

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



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

***Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
(Luke 2:9-11)***

Christiania friends,

What an amazing message from Luke’s telling of the first Christmas: “...good news of great joy...” And what an important visioning text for us—not just during Christmas—but all year round. Jesus was always “...good news of great joy...” and our lives too can be lived as “...good news of great joy...” This was and is Jesus.

I so look forward to the coming season and hope you’ll make plans to join us:

- Advent Worship—Sundays and Wednesdays through Christmas
- Christmas Concert—3 pm on Sunday, Dec. 11th
- Christmas Program—11 am on Sunday, Dec. 18th
- The Longest Night: a Service of Remembrance—6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 19th
- Christmas Caroling—6:30 pm Wednesday Dec. 21st
- Christmas Eve Worship—3, 4:30 & 9 pm Saturday, Dec. 24th
- Christmas Day Worship—9 am Sunday, Dec. 25th

The end of this month will bring an end to Joe Jorgensen’s ministry among us. Thank you Joe! Our Director of Faith Formation has done an excellent job serving Christiania in such a variety of ways. Christmas worship will mark the end and a new beginning in January as he begins a formal internship. We have equipped him on his way to becoming a pastor and now we will formally send him. See the next page for a special note from Joe.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

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Farewell Message from Director of Faith Formation Joe Jorgensen

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Growing up, I was blessed to be surrounded by loving parents, siblings, and extended family. I was privileged to be part of a faith community that was invested in my faith journey and my overall well-being. Together, they helped prepare me for life beyond high school.

About 20 years ago, Alissa and I were married right here at Christiania. On that day, my family grew. Not only did I gain some terrific in-laws, but I was also welcomed into the Christiania family. Again, I found myself surrounded by a community that helped inspire and encourage me along my journey. I have been blessed to worship with you, to serve with you on ministry teams and council, and to partner with you in our children, youth, and family ministry endeavors. You have given me a place to lift my voice in song and given me a reason to take my trombone out of the closet to make a (hopefully) joyful noise to the Lord. Most importantly, our time together has prepared me for the next chapter in my life.

As many of you are aware, for the past 3 ½ years, I have been taking classes at Luther Seminary in St. Paul with the intent to become an ordained pastor in the ELCA. I have now reached the point where I must complete a full-time, 12-month internship. Of course, I would love to be able to complete my internship at Christiania, but I also know there is much that I can learn by going to another church community. Beginning January 3, 2023, I will step into the role of intern pastor at Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Richfield, MN.

Some people have asked if I will be returning to Christiania once my internship is complete. The short answer is, I don't know. After internship, I will have a little work left with the synod to finalize my candidacy for ordination and then I will be available to receive a call to serve as a pastor. And where that call leads is known only to God.

Of course, this transition will have an impact on my Alissa and the kids as well. They are planning to join me at Oak Grove on Sunday mornings, but you will likely see them around Christiania, particularly on Wednesday nights, as Jessa continues her confirmation studies here. I pray that you will continue to surround them and support them as they navigate this transition with me. I also welcome your continued prayers and encouragement as I seek to become the Christian leader that God is calling me to be. Thank you, dear family.

Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation

Visit Tanzania

It is time for Christiania to be present with our partners at Ihemi Tanzania once again. Are you ready to change, in a positive way, your perspective and enhance your faith?!?! As we explore our next group visit to Ihemi, let this draft itinerary guide your dreams.

- Day 1 Depart MSP mid to late afternoon
- Day 2 Arrive Dar es Salaam late evening and be met by familiar faces
- Day 3 Private bus ride to Iringa through 5 eco systems, ultimately to arrive at a comfortable 5000 foot elevation thriving town of Iringa
- Day 4 Settle in, meeting at the diocese to learn more of BKB from Tanzanian perspective and walk the market. A nap likely will be in order on this day



- Day 5 Visit University of Iringa (formally Tumaini) and see Christiania lecture hall, visit Iringa Hope Saccos and see Dignity for Daughters project
- Day 6 Meet partnered parish at Ihemi and see preaching points. Overnight at Ihemi
- Day 7 Church service with partners at Ihemi – festive and exhilarating service. Stay at very quaint farm nearby. Tour farm growing mushrooms, tomatoes and many other vegetables owned by South African couple followed by hike through Isamila stone age site
- Day 8 Tour Ilula hospital followed by hiking and pizzas at the Skillmans

- Day 9 Visit secondary school and water project(s) done through BKB affiliate St. Paul Partners
- Day 10 Ruaha National Park for game drives and amazing food/accommodations
- Day 11 Ruaha National Park for game drives and amazing food/accommodations
- Day 12 Return to Iringa and spend afternoon in the market
- Day 13 Pack, say goodbyes and tie up loose ends
- Day 14 Drive to Dar es Salaam and fly out that evening
- Day 15 Arrive back in Minnesota early afternoon
- Day 16 And beyond...Relish the memories and pray for your new friends



If interested in learning more about this amazing opportunity, please talk to Pastor Jon, Sharon Buckley, Rachel/Adam Fausch or Bo/Juli Skillman (612)889-9329. The trip cost is highly dependent upon airfares at the time but there are ways to creatively allow travel for various budgets. In other words, don't be scared off until you talk to Bo and/or Juli.

PRAYER REQUESTS



FOR THESE OF OUR CONGREGATION:

Bridget Anderson	Yvonne Anderson	Ken Beske
Linda Camp	Denny Carey	Lynn Dale
Karen Erickson	Kenny Feilen, Jr.	Dale (Skip) Fredrickson
Lois Haglund	Sierra Hansen	Alissa Jorgensen
Melanie Kubischta	Judy Lantto	Eunice Ott
Jeff Otto	Colleen Powell	Kim Robertson
Janice Geissler	Susie Stiehl	Don Storlie
Sharon Syverson		

For those who mourn:

Jamie and Beth Minea as they mourn the death of Jamie's mom, Marge Minea, who passed away on Thursday, November 17.

Tony, Kim, Jeff and Theresa as they mourn the death of wife and mother, Jan Bunniss, who passed away on November 10.
Jan's memorial is at Christiania on Monday, December 5 at 11:00 am.

Shodee & Bob Monio as they mourn the death of Shodee's mom, Gail Hart, who passed away on November 16.

Bill & Denise Kanfield as they mourn the death of Bill's cousin, Dan Kelly, who passed away on November 26.

Devora, Christian, & John, as they mourn the death of their father, John Christianson, who passed away on November 28.

Others:

Dalton Cole, son of Sierra Hansen & Dan Cole	Noah Passmore, friend of Ron & Mary Ovans
Judy, mother of Daron DuLac	Larry Olson, father of Jackie DuLac
Judy Wicklund Cummings, sister of Kim Duffrin	Jim Hooper, son of Carl & Jeanette Hooper
Chelsea Lawrence, niece of Julie & Peter Johnson	Milt Strang, brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen
Jack, friend of the Holiens	Paul, nephew of Sandy Cross
Michael Butler, brother of Becky Ruen	Anne Zimanske, friend of Sue Jacobson
Tina Des Marais, sister of Tim Emmons	Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch
Lincoln Ruck, grandson of Tia Burnham	Julie Smith, daughter of Pete Petersen

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.

In the Military:

Max Baker -
grandson of Sandy Cross

Billy Hukka -
son of Beth Hukka

Matthew Johnston -
nephew of Denise Kanfield

John Rogers -
son of Mark & Lori Rogers

Miguel Nuno -
nephew of Arcadio & Tania Drexler-Gutierrez

Josh Dennehey -
son of John Dennehey

Andrew Johnston -
nephew of Denise Kanfield

Brenden Rogers -
nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers

Christian Weidling -
nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn

Rachel Estrem,
Serving in the National Guard

Come & Worship

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

Sunday, December 4:	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Wednesday, December 7:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion
Sunday, December 11:	9:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, December 14:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship
Sunday, December 18:	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Monday, December 19:	6:30 p.m. The Longest Night: Service of Remembrance
Saturday, December 24:	3:00, 4:30 & 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 25:	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

November Worship Attendance

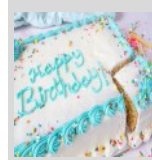
Sunday

Midweek

November 6: O: 78 I: 177	November 2: O: 20 I: 40
November 13: O: 192 I: 138	November 9: O: 20 I: 39
November 20: O: 79 I: 99	November 16: O: 59 I: 17
November 27: O: * I: 129	November 30: O: * I: *

O=Online, I=In-person

*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it



On Sunday, December 4, we will be celebrating all Birthdays in November and December. If you have a Birthday in November or December please gather around the cake for a photo.

Following service on Sunday, December 18, John & Sharon Mohn will be serving cake in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
December 6, 13 & 20

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)
December 13 & 27

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW)
Christiania Lutheran Church Women
December 21

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
December 1, 8, 15 & 22

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)
December 10

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Congregation members of all ages are invited to join our confirmation students on December 21 as we go caroling in our community. We will gather at church at 6:30 p.m. to form groups before we head out, and then return to church afterward for hot cider and cookies.

Weekly Offering Counters Needed



OFFERING
COUNTERS

We are looking to recruit more counters. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Schindeldecker at 952-469-3795.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- GREETERS**
- LECTORS**
- ASSISTING MINISTERS**
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**
- VIDIOGRAPHER & LIVESTREAM**
- TECHNICIANS**
- 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."

YOUTH AND ADULT BAKERS



Youth will be baking on December 10 and 17 for the Annual Youth Bake Sale. If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign up on the church website or speak to Kim Robertson, Kersten Richter, or Joe Jorgensen. Your support is very much appreciated!



CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, December 21 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.

COMMUNICATIONS DEADLINES

Weekly announcements are due Wednesdays by 12 noon.

Articles and announcements for the monthly newsletter are due by the 18th of the month.

All questions, suggestions, or items should be directed to Carri in the church office at office@christianialutheranchurch.org or 952-461-2283.

FRIENDLY VISITORS



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.



QUILT TYING

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, December 7 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.

THE LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

In the season of Advent, the days approaching Christmas can be filled with both happiness and sorrow. They can be times of both light and darkness. A surprise of the season is often the great grief one can experience.

“So it’s true, when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love.” — E.A. Bucchianeri, *Brushstrokes of a Gadfly*.

Once again this year, we set aside time to grieve and mourn loss. Join us on **Monday, Dec. 19, @ 6:30 pm** for this special service of remembrance.

Participants are encouraged to bring a photo or photos of loved ones for whom they grieve.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS

Are you looking for a place to donate those gently used items you no longer need? Might those items make for some nice Christmas gifts? Please consider donating them to the church for our Children’s Christmas Store. This store gives our children a chance to do a little Christmas shopping for their loved ones on their own.

Please bring any items you wish to donate to the Heritage Room by Thursday, December 15th.

If you have any questions, please call or text Becky Ruen at 979-224-0141.

Thank you!



WOMEN’S LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at Gary’s (formerly known as Harry’s Café) in Lakeville on **Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 am.**

Please call Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211 or Carol Garant 651-334-3286 if you would like to carpool or if you have questions.



ANNUAL YOUTH BAKE SALE DECEMBER 11 & 18

It’s once again time for the Youth Bake Sale! We are taking pre-orders for cookies through December 4, and pies/breads through December 11. You can find the order form at the Information Desk and on the church website.

Cookies will be available for pick up on Dec. 11. Pie/bread pick up will be on Sunday, Dec. 18. For any questions, please contact Kim Robertson or Kersten Richter.



A blood drive will be held at Christiania on Wednesday, December 21 from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

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.



We want your trees!



Anyone wishing to donate their used live Christmas tree after the holidays, consider giving it to the Ruen’s goats. Call Joel or Becky Ruen for details; you’re welcome to the stripped trunk afterwards, if you’d like.

BOOK CLUB:

We will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 28, at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink.

For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee Hour & Celebration of November and December Birthdays</p> <p>10:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>2:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Bunniss Visitation</p> <p>11:00 am Bunniss Memorial Service</p> <p>12:00 pm Funeral Luncheon</p> <p>5:30 pm Financial Review Committee</p> <p>7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Personnel Team</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Qu...</p> <p>5:00 pm NG...</p> <p>5:30 pm Me...</p> <p>6:00 pm Yo...</p> <p>6:30 pm We...</p> <p>Co...</p> <p>Co...</p> <p>7:00 pm Fa...</p> <p>Be...</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 am Worship w/NGCB & Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Team Meeting</p> <p>10:15 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am CYF Team Meeting</p> <p>3:00 pm Christmas Concert</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 am Lu...</p> <p>5:30 pm Me...</p> <p>6:30 pm We...</p> <p>Co...</p> <p>7:00 pm Fa...</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:00 am Join John and Sharon Mohn for cake and coffee following worship. John & Sharon are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary</p> <p>11:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program</p> <p>11:45 am Children's Christmas Store</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm The Longest Night: A Service of Remembranc</p> <p>7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Ch...</p> <p>Lu...</p> <p>Wo...</p> <p>2:00 pm Re...</p> <p>Dr...</p> <p>6:30 pm Co...</p> <p>Ch...</p> <p>Ca...</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>9:00 am Christmas Day Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>26 Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 am Bo...</p>

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2022 MISSIONS CHRISTMAS PROJECT



Every year, the Christiania Missions Team brings forward a project at Christmas as a way for the congregation to share Christ's love in the community. This year we are partnering with Better Futures Minnesota to provide first apartment move-in kits for men working to stabilize their lives.

Established in 2007, The Network for Better Futures DBA Better Futures Minnesota is a non-profit social enterprise dedicated to reintegrating high-risk adults, primarily African-American men into society by providing a platform to help them succeed. Learn more about the organization and their mission at <https://betterfuturesminnesota.com>

“At Better Futures, we believe the Four Fundamentals are necessary components for building a healthy life: stable, safe housing; workforce training and good jobs; health and wellness engagement; and life skills/family coaching and mentorship. Our integrated-care model gives men access to these core needs on Day 1.”

As men work through the program, they can earn their own apartment at Better Futures. When they move up, they are in need of all of those daily things we take for granted. We will be collecting household items from the list below to provide to Better Futures for their efficiency move-in kits. Look for a large donation bin in the back of the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

Kitchen: Dining essentials (plates, bowls, cups); Dining utensils (forks, spoons, knives); Utensils (pizza cutter, ladle, spatula, slotted spoon, mixing spoon, tongs, can opener, paring knife, vegetable peeler, scissors); Cookware (fry pan, sauce pan, pizza pan); Dishwashing pack (dish soap, sponges, 2 dish towels, 2 wash cloths, Ziploc bags, aluminum foil, saran wrap); and Cleaning pack (vinegar, baking soda, cleaning rags, empty spray bottle, paper towels).

Bathroom: Toilet brush with holder; toilet bowl cleaner; toilet paper; tissue; and bandages.

Laundry pack: 10 detergent pods; dryer sheets; and 10 hangers.

Cleaning Supplies: Broom & dust pan; Swiffer mop kit; Windex; cleaning wipes; and garbage bags.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please use one of the envelopes available at the Information Desk in the Fellowship Hall, or clearly mark your check with Better Futures on the memo line.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

REFRESH/REVIVE UPDATES

PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

The parsonage property sold for \$321,000. We anticipate the closing to happen early in December. The ballpark lot is still for sale, listed at \$200,000.

REFRESH/REVIVE

- Carpet has been ordered
- An oversight team has been organized for payments and to oversee the construction process. Members are: Brad Smith, Cheryl Mohn, Bruce Mohn and Lee Braun
- The Refresh team met again and determined the roof material will be asphalt, not steel, due to cost and evaluated the pew layout for flexible handicapped areas and pews will be ordered soon
- Josh Carlson, the contractor from Treasured Spaces and Lee Braun met to discuss the project and will work together as it progresses. The next step is to acquire permits for the project

REVIVE INCOME REPORT UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Current Income

Pledges	\$535,869
Pledges for 2022	\$338,189
Pledges for 2023	\$181,580
Pledges for 2024	\$16,100

- **\$325,471** (received) = 12,718 remaining

Miscellaneous Income	\$327,000
Generous gift	\$250,000
Roof Insurance	\$32,000
CLC Foundation	\$30,000
Memorial Money	\$15,000

Non Pledged Gifts	\$48,308
Total Income	\$700,779

Project Income Needs

Project Estimate	\$1,232,592
<u>Total income</u>	<u>- \$681,601</u>
Subtotal Balance	\$550,991
<u>Outstanding pledges</u>	<u>- \$229,351</u>
Final Balance	\$321,640

-- (to be paid by property sale)



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Pastor Jon Rhodes	Andrew Mendez <i>Evangelism</i>

Season of Service Advent Idea

This month, as we prepare for Christmas, we have an opportunity to live out the true reason for the season — God’s love coming into the world in the form of Jesus Christ. I invite you to consider these 25 service ideas that aim to share Christ’s love with our community. This list was shared with me a couple of years ago by Louise Anderson. May God richly bless you that you may be a blessing to others. ~Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation

Tis the Season to Serve

- Day 1: Leave a treat in secret on someone’s front porch
- Day 2: Read a Christmas story to a loved one over Zoom
- Day 3: Send an Advent greeting to a church member
- Day 4: Do a secret chore for a family member
- Day 5: Buy a present for a child or family in need
- Day 6: Make a Christmas craft to share with someone
- Day 7: Send a card to someone at a nursing home
- Day 8: Have a Christmas dance party—invite others via social media
- Day 9: Donate food to your local food shelf
- Day 10: Candy Cane bomb a parking lot or a neighborhood
- Day 11: Deliver a treat to those who work as first responders
- Day 12: Fill the washing machines with quarters at the laundromat
- Day 13: Call someone and sing them a Christmas carol over the phone
- Day 14: Start a conversation with someone new or play with a new friend
- Day 15: Clean up litter outside
- Day 16: Donate used clothes, toys, or books
- Day 17: Thank a teacher
- Day 18: Have a candlelit dinner together as a family
- Day 19: Shop at a small local business
- Day 20: Leave the mail carrier a note or treat
- Day 21: Drive around & look at Christmas lights—come home & drink hot chocolate
- Day 22: Pay for a stranger’s coffee, lunch, or shopping, or leave a big tip for a server
- Day 23: Draw a picture of the nativity and share it on social media
- Day 24: Act out the Christmas story with your family or read it out loud together
- Day 25: Write three service goals for next year as a gift to Jesus. Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

Family Events



Tubing @ Buck Hill: Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 2:00 pm

All students and their families are invited to meet at Buck Hill for tubing on Sunday, January 8 from 2-4 pm.

Please sign up ahead of time by going to www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events. Click the RSVP button to sign up so I know you're coming and then go to the Buck Hill website to purchase your ticket.

Any confirmation student who has met their midterm goals is eligible for a complimentary ticket. You will be notified if this applies to you.

PreK-5th Grade



Upcoming Lessons:

December 4, 11, & 18: Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 25 & January 1: No Class

For the latest info, go to:
www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sunday-school.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Dress Rehearsal:
Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 am-12 noon

Program:
Sunday, Dec. 18 at 11 am

Children's Christmas Store

We are excited to announce the return of the Children's Christmas Store!

The Children's Christmas Store provides an opportunity for the children of our congregation to do a little Christmas shopping for their family members without mom or dad seeing what they pick out.. Youth volunteers will escort children as they go through the store and will help them select gifts, make payment, and even giftwrap their purchases.

December 17: 12:00-2:00 pm (after the Christmas Program dress rehearsal)

December 18: 11:45 am-1:00 pm (following the Christmas Program)

All items are \$1 each; proceeds help support youth activities throughout the year. Items available for purchase have all been donated by the Christiania community.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

6th-12th Grades



Upcoming Lessons:

	6th/7th	8th/9th
12/7	Feeding of 5,000	Christian Denominations
12/14	The Good Samaritan	Hot Topics
12/21	Caroling	
12/28	No Class: Christmas Break	

Find the latest information at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation.

FAITH ALIVE

Thanks to those who gathered last month to explore the book, *Stay Curious*. We want to continue the vibrant conversation that we started there. **High School students, parents, and any interested adults** are invited to join us for Faith Alive on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**. This will be a time to explore questions and, most importantly, to share our stories with one another. Through our questions and stories we hope to find signs of how God is alive and active in the world. Please join us!

Dec. 7 & 14



Sunday, December 4, 2022 @ 2:00 pm (All MS and HS youth)
White Elephant gift exchange: bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Gifts should be approximately \$10 in value.

Sunday, January 8, 2023 @ 2:00 pm (All youth and their families)
Tubing @ Buck Hill: See listing under Family Events on the previous page.

All the latest details can be found at: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events.


Middle School Winter Retreat

 We are making plans to take a group of middle school youth up to Camp Onomia for a winter retreat at the end of February.

 Go to the Youth Events page on the church website to find more information.











Youth Summer Trip



Plans are underway for our summer 2023 trip...we are headed to the boundary waters!

This trip is for any youth currently in grades 8-12. We are also hoping to have room for each youth participant to bring a parent, grandparent, or other adult mentor along for the adventure.

We are aiming for the week of July 16, 2023.

Watch for more details in January...



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December's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.)** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the front entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

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Christmas at Christiania

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11: 3:00pm

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18: 11:00am

The Longest Night: A Service of Remembrance

Monday, December 19: 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24: 3:00pm, 4:30pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25: 9:00am

