

# Christiania Newsletter

March 2022

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



## SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. ~Psalm 23*

Dear People of Christiania,

Ash Wednesday is March 2 this year which begins the season of Lent. In Worship at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm, and Curbside at 1:00 pm, ashes will be imposed, or marked, on foreheads in the shape of Christ's cross. We'll hear those familiar words, "*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.*" Words which remind us of the link between death and life, poverty and abundance, sacrifice and gift.

The forty-day season of Lent reorients us so that we can gain a new perspective. In putting our priorities in order, Lent prepares us for what is to come. We leave behind our old self so that we are properly prepared for Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. Lent puts us in a place to be fully present with the journey through Holy Week's great Three Days and the fifty days of Easter.

Our practices during Lent will include preparations for baptism, for first communion, and for new membership. Together, we'll worship each Wednesday (11:30 am and 6:30 pm) focused on Psalm 23 and the Holden Evening Prayer. Psalm 23 reminds us of a relational, present God who is all about loving those in his care. In Him we are drawn to trust and, therefore, able to live differently. An accompanying Lent Devotional, based on Psalm 23 and titled "Shepherd Me O God," is available in hardcopy at church and electronically on our Facebook page and website.

Sunday Worship (9:00 am) will focus on Luke's Gospel. The readings each week will move us to unity. They will affirm God as the one who calls beloved but flawed people and forgives these same people—even when they don't deserve it. We're invited to live in the same abundance and mercy Christ does while sustained by the food and abundance of God's good earth.

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

I strongly encourage you, friends, to take some prayer and meditation time to consider your approach to this holy season. Lent can be a time to take on something like prayer, worship, devotions, or service. Lent is also a great time to fast from or give up something like food, material goods, time, or other vices. Whichever you choose, know that both “taking on” and “giving up” are to make room for and attentiveness to God.

Join me in this Lenten season as we go back to the beginning so we might go forward to redemption. Join me in seeing ourselves as dust, so that we may detach ourselves from the things of this world; emptying ourselves so that we might be filled with God’s Spirit.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

# Come & Worship

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

**Wednesday, March 2:** 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion

**Sunday, March 6:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Wednesday, March 9:** 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

**Sunday, March 13:** 9:00 a.m. Worship

**Wednesday, March 16:** 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

**Sunday, March 20:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Wednesday, March 23:** 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

**Sunday, March 27:** 9:00 a.m. Worship

**Wednesday, March 30:** 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

### WEDNESDAY Schedule

11:30 a.m.	Lenten Worship
12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Nitty Gritty Church Band/ Chancel Choir
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Lenten Dinner
6:00-6:25 p.m.	Youth Bells
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation
7:00-7:25 p.m.	Adult Bells

### February Worship Attendance

*Sunday Worship*                      *Midweek Worship*

**February 6:**  
O: 98 I: 69

**February 2**  
O: 30 I: 31

**February 13:**  
O: 120 I: 86

**February 9:**  
O: 32 I:

**February 20**  
O: 140 I: 94

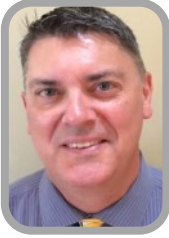
**February 16:**  
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**February 27:**  
O: -- I: 104

**February 23:**  
O: 30 I: 37

O=online, I=In-person

## Bill Kanfield - Christiania Council President



Thank you. Thank you for welcoming me into this role, and thank you for trusting in me to guide Christiania forward. I am humbled and awed. When I think forward, I think of all the challenges in our way that need to be remade into opportunities – financial, social, medical, religious. I watch the news and am dismayed. Alan Ritchie reminded us of all the churches that shut their door in the last few years. Thousands. I swallow hard.

But then I think of the deep and rich history of Christiania. I think of all the challenges our founding families converted to opportunities – new world, new language, new land – converting prairie and forest into fields that feed the nation.

I look at the church organization and all the boards, teams, committees and group structures we have leading us every day, and the thoughtful new constitution providing governance.

And I look around and see all the remarkable people.

Yeah, we can do this.

I see the amazing work of last year's Council, committees and teams. Thank you, Bruce, and thank you to everyone who volunteered and held a position. You have made a difference.

As this year's new leadership teams come on board, they, too, will be turning challenges into opportunities. But that is why they volunteered. Because overcoming challenges will make a difference, the end results for us and our communities are worth it, and continuing God's work as part of the Christiania family will never be in question.

Greg Silus (VP), Alan Ritchie (Secretary) and George Silverness (at-large) join me, Jane Ward (at-large), Warren Peterson (at-large), Tia Burnham (at-large), Terry Laschinger (at-large), Lisa Schultze (Treasurer) and of course Pastor Jon to form the Congregation Council (changed from Executive Council with the new constitution). Thank you Staci Thompson (Secretary) and Lonna Selkirk (at-large) for your contributions last year!

Becky Ruen (CYF), Sue Jacobson (Missions) and Anne Schindeldecker (Membership) join Lucy Hurrle (Congregational Life), Jane Ward (Worship) and Joel Ruen (Stewardship) form the Ministry Board.

To the rest of the volunteers and elected members – new and continuing – who seek to add their voice to the other committees and teams: Welcome! We are here to help!

Together – with all of us – Christiania will continue to be the extended family, refuge and sanctuary, house of worship, place of hope and the home of ancestors that makes us who we are and who we need to be.

Faithfully yours,

Bill Kanfield, Council President

### **2022 Congregational Council**

<b>President:</b>	Bill Kanfield
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Greg Silus
<b>Secretary:</b>	Alan Ritchie
<b>At Large Members:</b>	Jane Ward
George Silverness	Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger	Tia Burnham
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lisa Schultze
<b>Senior Pastor:</b>	Pastor Jon Rhodes

### **Ministry Board**

Sue Jacobson	Jane Ward
Joel Ruen	Becky Ruen
Lucy Hurrle	Anne Schindeldecker
Pastor Jon Rhodes	Andrew Mendez

## PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Bridget Anderson • Ken Beske • Roger Brack  
Denny Carey • John Christianson  
Karen Erickson • Melanie Kubischta  
Kenny Maxa • Gladys Michelsen  
Jeff Otto • Ellie Panek • Colleen Powell  
Susie Stiehl • Don Storlie • Sharon Syverson  
Eunice Ott • Harold Martin  
• George & Dona Silverness

### **Those who Mourn:**

Friends and family of Margaret Corrigan.  
Margaret when to God's Eternal Kingdom on  
Saturday, February 19. There will be a  
Celebration of Life at a later date.

Scott Selkirk, family and friends of John Selkirk.  
Scott's brother John entered God's Eternal  
Kingdom on Friday, February 18. John's  
Celebration of Life service was held on  
Saturday, February 26th.

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

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  
Miguel Nuno - nephew of Arcadio Gutierrez and  
Tania Drexler-Gutierrez  
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.**

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)**

March 8 & 22 — *Meets at church*

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

March 16 — *Meets at church*

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**

March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)**

March 12 & 26 — *Meets via Zoom*

## **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."**

## **LENTEN MEAL HELPERS**

Volunteers are needed to help with our Lenten  
Suppers. Beginning March 2, we will be serving  
soup and sandwiches starting at 5:30 p.m.

We need people or groups of people who would  
be willing to help in the following ways:

- Make soup
- Prepare sandwich ingredients
- Serve soup
- Clean up

Talk to your family, ministry team members, or  
other social group about signing up for a night to  
serve.

Thanks,

Congregational Life Ministry Team

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m.** in the

Fellowship Area. All are welcome to come join in the fun!

For questions about health and safety measures, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.



### BOOK CLUB:

We will be reading "The Henna Artist" by Alka Joshi and will be meeting on **March 23, at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



### CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, **Wednesday, March 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.

### SINGLES DINNER

Christiania's "Singles" group will meet on **Monday, March 21 @ 5:30 p.m.** The restaurant is yet to be determined. Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman for more information or to RSVP

### LUNCH BUNCH - Red Lobster

Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 am.** at Red Lobster in Burnsville. If you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.

## REFRESH COMMITTEE TO REQUEST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The congregational council will meet March 8. At that meeting the Refresh Committee plans to request a congregational meeting on April 10 to vote for a Capital Campaign for the financing of the Building Updates and Building Refresh. This campaign will be referred to as "The Revive Campaign." The plan is to present the renderings and financial information to the congregation on March 13 and the following three Sundays. There will be a presentation during the church service as well as a display and a forum to answer questions after the church service. The committee is excited to share the plans with all of the members of Christiania!

## EASTER FLOWERS SALE

The Worship Ministry Team is accepting orders for Easter Flowers. These plants are used to beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning. They may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones, or given to the glory of God. If you have questions, please call Joan Eckdahl at 952-469-4439.

Plant options this year are:

- White Easter Lily - \$12.00
- Pink Azalea - \$25.00
- Yellow Tulips - \$12.00
- Blue Hydrangea - \$30.00

**Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 27.**

Orders forms can be found at the Information Desk or on the church website. Orders may also be placed by calling the church office at 952-461-2283. Payments can be made online through VANCO or by mailing or delivering checks to the church office.

Please include in your order if the flowers are in memory of or in honor of someone.

Flowers can be picked up after the last Service on Easter Sunday. If you would prefer to donate your plant(s), please indicate that on the order form.



**March 2022** \*\* Y=You

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 8:00 a.m.:Bible Study	2 ASH V 9:30 11:30  12:00 1:00 5:00 5:30 6:30
6 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School/ Jumpstart 2:00 p.m.: Youth Group @ Bowlero	7 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m.: COVID Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	8 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch— Red Lobster 6:00 p.m.: Christiania Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	9 11:30 12:00 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00
13 <b>Day Light Saving Time Starts</b> 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School/ Jumpstart 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	16 9:30 11:30 12:00 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 6:30 7:00
20 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School/ Jumpstart 10:00 am.: Summer Youth Trip Meeting	21 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m.: Singles Dinner 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	22 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study	23 11:30 12:00 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 6:30 7:00
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>a.m.:</b> Quilters <b>p.m.:</b> Ash Wednesday Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Lunch <b>p.m.:</b> Curbside Ashes <b>p.m.:</b> Chancel Choir <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Supper <b>p.m.:</b> Ash Wednesday Worship	3 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Financial Review Team	4	5
<b>a.m.:</b> Lenten Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Lunch <b>p.m.:</b> NGCB <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Supper <b>p.m.:</b> Youth Bells <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Confirmation <b>p.m.:</b> Adult Bells	10 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Ministry Board Meeting	11	12 <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>a.m.:</b> CLCW <b>a.m.:</b> Lenten Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Lunch <b>p.m.:</b> Chancel Choir <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Supper <b>p.m.:</b> Youth Bells <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Confirmation <b>p.m.:</b> Adult Bells	17 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	18	19 <b>12:00 p.m.:</b> Visitation for Marietta Storlie <b>2:00 p.m.:</b> Memorial Service for Marietta Storlie
<b>a.m.:</b> Lenten Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Lunch <b>p.m.:</b> NGCB <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Supper <b>p.m.:</b> Youth Bells <b>p.m.:</b> Lenten Worship <b>p.m.:</b> Confirmation <b>p.m.:</b> Adult Bells	24 <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study	25	26 <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study
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# Children, Youth, & Family Updates

## All Ages



Going to camp provides a lifetime of great memories and often has a lasting impact on campers' faith journey. Camp Onomia has great programs for people of all ages. For more information about camp and to register, go to [camponomia.org](http://camponomia.org).

Financial assistance is available to any youth who wants to attend camp. See page 10 for more details.

### YOUTH PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

The annual youth plant sale is happening this month. Plants will once again come from Gertens. Orders may be placed directly through the Gertens website. More details will be coming soon. Contact Terry Laschinger at (952) 200-1807 with questions.

Proceeds from the plant sale help our youth attend camp and mission trips.



## Preschool-5th Grade



Program details can be found on our website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/Sunday-school](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/Sunday-school)

### Upcoming Lessons:

- Mar. 6: Joseph and Pharaoh-Week 3
- Mar. 13: The Prodigal Son-Week 1
- Mar. 20: The Prodigal Son-Week 2
- Mar. 27: The Prodigal Son-Week 3

### First Communion Class



We will celebrate First Communion during Holy Week. The preparation for First Communion involves a series of three classes with Pastor Jon. Those classes will be held in late March and early April. Any school-age child is welcome to participate. Contact the church office to sign up for the First Communion class.

### 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).



\*\*\*Adult and youth volunteers are vital to the success of our VBS experience. If you are interested in helping this summer, please contact Joe.



Saturday, April 16 from 9-noon  
Open to ages 2 thru 5th grade

Join us for crafts, games, and Easter Eggs!



# Children, Youth, & Family Updates

## 6th-12th Grade



Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders; friends are always welcome. We typically meet on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm. For the latest details, visit [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events).

**March 6:** Bowling at Bowlero in Lakeville

**April 3:** Escape Room (*High School ONLY*) — Sign up on the church website by 3/15/22.

**April 9:** Overnight Lock-in (*Middle School ONLY*) — Sign up on the church website by 4/1/22



### MISSION TRIP

The National Youth Gathering has been cancelled, but we aren't going to let that keep us from finding an opportunity to gather with other friends in Christ this summer. Camp Onomia has offered to host a regional gathering event. In partnership with Onomia and at least 5 other churches, we are working on ideas for service projects, learning opportunities, concert performances, and much more. The dates for this trip would be July 17-21, 2022.

There will be an information meeting on March 20 at 10 am in the youth room. Attendance via Zoom is possible with advance notice.



We are excited to announce the return of Jumpstart. 6th-12th grade students are invited to gather in the youth room after worship every Sunday. There will be good food, good fun, and good conversation.



### Easter Breakfast

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, 4/16, to help prepare food for the Easter Breakfast, and on Sunday, 4/17, to serve breakfast. A sign-up can be

found on the church website.



Program details can be found on our website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation).

#### Upcoming Lessons

Date	6th/7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
2/2	Service Project	The Greatest Prayer	Ministry Team Profile
2/9	Samuel and Saul	God's Kingdom and Will	Lutheran Worship Practices
2/16	King David	God Gives and Forgives	Hot Topics
2/23	A Split Kingdom	Temptation, Trial, & Deliverance	Connecting with God



## Financial Assistance for Camp

Every year, the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team designates a portion of their budget to help cover the cost of attending summer youth camps at Camp Onomia. This year, the CYF team has pledged \$100 per youth attending a full week program, and \$50 for those attending a partial week program. In addition, the CYF Team applies for a grant from the Christiania Foundation to at least match those contributions. Periodically, there are opportunities to raise money through events such as the youth plant and bake sales. Money raised from these events may also be used toward to cost of attending camp.

Here is how to access this financial assistance: First, go to [camponomia.org](http://camponomia.org) and register for camp. Then, go to the church website ([www.christianialutheranchurch.org/camp-onomia](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/camp-onomia)) and fill out the Camp Intent Form. In this form you will find the option to request funds from the CYF team, the Foundation, and from your fundraising account. This form will also enable us to connect people who are attending the same camp programs. Once we have this information, we will arrange for funds to be sent to Camp Onomia on your behalf. Any assistance from the Foundation is typically applied in August after we receive a confirmation from camp about which of our youth attended.

Because we believe so much in the value of camp, we do not want anyone to miss out due to financial hardship. If attending camp is cost-prohibitive for your family, please contact Joe or Pastor Jon to discuss the possibility of additional scholarship funds.

## Winter Retreat

On February 19, a group of 18 youth and adults went to Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells for their annual winter retreat. They enjoyed time at the waterparks, skiing, building friendships, and dwelling in the word. We are looking forward to what God will do through these relationships and experiences. Thank you for support this and all of the youth programs at Christiania. Enjoy a few pictures from our retreat.



## **Introducing: The Christiania Prayground**

You'll notice some changes to the sanctuary this month. In the front area of the chapel, we are creating a space called a prayground. There will surely be questions about this space, so I will attempt to address some of them here:

### **Q: What is a Prayground?**

A: The Pray-Ground is an area in the front of the chapel specifically set aside for young children during worship. It consists of a rug, a small table with child-sized chairs, coloring sheets, crayons, blocks, books, and soft toys.

### **Q: Who is the Prayground for?**

A: Generally-speaking, the Prayground is intended for toddlers up to about 6 years old. We may add infant swings and Bumbo seats in the coming months.

We recognize that the Prayground may not be appropriate for all children. For families that would prefer to keep their children with them in the pew, and need something to help hold their attention, we have Busy Bags, located at the back of the sanctuary. The nursery is also available, and is equipped with similar play elements as the Prayground. Parents are able to view the worship service on the TV as they sit with their child in the nursery.

### **Q: Why is the Prayground in the front?**

A: Because kids pay more attention when they can see what's going on, and they're short! Lots of churches have similar areas for kids in the back, or in the middle, or off to the side. We recognize that kids will play and color for much of the time, but they also pay attention to what's happening in worship. Church leaders from congregations that have their own prayground space have reported that they have seen imitating movements of the pastor as they lead worship. Sometimes they play air-handbells or pretend to direct the choir. Some parents have overheard their young children singing the liturgy at home. When they can see what's going on, they absorb things in a different way.

### **Q: How do you keep the kids from wandering up to the chancel area?**

A: We will create opportunities in worship to talk about the expectations. The large area rug will help set clear boundaries that kids can easily understand. We also ask that parents sit near the Prayground to monitor their children.

### **Q: Won't the kids be a distraction to the pastor or congregation?**

A: Likely not any more than they would be when they're in the pews. In any case, we trust parents to know best if their child is becoming too disruptive and would benefit by returning to the pew or visiting the nursery.

It may also help that, in our sanctuary, our Prayground is right up front but it's also somewhat off to the side.

It is our hope that this Prayground space will serve the Christiania community well, and provide a welcoming and engaging space for our families with young children. Please pray that this space will be a blessing to our congregation and visitors. As we begin this endeavor, the CYF team would appreciate feedback. How is this space working for your family? How might we improve the space?

Blessings,

Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation



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DATED MATERIAL



**Palm Sunday - April 10**  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.



**Good Friday - April 15**  
Worship: 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



**Maundy Thursday - April 14**  
Worship: 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



**Easter Sunday - April 17**  
Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Breakfast: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The newsletter is published monthly as a ministry of Christiania Lutheran Church of Lakeville, Minnesota. Articles are due by the 18th of each month. Got questions, suggestions, or items to include in the next edition? Contact Carri in the church office at [office@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org) or 952-461-2283.

**March's Food Shelf:**

We are collecting **canned meats** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the front entrance. Thank you for your contributions.