

# Christiania Newsletter

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

## July Sunday Worship

July 3— Matthew 14:13-21

9:15 am Traditional with Communion

July 10— Romans 15:25-29

9:15am Non-Traditional Worship  
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 17— Genesis 27:1-17

9:15am Non-Traditional Worship/Communion  
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 24— Luke 14:15-24

9:15am Non-Traditional Worship  
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 31— Esther 5:1-8

9:15 am Traditional Worship

*Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 10:15am*

## August Sunday Worship

August 7— Genesis 1:9-13

9:15 am Traditional with Communion

August 14— Matthew 25:32-40

9:15am Non-Traditional Worship  
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

August 21— Revelation 19:5-10

9:15 am Traditional with Communion

August 28— 1 Kings 17:1-16

9:15am Non-Traditional Worship  
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

*Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 10:15am*

**Spirit Singers** sing on Sunday, July 24 and Sunday, August 28 at the 9:15am service. Come for a short rehearsal before the service.

**All singers welcome!**



## A Celebration of Tom's Ministry Sunday, August 28

Refreshments will be served following the service.  
Be sure to read Tom's article on page 2 of this newsletter.



## Worship at Christiania

Weekly we gather for worship at Christiania Lutheran Church, but have you ever asked yourself; *why I am here?* For some people worship is a habit, for others a time to socialize, others come to hear the music, and still others come to be spiritually nurtured. Certain people prefer to spend time alone to contemplate God, or outdoors “communing with nature.” However, true Christian worship that is based on the scriptures and the church’s history requires an assembly of believers (Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”). The church is “the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel” (Augsburg Confession, Article VII).

What does actual worship consist of? Lutheran worship consists of four distinct segments:

- Gathering: A time of preparation to hear the word of God.
- Word: God’s word read and preached to the church (us).
- Meal: The receiving of Jesus’ body and blood for our forgiveness.
- Sending: Going to serve in word and deed, sharing the good news.

An integral part of the above outlined worship plan is grace, God working in us through the Holy Spirit. So our worship exalts in what God grants to us, not in what we offer God. The whole liturgy, and in particular the sermon seeks to provide an understandable visualization of Jesus Christ and the good news of the gospel as it relates to our lives today. As Luther states in the third section of the Smalcald Articles: “We now want to return to the gospel, which gives guidance and help against sin in more than one way, because God is extravagantly rich in his grace: first, through the spoken word, in which the forgiveness of sins is preached to the whole world (which is the proper function of the gospel); second, through baptism; third, through the Holy Sacrament of the Altar; fourth, through the power of the keys and also through the mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters.”

The content of Lutheran liturgy is a summation of the gospel. Following are some familiar parts of our liturgical worship together and where they are found in the Bible.

-Apostolic Greeting: [2 Cor. 13:14](#)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

-Hymn of Praise: [Luke 2:14](#)

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

-Gospel Acclamation: [John 6:68](#)

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

-Lamb of God (Agnus Dei): [John 1:29](#)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

-Benediction: [Numbers 6:24-26](#)

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Many familiar hymn texts also come from the Bible, either directly, paraphrased, or as an inspiration for the text, particularly from the book of Psalms. Next time you are reading the Bible, keep track of how many references you can find to our Sunday worship at Christiania.

It has given me tremendous pleasure to help plan and lead worship at Christiania for the last 11 years. During that time I have come to realize what a remarkable amount of talent resides in this congregation. It has made my calling here so much more rewarding and enjoyable. I will sorely miss all the people I have dealt with weekly on a professional basis, and those whom I have come to know from our Sunday worship together. May God continue to nurture and bless this extraordinary congregation.

**Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone),  
Tom Carlson**





## Executive Council Message

The Executive Council met with Bishop Lull of the Saint Paul Area Synod in executive session on Wednesday, June 15. During the meeting we addressed the issues that have been brought up recently around leadership, communication, the CYF Leader and confirmation.

**With this information the Bishop helped us land on the next steps. The Executive Council will start work immediately on three areas of concern:**

1. We acknowledge that communication has not been up to the expectations of our members.
2. We will explore clarity around the roles and expectations of different staff members within the church, including the pastor.
3. We will search for a new CYF Leader and focus our efforts on hiring the right person to fit within the Congregation's expectations.

**As part of this process we will be working with the Minnesota Council of Churches and using the Respectful Conversations Format to address the life of the congregation and a healthy process for communication. We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Executive Council.**

### **Is music projection right for Christiania?**

If you attended a 10am worship service in June, you probably noticed the words to the songs projected on the front wall. This was a trial run to find out what is involved and to get feedback. The results? Many favorable comments like, "it caused me to look up and stay focused on the meaning of the words and on the cross," "it felt more engaging like worshipping together as a community of believers!", "young people can relate to it," and "I forgot my glasses so it was very helpful!"

Maybe this is something you relate to and would enjoy participating in worship. It may also be a way to engage younger people to participate in worship. We'd like your comments and your assistance!

Please call, text or email Juli Skillman at: 952-393-8158 or [juliskillman@gmail.com](mailto:juliskillman@gmail.com)

### Missions Ministry Team

**School Supply Drive** - Once again we will be collecting School Supplies and donating them to the schools in our area. Please look for bins in mid-July for you to place your donations in.

**Feed My Starving Children** – Dave Olson reported that on May 21<sup>st</sup> 8 members from Christiania (plus 42 additional volunteers) went to the Eagan location:

- They packed 157 boxes (this is 36 manna pack per box in less than 2 hours!).
- This will feed 93 children for an entire year! Great work volunteers.

**Urban Ventures** – Brian Noy continues to work the Urban Ventures Garden on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11. They continue to weed, although this year plastic was put down on the rows which cuts down on the weeding. Some vegetables still need hand weeding.

**Loaves and Fishes** – Thank you to those who served at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. There were 15 volunteers that fed 138 people. Great job!

**Church Garden** - Both Church Gardens are thriving! Bertie had many volunteers plant on May 31<sup>st</sup> and now is starting to weed. If you would like to help weed, water or take fresh produce to an area foodshelf, please see Bertie Mohling in church or email her at [mohlingbj@mchsi.com](mailto:mohlingbj@mchsi.com). Thank you for your help!

**Missions Ministry Team** – Scott Tempel, Dave Olson, Lori Peterson



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

**ACOUSTIC TILE** – The acoustic tile has been installed in the Fellowship Hall. Please let your relatives know. It’s now a more comfortable place to have coffee and caring conversations. Thank you to Warren Peterson, Christian Donovan, the Décor Advisory Committee, Jason Estrem and everyone else who contributed to this success.

**FLOORING IN EDUCATION WING AND YOUTH ROOM** – The suggestions from Property Committee were submitted to the June Council meeting. There were no decisions made. More information in following newsletters.

**FRAMES FOR OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS** –We received a more feasible estimate for replacement of the windows and frames that hold our stained glass panels. However, more research is being done on the possibility of repairing our existing windows. More information in following newsletters.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEES** – The Property Committee met with the East and West Cemetery Committees on June 20 (after the submission of this newsletter). The big item on the agenda is succession planning (who is going to take your place when you can no longer do the job). If anyone is interested in serving on either the East or West Cemetery Committee, please contact Gordy Thompson, Don Storlie, Merlin Leine or Jack Eckdahl. What an honor it is to be part of these two groups.

**PAINTING NEEDS TO BE DONE** - We still need volunteers to paint the north and east side of the church. The paint and supplies are in Harold’s work area. Let me know if your family or a group of friends would be willing to take on this summer project to serve your church.

**PROJECT UPDATE** – We thought it was time to update you on our Capital Campaign. To clarify, the roof replacement and repair project and the mold remediation project came out of the Christiania Church savings account– not our Capital Campaign Account. After the Council decides on flooring options and costs for the Education Wing and Youth Room, a campaign will be undertaken to replenish our savings account.

Receipts for Projects

2014	From Congregation (Capital Campaign)	\$29,708
2014	Matching Funds from Foundation	\$29,708
2015	From Congregation (Capital Campaign)	\$ 9,410
2016	From Congregation (Capital Campaign)	\$ 1,000
2015	Marching Funds Due from Foundation	<u>\$ 9,000</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED		\$78,826

Projects Completed 2014 to Present

Landscaping (plus Mission Garden)	\$ 3,112	
Tiling at Farm (installed at no charge by the renters)	\$ 5,000	
Failing Septic System at Church	\$20,550	
Entrance Doors with Handicap Entrance	\$20,430	
Acoustic Tile in Fellowship Hall (Net Expense)	\$13,734	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 478</u>	
TOTAL SPENT		\$63,334
MONIES REMAINING		\$15,492

We still have projects on our list but we need to sit back and prioritize our needs – we need to discover our total costs with the flooring in the Education Wing and Youth Room. In the meantime, we will continue to address any emergency repairs or upkeep.

**THANK YOU!!** We have such a wonderful congregation. I’ve had three gentlemen (Jerry Wicklund, Ken Beske and Don Hardie) approach me with suggested projects. Thank you gentlemen for suggesting these important projects and for taking charge of them. More about the projects in future newsletters.

**CORRECTION:** I need to correct my thank yous to those who worked in the West Cemetery taking down trees. Alice Storlie and Bruce & Debbie Lundeen were also part of the team that cut down dead trees and hauled them off site. Thanks all!!

**Blessings from your Property Committee:**  
**Steve Anderson, Brad Smith, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann, Warren Peterson**  
**and Council Liaison—Christian Donovan**

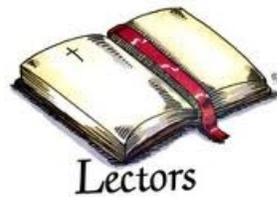
# July/August Ministries

## Offering Counters

July 3	Jeff Martin, Carl & Jeanette Hooper
July 10	Carl & Jeanette Hooper, Danny Thompson
July 17	Danny Thompson, Don & Alice Storlie
July 24	Don & Alice Storlie, Phyllis Hullett
July 31	Karen Frame, Bruce & Debbie Lundeen
August 7	Bruce & Debbie Lundeen, Brad Bauer
August 14	Brad Bauer, Dave Mohling
August 21	Dave Mohling, Judy Lantto
August 28	Judy Lantto, Eunice Estrem

## Communion Assistants

July 3	9:15	Brenda Mesaros, Madalyn Petersen, Greg Silus
July 17	9:15	Jeff Martin
Aug. 7	9:15	
Aug. 21	9:15	



Lectors



Communion Service

*Have you ever considered being a Lector or Communion Assistant? If yes, contact Brenda Mesaros. Please prayerfully consider these important ministries.*

## Lectors

July 3	9:15	Brenda Mesaros
July 10	9:15	
July 17	9:15	Al Ritchie
July 24	9:15	Alice Storlie
July 31	9:15	Sharon Syverson
August 7	9:15	Derrick Hongerholt
August 14	9:15	
August 21	9:15	Al Ritchie
August 28	9:15	



## Greeters

July 3	Audrey & Jerry Wicklund
July 10	Sharyn & Wally Murto
July 17	Cheryl & Bruce Mohn
July 24	Carol & Dick Ostlie
July 31	Allison Skluzacek & Tim Swedin
August 7	Diana & Larry Winn
August 14	Linda and Brad Bauer
August 21	Jean & Mark Latzke
August 28	Allison Skluzacek & Tim Swedin

## Baptisms at Christiania

June 12: Henry Warner Putnam

June 19: Piper Morgan Byrne



## Emergency Preparedness

Our church policy states in the event of Tornado or High Winds:

1. Stay away from windows.
2. Education wing should move to center hallway, close doors.
3. Church occupants should move to center aisle away from windows.
4. Go to inside rooms or hallways.



SAVE FOR JULY CALENDAR

SAVE FOR AUGUSTCALENDAR

## Christiania Lutheran Church

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### Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Friday

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Rachel Fausch Treasurer

### Other Contacts

Andrew Wilkins Council President  
Cheryl Schindeldecker 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

## Prayers for our Congregation

Bridget Anderson  
Philip Tupa  
Brianna Streefland  
Tim Krenz  
Danielle Hartwell  
Lyle Ruh  
Orville Nelson  
Crisa Aasen  
Ron Petersen  
Grace Seurer  
Dona Braun



Due to space concerns, we ask you to check our website, announcements or the prayer chain email for additional prayer concerns.

## Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation

With your gifts over the years the Foundation has been able to help with both the youth and our church.

Here are some of the items we have helped with:

The Foundation donated \$599 for the youth ski trip.  
We have set aside \$2000 for Camp Onomia camperships for 2016.  
Fellowship sound abatement project \$2,194.50  
Roof project \$9,000

For the Foundation to be able to continue its support of Christiania Lutheran Church and our church youth we need your help. Now is the time to make a difference—please donate to the Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation. No matter how big or small it will all help.

If you have a grant request (forms are available on our website), please drop it off at the church office or give it to a Foundation member.  
The Foundation wants to thank you for all your support,

*Bruce Lundeen*

President—Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation



## School Supply Drive

Watch for bins mid-July for your donations!

## LUNCH BUNCH

**July**—Lunch Bunch for Wednesday, July 13, will be at the Legends Golf Club at 11:30am

**August**—Lunch Bunch for Wednesday, August 10th, will meet at 11:30am at the Firehouse Grille in New Market.

Everyone is invited to join this group for noontime fellowship!  
If you need a ride from church, call Karen Erickson, 952-652-2605.



## Classic Car and Tractor Sunday, August 14

### Food \* Fun \* Fellowship

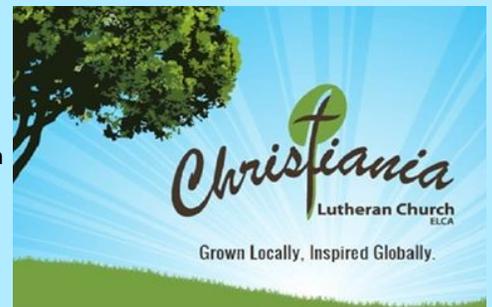
Join us August 14 for worship at 9:15am. Following worship, take some time to linger in the parking lot to check out all the classic cars and the tractors (old & new) and enjoy some refreshments (hotdogs and root beer floats), served by the Youth Ministry Team.



What is a classic? Is it defined by year? Does it have to fit a certain criteria of features? Is it always sporty or speedy? The answer is NO. If you have something with wheels that you want to share with others, then **bring it on Classic Car & Tractor Sunday**. It doesn't have to be large enough for a person to ride in. If you collect car or farm implement models, we would like to see them. If you have a radio controlled vehicle and want to show it, we have room. Tables can be set up for your model collection. If it is a classic to you, then it is a classic to us. A 2016 is just as good of a classic as a 1921. They are all important.

## STEWARDSHIP, SUMMER, SPIRITUAL

Summer is here and with all the activities and vacations it can become a time where we can easily let our personal stewardship get out of whack. During this time of year it is important to keep up as best you can on your spiritual and financial health. We are often on vacations and traveling and it is easy to eat fast food too many times, skip church Sunday after a busy week, or even find time to take a walk or do some exercise. Adapted from Stewardship.com here are some tips to help keep your personal stewardship in order.



1. Stick to quick reads.

Get a daily devotional with one page readings and when you have a coffee break or a time out in the kid's game read a quick passage.

2. Write out your prayers.

Grab a small notebook and write out your prayers as you think of them so you pray later when you have a little free time.

3. Maintain a schedule as best you can.

Losing the schedule is one of the hardest aspects of the summer months. Kids are home from school and don't need to be off in the morning, or back at a regular time. Write a weekly schedule for chores, prayer, play time.

4. Act on your beliefs.

We will all have some free time together this summer. Maybe during a break from all the commotion find a charity or volunteer activity the family can do together. It can be a great way to bond and show children and grandchildren the meaning of being a Christian.

5. Stay up on your budget.

During the summer it is easy to spend more than you should on eating out or vacations, or missing church on a Sunday and missing your weekly tithe and having to catch up later in the month or year. While on vacation bring a cooler with lunch-meat and a loaf of bread and have a meal on a wayside rest or an old historical monument you may otherwise have drove on by. Also consider signing up for online giving to help maintain a regular budget.

With some careful planning summer doesn't have to be a time when your spiritual and financial stewardship get out of control.

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**God's peace from your Stewardship team.**



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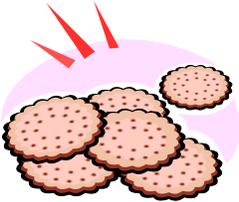
**Sunday:**

9:15 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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DATED MATERIAL

**July Food Shelf Donations**



Boxed crackers and cookies

**August Food Shelf Donations**

Monetary Gifts      \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

“by charity serve one another”  
Galatians 5:13

**Book Discussion Group**

Friendships, wonderful discussions and coffee--all are free if you join us on the last Wednesday of the month. We meet at 11:30. NO FREE LUNCH. Bring a bag lunch.

**July 27th**  
*MISS HAZEL AND THE ROSA PARKS LEAGUE*  
By Jonathan Odell

**August 31st**  
*THE TALL PINE POLKA*  
By Lorna Landvik

**September 28th**  
*A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD*  
By Anne Tyler




Deadline for the **September 2016** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **August 18**.  
Email info. to Linda Bauer at [lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Classic Car/ Tractor Sunday**  
**August 14**

