are. There are several keys missing.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE** - The East and West Cemetery Committees met on April 5. Topics included:

Stone Repairs at the East Cemetery. We are having a difficult time finding a company to repair our head stones at the East Cemetery. We will again reach out to monument companies after Memorial Day.

East Cemetery - At the East Cemetery, John Mohn continues to cut shrubs and mow the areas not mowed by our mowing company. Again, a member stepping up to help his church. Thank you, John!!!

Well at the West Cemetery – For years, Don Storlie and Jason Estrem have been hauling large tanks of water to the Cemetery for plant watering purposes. Discussion was held on whether to continue this practice or put in a well and hydrants. Bruce Lundeen will get bids for well drilling, hydrant placements, piping and electrical. The committees will meet again to decide whether to move forward with this. Don Storlie indicated we use approximately 600 gallons of water a year at this cemetery.

Parking at the West Cemetery – Discussion was held on the loss of parking spaces for the cemetery since the right turn lane was installed for the new development on the south side of the road. Discussions will continue at the next meeting.

Kohlhofer Easement Request – The property owners to the North of the West Cemetery requested an easement on the east side of our property for an access to their property. Since this requires an access onto a County Road, we asked that they contact the County first to see if they would allow a driveway onto a County Road at this location.

Unpaid Reserved Cemetery Plots. The updated Cemetery Plot Fee policy mandates that reserved cemetery plots be paid by January 1, 2023. Both Lundeens (West Cemetery) and Eckdahls (East Cemetery) have lists of unpaid reserved plots. Once they have contacted known families, we will publish a list of un-paid reserved plot names in the newsletter hoping that someone will recognize a name and can assist locating them.

Need New Members - We need to recruit young members to assist in these cemetery committees. It's a gratifying position but it does take time. Please consider. Contact the Lundeens or Eckdahls if you wish to join. Membership is FREE!!

# CHRISTIANIA REFRESH AND REVIVE



## Refresh Project Update

We are well on our way.....but we still have a ways to go.

We are so grateful that an additional \$12,600 has been pledged since Commitment Sunday bringing our total in donations and Commitments to just over \$819,000.00. Thank you for your generous support. It is never too late to submit your pledge. Pledges may be placed in the offering plates or sent to the church office. Check out the Giving Chart in the Fellowship Hall to see our progress toward our goal.

If this is not a good time for your financial support please know that your prayers are an important gift as well.

### Two important upcoming dates:

**June 5** - There will be a presentation in the fellowship hall during coffee regarding the proposal to sell two parcels of non-farmable property. This will also provide a time for additional questions and answers regarding the Refresh Project.

**June 12** - Congregational Meeting (following the church service) to vote to proceed with the Refresh Project. There will be a second vote to proceed with the sale of two pieces of church property. More specific information on these votes is in this newsletter (see pages 1, 3, and 11).

The proceeds from the sale of the property would be used for any shortfall in the funds necessary to complete the Refresh Project. Any excess funds will be placed in a capital expenditure fund for future building needs.



The Congregation Council passed a motion May 10 authorizing a Congregation Special Meeting to vote on the Refresh Project as presented by the Refresh team and associated funding measures.

This Special Meeting and vote by ballot will be held at 10 AM (after service) on Sunday, June 12. (In person or via Zoom.)

The Council feels there has been sufficient time for the Refresh team to present the project design, details and cost estimates, the Revive Capital Campaign team to gather contributions, pledges and donations, and the Property team to research and present findings related to the sale of church property (to be presented June 5 at 10 AM) as additional Revive Capital Campaign contributions.

If you cannot attend in-person, please register to attend and vote remotely via Zoom by emailing Carri at [office@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org). You will be sent instructions and the Zoom link in advance of the meeting. Please note that all remote attendees will voice their vote individually to a member of the Council who will convert their voice vote to a paper ballot to be counted with the rest of the congregation.

All online attendees must register in advance of the special meeting no later than **Sunday June 5th**.

Below are the two DRAFT resolutions to be voted on by paper ballot on Sunday June 12; any additional new information received by the team before June 12 may adjust the language slightly, but not the concepts:

#### **D R A F T RESOLUTION 2022-2 TO AUTHORIZE “REFRESH” PROJECT**

Whereas the congregation of Christiania Lutheran Church authorized a Revive Capital Campaign, and

Whereas a Revive Capital Campaign has raised over \$800,000 in pledges, donations and contributions toward the Refresh Project, and

Whereas the Refresh team has presented and discussed the option details and associated costs of the Refresh Project through paper and electronic communications, in-person listening sessions, in-service temple talks, suggestion box input, a video, and a table with samples and artistic renditions,

Therefore be it resolved that Christiania Lutheran Church authorizes the Refresh team to proceed with final design, contracting and construction work necessary to fulfill the terms of the Treasured Spaces Project Estimate as presented to the congregation, until there shall be reviews of the status by the Property Committee and the Congregation Council that the Refresh Project is complete.

#### **D R A F T RESOLUTION 2022-3 TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY**

Whereas the congregation of Christiania Lutheran Church authorized the Refresh Project, and

Whereas a Revive Capital Campaign has raised funding to within \$400,000 of the requested amount based on the Treasured Spaces Project Estimate, and

Whereas a Property Committee has communicated the process and proposal to support the Revive Capital Campaign with additional capital through the sale of two (2) parcels of Christiania non-farmable land,

Therefore be it resolved that Christiania Lutheran Church authorizes the Property Committee to proceed with the sale of the property of Lot 1 – The Parsonage (approximately 2.6 acres) AND Lot 2 – The Ballfield (approximately 3.55 acres), with the proceeds designated to the Revive Capital Campaign.

Yours in faith,  
Bill Kanfield, Council President



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**June's Food Shelf:**

We are collecting **canned, bottled & boxed drinks** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the basket or on the table at the main entrance. Thank you for your contributions!