



Christiania

Newsletter

MARCH 2015

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

Practice

The rule of 10,000 has been overstated in the past years. The rule says if you practice for 10,000 hours you are going to be an expert. Well, I doubt with my clumsy left hand that I could play guitar expertly in 10,000 hours. I admit I probably would get pretty good, but hardly an expert.

There is one take-away from this rule. If you really are passionate about something and strive to do it well, you will need to practice extensively. If you are passionate about fly fishing, you'll have to practice casting. If you are passionate about playing the piano, you will sit inside plunking away while others are playing outside.

We offer Lent as an analogy to practice. During these 40 days we refocus our attention to the passion of our faith. We practice to become better at praying. We practice to be a more participating worshipper. We practice our hospitality around the meal table. We practice our giving so that God's work is more effective in our community and in the world. We practice our serving, perhaps in new ways previous untried.

Following Jesus to the cross takes practice, passion, and courage. God bless your journey to Calvary.

- Pastor Dave

March Sunday Worship

March 1—Lent 2—Matthew 20:1-16

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

March 8—Lent 3—Matthew 22:1-14

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

March 15—Lent 4—Matthew 25:1-13

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Communion
(Liturgical Wind Ensemble)
10:45 am Traditional Worship with Communion

March 22—Lent 5—Matthew 25:31-46

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

March 29—Palm Sunday—Matthew 21:1-13

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

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

Lent 2015—Spiritual Disciplines of Disciples:

Wednesdays, Worship 11:30 am and 7:00 pm
Adult Forum—6:00pm

March 4: Food; Eating with Jesus (Matthew 15:1-10)

March 11: Worship; Seeking God's Presence
(Matthew 22:34-46)

March 18: Service; The Needs Right Around You
(James 2:14-26)

March 25: Money; The Joy of Sharing (Acts 2:37-47)



“Lenten Meals Continue”

Each Wednesday during Lent we serve a soup and sandwich meal after the 11:30am worship and before the 7:00pm worship. Donations of soup and bars are welcome—and offers to help set up, serve and clean up are appreciated. Please sign up on the sheets posted on the kiosk and on the wall by the door into the kitchen. Questions, contact Joan Eckdahl at 952-469-4439 or email at jmeckdahl@gmail.com!

Thank you for your support!
Congregational Life

Time to mark your calendars for:

Christiania’s 6th Annual Men’s Retreat Weekend

There will be

- ♦ Fishing ... great fishing for sunfish, crappies, bass, perch and northern pike
- ♦ Fellowship ... reflect at a pristine and relaxed setting amongst friends (evening fellowship too)
- ♦ Food and Lodging ... enjoy prepared meals and stay in a beautiful lodge
- ♦ Friends ... who better to talk about the big one that got away!
- ♦ Fun ... Relax, unwind, enjoy

WHEN: Friday, June 5 - Sunday, June 7 at Bay Lake Camp on an island near Deerwood, MN. Just a 2 1/2 hour drive from church. We’ll leave Friday at 8am—return Sunday about 2pm.

COST: Approximately \$150 - includes

Breakfast: Saturday and Sunday
Lunch: Friday and Saturday
Dinner: Friday and Saturday
and lodging both nights.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the kiosk. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Lucky Rimpila at 952-652-2899 or Pastor Dave.

Baptisms at Christiania

Emma Catherine Pflaum
Daughter of Donald & Sara
Baptized February 22, 2015

Cruz Nicholas Conway
Son of Nathan & Katie
Baptized February 22, 2015



Lost and Found: Our Lost and Found area (the SW corner of the coat area) is overflowing and will be cleaned out soon. Please checks for any missing items.

Loaves & Fishes meal serving—Tuesday, March 31—Youth and adult help needed to serve a meal at Creekside Center at 98th & Penn in Bloomington; prepare at 4:30; serve at 5:30.

Flowers to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter will be available for order beginning Sunday, March 8. A variety of flowers/plants will be available.



Social Media

Social Media plays a large role in communicating in today's society. Christiania tries to keep the web site updated on a regular basis. We also have a Facebook page that we are posting on diligently. Please take a look and invite your friends.

March 2015 – From the Property Commission

Church Doors - The doors are finally in; don't they look great? Thank you to Lee Braun who had the skills and patience to lead this project. There is additional skilled trim painting that needs to be done on the inside and outside around the frames. The handicapped door openers on the south will be installed and wired in the near future.

Urban Ventures – Thank you to Bruce Mohn who is leading this project. Christiania will be providing farmland just north of our church (from our recent Larson property acquisition) to Urban Ventures for planting and harvesting a large vegetable garden. An access drive to this property off of CR-9 through an easement with the Olsons will be installed later this spring.

Where would our church be without the skilled volunteers and equipment we have been receiving? What are your skills and equipment available and how can you potentially help us in the future?

Parking Lot – The Property Commission met with a vendor (member of Christiania) at their January meeting who explained methods for preserving our parking lot. To provide an accurate bid, he needs to survey the lot for drainage issues and take core samples in the spring. More on this in future newsletters.

Mission Garden – The trees in the right of way are down; the stumps will be ground down soon. The specific area for the Mission garden will be determined. Planting in this location will happen in 2016.

2015 Project List – In the next month's newsletter, you will have the opportunity to volunteer your skills for your church. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the kiosk after the April Newsletter goes out.

- + Flowers (cleaning up the beds, planting flowers, watering/weeding throughout the summer/fall, cleaning up the beds in the fall and putting winter foliage into the pots)
- + Painting
- + Spring Cleaning
- + **Mowing of the Ball Field. We need a new volunteer!!**

Blessings from your Property Committee,

Brad Smith, Steve Anderson, Warren Peterson and Jeanne Nash Hoffmann.

Christiania Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Tuesday—Friday

9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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Debbie Lundeen Bells Director

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Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee



Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) support the Lutheran World Relief

Coffee small farmer co-ops. In 2014, customers brewed, shared and enjoyed 5.5 million pounds of coffee from the co-ops.

Coffee is sold in the display case on the Marketplace Table in Fellowship Hall. If you have a favorite Equal Exchange coffee and would like to see it sold at Christiania, please let Colleen Powell know, 952-469-2789.

Thanks for your support!

Thank You to.....

Rachel Fausch, who has been faithfully maintaining the Children's Worship bags the past couple of years. These are canvas bags filled with items (books, activity sheets, crayons, etc.) to keep young children occupied while in church.

Rachel would like to step down from this position at this time. If you would be interested in taking over this task, please contact the church office or contact Rachel directly at Rachel.fausch@hotmail.com.

Iringa Hope

Tom & Sandy Hendrickson are back in Iringa, Tanzania working on microfinance. They have been developing the Iringa Hope network of village based cooperatives (SACCOS) for the past 10 years. The Iringa Hope network has grown rapidly and is now helping over 20,000 people in the Iringa Diocese.

Our partner parish of Ihemi is one of the first Iringa Hope locations (and is also one of the best). If you are interested in following their work in the villages you can find their reports at

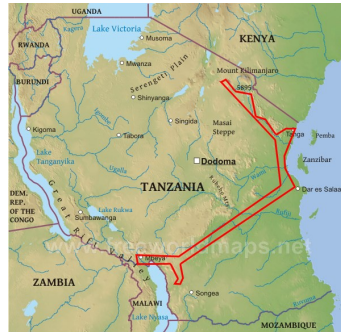
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Lunch Bunch will meet **TUESDAY, March 10**. The change of day is to avoid the noon Lenten service on Wednesday. We will meet at 11:00 (note change from regular time of 11:30) at the Cup of Tea House at 6345 E. 240th St., Elko New Market. We absolutely have to have reservations for this lunch. As of February 15, all reservation slots have been filled. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please call Karen Erickson at 952-652-2605. Often there are cancellations, even at the last minute.



In April, the tentative place is the King's Room at St. Olaf. More information about this will be in the April Newsletter.

Tanzania 2015 trip is being planned for October/November with the Ames and Skillmans being the first Christiania members to commit. This visit to our partnered congregation of Ihemi will have all the elements of relationship building and exposure to the various facets of the Bega Kwa Bega relationship, such as a school visit to see sponsored students, Microfinance, Agricultural Institute and more. Additionally this group will spend time in various villages working on behalf of Saint Paul Partners on issues concerning clean water and proper hygiene and sanitation practices.



Providing some reflection time, we will also take a safari in the incredible Ruaha National Park and may spend time on the Indian Ocean.

If interested in participating, please talk to Bo or Juli Skillman **soon**.

Bo 612 889 9329 skillmanbo@gmail.com
 Juli 952 393 8158 juliskillman@gmail.com



Early Morning Bible Study is missing three DVDs from the "Nooma" series by Rob Bell.

They are #4—Sunday
 #14—Breathe
 #20—Shells

Please check to see if you have any of these and return to the church office. Thanks!

March 22 - Breakfast Buffet

Celebrate Spring!! The Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) is sponsoring a breakfast buffet between worship services on March 22.

Why? To focus on the Noise Abatement Project. The Property Committee is starting to research the situation in Fellowship Hall. We would like to begin to raise money toward costs for this project.

We will be serving egg dishes, oatmeal, cinnamon rolls, muffins, etc. If you would like to help with the breakfast, please contact Linda Otto at ottolm@frontiernet.net.

Church Phone: 952/461-2283

March, 2015

March Ministries

Offering Counters

Mar. 1	Jack & Joan Eckdahl
Mar. 8	Brad & Lisa Smith
Mar. 15	Brad & Lisa Smith
Mar. 22	Al & Fayette Ames
Mar. 29	Al & Fayette Ames, Dan Thompson

Youth /Parent Ushers

Mar. 8	8:30	Willow Larsen, Alex Hanson Jenna Hayes, Crisa Aasen
	10:45	Jake Bronson, Logan Petersen Katie Travaille, Kimberly Walker

Acolyte

Mar. 1	8:30	Nate Anderson, Collin Clarey
	10:45	Jordan Bares, Maddy Cepelcha
Mar. 8	8:30	Madison Coffing, Jackie Estrem
	10:45	Morgan Emmons, Abby Estep
Mar. 15	8:30	Ashlynn Henry, Cortney Fischer
	10:45	Gaige Giles, Collin Clarey
Mar. 22	8:30	Rachel Estrem, Hayden Fischer
	10:45	Luke Hill, Isaac Hill
Mar. 29	8:30	Laura McGregor, Allie Lucast
	10:45	Matthew Hurrle, Indigo Larsen

Communion Assistants

Mar. 1	8:30	Kim Buechele, Cheryl Mohn Mariann Storlie
	10:45	Lucky & Connie Rimpila Vonny Lasddusaw
Mar. 15	8:30	Sherri Mohn, Juli Skillman

10:45

Greeters

Mar. 1	Joel & Julie Booth
Mar. 8	Eunice Estrem, Vonny Laddusaw
Mar. 15	Daron & Jackie DuLac
Mar. 22	Brian & Kim Buechele
Mar. 29	Lori Peterson

Coffee Servers

Mar. 1	Reuben & Judy Lantto Brylea Hanson, Hayden Jensen
Mar. 8	Bo & Juli Skillman Amy Matiak, Will Kanfield
Mar. 15	Ritchie & Joan Storlie Shelby Monio, Maggie Nielsen
Mar. 22	LeRoy & Lori Clausen Max Parker, Nate Rowan
Mar. 29	Dick & Carol Ostlie Hailey Stanley, Grace Seurer

Lectors

Mar. 1	8:30	Alan Ritchie
	10:45	John Christianson
Mar. 8	8:30	Tania Drexler
	10:45	Karen Erickson
Mar. 15	8:30	Madalyn Petersen
	10:45	Lonna Selkirk
Mar. 22	8:30	
	10:45	Heidi Christensen
Mar. 29	8:30	
	10:45	Brenda Mesaros



We continue our rotation "Walking on Water." Children will be singing on March 8 at the 10:45am service—a song about keeping our focus on Jesus—just like Peter when he waked on the water to meet Jesus (ask your kids about this).

Our next rotation starts March 15, and we are going to be studying Holy Week and Easter. Our memory verse is *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."* 1 John 3:16. Children will wave palms and sing at the beginning of both services on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Communion classes for 5th graders and their parents will be held during Education hour on March 8, 15 and 22 in the Family Ed Room.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Lord with your children.

Michelle Vosejka, vosejka@lonstel.com
Kris Geissler, kriabblil@gmail.com

2014 Choice Dollars® expire on March 31, 2015

Because giving back has always been important to Thrivent and our members, the Thrivent Choice® program provides eligible participants the opportunity to recommend where to distribute some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds.

Encouraging eligible benefit members to direct Choice Dollars is a great way to make a difference in your church.

2014 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2015.

Christiania Lutheran Church is one of the accepted charitable outreach organizations.

Two easy options for directing Choice Dollars:

Online: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

Questions? Please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836 and say "fraternal" or email to fraternal@thrivent.com. For faster service, have your member ID handy.

Prayers for our Congregation

Bridget Anderson
Orville Nelson
Philip Tupa

Mary Lou Ruh
Don Storlie
Robin Martin

Linda Bauer's mother
Tom Carlson's mother, Evelyn
Karen Frame's sister, Bonnie
Brian Aasen's mother, Jan
Kelly Ronn's mother, Jean
Dave Goodwin's cousin, Linda
Friend of Lori Rogers, Annie
Friend of Melanie Kubischta, Bob
John & Don Storlie's cousin, Diane
Friend of Mariann Storlie, Sandy
Friend of Steve & Geeg Aaker, John
Ron & Pete Petersen and Gladys Bolton's
brother, Wally and sister-in-law, Bonnie
Dwayne Vosejka's brother, Dan
Rachel Fausch's mother

Friends of the Community:

Brady Nelson*

Ana von Koeverden*

*Caring Bridge Websites



Resumes are currently being accepted for the **Office Manager** position—please direct them to Pastor Dave.

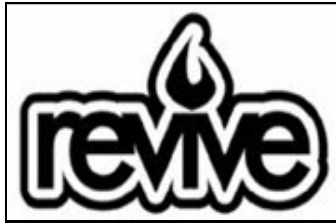
The Job Description is available in the church office and on the website.

Questions may be directed to the hiring committee. Members are Lucky Rimpila, Joe Jorgensen, Rachel Fausch and Alan Ritchie.

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.



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

Get your deposit in NOW. **Deadline is March 15.** Check your weekly emails for more details on camperships funds and fundraising options!



Like Christiania Lutheran Church page on Facebook! Watch for information on upcoming events!

Children, Youth & Family Leader Christiania Lutheran Church

Steven Olan
Steven.a.olan@gmail.com
925-759-6860 (yes, it is area code 925)

CONFIRMATION

**Confirmation during Lent
(February 18 through March 25)**

We will be having a shortened time, starting at 6:15 and ending at 6:45 so that ALL confirmation students can attend each Lenten evening worship service. It will be a great season of reflecting on the cross and empty tomb.

Acolyte, Usher and Coffee schedules are set through March, BUT you know you have the option to sign up for dates that work better for you by using SignUpGenius. If you do not receive our weekly emails with the SignUpGenius link, email me right away at steven.a.olan@gmail.com

Camp Onomia

The summer brochure for faith-based fun at Camp Onomia is available. Every Christiania child receives a financial gift 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.

Youth Band is Back!

If you have an interest to be part of the Youth Band, please pick up an application from Steven's office as soon as possible.





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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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MARCH FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Canned meats, chicken, tuna

WINTER "MEATS" SPRING



Book Discussion Group

Lent is a time for reflection - where would we be without Jesus' sacrifice?

We invite you to join us at 11:30 (March 25 at 1pm due to Lenten schedule) in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

March 25: Tell My Sons
at 1:00pm by Mark M. Weber

April 29: Killing Jesus
By Bill O'Reilly and
Martin Dugard



The Open Door (Dakota County Foodshelf) partners with Minnesota FoodShare during the month of March—the more food and funds raised in March, the more funds are received from Minnesota FoodShare.



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

Email info. to Karen Frame at

Kframe@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org.

Daylight Saving Time Returns

Sunday, March 8

(remember to "spring ahead" Saturday night, March 7)