

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



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

I pray that you and all of God’s people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

—Ephesians 3:18-19

Christiania friends,

We’ve just returned from a week at Camp—and what a glorious week it was. Twelve Christiania students joined with me, and three of our adults to experience *God’s Boundless Love* at Camp Onomia. Surrounded by camp staff as well as youth and adults from four other Lutheran communities of faith, we learned, prayed, worshiped, played, competed, sang, danced, listened, and lived as one.

God’s Boundless Love at Camp Onomia was created when the ELCA National Youth Gathering was canceled this summer. Camp staff, together with campers, supporting adults, pastors, and youth leaders from five congregations joined with campers from sixth grade through recently graduated seniors. We had an amazing time and we learned about God and God’s plans for us. Each day we focused on a particular way God is Boundless and without Limits: Care of Creation (Genesis 1); Care of Self (John 3); and Care of Neighbor (Ephesians 2). God is boundless. God is love

Thank you, students, for making the week a success: Max, Kaden, Aubrey, Rae, Jessa, Hannah, Gabby, Erica, Ava, Aubry, Quentin, and Michael. Your humor, flexibility, willingness to participate, laugh, and smiles all set the tone. Thank you adult chaperones: Sharon, Becky and Dan. Your willingness to participate, engage with young people, listen, and play were and are so important for the quality of the relationships we share. Thank you, parents who helped, prepared, supported, fundraised, sent, and entrusted us with your students’. Thank you to the Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation for your financial support which is so important to keeping the financial costs down for families.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

I want to, again, thank all of you who have contributed and pledged to our Sanctuary Refresh Campaign. Many of you have already contributed your pledges and commitments—thank you. The total of our combined donations, pledges, and commitments (\$863,169) is 70% of our goal (\$1,233,000). This is especially amazing considering the economy and the challenges confronting so many communities of faith who are struggling with finances and giving. Thank you for your generous support. I can hardly wait for the project to come to fruition.

The Bible verses in the text box at the beginning of this letter powerfully suggest the importance of knowing Christ's love. The Apostle Paul's encouragement to *"be filled with all that God is,"* can be our encouragement too: *"I want you all to know about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."*

God loves you and so do I! Be filled with all that God is!

Pastor Jon

Come & Worship

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

Wednesday, August 3:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship/Communion at Wagner Park in New Market followed by an Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 7:	9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
Wednesday, August 10:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship/Communion with an Ice Cream Social following worship
Sunday, August 14:	9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
Wednesday, August 17:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with an Ice Cream Social following worship
Sunday, August 21:	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Wednesday, August 24:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship/Communion with an Ice Cream Social following worship
Sunday, August 28:	9:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, August 31:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with an Ice Cream Social following worship

July Worship Attendance

Sunday

July 3: O: **94** I: **99**

July 10 : O: **66** I: **103**

July 17: O: **178** I: **115**

July 24: O: —* I: **96**

July 31: O: —* I:

Midweek

July 6: O: **12** I: **24**

July 13: O: **28** I: **21**

July 20: O I: **15**

July 27: —* I:

O=Online, I=In-person

Christiania Lutheran Church

Treasurer Job Description

We're looking for someone with interest and experience in accounting to join our team.

The Christiania Lutheran Church (CLC) Treasurer is a paid \$20—25/hour, part-time position averaging 20 hours per month. The Treasurer is accountable for the management of monies and financial records of the church. The Treasurer is responsible for the oversight and arrangement for the proper recording of all financial transactions and proper handling according to generally accepted accounting principles and Christiania's policies and procedures. The Treasurer is responsible for reporting to the Congregation Council financial conditions at the monthly meetings, ensuring audits are conducted in accordance with our constitution and the preparing the annual budget and financial statements.

Other Helpful Skills we're looking for:

- A strong understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial reporting requirements. A CPA is preferred.
- Familiarity with Budget development and budget variance monitoring.
- Possess the ability to meet deadlines, work under pressure, and preserve confidentiality.
- Strong ability to work and communicate with colleagues and partners in a collaborative style while able to take initiative and work independently.
- A working knowledge of Icon Systems (our church software) preferable.
- A working knowledge of Microsoft 360 including Microsoft Teams preferable.
- Strong preference for knowledge of ELCA and Lutheran practices.

To inquire about this position, please contact Pastor Jon at pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org.

SEEKING ADVENTURE AND PURPOSE?!?!?

Christiania has been in relationship with Ihemi Tanzania parish for over 20 years and “presence” with them is an important pillar of that relationship. Bo and Juli Skillman are seeking individuals/groups to travel with them this fall or in 2023 if longer term planning suits you better. Trip length and budget can be managed to fit individual needs.

Young or old, such a trip will change your life and grow your faith. To explore possibilities, please call Bo at 612-889-9329 or Juli at 952-393-8158. If nothing else, we think you would enjoy learning more about this partnership and these brothers and sisters.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Bridget Anderson	Gladys Michelsen
Ken Beske	Eunice Ott
Denny Carey	Jeff Otto
John Christianson	Harold Martin
Colleen Powell	Karen Erickson
Susie Stiehl	Dale (Skip) Fredrickson
Don Storlie	Lois Haglund
Sharon Syverson	Melanie Kubischta
Yvonne Anderson	Doc Aaker
Kim Robertson	Rob Ruh

FOR THESE OF OUR CONGREGATION:

For the Newly Baptized
7/31/22 Bodie and Charlie Weier

Those who mourn

Tia Burnham and her family as they mourn the loss of Tia's stepfather, Richard Hoelscher.

Bo, Juli and Roz Skillman and their family as they mourn the loss of Bo's father, Rod Skillman.

For friends of our community:

Michael Butler, brother of Becky Ruen
Anne Zimanske, friend of Sue Jacobson
Mike Schultz, friend of Cindy Hildreth
Tina Des Marais, sister of Tim Emmons
Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch
Larry Olson, father of Jackie DuLac
Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
Luella and Dorothy, family of Alan Ritchie
Dale Burnham, son of Tony Burnham

In the Military:

Max Baker - grandson of Sandy Cross
Josh Dennehey - son of John Dennehey
Billy Hukka - son of Beth Hukka
Andrew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield
Matthew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield
Brenden Rogers - nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers
John Rogers - son of Mark & Lori Rogers
Christian Weidling - nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn
Miguel Nuno - nephew of Arcadio & Tania Drexler-Gutierrez

GET INVOLVED

Bible Study

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's)
August 9 & 23

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW)
Christiania Lutheran Church Women
August 17

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
August 4, 11, 18 & 25

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)
August 13 & 27

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**GREETERS
LECTORS
ASSISTING MINISTERS
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
VIDEO OPERATORS
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."



FRIENDLY VISITORS RETURN

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.

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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, August 3 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday, August 8 at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a project you are working on or start a new one. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, contact Lori Clausen at 952-461-2333.



LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at The Better Half in Lakeville on **Wednesday, August 10 at 11:30 am.** If you have questions, please call Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.

SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiania's "Singles" group will meet at **Firehouse in New Market on Tuesday, August 16 @ 5:30 p.m.** Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth at 612-636-0917 or Barb Bachman at 651-463-21399 for more information or to RSVP.



MISSION GARDEN

Volunteers needed for:

- Watering (depending on the weather, this needs to be done about once a week)
- Tilling between rows as needed to remove weeds
- Weeding around the plants
- Picking the vegetables
- Delivering vegetables to the food shelf

You can choose the time and tasks that work best for your skills and schedule. The more the merrier. Many hands make light work.

Contact Sue Jacobson 952-758-3438 or Linda Costa 612-812-4945 to volunteer.



CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, August 17 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.

CLCW SUMMER

The women of the congregation are serving bars/cookies for coffee hour. If you would like to help make bars, cookies or serve, there is a sign up sheet near the kitchen windows. There are four slots to fill out weekly, each slot represents a pan of bars (9"x13") or 2 dozen cookies.



BOOK CLUB:



We will be reading "TBD" and will be meeting on **August 31, at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink, coffee will be provided.

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

If you have a special day/ event you would like to celebrate with the congregation (i.e. baptism, anniversary, birthday etc.) and you would like to bring all the treats, just sign up in all four spaces. This is planned for the summer months only. Questions – contact Linda Otto at 952-469-8561.

P.S. Don't forget the craft sale in October. Are you knitting, crocheting, painting, crafting over the summer?

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
	<p>1 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>2 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:30 a.m.: Q 5:30 p.m.: D W N 6:30 p.m.: W W in 7:00 p.m.: Ic S</p>
<p>7 CAR & TRACTOR SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.: Car/Tractor viewing — brunch served by the youth</p>	<p>8 9:30 a.m.: Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.: Congregation Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>10 11:30 a.m.: W L 5:00 p.m.: N 6:30 p.m.: W C 7:00 p.m.: Ic S</p>
<p>14 9:00 a.m.: Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Worship Team Meeting</p>	<p>15 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>16 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.: Singles' Dinner at The Firehouse Grille in New Market 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>17 9:30 a.m.: C 6:30 p.m.: W 7:00 p.m.: Ic S</p>
<p>21 8:00 a.m.: Membership Ministry Team 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.: CYF Team Meeting</p>	<p>22 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>23 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>24 5:00 p.m.: N 6:30 p.m.: W C 7:00 p.m.: Ic S</p>
<p>28 8:00 a.m.: Membership Ministry Team 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 1:00 p.m.: Faith Day at the Twins</p>	<p>29 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>30 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>31 11:30 a.m.: B 5:00 p.m.: N 6:30 p.m.: W 7:00 p.m.: Ic S</p>

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Quilters Dinner at Wagner Park in New Market Worship at Wagner Park New Market Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>4 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 5:30 a.m.: Financial Review Team Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Women's Lunch Bunch GCB Worship with Communion Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>11 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Ministry Board Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>LCW Worship Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>18 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.: Missions Team Meeting</p>	<p>19 5:00 p.m.: Walker/Beisse Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 4:00 p.m.: Walker/Beisse Wedding</p>
<p>GCB Worship with Communion Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>25 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>Book Club GCB Worship Ice Cream Social</p>			

PROPERTY COMMITTEE The Property Committee met on July 12.

Church Lots For Sale: At their meeting, the Property Committee reviewed aerial photos of the parsonage and farmland lot splits. Discussion was held on making the lots the same size and each was then surveyed at 3.0 acres. The Council hired Jacobson Engineering to survey the lots. This was completed and Bruce Mohn (our reliable man of unlimited talents but limited time) will take the surveyed lots to the August 2 Eureka Planning Committee. Hopefully, he will then go to the August 9 Eureka Town Board for plat approval. The Eureka Board will send the plats to Dakota County for recording. Hopefully, we will have the lots “for sale” by September.

After the true value of the lots is determined, the lots will be offered for 30 days to the members of our congregation for purchase. This sale would not incur any realtor fees; however, there would be some miscellaneous fees, i.e., recording, etc. If after these 30 days, if either or both lots are still available, they will be listed by Fieldstone RES on MLS at a price to include commission above original price.

At their June meeting, the Council approved hiring Christiania member Bob Johnson, Fieldstone RES, for a nominal fee to assist with the MLS listing and sale. Thank you, Bob, for your service to your church.

Progress on Refresh Construction Project: It was determined that there needs to be church oversight of this construction project. The Council appointed Bruce Mohn, Brad Smith and Cheryl Mohn to the Refresh Oversight Committee. They will meet as appropriate and provide updates on the construction progress to the Council.

Decisions are now being made on the roofing material. Bruce and Brad indicated a need to order materials **NOW** so we don't run into product shortages and shipping delays. We also identified a need to replace windows in the church offices and Sunday School wing if there are any funds remaining in this Refresh project.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE - The East and West Cemetery Committees met on July 19. Topics included:

Stone Repairs at the East Cemetery - We are having a difficult time finding a monument company to repair our head stones at the East Cemetery. We will continue to reach out to companies. It was suggested we try mud jacking several of the stones to see if this meets some of our needs. Bruce Mohn will make an area contact. Once we find someone to repair all of our stones, we will have a better handle on the cemetery maintenance funds.

Well and Hydrants at the West Cemetery – After discussion, it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive to install a well at the West Cemetery at this time. We will continue with the tank we have been using and possibly revisit the topic at a future date.

Kohlhofer Easement Request – The property owners to the north of the West Cemetery requested a 75-foot easement on the east side of our property for an access to their property to the north. The owners received Scott County approval for an entrance off 245th Street and presented this information and a monetary offer to the Cemetery Committee. After lengthy discussion of the pros and cons by the Cemetery Committee members, the members voted unanimously to deny the request. They determined that the offer presented no real benefit to the church, its congregation, or its property. A letter was sent to the owners, signed by the Committee.

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General Discussion of Issues

Discussed if our \$1,500 plot fee for non-members was too low. We seem to be getting more non-member burial requests. Jack will check with two other cemeteries to determine their plot fees for non-members

Discussion again held on the need for a columbarium. This topic was passed along to the Foundation to pursue.

Discussed definition of "Associate" member. Many who have once belonged to Christiania consider themselves Associate Members. Future discussion to be held.

Discussed various investment opportunities for the funds in our Maintenance Account. It's earning more, where it is sitting in New Market Bank, than anywhere else and we have access to it. More discussion on this after expenses for repairing stones is determined.

Unseeded Plots – It is the family's responsibility to finalize the covering over a grave site. Many times, especially with a non-member burial, this is not done. Jeanne will draft an information sheet containing all the rules for ownership of a plot. When finalized this will be distributed to funeral homes and attached to the receipts for purchase of the grave site.

Unpaid Reserved Cemetery Plots. The updated Cemetery Plot Fee Policy mandates that reserved cemetery plots be paid by January 1, 2023. The following are the names of people who long ago reserved a plot but did not pay for it. If you have any information on families of these names, please call the office at 952-461-2283.

East Cemetery: Barth (no first name); Viall (no first name); McCarthy (no first name); and Bernice Sontag.

West Cemetery: Steven and Nancy Magnuson; Jerome Madson

Respectfully submitted:

Cemetery Committees: Brad Smith, Joan Eckdahl, Jack Eckdahl, Don Storlie, Jason Estrem, Debbie Lundeen and Bruce Lundeen.

Property Committee: Brad Smith (Chair), Jeanne Nash, Bruce Mohn, Dave Mohling, Scott Temple.)

the revenue collected will continue to benefit our congregation in various ways.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

Family Events



Faith Day with the Twins

The Minnesota Twins will host Faith Day at Target Field in collaboration with PraiseLive on Sunday, August 28, when the Twins play the San Francisco Giants; game time is 1:10. The event will include a postgame program featuring live worship music, and player testimonies.

We would like to arrange for a group of people from Christiania to attend the game. Sign up online or at the information desk at church by August 14 if you would like to go. Once we have a headcount, we will let you know the cost for tickets.

Preschool-5th Grade



Registration

A new school year is just around the corner, which means it's time to sign up for Sunday School. Details about this year's program and a link to the registration form can be found at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/Sunday-school

Sunday School Kickoff

Join us on Sunday, September 18 to celebrate the start of a new year of Sunday School. We plan to have some great activities including a bounce house, pie-throwing, and a dunk tank.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

6th-12th Grade



Confirmation Registration

We are excited for the return of Confirmation this fall. Students in grades 6 and 7 will be focused on learning more about the Old and New Testament, while grades 8 and 9 will dive into Luther's

Small Catechism. Look for the registration form at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation..



Labor Day Potluck Picnic

September 5, 2022 @ noon in Sweeney Park

All 6th-12th graders and their families are invited to attend.

Sign up to attend and bring something to share. The form can be found at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events.

Volunteer Opportunities

Car & Tractor Sunday

We will be serving food on August 7 for Car & Tractor Sunday. Middle School and High School youth can sign up to help by going to the Youth Events page of the church website (www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events).

Confirmation Teachers

We are looking for someone to assist with administrative tasks (communication, printing, etc.) related to our confirmation program for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Joe, Pastor Jon, or a member of the CYF Team if you would like to learn more about this opportunity

Sunday School Superintendent

We are looking for one or two adults to partner with Becky Ruen to lead our Sunday School Program for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Joe, Pastor Jon, or a member of the CYF Team if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

Teachers

We are looking for a few authentic, affirming adults to teach Sunday School and Confirmation this year. Contact Joe, Pastor Jon, or a member of the CYF Team if you would be interested in serving the youth of our community in this way.



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August's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **money** for the food shelf this month. For your convenience envelopes marked "food shelf" are located at the Information Desk. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the main office. Thank you for your contributions