

# Christiania Newsletter

APRIL 2015

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



## *Holy Week and Easter at Christiania*

### ***Palm Sunday - March 29***

Worship with palms 8:30 and 10:45am  
Education and Fellowship at 9:30am

### ***Maundy Thursday - April 2***

Worship Service at 11:30am and 7:00pm with  
Holy Communion and Handwashing  
(noon meal served; NO evening meal)

### ***Good Friday - April 3***

Veiling of the Cross Service at 7:00pm

### ***Easter Sunday - April 5***

Easter Breakfast served 7:45-8:30am  
and 9:30-10:30am  
Festival Communion services at 8:30 and 10:45am  
(no Sunday School)

**Ministry Team Opportunities:** The Ministry Board is working closely with Executive Council and the Ministry Teams. We are looking for individuals interested in sharing God's love by being involved.

Please see a member of the Ministry Board (Cheryl Bahnsen, Bruce Mohn, Sue Jacobson) if you have a passion to serve on the Congregational Life, Education, Evangelism, Membership, Mission, Stewardship, Worship or Youth ministry team

## **April Sunday Worship**

April 5—Easter – Matthew 28:1-10

8:30 am Traditional with Communion  
10:45 am Traditional with Communion

April 12—Easter 2 —Matthew 28:16-20

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
10:45 am Non-Traditional Worship

April 19—Easter 3 —Acts 10:1-17, 34-35

8:30 am Traditional with Communion (Liturgical Winds)  
10:45 am Traditional with Communion

April 26 —Easter 4 —Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-18

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
10:45 am Non-Traditional Worship

*Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship  
Every Sunday at 9:30 am*

## ***Easter Egg Hunt***

Our Youth Commission and youth will again sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-grade 4:

- \* **Saturday, April 4**
- \* **9:00am (rain or shine)**

Bring your child/ren or grandchildren for a morning of fun: egg hunt, skits, crafts, petting zoo and more.



## ***Children, Youth and Family Leader***

Well, April 4th will mark the start of my sixth month as the CYF Leader. It is hard to believe that it has already been six months—time truly does fly when you are having fun. It has been a whirlwind for the first few months, but with all the wonderful support I have received from the Youth Ministry Team, the Sunday School Superintendents, and many, many others, I feel I am hitting full stride as we come into the stretch run. These last couple of months of the program year will be jam packed with events and opportunities. The deadline for students to sign up for the ELCA youth gathering has been extended until May and this has already resulted in two additional students joining the group headed to Detroit. We also have one of our major fundraisers that we would like to get on all of your radar screens, the garage sale. So before you start taking things down to Goodwill, please think of us and hold on to your hidden treasures for one more month.

We also have new things to be excited about such as our 9th grade overnight retreat, Confirmation camp at Camp Onomia, and Youth Worship band starting back up! Our 9th graders will be taking a tour of various sites such as the Temple of Aaron and Luther Seminary. The new Confirmation camp will be a week of camp where I will be able to lead our students in various spiritual growth activities up at Camp Onomia. We also are resurrecting the youth worship band for all the students with musical ability and the desire to honor God with them!

In addition, we are just days away from the Annual Easter Egg hunt for our children! This is not only a trademark event for members of Christiania, but also the surrounding community members. We are also beginning the planning for this year's VBS, so if you are interested in being involved in any capacity with VBS, please contact me soon as training will start in May!

So with all of these things happening, here is to a great close on the first 6 months and to the next 6 months being even better than the first!

— Steven Olan



**American Red Cross**

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here at Christiania on Wednesday, May 20 from 2-8pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted soon.

### ***Karen Frame's Retirement Celebration Sunday, May 31, 2015***

Mark your calendars—more details will be in the May Newsletter and in the Sunday Bulletin announcements.

### **Youth Garage Sale May 15 & 16**

Our Youth will be sponsoring a Garage Sale again this spring. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry and Youth Trips.

Volunteers will be needed to help the week of preparation and during the sale. Watch for an opportunity to sign up soon. A lunch stand will also be available each day.

So, when you are doing your spring cleaning, set your unwanted, usable and in good condition, items aside to donate to church the week before the sale.

THANK YOU.

Contact Martha Donahoe or Kim Robertson if you have any questions.



## April Property Committee Newsletter

As I write this, I am feeling such gratitude for the three other people on the Property Committee. We each bring our own skills and talents to the table. My talent is delegation and paper shuffling. Brad, Warren and Steve are the guys that make everything happen – along with many other member volunteers and their equipment. Christiania Lutheran Church is blessed to have this talent and dedication working for them. We are always looking for an additional member or two with their own set of skills!

**New Exterior Doors** - The handicap entrance on the south doors are now working. Thank you Steve!!

**Sound Issue in Fellowship Hall**. We have started researching options to remediate the noise issues in our Fellowship Hall. Warren will be leading this project. Again, we are using individual skills. Thanks Warren!! The CLCW sponsored a breakfast fundraiser on March 22 to help fund this project. Thank you for your support!!

**Removal of Trees Along Pillsbury** – Thank you to the members that brought their equipment and provided the manual labor to grind the stumps out of the right of way and remove the debris. In 2016, a Mission Garden will be located somewhere in this area.

**Landscape Projects** – I recently met with the local Boy Scout Troup leader who is responsible for Eagle Scout projects. He was excited about the possibility of working with Christiania. The Troup will develop a proposal that will be presented to Council. He thought the project could be large enough to break into several Eagle Scout projects. We will be involving our youth with these projects.

**Urban Ventures Update** – Bruce Mohn will be working with others to get an access road in to the farmland north of the church. This will be accomplished with the reconstruction of Dodd Boulevard this spring. Urban Ventures first planting will take place this year.

**Volunteer Opportunities** - It is spring and we are looking for volunteers:

- To paint the trim in the front entry. With the replacement of the doors, the inside door trim needs painting. Harold (the custodian) has the paint in his work area
- To stripe the parking lot. We need to get the lot striped before the existing stripes completely fade. Harold has a striper and the paint in his work area.
- A cement contractor to help with church projects.
- To assume responsibility for mowing and trimming the softball field.

Please talk to any Property Committee member if you have time and equipment for these projects.

**SPRING OUTDOOR CLEAN UP** – Saturday, May 9 from 9 – Noon (weather permitting). Bring your rakes, gloves, hoes, weed diggers, shrub trimmers. We will be cleaning out the bushes in the front and back of the church to include digging out weeds. We had a blue ribbon crop of thistles last year. We will also be leveling the ground that was disrupted when the septic system was installed. We hope to get the outside windows washed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall or contact Jeanne at [nashhoffmann@hotmail.com](mailto:nashhoffmann@hotmail.com) 952-215-8705.

**OUTDOOR FLOWERS** – We are seeking someone to take over the leadership of our flower beds. This involves prepping the beds and pots, planting the flowers, scheduling the weekly watering of the plants, cleaning out the pots and installing winter evergreen arrangements in them in the fall. Please contact Jeanne at [nashhoffmann@hotmail.com](mailto:nashhoffmann@hotmail.com) or 952-215-8705 if you would like to shine in this area. There is a schedule on the Marketplace Table to volunteer along with the summer sign up opportunities for watering.

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## Christiania Lutheran Church

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### Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Tuesday—Friday  
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### Christiania Staff

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Harold Martin	Custodian
Rachel Fausch	Treasurer
Madalyn Petersen	Website

### Other Contacts

Joe Jorgensen	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

## For I was thirsty and you gave me drink ....

I am sure many of you remember the struggles and ultimately incredible gift Christiania provided to Ihemi, Tanzania of a well and ultimately a limited distribution system. That system is now 8 years old and still functioning, as is the water committee responsible for this village asset. In January of this year a group of engineering students from the University of Minnesota traveled to Ihemi with the intent of evaluating that system and the needs of the village. This group has presented their findings and recommendations for a system that will accommodate 90% of the village of 3000 people, including the new Junior Seminary which is being built at Ihemi. Additionally, this work is fully funded by a generous donor who was among the audience of about 65 people as they gave their report.

We are thrilled to have this team of extremely bright young students coming to Christiania to present their findings in an adult forum on April 19<sup>th</sup> and we invite/encourage you to come hear about this project at our Bega Kwa Bega partnered church. Christiania's support through prayer, projects and presence has been incredible, thank you for loving these brothers and sisters!!

Please mark your calendars, we hope to have a strong showing of support for the work of these young men and women.

**Adult Forum - April 19 - 9:35am**  
**Iringa Well Project Update**

## Sunday, May 24 ...

... will be Military Remembrance Day at Christiania. We'll have a table or two set up in fellowship hall to display military memorabilia as we remember and recognize those who have served (or are serving) in the military. Please share your (or a loved one's) pictures, medals, uniforms, whatever you may have. We did this last year on Memorial Weekend and it was wonderful display; let's see if we can top it this year!



## Bring Your Own Mattress

As Tanzanian young people head out to school the first time, whether it is to boarding school, vocational school, or college, they are expected to bring their own mattress for their dormitory room. Shoulder to Shoulder (STS), the medical group connected to Bega Kwa Bega, is hoping that the Ilula Nursing School will finally open its doors this year and STS would like to welcome the first group of nursing students to school with a quilt for their bunk. Kari Hurley, a member of the STS board, recently remembered on a previous trip to Iringa that upon touring a dormitory at a school, many of the students had nothing but a mattress on their beds; no pillow, no sheets, no coordinating comforter with a lovely matching bed skirt.

If you are interested in making a quilt (or would purchase a quilt), the approximate dimensions this quilt would need to be is 60 inches (5 feet) by 84 inches (7 feet). If it is a little shorter than 7 feet, this should not be a problem; the Hehe people tend to be a bit shorter than us. We would like to collect 55 to 60 quilts and have them available to display by the end of April. Please call Sue McIntyre at 651-778-8031 or Kari Hurley at 651-324-0958 for additional information.

Submitted by Juli Skillman

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**LUNCH BUNCH** is planned for April 8 at St. Olaf's King's Room. Spaces are reserved for 11:30. Meet at church at 11:00 for car pooling. The choices will be as follows: Full buffet—\$12.13; Soup & Salad—\$6.07; Soup, salad & dessert—\$8.21. All include tax and beverages. Please let me know if you are coming. I made 15 reservations but more are available - call Karen Erickson, 952-652-2605.



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday-Thursday, June 22-25, for children who will have completed Kindergarten-grade 5. Cost will be \$20 per child (\$30 family maximum). We'll kick-off with an ice cream social on Sunday night—more details and registration forms will be available soon.

## Thank You

There are many, many members of our congregation who do various jobs that are so essential in the running of the church.

This month we especially thank ...

.... all those who have helped with and provided food for the Lenten lunches and suppers. Especially the Congregational Life Committee Members, the Church Women, the Youth and the Chancel Choir - what a great job!

**Thanks volunteers!!**

**Church Phone: 952/461-2283**

**April, 2015**

# April Ministries

## Offering Counters

April 5	Count 4/6 6:30pm	Judy Lantto, Lori Peterson, Cheryl & Earl Schindeldecker, Jeff Martin, Brad Smith, Bruce & Debbie Lundeen
April 12		Dan Thompson, Bob & Gladys Michelsen
April 19		Bob & Gladys Michelsen, Bill Kanfield
April 26		Bill Kanfield, Larry & Vicky Thompson

## Acolyte

April 5	8:30	Will Kanfield, Tia Ruh
	10:45	Cal Marsh, Brett Simon
April 12	8:30	Jack Mohn, Nate Anderson
	10:45	Jacob Bares, Jordan Bares
April 19	8:30	Aven Estrem, Gaige Giles
	10:45	Madison Coffing, Abby Estep
April 26	8:30	A.J. Vandenheuvel, Rachel Estrem
	10:45	Collin Clarey, Britt Vandenheuvel

## Lectors

April 2	7:00pm	Madalyn Petersen
April 5	8:30	Lori Clausen
	10:45	Lucky Rimpila
April 12	8:30	Derrick Hongerholt
	10:45	
April 19	8:30	Kim Robertson
	10:45	Heidi Christensen
April 26	8:30	Alice Storlie
	10:45	

## Communion Assistants

April 2	7:00pm	Alice Storlie, Mariann Storlie
April 5	8:30	Lori Clausen, Kim Buechele Mariann Storlie
	10:45	Steve & Geeg Aaker, Bob Monio
April 19	8:30	Earl & Cheryl Schindeldecker Lori Peterson
	10:45	Jane Ward, Vonny Laddusaw

## Greeters

April 5	Bob & Gladys Michelsen
April 12	Pete & Madalyn Petersen
April 19	Roger & Diane Brack
April 26	Brad & Linda Bauer

## Coffee Servers

April 5	EASTER SUNDAY
April 12	John & Mariann Storlie Josh Dennehey, Emily Matiak
April 19	Lucy Hurrle, Geeg Aaker Hayden Fischer, Allie Lucast
April 26	Bruce & Debbie Lundeen Laura McGregor

## Youth Ushers

April 12	8:30	Jackie Estrem, Mallory Godfrey Jake Bronson, Jenna Aasen
	10:45	Bridget Anderson, Brooke Nelson Hannah Simon, Ashlynn Henry

### Wednesday Meals (served from 5:30 - 6:15pm - cost is \$4.00)

April 15: chili dogs, chips, carrots & celery, orange slices, bars, milk

April 22: chicken casserole, steamed broccoli, apples, cake, milk

April 29: beef tri-tip, potatoes, veggie tray, pie, ice cream, milk



# Sunday School

Hello Sunday School families,

**\*March 29 is Palm Sunday.** Sunday School children will wave palms and sing at the beginning of both worship services, 8:30 and 10:45am.

**\*Fifth graders** have completed their first communion preparation and will be receiving their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2 (worship at 11:30am and 7:00pm) or Easter Sunday, April 5 (worship at 8:30 and 10:45).

We are continuing to learn about Holy Week and Easter. There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday—enjoy the breakfast served by the Christiania youth.

**\*April 19** we will start our final rotation learning about the Prodigal Son. Our memory verse is: “**Jesus said, ‘This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’**” Luke 15:24

As always, we thank you for the opportunity to help your children grow in faith! If you have questions, concerns, or would like to participate with Sunday school (there are things that do not require teaching) we welcome your e-mail, call, or just drop by the Sunday school wing!

Kris Geissler at [kriabblil@gmail.com](mailto:kriabblil@gmail.com)  
Michelle Vosejka at [Vosejka@lonstel.com](mailto:Vosejka@lonstel.com)

## Prayers for our Congregation

Bridget Anderson	Orville Nelson
Robin Martin	Mary Lou Ruh
Philip Tupa	Ed Constantine
Norma Christianson	Henry Swedin
Carole Shafer	Jodi Hansen

Al & Fayette Ames family (Fayette's mom died on March 9)

Cheryl Bahnsen's dad, Dick

Carl & Jeanette Hooper's granddaughter, Abby

Lori Clausen friend, Deb

Linda Bauer's mother

Lori Roger's friend, Annie

Brian Aasen's mother, Jan

Jacki Donovan's mother, Jolene

Kelly Ronn's mother, Jean

Mariann Storlie's friend, Sandy

John & Don Storlie's cousin, Diane

Steve & Geeg Aaker's friend, John

Dwayne Vosejka's brother, Dan

Rachel Fausch's mother

Ron & Pete Petersen & Gladys

Bolton's brother, Wally

Friends of the Community:

Brady Nelson\*

Ana von Koeverden\*

\*Caring Bridge Websites



## Baptisms at Christiania

March 22, 2015



Katherine Ann Johnson

Ashleigh Vanessa Johnson

Daughter of Leif & Katherine Johnson

Violet Laura Johnson

Daughter of Leif & Katherine Johnson

Oliver Christian Jung

Son of Jonathan & Cassandra Jung



# Christiania Youth!

## jumpstart

Jumpstart (grades 6-9) and Revive (grades 10-12) gather in fellowship hall at 9:30 and then move to the Youth Room at 9:45am for further fellowship and discussion.



## Camp Onomia

The summer brochure for faith-based fun at Camp Onomia is available from Steven. Every Christiania child receives a financial gift from the church and also from the foundation toward the fee. Camp offers an early bird discount. Financial aid is also available. Check the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing for Details or talk to Steven.

**Early bird registration deadline is April 1.**

### ELCA Youth Gathering July 15-19, 2015 Detroit, Michigan

The deadline has been extended until May 1 to register and pay your deposit for the Youth Gathering. Talk to Steven if you are interested.

### Youth Singer Update:

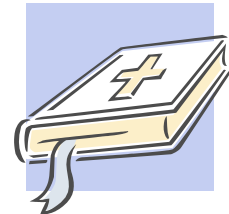
Youth Singer rehearsals resume on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00pm. We will also rehearse on Wednesday, April 22 for the final time—to sing on Sunday, April 26 at the 10:45am service.



**Coming up: Youth Garage Sale  
May 15-16, 2015**

### April Confirmation Schedule:

- April 1: NO Confirmation (this is NOT an April Fool's joke—enjoy the time off!)
- April 8: Confirmation Special Event. Wear clothes to run around in that you don't mind getting dirty—and sign up in SignUp Genius to bring something to share.
- April 24-25:** Ninth grade overnight retreat. We will be eating together at church at 5:00pm on Friday, and then leave for our overnight and activities. We will arrive back at church on Saturday at 8:00pm.



### Children, Youth & Family Leader Christiania Lutheran Church

Steven Olan  
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Like Christiania Youth on Facebook!  
Watch for information on upcoming events!



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### Worship Schedule

#### Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Education & Fellowship

10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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### APRIL FOOD-SHELF DONATIONS

### SPRING "T" PARTY

Tissue, toilet paper, paper towels,  
fem. products, toothbrushes, toothpaste



#### Men's Retreat Weekend: Friday, June 5—Sunday, June 7

We'll leave from church at 2pm Friday and head for Bay Lake Camp near Deerwood, returning about 2pm on Sunday. Cost is approximately \$150 (includes meals and lodging). Sign up on the sheet posted on the kiosk. Questions contact Lucky Rimpila, 952-652-2899, or Pastor Dave.

**Fishing - Fellowship - Food - Friends - Fun**

### Book Discussion Group

April showers, spring flowers and thoughts of summer should raise our spirits. We invite you to join us at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall on the last Wednesday of the month. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

April 29: Killing Jesus  
by Bill O'Reilly &  
Martin Dugard

May 27: The Invention of Wings  
by Sue Monk Kidd



Deadline for the **May 2015** edition of the  
Christiania Newsletter is **April 18.**

Email info. to Karen Frame at  
[Kframe@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org](mailto:Kframe@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org).

**Spring Outside Cleanup: May 9, 9:00am-noon**

**Come help spruce up our church grounds. A sign up  
sheet will be posted soon on the kiosk.**