

Christiania Newsletter

February 2023

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



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:3)

Christiania Friends,

Many of you are aware I traveled to and returned from the Holy Land recently. What a visit it was: to be in the place of all of the Biblical Judeo-Christian story. It was amazing to visit the birthplaces of Jesus and Mary, the annunciation of Mary, the site of Jesus' baptism along the Jordan River, the Mount of Olives, Shepherds Fields, and such a variety of holy sites important to Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

We walked the Via Dolorosa "Way of Suffering" which represents the path Jesus would have taken on the way to his crucifixion. We visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which contains both the site of Jesus' crucifixion and Jesus' empty tomb. We made a stop at the Holy Place known as the Western Wall in Judaism, an ancient limestone wall in Old City Jerusalem, part of a larger retaining wall on a hill known as the Temple Mount.

These were just some of the stops in a full week-long tour of Israel and Palestine. All of it is the ancient stuff of a pilgrimage—happening for Christians in the Holy Land since the 4th century. The word pilgrimage is a noun meaning a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion.

Forty-five pilgrims (myself included) traveled through the ancient sites of our faith story. At the end of our journey we received *Pilgrim Certificates* signed by the Mayor of Jerusalem and the Minister of Tourism in Israel reading, "By this attestation be it known that Jon Rhodes by virtue of fulfilling the biblical calling, has ascended to Jerusalem, the Holy City, capital of Israel and is henceforth authorized to bear the title of JERUSALEM PILGRIM."

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

Our Messiah Jesus and his disciples undertook many pilgrimages. His earliest, and perhaps most well-known happened with his parents when Jesus was a preteen: *Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this* (Luke 2:41-43).

Isn't it comforting to know Mary and Joseph assumed Jesus was with others in the group and left him alone in Jerusalem where he was found after three days "*sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions* (46b)." What a fabulous, human story.

I was taken aback at the number of pilgrims and the many different languages I heard during the course of our travels (English, Hebrew, Arab, German, French, Polish, Spanish, and more).

In the coming year I expect to be praying and talking about a follow-up Holy Land Pilgrimage; I'm hopeful some of you might join me. In the meantime, join me after worship on Sunday, February 5th when I'll show pictures and share reflections on my travels to the Holy Land. Lastly, make a note in your calendars about Ash Wednesday (February 22) which is the last Wednesday of the month and marks the beginning of Lent.

Blessings on your journey and remember: God loves you and so do I!

Pilgrim Jon Rhodes

Come & Worship

All Worship Services are offered in person as well as online via YouTube unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, February 1: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship w/Communion

Sunday, February 5: 9:00 am Worship w/Communion

Wednesday, February 8: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship w/Communion

Sunday, February 12: 9:00 am Worship **Camp Sunday**

Wednesday, February 15: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship

Sunday, February 19: 9:00 am Worship w/Communion

Wednesday, February 22: 11:30 am & 6:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion

Sunday, February 26: 9:00 a.m. Worship



Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. February 7, 14, 21, & 28 — *Meets via Zoom*

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's) February 14 & 28 — *Meets at church*

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)
February 15 — *Meets at church*

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. February 2, 9, 16, & 23 — *Meets via Zoom*

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's) February 11 & 25 — *Meets via Zoom*

For these of our congregation:

LeRoy Anderson	Eunice Ott
Ken Beske	Jeff Otto
Denny Carey	Colleen Powell
Susie Stiehl	Sharon Syverson
Alissa Jorgensen	John Storlie
Sierra Hansen	Bonnie Lindquist
Lynn Dale	Karen Erickson
	Sandy Cross

Others:

- Julie Anderson, sister-in-law of Sue Beske
- Doug DePauw, uncle of Sam & Pete Rhodes
- Justin Schiermeister, nephew of Donna Silverness
- Jack, friend of the Holien family
- Chelsea Lawrence, niece of Julie & Peter Johnson
- Milt Strang, brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen
- Julie Smith, daughter of Pete Petersen
- Dalton Cole, son of Sierra Hansen & Dan Cole
- Tom Beckerle, friend of Ron and Mary Ovans
- Judy, mother of Daron DuLac

For those who mourn:

Bob & Mary Jo Johnson as they mourn the loss of their brother in law, Larry Bell of Farmington.

Sharon Syverson, Jim & Laurie Syverson, and family as they mourn the loss of Entrip Syverson. Entrip entered God's eternal kingdom on January 21, 2023. Entrip's service will be at Christiania Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 am with a 9:30 am Visitation.

Christian & Jacki Donovan as they mourn the loss of Christian's mom, Antoinette Donovan. Antoinette passed away on Sunday, January 15.

Lyle and Courtney Kuehn as they grieve the death of wife and mother, Linda Camp. Linda passed away Monday, January 2, 2023. Funeral arrangements are currently pending.

Devora, Christian, John, and family as they mourn the death of their father, John Christianson, who passed away on November 28. Visitation and service was held at Christiania Lutheran Church.

In the Military:

- Rachel Estrem, *servicing in the National Guard*
- Courtney Johnston, *niece of Denise Kanfield*
- Andrew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*
- Matthew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*
- Brenden Rogers, *nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers*
- Josh Dennehey, *son of John Dennehey*
- Christian Weidling, *nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn*
- Max Baker, *grandson of Sandy Cross*
- Miguel Nuno, *nephew of Arcadio & Tania Gutierrez*
- John Rogers, *son of Mark & Lori Rogers*



TO SIGN UP, VISIT OUR WEBSITE, AND CLICK ON "HOW DO I" AND THEN ON "SERVE."

We're looking for volunteers to serve as:

GREETERS

Welcome members and visitors on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings before worship.

LECTORS

Read the assigned scripture passage.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Help lead prayers and other portions of worship.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Help distribute bread and wine during communion. No experience necessary

VIDEO OPERATORS

Streaming worship needs video operators. Ideally, a small team of individuals can rotate every Sunday (similar to ushers and other volunteers). We will provide training; it will be easier to run than your smart phones! Ages from high school and up are welcome to participate in this exciting outreach opportunity! Please contact Dr. Matt if interested.

COFFEE HOUR HELPERS

We need help serving coffee and cleaning up on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the board located in the Fellowship Area.

WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR(S)

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our Wednesday evening meals. If interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Lucy. **Meals are served From 5:30 - 6:15 pm.**

NEW COMMUNICATIONS TEAM!

Sue Megrund from Interserve Ministries will be working on staff with us over the next year as the Director of Communications at Christiania. Her role will be to help us increase the effectiveness of our communications and help with the redesign of our website. We are putting together a Communications Team and are looking for volunteers who would love to be involved in design ideas for the website along with exploring other communication and digital ministry opportunities. If you are interested, please contact Sue at

communications@christianialutheranchurch.org

Executive Council

President: Bill Kanfield
Vice-President: Greg Silus
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At Large Members: Jane Ward
Lonna Selkirk Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham
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Membership

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Bob Monio

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Needed

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Missions

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Scott Tempel
Daron DuLac

Stewardship

Joel Ruen
Lori Clausen
Needed

Worship

Robin Martin
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Jane Ward
Joan Eckdahl
Dr. Matt Steinbron
Pastor Jon Rhodes

Safety Team

Greg Silus
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Tia Burnham
Needed
Needed

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Linda Otto Church Women (CLCW) Chair

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Daryl Rieck Usher Co-Coordinator



TO OUR CHRISTIANA FAMILY

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits following the loss of our son, Jim Hooper. We truly feel blessed,.
Carl & Jeanette Hooper

CHRISTMAS STORE THANK YOU!

All who donated and assisted in the Sunday School Secret Christmas Store are much appreciated. The children had a great time shopping for their families!
Thank you for bringing such wonderful items to make their gifting experience special!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THANK YOU!

The Sunday School Christmas Program – what a wondrous blessing! Young children bringing the message of Christ’s birth- their precious voices proclaim the Holy Miracle, and God’s light spreads among us. Thank you to our co-directors, Livia Holien and Erica Jorgensen, and the Sunday School teachers and parents who coordinated the practices and performance. Thanks to Dr. Matt for the musical accompaniment and technical coordination. One parent loved seeing the costumes her own children had worn ‘back in the day,’ as well as the manger built by her husband 40 years ago. Bringing back memories...honoring the past... building new memories...a ministry we can continue to nurture here at Christiania Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE	
5:00-5:30 pm	Nitty Gritty Church Band or Chancel Choir
5:30-6:15 pm	Dinner — All are Welcome
6:00-6:25 pm	Youth Bells
6:30-7:00 pm	Wednesday Worship
6:30-8:00 pm	Confirmation
7:00-7:25 pm	Adult Bells

JAN. AND FEB. BIRTHDAYS



will be celebrated with a cake during the Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 5th! Come help us celebrate the first birthdays of 2023!

January Worship Attendance	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Midweek</i>
January 1: O: 68 I: 98	January 4: Canceled
January 8: O: 70 I:108	January 11: O: 18 I: 30
January 15: O: 70 I: 92	January 18: O: 22 I: 48
January 22: O: 76 I:126	January 25: O: 25 I: 46
January 29: O: * I:126	
O=Online, I=In-person	
*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it	



PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Monday, February 6, May 2, August 7 and November 6 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.

February

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5 9:00 am Worship w/ Communion and Baptism of Dillinger Volkert 10:00 am Coffee Hour/Jan. & Feb. Birthday Celebration 10:15 am Sunday School	6 7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting	7 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting	8 11:30 am Lu Fi 12:00 pm A 5:00 pm N 5:30 pm M 6:00 pm Y 6:30 pm M w 6:30 pm C 7:00 pm A
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in the winter wonderland! Camp style worships and evening devos, camp songs and camp games... this is all of summer camp condensed into a short weekend. Church groups- bring a few adults, we offer 1 free adult per 7 kids.

Phone a friend NOW.

Offered:

February 24-26, 2023

Friday 7 pm through Sunday 11 am

Fees: \$120

Grades 6-9



To register or to learn about more exciting opportunities offered at Camp Onomia, visit their website at camponomia.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNCH BUNCH -



Lunch Bunch will meet at Firehouse Grille in New Market on **Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30 am** For questions & RSVP's, or if you would like to carpool from church, please call Chris Fausch at 515-229-8329.

Hope to see you all there!

SINGLES GROUP EVENT


Christiania's "Singles" group welcomes all to meet for dinner, friendship and fun lively conversation. The group gathers at different local restaurants each month. The next gathering is at the Rancho Supper Club in Webster on **Tuesday, February 21 @ 5:30 pm** Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.



QUILT TYING

The quilters meeting is the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. All are welcome to come next month and join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

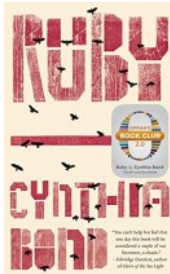


of the **Women ELCA**  **CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

Wednesday, February 15 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.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE BOOK CLUB

The book for the month is *Ruby by Cynthia Bond* We will be meeting on February 22 at 12:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch; and something to drink. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



Oh, the JOY of being present!

For anyone interested in experiencing the pure joy of Tanzanian hospitality, Christiania members Juli and Bo Skillman are scheduling their annual trip this fall and would warmly welcome any other Christiania member(s) to join them for part, or all of their October 16 to November 20 trip. If you are interested in going or would simply like to hear more, please call Bo at 612-889-9329 or Juli at 952-393-8158. It can be more affordable than you think and WILL enrich your life and perspective. Safe and comfortable too!

Children, Youth, & Family Updates



Camp Onomia is offering some winter retreat options:

- Middle School Blast, grades 6-8 (February 24-26)

They have also published their youth summer program options for 2023.

For more information and to register, go to camponomia.org

CHRISTIANA COMMUNICATION STATION IS WELL UNDERWAY!



Thanks to all who've written cards and notes to our young people. Mail days will be once a month, and we hope you get to say hello to all who have received cards from you. RELATIONSHIPS ARE WORTH BUILDING! Our church grows like a tree, from the ground up, and we are nurturing our roots by forming a strong foundation of friendships between young and 'not-so-young.' Thank you again for believing in this important ministry!



6th-9th grade students gather on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00.

Our time together includes the Wednesday evening worship service as well as classroom instruction.

Program details can be found on our website: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation.



Students in preschool thru grade 5 are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for Sunday School programming.

CYF MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

2023 is bringing many changes to the CYF Ministry Team. We are excited to see what God's plan will reveal as we explore our future for the CYF ministry at Christiania. We welcome Nick Clark as our interim CYF Director. Nick will be working with the CYF team on programming in the upcoming months. He will also be helping with the assessment for long-term staffing and organization of the CYF ministries.

The CYF team itself will be changing this year also. Years ago, we absorbed the Education Ministry Team as it had no members and seemed to fit under our Faith Formation mission statement. This year we are splitting back into two ministries. Becky Ruen has agreed to lead the Education Ministry Team. The focus is both youth and adult educational opportunities for the CLC congregation. If you are interested in helping with that ministry team, please contact Becky. CYF Ministry team is also looking for members. Please contact Kim Robertson if you are interested.



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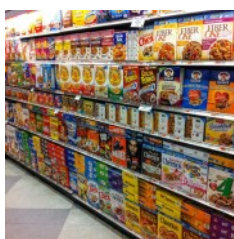
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FEBRUARY'S FOOD SHELF:



We are collecting **breakfast items** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the front entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

The newsletter is published monthly as a ministry of Christiania Lutheran Church of Lakeville, Minnesota. Articles are due by the 18th of each month. Got questions, suggestions, or items to include in the next edition? Contact Carri in the church office at office@christianialutheranchurch.org or 952-461-2283.



Attention Thrivent members: right now is the best time for action! Your Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2023. You must do this each year; previous designations are only good for that time.

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership.

Generosity is important to Thrivent and its members. Thrivent Choice® provides a platform for members to have a financial impact on the causes and nonprofits they care about. More than 40,000 churches and nonprofits are enrolled in the program, and it keeps growing! Choice Dollars may be directed to Christiania or many other charitable and secular organizations. Thrivent is always accepting recommendations for new charities to receive these donations.

You can direct your Choice Dollars online or by calling Thrivent at 800-847-4836. Have your member ID number available, which is on all documents and on your year-end statements from Thrivent.