

# Christiania Newsletter

January 2023

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

SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



***“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; look,  
new things have come into being.”  
Corinthians 5:17***

Christiania friends,  
Hard to believe but we are entering a new year: 2023. So many possibilities and so many opportunities. 2022 was a year of opportunities and challenges. 2023 seems to be a year of hope and possibilities. In Christ, everything is new. I’ve always enjoyed looking back to see where we’ve been and then looking forward to seeing where we’re headed.

Looking back at 2022, some memorable highlights include approving our sanctuary refresh campaign and beginning preparations for starting the work in 2023. You all did a wonderful job of considering your support and contributing to the project. In fact, over 70 percent of the total project was received right away in gifts and commitments. The remainder looks to be filled by additional gifts and proceeds of the sale of our parsonage—another memorable event.

Early in 2022 we welcomed former Director of Bega Kwa Bega, Peter Harrits, and right after Thanksgiving we hosted District Pastor Lwila and Assistant Bishop Mgeyekwa who both serve the Lutheran Church in Iringa, Tanzania. Early in the year we also hosted our great partners from Urban Ventures in Minneapolis—Gary Ross (Farm Manager) and Mark-Peter Lundquist (VP Social Enterprise). What difference-makers Gary and Mark-Peter are for this really important ministry.

In 2022 we also enjoyed our first Summer Worship and Picnic at Wagner Park in Elko New Market. In the fall of 2022 families with Sunday School and Confirmation age young people returned in greater numbers than we’ve experienced in the prior two years. In 2022 we also reconnected with our friends from Highview Christiania Lutheran and St. Nicholas Catholic Church and their leaders, Pastor Amy Johnson and Father Michael Rudolph in what used to be an annual gathering—Thanksgiving Eve Worship.

At the end of 2022 we saw Joe Jorgensen lead his final worship as our Director of Faith Formation. Thank you for your great commitment and service to Christiania and its people—you’ve done a great job. We’ve imagined that we are helping equip you in becoming a pastor.

*Continued on next page »*

## In this issue... (This will reflect actuals when Newsletter is done)

Worship Info .....	2 & 3	Bible Study Info .....	2
Opportunities to Serve .....	3	General Announcements ....	6
CYF Update.....	7	Prayer Requests .....	3
Calendar .....	4 & 5		

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

We send Joe and his family (Alissa, Erica, Jessa, and Andrew) with our love and appreciation as well as blessings for their internship pastoring year at Oak Grove Lutheran in Richfield beginning in January. May Christiania always feel like home to you all.

2023 we expect to learn about ourselves and be challenged as we welcome Nick Clark as Christiania's part-time (20 hours per week) Youth Minister. Nick and his organization (InterServe) will provide us some assistance in looking inward so we can serve outward. We also expect InterServe will help us with some communications work in preparation for our new website—also coming in 2023.

On a personal note: 2023 will begin with a January trip for me to the Holy Land. Traveling with pastors and other church leaders from the U.S., I expect to travel through Tiberias, Bethlehem, Capernaum, Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, Golan Heights, Mount Carmel, Caesarea Philippi, and Qumran. During our travels we expect to visit special places like Mount of Beatitudes, Mount of Temptation, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jordan River, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Jacob's Well, Shepherd's Field, Church of the Nativity, Pools of Bethesda, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Western Wall and Temple Mount. I hope you'll join me in praying for travel safety and learning, protection for my family, and an amazing experience of God and God's holy places that can inform and grow my teaching and preaching.

God has so much in store for us in 2023. Join us for our Annual Meeting after worship on Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Let us enter the new year with a sense of expectation and excitement.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

# Come & Worship

All Worship Services are offered in person as well as online via YouTube unless otherwise noted.

**Sunday, January 1:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Wednesday, January 4:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship w/Communion

**Sunday, January 8:** 9:00 a.m. Worship

**Wednesday, January 11:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

**Sunday, January 15:** 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

**Wednesday, January 18:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship w/Communion

**Sunday, January 22:** 9:00 a.m. Worship

**Wednesday, January 25:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

**Sunday, January 29:** 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion followed by the Annual Meeting



**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.** January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)** January 10 & 24 — *Meets at church*

**Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. (CLCW) Christiania Lutheran Church Women**  
January 18 — *Meets at church*

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.** January 5, 12, 19, & 26 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)** January 14 & 28 — *Meets via Zoom*

**For these of our congregation:**

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Yvonne Anderson  | Eunice Ott       |
| Ken Beske        | Jeff Otto        |
| Denny Carey      | Colleen Powell   |
| Susie Stiehl     | Sharon Syverson  |
| Alissa Jorgensen | Linda Camp       |
| Sierra Hansen    | Kenny Feilen Jr. |
| Lynn Dale        | John Dennehey    |
| John Storlie     | Sandy Cross      |
| Bonnie Lindquist | Karen Erickson   |

**Others:**

- Carl Wicklund & Judy Cummings Wicklund, father and sister of Kim Duffrin  
 Doug DePauw, uncle of Sam & Pete Rhodes  
 Justin Schiermeister, nephew of Donna Silverness  
 Jack, friend of the Holien family  
 Chelsea Lawrence, niece of Julie & Peter Johnson  
 Milt Strang, brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen  
 Julie Smith, daughter of Pete Petersen  
 Dalton Cole, son of Sierra Hansen & Dan Cole  
 Tom Beckerle, friend of Ron and Mary Ovans  
 Judy, mother of Daron DuLac

**For those who mourn:**

Carl & Jeanette Hooper, Kathy Hooper, Jessica, Abigail, Lynette Moe, Lori & Todd Keech as they mourn the loss of their son, husband, father and brother, Jim Hooper. Jim passed away on December 18. Jim's memorial was held on December 28 in Des Moines, IA.

Devora, Christian, & John, as they mourn the death of their father, John Christianson, who passed away on November 28. Visitation and service will be held at Christiania on January 27 & 28, 2023.

**In the Military:**

- Rachel Estrem, *servicing in the National Guard*  
 Courtney Johnston, *niece of Denise Kanfield*  
 Andrew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*  
 Matthew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*  
 Brenden Rogers, *nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers*  
 Josh Dennehey, *son of John Dennehey*  
 Christian Weidling, *nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn*  
 Max Baker, *grandson of Sandy Cross*  
 Miguel Nuno, *nephew of Arcadio & Tania Gutierrez*  
 John Rogers, *son of Mark & Lori Rogers*

**If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain, please contact Carri in the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless an extension is requested.**

**COME SERVE**



**VIDEO OPERATORS**

Streaming worship needs video operators. Ideally, a small team of individuals can rotate every Sunday (similar to ushers and other volunteers). We will provide training; it will be easier to run than your smart phones! Ages from high school and up are welcome to participate in this exciting outreach opportunity! Please contact Dr. Matt if interested.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

We're looking for volunteers to serve as:



**LECTORS**

Read the assigned scripture passage. If interested, please sign up on our website.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS**

Help lead prayers and other portions of worship. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon or sign up on our website.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Help distribute bread and wine during communion. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon.

**TO SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE, JUST CLICK ON "HOW DO I SERVE."**

**GREETERS**

If you are interested in volunteering to be a greeter on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings before worship, please contact Carri in the office.

**COFFEE HOUR HELPERS**

**SERVERS**

We need help serving coffee on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the board located in the Fellowship Area or call Carri in the church office.

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>1  <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</b></p>	<p>2  <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</b></p>	<p>3  <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>4  <b>9:30 a.m.:</b>  <b>12:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>    <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b></p>
<p>8  <b>9:00 a.m.: Worship</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Worship Team Meeting  <b>10:15 a.m.:</b> Sunday School  <b>2:00 p.m.:</b> Youth &amp; Family Event: Tubing at Buck Hill</p>	<p>9  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>10  <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study  <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00 p.m.:</b> Exec. Council Meeting    <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>11  <b>11:30 a.m.:</b>  <b>12:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b></p>
<p>15  <b>9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour  <b>10:15 a.m.:</b> Sunday School  <b>11:00 a.m.:</b> CYF Team Meeting</p>	<p>16  <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>    <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>17  <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Singles Dinner</p>	<p>18  <b>9:30 a.m.:</b>  <b>12:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>    <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b></p>
<p>22  <b>9:00 a.m.: Worship</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour  <b>10:15 a.m.:</b> Sunday School</p>	<p>23  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>24  <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study  <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>25  <b>11:30 a.m.:</b>  <b>12:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:00 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>6:30 p.m.:</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b></p>
<p>29  <b>9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour/Annual Meeting  <b>10:15 a.m.:</b> Sunday School</p>	<p>30  <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>31  <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study  <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting</p>	

# y 2023

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Quilters Announcements Due NGCB Meal Youth Bells <b>Mid-Week Worship            w/Communion</b> Confirmation Adult Bells	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Financial Review Team Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Lunch Bunch— Firehouse Grille Announcements Due Chancel Choir Meal Youth Bells <b>Mid-Week Worship</b> Confirmation Adult Bells	<b>12</b> <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	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study
CLCW Announcements Due NGCB Meal Youth Bells <b>Mid-Week Worship            w/Communion</b> Confirmation Adult Bells	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Book Club Announcements Due Chancel Choir Meal Youth Bells <b>Mid-Week Worship</b> Confirmation Adult Bells	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>6:00 p.m.:</b> Visitation for John & Norma Christianson	<b>28</b> <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Christenson <b>11:00 a.m.:</b> Memorial Service for John & Norma Christianson followed by a luncheon

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### QUILT TYING

The quilters meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. All are welcome to come next month and join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.



### SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiania's "Singles" group welcomes all to meet for dinner, friendship and fun lively conversation. The group gathers at different local restaurant's each month. The next gathering is at Porterhouse Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Lakeville **on Tuesday, January 17 @ 5:30 p.m.** Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.



### LUNCH BUNCH -

#### **Please RSVP to Carol**

Lunch Bunch will meet at Firehouse Grille in New Market on **Wednesday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m.** For questions & RSVP's, or if you would like to carpool from church, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286. Hope to see you all there!



**CHRISTIANIA  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WOMEN**

**Wednesday, January 18 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.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CHRISTIANIA  
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIANIA  
LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION WILL BE  
HELD JANUARY 29 FOLLOWING THE 9AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

The congregation will be able to review the Annual Report on Sunday, January 22.

### BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting on January 25 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch; and something to drink. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

### GIVING STATEMENTS:

Annual giving statements will go out during the week of January 2. If you have questions or changes, please contact Carri in the church office right away.

# Children, Youth, & Family Updates



Camp Onomia is offering some winter retreat options:

- Elementary Chill, grades 3-6 (January 27-29)
- Middle School Blast, grades 6-8 (February 24-26)

**They have also published their youth summer program options for 2023.**

For more information and to register, go to [camponomia.org](http://camponomia.org)



We have a new way to help us relate to each other: **Christiania's Communication Station!** In the hallway next to our church office, you will find posters with pictures of the children and youth who are currently, or have been in the recent past, enrolled in our Sunday School, Confirmation, Faith Alive, and camp ministries at our church.

If you wish to follow through on the promise we make on the day of Baptism, that is, to support these sisters and brothers in their Faith journey, join us in a new idea. Simply choose someone from the posterboards, write them a note, and place it in our mailbox. The cards are provided for you, or you may use your own.

On monthly 'mail days,' our kids and young adults will receive their cards from the adults in our congregation. Don't worry that someone will be missed...we will check to make sure all have mail. If you aren't able to make it to church, you may get a call, text, or email asking you to connect with one of these children by writing a note.

Thank you for starting on a new journey to build strong relationships within our church family!



Students in preschool thru grade 5 are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for Sunday School programming.



6th-9th grade students gather on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00. Our time together will include the Wednesday evening worship service as well as classroom instruction.

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



**Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Elko, MN 55020  
PERMIT #3**

26691 Pillsbury Avenue  
Lakeville, MN 55044

**Phone: 952-461-2283**


**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Find us online:**  
[www.ChristianaLutheranChurch.org](http://www.ChristianaLutheranChurch.org)  
[www.facebook.com/christianialutheran](http://www.facebook.com/christianialutheran)

DATED MATERIAL

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:**  
Please have your annual reports in the office no later than **Monday, January 9.**  
Reports will be available for viewing on Sunday, January 22. If you have questions, contact Carri in the church office.

**January's Food Shelf:**



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

<b>December Worship Attendance</b>	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Midweek</i>
<b>December 4:</b> O: 110 I: 142	<b>December 7:</b> O: 52 I: 30
<b>December 11:</b> O: I: 149	<b>December 14:</b> O: 25 I: 42
<b>Christmas Concert:</b> I: 102	
<b>December 18:</b> 3:O: * I:128	<b>December 21:</b> N/A
<b>Children's Program:</b> I: 115	
<b>December 24: Christmas Eve</b>	
<b>3:00 pm:</b> 63	
<b>4:00 pm:</b> 110	
<b>9:30 pm:</b> 168	
<b>December 25:</b> O: * I: 84	<b>December 28:</b> N/A
O=Online, I=In-person	
*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it	

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.