

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



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching...” (Hebrews 10:24-25a)

Congratulations Christiania Friends. The June 12 Congregational Meeting was a success, and our two votes: (a) to go forward with our Sanctuary Refresh Project; and (b) to sell the parsonage and ballfield properties, both passed. We can be thankful for so many who shared prayers, time, vision, and planning on behalf of the project. This next stage is often described as “where the work really begins.” We will continue to need prayers, support, and patience in the days ahead. I have no doubt the leadership teams will keep us informed as we await and work toward the first steps - likely to be the roof.

Many thanks to those who made Christiania’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) a success. We hosted about 50 kids each day, and I counted at least 15 student leaders and about 12 adult leaders daily. The energy is over-the-top, and amazing! They been played games, sung songs, ate, and learned about our Boundless God—the God who is without limits.

We’re reminded in the Bible verses above from Hebrews 10 that one of the church’s primary functions is to grow spiritually as Christ’s gathered community: *“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching...”* (Hebrews 10:24-25a). VBS is a great example of a gathered community focused on growth. A Bible study is another growing gathered community. The worshiping church is a third important gathered community focused on growth.

Thank you all who are spiritually growing and gathering for worship this summer—keep up the good work. For those who haven’t been gathering as regularly for worship, let me encourage you (as Hebrews suggests) to join us as God’s gathered people at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays and 9:00 am on Sundays. Both of those services can be found online at the same times, as well as any time after as they’re recorded on YouTube.

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Christiania is looking for a new Treasurer. The role is part-time, paid, averaging about twenty hours per month. Candidates will have a strong understanding of accounting principles, financial reporting requirements, and fund accounting. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, conscientious, and confidential. Job description can be found at www.christianialutheranchurch.org. Thank you, Lisa Schultze, for serving as Christiania's Treasurer since late 2020, and providing attention, guidance, and service to this community. If you or someone you know would make a good Treasurer, please get in contact with me. The position will remain open until filled.

Friends, enjoy the practices of summer but don't forget to be part of God's Gathered Community focused on community growth. Join us for worship and be connected to God like Christ was. Let's stay grounded and connected to God and God's community of Christiania.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

Come & Worship

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

Sunday, July 3: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Wednesday, July 6: 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion

Sunday, July 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, July 13: 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with a Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 17: 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship with Communion

Wednesday, July 20: 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion

Sunday, July 24: 9:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, July 27: 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

Sunday, July 31: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

June Worship Attendance

Sunday

June 5: O: **72** I: **127**

June 12 : O: **82** I: **162**

June 19: O: **58** I: **116**

June 26: O: —* I: **86**

Midweek

June 1: O: **36** I: **18**

June 8: O: **13** I: **26**

June 15: O: **16** I: **18**

June 22: O: —* I: **103**

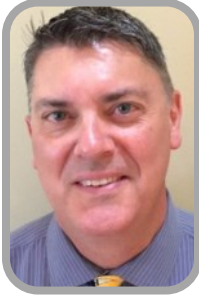
June 29: O: —* I: *

O=Online, I=In-person



On **Sunday, July 31** we will be celebrating July/ August birthdays.

We are asking the birthday folks to gather around the birthday cake during coffee hour for a group photograph. Thanks!



Bill Kanfield - Christiania Council President

I don't look up as much as I should when leaving church service. I know the banner reminding all of us that "Now the Service Begins!" is there, but sometimes I forget to see it and reflect. Maybe it's the same for you.

So I will remind everyone with this month's theme: And Now the Service Begins!

The loss of Lisa as Treasurer was sad news, but in everything there is an opportunity. We will start a search and selection process led by the Personnel committee; members of the Financial Review Committee have volunteered to sit in interviews and discussions. Maybe this is a service opportunity for someone in our congregation.

On 6/12 we got clear approval to move forward with both the Refresh project and selling two parcels of non-farmable church land to go toward financing the Refresh project. Even with approval, there are many, many 'implementation details' and decisions that need to be analyzed and made. And now the service begins!

Council motioned and approved the effort to contract with Jacobson Engineers & Surveyors to document the property lines and formalize the sale work with Eureka Township.

Josh (Treasured Spaces) and the Refresh team have already updated their task list and are moving forward. It might be a while before we actually see changes being made, but this service will be going forward.

Despite all this work, we cannot lose sight of the fact that this just renews our facilities. Ministry, mission, and outreach should be center-focus. And within this, service can come in many forms and can be part of our many teams.

So I leave everyone to enjoy summer and the 4th of July holiday knowing that within our Christiania community, there is a place for everyone and each of us can make a difference as we reflect – not just on Sundays – that Now the Service Begins!

Yours in faith,

Bill Kanfield, Christiania President

SEEKING ADVENTURE AND PURPOSE?!?!?

Christiania has been in relationship with Ihemi Tanzania parish for over 20 years and "presence" with them is an important pillar of that relationship. Bo and Juli Skillman are seeking individuals/groups to travel with them this fall or in 2023 if longer term planning suits you better. Trip length and budget can be managed to fit individual needs.

Young or old, such a trip will change your life and grow your faith. To explore possibilities, please call Bo at 612-889-9329 or Juli at 952-393-8158. If nothing else, we think you would enjoy learning more about this partnership and these brothers and sisters.

PRAYER REQUESTS



For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson	Gladys Michelsen
Ken Beske	Eunice Ott
Denny Carey	Jeff Otto
John Christianson	Harold Martin
Coleen Powell	Karen Erickson
Susie Stiehl	Dale (Skip) Fredrickson
Don Storlie	Lois Haglund
Sharon Syverson	Melanie Kubischta
Yvonne Anderson	Doc Aaker
Kim Robertson	Rob Ruh

For the Newly Baptized

5/22/22 Hattie Novack, Hunter Melgaard & Phillip Fitterer
6/12/22 Cameron Besse

For friends of our community:

Michael Butler, brother of Becky Ruen
Anne Zimanske, friend of Sue Jacobson
Stephanie Hoelscher, mother of Tia Burnham
Richard Hoelscher, step-father of Tia Burnham
Mike Schultz, friend of Cindy Hildreth
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
Miguel Nuno - nephew of Arcadio & Tannia Drexler -Gutierrez

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



Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
July 5, 12, 19 & 26

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)
July 12 & 26

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW)
Christiania Lutheran Church Women
July 20

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
July 7, 14, 21 & 28

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)
July 9 & 23

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."



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 about being a Friendly Visitor, call Tia Burnham at 952-380-7502 or Andrew Mendez at 952-890-9212.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on
Wednesday, July 6 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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at Firehouse Grille in New Market, MN on **Wednesday, July 13 at 11:30 am.** If you have

questions, please call Sandy

Cross at 952-607-8211.



SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiana's "Singles" group will meet at **Chianti Grill in Burnsville on Tuesday, July 19 @ 5:30 p.m.** Please call Carri in the church

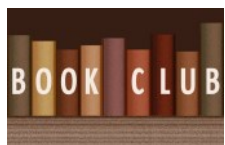
office, Cindy Hildreth at 612-636-0917 or Barb Bachman at 651-463-21399 for more information or to RSVP.



CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, **Wednesday, July 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. Join us for just the Bible Study or stay for the whole morning.

BOOK CLUB:



We will be reading "TBD" and will be meeting on **July 27, 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 being formed. The group meets four times a year and everyone in the group gets a chance to be the host, The meals are pot luck. If you haven't gotten a chance to sign up for a group, or if you would like more information, call Lucy Hurrle at 507-581-0019.

POT LUCK DINNER

On **Wednesday, July 13 at 5:30 pm** we will be having a potluck dinner before Worship.

If you would like you can bring a dish to share. All are welcome to join in this meal.



If you are unsure of what to bring you can contact Lucy Hurrle at 507-581-0019.

DINNER GROUP LIST

If you have signed up to be a part of the dinner groups, you will receive your distribution list on **Wednesday, July 13.** If you would still like to sign up or if you have questions about the dinner groups, please contact Lucy Hurrle at 507-581-0019.



thanks you from the bottom of our heart!

MISSION GARDEN

Volunteers needed for:

- 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.

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p>3 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion and NGCB 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4 Independence Day Office Closed</p>	<p>5 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m.: Q 6:30 p.m.: W C 7:00 p.m.: Fi R M 7:00 p.m.: B M</p>
<p>10 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Worship Team Meeting 10:30 a.m.: CYF Team Meeting</p>	<p>11 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>12 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</p>	<p>13 11:30 a.m.: Lu 5:00 p.m.: N 5:30 p.m.: P D 6:30 p.m.: W</p>
<p>17 Summer Youth Trip 8:00 a.m.: Membership Ministry Team 9:00 a.m.: Outdoor Worship with Communion with NGCB 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>18 Summer Youth Trip 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>19 Summer Youth Trip 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.: Singles Dinner 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>20 Summer Yo 9:30 a.m.: C 6:30 p.m.: W C</p>
<p>24 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>25 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>26 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>27 11:30 a.m.: B 5:00 p.m.: N 6:30 p.m.: W</p>
<p>31 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion and Weier Baptisms 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour w/ Celebration of July & August Birthdays</p>			

2022

	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Quilters Worship with Communion Financial Review Team Meeting Boundless Trip Meeting	7 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	8	9 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study
Lunch Bunch GCB Hot Luck Dinner Worship	14 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.: Missions Team Meeting	15	16
Youth Trip LCW Worship with Communion	21 Summer Youth Trip 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	22	23 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study 11:00 a.m.: Visitation 12:00 p.m.: Bonita & Wayne Markison Memorial Service followed by hospitality and a lunch
Book Club GCB Worship	28 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	29	30

CLCW SUMMER



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?

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND AN UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR:

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE,



Website Link

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA,



AND SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAILS THROUGH CONSTANT CONTACT.



Christiania Lutheran Church Treasurer Job Description

TITLE Treasurer

REPORTS TO Senior Pastor

POSITION SUMMARY

The Christiania Lutheran Church (CLC) Treasurer is a paid, part-time position averaging 20 hours per month. The Treasurer is accountable for the management of monies and financial records of the church. The Treasurer is responsible for the oversight and arrangement for the proper recording of all financial transactions and proper handling according to generally accepted accounting principles and Christiania's policies and procedures. The Treasurer is responsible for reporting to the Congregation Council financial conditions at the monthly meetings, ensuring audits are conducted in accordance with our constitution and the preparation of the annual budget and financial statements. The Treasurer is hired by the Senior Pastor in partnership with the Personnel Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS

A strong understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial reporting requirements. A CPA is preferred.

Familiarity with Budget development and budget variance monitoring.

Possess the ability to meet deadlines, work under pressure, and preserve confidentiality.

Strong ability to work and communicate with colleagues and partners in a collaborative style while able to take initiative and work independently.

A working knowledge of Icon Systems our church software system preferable.

A working knowledge of Microsoft 360 including Microsoft Teams preferable.

Strong preference for knowledge of ELCA and Lutheran practices.

To inquire about this position, please contact Pastor Jon at pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org.



CHRISTIANIA REFRESH AND REVIVE UPDATE

At the congregational meeting on June 12 those members present overwhelmingly passed the resolution to approve the Refresh Project. A second vote was also passed that approved the sale of two parcels of church property. The property to be sold contains the parsonage and the ball field.

This is an exciting time at Christiania. A time of rejoicing and a time of humble gratitude to all those who have made this possible. We ask for continued prayer as we move forward. We know the Lord will be leading us every step of the way.

What's Next?

There are many new questions now. When will the project start? What will happen first? When will the land be put on the market? Where will we worship during the construction? When will the project be completed?

As soon as answers to these and other questions are firmed up the details of the project will be communicated in the newsletter, on the website and in the Sunday bulletin.

Currently approximately \$865,000 has been pledged/given to this project. We continue to ask for prayerful consideration of your contribution so that we can reach our goal. If you are unable to contribute financially we are so thankful for your prayers.

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalms 118:14

WHAT IS AMAZON SMILE?



Amazon Smile is a shopping initiative that has assisted thousands of charities and nonprofit organizations. The initiative is designated in a way that a small percentage of whatever a customer buys goes to the charity or nonprofit of their choice.

Christiania Lutheran Church can now be selected when you shop on Amazon.

How to use amazonsmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity/nonprofit
4. Start shopping! Remember to always shop at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity. Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop smile.amazon.com

During the Revive Campaign the proceeds will be used for this project. However, in the future the revenue collected will continue to benefit our congregation in various ways.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

Volunteer Opportunities



Sunday School Superintendent

We are looking for one or two people to partner with the CYF Team to lead our Sunday School Program for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Joe, Pastor Jon, or a member of the CYF Team if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.



Confirmation Assistant

We are looking for someone to assist with administrative tasks (communication, printing, etc.) related to our confirmation program for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Joe, Pastor Jon, or a member of the CYF Team if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.



Car & Tractor Sunday

We will be serving food on August 7 for Car & Tractor Sunday. Middle School and High School youth can sign up to help by going to the Youth Events page of the church website. (www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events)

Programs/Activities

Youth Summer Trip:



God's Boundless Love @ Camp

On July 17-21, we will be sending 12 of our youth and four adults up to Camp Onomia for a regional youth gathering event. They will experience service, inspiration, and fun as they explore themes connected to caring for creation, self, and others. Please keep this group in your prayers.

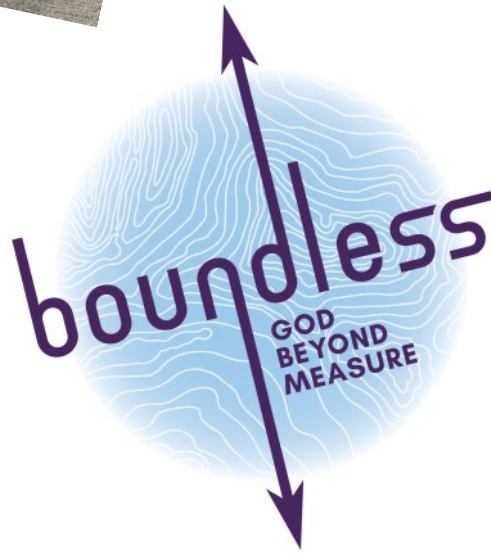


Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders; friends are always welcome. We typically meet on the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm.

July: Because of the Boundless trip, there will not be a regular youth group activity this month.

August 7: Activity TBD

For the latest details, visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events.



Christiana Lutheran Church
VBS 2022



Vacation Bible School

During the week of June 20, we welcomed nearly 50 children to our Vacation Bible School program. They were led by more than 15 youth and a dozen adult volunteers. A special thank you to Morgan Emmons for her leadership throughout the week.



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July's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **COOKIES** and **CRACKERS** 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!