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### Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship/Sunday School/Jump Start  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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### January's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **chili, soups & stews** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

Deadline for the **February** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **January 18**. Email info. to the church office at [office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org](mailto:office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org).

Attention: Thrivent members. Are you using the Action Team Grant(s) available to you? If you do any business with Thrivent, you have at least one of these grants available to you every year; some members have two. These can be used for youth fundraisers and many of the activities already happening at Christiania, or other projects in our community. Sign on to your Thrivent account to learn more and to apply.

#### How it works

Think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

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# Christiania Newsletter

January 2019



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



### January Sunday Worship

#### January 6 - Matt 2:1-12 Epiphany of Our Lord

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School/Budget Forum  
10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Worship/Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band

#### January 13 - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

#### January 20 - John 2:1-11 Epiphany Mission Sunday

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/New Member Welcome

#### January 27 - Luke 4:14-21 Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/**Annual Meeting**  
10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band



# January Ministries

## January 2019

### Prayers of Concern

#### For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson Crisa Aasen  
 Mary Peterson Dave Olson  
 Scott Mischke Tolly Swan  
 Carole Schafer Keith Fredrickson  
 Martha Nelson Marjorie Tonsager  
 Lois Haglund Margaret Corrigan  
 Ellie Panek Michael Boerner  
 Jeff Martin Gladys Michelsen

#### For those who also need healing:

Jim Hooper, son of Carl and Jeanette Hooper  
 Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom  
 Karen Cejka, co-worker of Joan Eckdahl  
 Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and Eckdahl's  
 Izzy Donovan, daughter of Chris and Jackie Donovan  
 Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson  
 Louise Leidner, friend of Sandy Cross  
 Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross  
 Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister and brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist  
 Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation  
 Marc, friend of Greg Silus  
 Cathryn Jacobson, sister in law of Bob & Arlene Jacobson  
 George Kasper, friend of Sue Jacobson  
 Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch  
 Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson  
 Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker  
 Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine  
 Bill & Jean Maki, parents of Kelly Ronn  
 Ron Moe, Hooper's son-in-law  
 Chuck Crosby, Deb's husband. Lori & Mark's friend  
 Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel  
 Dave, father of Brian Aasen  
 Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover  
 Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son  
 Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members  
 Brian, son of George Kasper  
 Earl, friend of Cal Tonsager  
 Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum  
 Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield  
 Annie, friend of Lori Rogers  
 Wally Petersen, brother of Gladys Bolton, Pete Petersen  
 Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

#### In Military:

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson)  
 Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)  
 Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew)

#### PRAYER CHAIN:

TO BE ADDED TO THE EMAIL LIST TO RECEIVE WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS, PLEASE EMAIL [OFFICE@CHRISTIANIALUTHERANCHURCH.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@CHRISTIANIALUTHERANCHURCH.ORG).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

### Greeters

January 6	LeRoy and Lori Clausen
January 13	Jack and Joan Eckdahl
January 20	Jerry and Audrey Wicklund
January 27	Hank and Janice Geissler

### Lectors

January 6	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Aiden Petersen Kim Robertson
January 13	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Lori Peterson Judie Thompson
January 20	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sharon Syverson Bob Monio
January 27	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Lori Clausen Bob Monio

### Communion Assistants

January 6	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus, Mariann Storlie & Sue Jacobson
January 20	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus Joan Eckdahl

### Usher Captains & Ushers

January	Bob Monio & Sharon Buckley	Group #3
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### Offering Counters

January 6	Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
January 13	Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
January 20	Judy Hanson & Karen Frame
January 27	Judy Hanson & Karen Frame

### Coffee Servers

January 6	Dick & Carol Ostlie
January 13	Mike & Martha Donahoe
January 20	Scott & Lonna Selkirk
January 27	Doug & Phyllis Hullett

### Altar Guild

January	Lucy Hurre & Sue Beske
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 9:30 a.m. Quilters	3	4	5 8:30 a.m. Recharge Event
6 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Jump Start/Coffee Fellowship/Budget Forum 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/NGCB 12:00 p.m. CYF Meeting 6:00 p.m. Middle School/High School Bowling Event	7	8 7:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Kitchen Cleaning 6:00 p.m. Ex. Council	9 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Bells 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	11	12 8:30 a.m. Altar Guild Cleaning & Meeting 9:00 a.m. Active Shooter Introduction Class
13 8:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Jump Start/Coffee Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 12:00 p.m. Interserve Meeting	14	15 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	16 9:30 a.m. CLCW 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Bells 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. FRC Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	18	19
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Valentine's Day will be here soon. The CLCW is again sponsoring cookie boxes for delivery to our senior members and those in need of a little cheer. February may be the shortest month of the year but the days seem to drag with dreary weather. We would like volunteers to bring two dozen cookies before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday February 9. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the kiosk for cookies and delivery. If you would like to deliver and visit a member, boxes will be available at 11:00 Saturday and between services on Sunday, the 10. Questions, contact Linda Otto, 952-469-8561 or [ottolm@frontiernet.net](mailto:ottolm@frontiernet.net).

### ALTAR GUILD

**This is your opportunity to be part of the Altar Guild.** Advent begins a new year on the church calendar and this would be a GREAT time to join the Altar Guild. This behind the scenes group has the important responsibility of making sure the sanctuary and altar area are ready for Sunday worship, communion, baptisms and funerals. If you are a new member you will be paired with an "experienced" member to help you become comfortable with the tasks.

### Saturday, January 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Is our meeting and "cleaning day." You don't have to be a member of the Altar Guild to help with the cleaning project! We will also hold our annual meeting after our work is completed. At this meeting our members will sign up for the month(s) they would like to be in charge. If you have any questions or would like to JOIN, contact Jane Ward at 651-815-8826 or [jane.sansgaard.ward@gmail.com](mailto:jane.sansgaard.ward@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY MEALS

Christiania is hosting Wednesday Meals this Confirmation season. If you would like to cook a main dish (we provide all side dishes, desserts and beverages), please contact Rachel Fausch at 612-756-0406 or [rachel.fausch@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.fausch@hotmail.com).

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

**Cost:** \$4/person

**Menu:** tbd



### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### JANUARY

**Projects for 2019** – The Property Committee is hoping for a positive response to our 2019 budget request. With that approved, we will move forward with the bathroom and kitchen updates.

Property Committee Membership – Dave Mohling has requested appointment to the Property Committee in 2019. The 2019 Council will approve this appointment in February. Please let us know if you also would like to serve on this committee. Thank you, Dave.

This was Steve Anderson's last year on Property Committee. His schedule hasn't allowed him the opportunity to work on church projects this year. His employer has a policy to allow staff to take one day off with pay for a community service project. On Tuesday, December 18, Steve leveled the storage sheds, replaced

and repaired seals and adjusted the latch mechanisms on the back double doors, removed arms from all spare chairs, replaced bathroom light fixture bulbs with direct wire LEDs and removed ballast, and reinstalled the 4-towel hanger in the kitchen. Thank you, Steve, you will be missed. We don't realize how many individual hours these gentlemen (Brad Smith and Scott Tempel) put in making sure our church is in great shape.

Blessings from your Property Committee: Brad Smith Chair, Scott Tempel, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann, and Bruce Mohn (Liaison from Council).

### CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir is open to confirmed youth and adults, regardless of musical experience (reading music is not required). Weekly rehearsals are **Wednesdays from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. **Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Matt Steinbron

### CHORISTER CHOIR

Children (K-5) will rehearse during the opening of Sunday School each Sunday through the school year. **Chorister Choir Director:** Joe Jorgensen

### HANDBELL CHOIRS

The Handbell Choirs rehearse on **Wednesday evenings** through the school year. The Youth Handbell Choir meets from 6:00 - 6:25 p.m. and the Adults from 6:30-7:10 p.m.

### Handbell Directors:

Debbie Lundeen ([dlundeen60@gmail.com](mailto:dlundeen60@gmail.com))  
Sharon Thompson ([sharonthompson@frontiernet.net](mailto:sharonthompson@frontiernet.net))

### NITTY GRITTY CHURCH BAND

Our "non-traditional" band includes vocalists, standard band instruments (guitar, bass, piano), and specialty instruments (mandolin, accordion, banjo, etc.). We welcome enthusiastic musicians who are confident with their voice or instrument. The band plays during most 10:45 a.m. services during the school year, and rehearses from 4:45-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays preceding those services. Please contact Dr. Matt for more information.

### VARIETY SHOW AND SPAGHETTI DINNER Sunday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Talents are abound at Christiania, and they will be showcased during a Variety Show on February 24 at 4:00 p.m. A spaghetti dinner will follow the show! The show is open to any act, whether it is musical or not, small or large groups, young or old, etc. Music is not restricted to sacred music as long as it is appropriate for all ages. Space in the show is limited and is first come first serve, so please email or speak with Dr. Matt if you are interested in sharing your gift!



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### Christiania Staff

**Pastor Jon Rhodes** Senior Pastor  
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**Dr. Matt Steinbron** Music Minister  
[worship@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:worship@christianialutheranchurch.org)

**Carri Tuma** Office Manager  
[office@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org)

**Joe Jorgensen** CYF Leader  
[cyfleader@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:cyfleader@christianialutheranchurch.org)

**Cliff Martin** Custodian

**Rachel Fausch** Treasurer

### Other Contacts

**Denise Kanfield** Council President  
**Jane Ward** Chair Altar Guild  
**Debbie Lundeen** Bells Director  
**Joe Jorgensen** Chorister Choir Director  
**Linda Otto** Church Women (CLCW)  
**Bob Monio** Usher Co-Coordinator  
**Daryl Rieck** Usher Co-Coordinator  
**Juli Skillman** Care Team Coordinator  
**Kim Robertson** Sunday School Superintendent

Volunteers are needed to be lectors and communion assistants. If you are available for either, please contact Madalyn Petersen at [madandpete@gmail.com](mailto:madandpete@gmail.com)

### Executive Council

**President:** Denise Kanfield  
**Vice-President:** Bruce Mohn  
**Secretary:** Maren Sansgaard

**At Large Members:** Kim Robertson  
Lori Clausen Brian McGregor  
Greg Silus Derrick Hongerholt  
**Treasurer:** Rachel Fausch  
**Senior Pastor:** Pastor Jon Rhodes

### Ministry Board

Fayette Ames  
Sharon Buckley  
Adam Fausch  
Joe Jorgensen  
Sherri Mohn  
Madalyn Petersen  
Pastor Jon Rhodes

### CYF

Joe Jorgensen  
Kersten Richter  
Dan Richter  
Tia Burnham  
Jodi & Tim Emmons  
Sara McGregor  
Kim Robertson  
Maren Sansgaard

### Membership

Adam Fausch  
Sue Beske  
Polly Flaa  
Melanie Ostlie

Lori Rogers  
Terra Henry

### Congregational Life

Dona Jo Braun  
Eunice Estrem  
Sherri Mohn  
Mariann Storlie

### Property

Brad Smith  
Steve Anderson  
Scott Tempel  
Jeanne Hoffmann

### Mission

Sharon Buckley  
Terra Henry  
Scott Tempel  
Kaylee Wilkins

### Stewardship

Barb Bachman  
Fayette Ames  
Christian Donovan  
Joel Ruen

### Worship

Madalyn Petersen  
Vonny Laddusaw  
Robin Martin  
Dr. Matt Steinbron  
Pastor Jon Rhodes  
Cheryl Schindeldecker



### MESSAGE FROM SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

*There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:18-21)*

I woke up on the day after Christmas—the second day of Christmas—thinking, “What happened?” and “How did Christmas go so quickly?” Curious questions as the season of Advent—the waiting of Advent—seemed to last forever. And this year, like most years, I wondered when Christmas would finally arrive. And then, in the blink of an eye, it’s gone.

What a beautiful and meaningful season Advent was here at Christiania. We remembered stories of the faithful preparations of God’s followers of long ago. We have remembered the stories of God’s people including: John the Baptist; Elizabeth & Zechariah; and Mary and Joseph. In the stories we heard what trust in God looks like. We also heard about signs, following signs, and the Angels speaking signs. Together we wondered aloud, “What then should we do?” in order to consider our faithful response to God’s blessing.

Then Christmas Eve arrived...WOW...just WOW! What a glorious festival made extra celebratory by the never-ending variety of voices and instruments, the abundance of candles, the faces of all ages—and their smiles. A perfect way to remember Jesus’ arrival as light in the darkness as we remember the Incarnation in Christ’s birth.

We also gathered on Christmas day morning to worship the newborn king with word and song of Jesus’ birth and the changing of the world in God’s Incarnation. And we lit more candles. That day, God’s faithful here at Christiania shared their signs of a living messiah. God’s spirit was present.

I remind all that the twelve days of Christmas follow Jesus’ birth. Thanks be to God that Christmas is not over. Let us make the transition from sharing the long-ago stories of other faithful people to sharing our faith-filled stories. Together, let us be God’s sign of light in a dark world that our hope will overcome our fear. Jesus makes clear our purpose: to love God and love people. What a glorious gift this will be!

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

**There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 27  
Ministry team reports are due in the office no later than  
Wednesday, January 16.**



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It is exciting to welcome in 2019! 2018 was a year of transition and it feels like 2019 we will have an opportunity to begin settling into our new rhythm. We have an exciting future in front of us and a great opportunity for everyone to be a part of God’s great work.

Celebrating Jesus’ birth in December at Christiania was uplifting! The Christmas Festival and Children’s Program both went quite well. I’m looking forward to the Christmas Eve service as I write this and expect it will also be a fabulous event. Thank you to all those who put in extra time and effort to make these events happen in what appears to be an effortless manner.

The Executive Council has been focused on the 2019 budget and ensuring that we create a budget that allows us to achieve our program goals for 2019. There will be another budget forum on Sunday, January 6 between the services. Rachel does an excellent job with these forums. Please come to review the budget and ask any questions you have. The Executive Council will review any final changes at our first meeting of 2019 and approve the budget for the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for such an amazing year. I feel blessed to have served with the council that is in place. Your leadership team is intentional and dedicated to serving our congregation. Pastor Jon and Pastor Rebecca have made last impressions on my life and my faith. I am so appreciative of this opportunity to serve. Happy 2019!

Denise Kanfield, Council President

#### NEW MEMBER

Are you interested in becoming a member of Christiania? New members will be received during the second service on **January 20** followed by a new member welcome lunch. We are also looking for people to be mentors for our new members.

If you are interested in membership or being a mentor, please contact Polly Flaa at 952-457-9896.

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Annual Meetings of the Congregation and the Foundation will be **Sunday, January 27** following the first service. The Constitution Committee has met and is proposing a series of changes to the Bylaws in chapter 13 for the Ministry Board. The changes are designed to be more effective in helping leaders of Ministry teams work together. A letter was sent out outlining the changes, please take time to review. Comments and questions can be directed to Bruce Mohn, member of the Constitution Committee. Phone 612-290-8202 or [brucemohn@gmail.com](mailto:brucemohn@gmail.com).



#### BIBLE STUDIES

**Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.  
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday’s at 6:30 p.m.**

**3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.**

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

**Wednesday night Bible Study is moving to Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting January 10.** This new year will find us experiencing a new format as we review Lysa TerKeurst’s video Bible Study “Uninvited.” Lysa will take us on a visual journey in the Holy Land to experience scripture like we’ve never done before. Each teaching is unique and will speak to us as we learn together. To order a book please call LifeWay Bookstore in Burnsville or order online.

Cheryl Bahnsen at 612-791-0900. [bahncl2@aol.com](mailto:bahncl2@aol.com)

#### CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

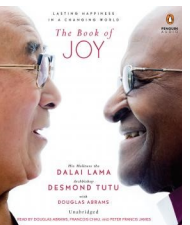
CLCW next meeting is **Wednesday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m.** We begin our morning with coffee at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. and continue with the business meeting at 11:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter. Come join us for the Bible Study or the whole morning. Our Bible Study is taken from the “Gather” magazine. To subscribe to this magazine go to [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org) and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or call 845-267-3074 (toll free). The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).

#### LUNCH BUNCH & CLCW

Call Karen Erickson, 952-652-2605, with any questions.

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A New Year brings thoughts of new things in our lives. How about more JOY in your life? Join us on January 30 as we discuss **THE BOOK OF JOY** by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. We meet in the Fellowship Room at 11:30 on the last Wednesday of the month. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished. For more information, contact Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



#### QUILT TYING

The quilters meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Heritage room at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to come join in the fun!



#### KITCHEN CLEANING

Let’s start the new year clean! January 8 beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will be cleaning the kitchen. You are welcome to help. If you have dishes or other possessions left in the kitchen, please pick them up before the 8.