

Christiania Newsletter

January 2024

We start with Christ

in our serving, in our caring,

and in our growing



I'm grateful for all of you, friends of Christiania, for your love of God and church. Thanks for your partnership in the proclamation and witness of Christ's Gospel and Great Commission. Thank you for your care of the world and your support of the church. Thank you for your commitment to unity, peace, and grace.

As we work these precious days between the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024, it is good to consider with grateful hearts the wonderful work we have accomplished in love and service to the good Lord—and the work we have yet to do.

Thank you, all who helped prepare this faith community for worship each week: our Altar Guild, Ushers, and all who helped lead worship. Thank you, prayers, readers of scripture, preachers, candle lighters, singers, ringers, musicians, and streamers.

Thank you, all who provided hospitality in its many forms around the church and in the world. Thank you, preparers, servers, and cleaners. Thank you for the coffee, meals, and snacks. Thank you to all who serve on specific teams and roles: Congregational Life and Women's Ministry Teams, Ushers, Greeters, and Funeral helpers.

Thank you to all who are tending to our facilities: cleaners, setter-uppers, tearer-downers, and members of the Property and Décor Committees. Thank you to all who worked so hard on the Sanctuary Refresh and gave so much of yourselves in service, prayer, and contributions. Thank you, Refresh & Revive teams, pew distributors, and helpers of all kinds.

Thank you, Church Council leaders, for your steady leadership on behalf of Christiania and for your work preparing and planning our 2024 Budget. Thank you, Ministry Board members, and all who serve on Ministry teams and Committees. Thank you, Discovery Team and Call Committee for your substantial work on behalf of Christiania as we are imaging the leader God is preparing to call into our life and ministry.

Thank you to all who make our partnerships primary and work hard to serve them and connect us. We are thankful for the partnerships we all share with the Northfield Retirement Community, Camp Onomia, Urban Ventures, and local area food shelves.

"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

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The change in years brought about by the arrival of the new year always provides me with a sense of excitement and expectation. God is doing a new thing; do you not perceive it?

Together, we have accomplished much in the past year. What will the year to come bring? What are your hopes and dreams for our future? I'm imaging we will share many important conversations and lean into God's purpose for Christiania.

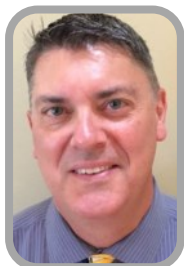
I expect we will gather those individuals and families who are interested in becoming members of Christiania. Thank you all who have shared your intentions. I'm praying for others who will join us.

Thank you to all who have agreed to step into open leadership teams and roles in the coming year. Let's continue to pray for all who will engage in new roles in the coming year.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting scheduled to take place after worship on the last Sunday of the month: January 28, 2024.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon



Bill Kanfield - Council President

Happy New Year!

As the candles of Advent were lit one by one, leading us through the celebration of Christmas, we journeyed together through a season marked by hope, anticipation, and the promise of renewal. Through it all, I hope you've found support and guidance in our community, the amazing music and Pastor's sermons.

As we pause to catch our breaths, remember that the journey of our church continues. We stand on the threshold of a new year, a new sanctuary and new leadership, and it is both a time for retrospection and envisioning what could be.

Next (other than installing our new pews!) is the annual report and annual meeting - our opportunity to come together, witness the collective efforts of our committees and group's contributions in 2023 and together define 2024. I encourage each of you to think about how you see your relationship with our community evolving and deepening in the coming year.

In closing, embrace 2024 with hope, determination, and a renewed commitment at all levels in your lives. In community, we can nurture our faith, strengthen our bonds, and shine as a beacon of Christ's love to all.

Blessings and peace,

Bill

Tuesday, 8:00 am January 2, 9, 16, 23, &30 — *Meets via Zoom*

Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's) January 9 & 23

Thursday, 10:00 am January 4, 11, 18, & 25— *Meets via Zoom*

Saturday at 8:00 am (Men's) January 6 & 20 — *Meets via Zoom*



Come & Worship

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

December Worship Attendance

Sunday, December 3: O: 92 I: 108

Sunday, December 10: O: 122 I: 170

Sunday, December 17 : O: 98 I: 198

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24: O: * 9:00 am: 78 4:00 pm: 180 9:00 pm: 208

Sunday, December: O: * I: 57

O=Online, I=In-person

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

HELP NEEDED



SUNDAY COFFEE

We are looking for people to make and serve coffee or clean up on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving coffee on Sundays, a sign up sheet is located on the Kiosk.



If interested in helping organize and digitize Christiania's treasure trove of historical information and documents, please let Pastor Jon know.

pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR (S)

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our Wednesday evening meals, making main dishes or side dishes. IF interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Lucy Hurrele.

To be reimbursed for making the main dish, please give receipts to Lucy or Carri.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Kiosk.

A donation of \$5.00/person or \$20.00/family is suggested.

Meals are served from 5:30 - 6:15pm

Annual reports are due in the office by Wednesday, January 10th at 12:00 pm.

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

We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways. No experience is necessary:

**GREETERS, LECTORS, ASSISTING MINISTERS,
AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS.**

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.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	<p>1 New Yew's Day Office Closed 12:00 pm <i>Offsite</i> Bowling</p>	<p>2 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:30 am Quilt 12:00 pm Annc 5:00 pm Char 6:00 pm Dinn 6:30 pm Midw 7:00 pm Conf</p>
<p>7 Annual Budget & Listening Session 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Worship Team Meeting 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Christiania Council</p>	<p>10 9:30 am <i>Offsi</i> Lunc 12:00 pm Annc 5:00 pm NGC 6:00 pm Dinn 6:30 pm Midw 7:00 pm Conf</p>
<p>14 Leadership Appreciation 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am CYF Team Meeting</p>	<p>15 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed</p>	<p>16 8:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17 11:30 am <i>CLC</i> 12:00 pm Annc 5:00 pm Char 6:00 pm Dinn 6:00 pm Yout 6:30 pm Midw 7:00 pm Conf 7:00 pm Adul</p>
<p>21 Mission Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School Christmas Party 11:00 am Secret Christmas Store Opens Until 1:00 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>24 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25 12:00 pm Annc 5:00 pm Char 6:00 pm Dinn 6:00 pm Yout 6:30 pm Midw 7:00 pm Conf 7:00 pm Adul</p>
<p>28 Annual Meeting & Vote 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Annual Meeting of Christiania Lutheran Church & Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31 11:30 am Book 12:00 pm Annc 5:00 pm Char 6:00 pm Dinn 6:00 pm Yout 6:30 pm Midw 7:00 pm Conf 7:00 pm Adul</p>

PRAYER REQUEST

For these of our congregation:

Ken Beske	Eunice Ott
Denny Carey	Jeff Otto
Susie Stiehl	Colleen Powell
Lynn Dale	Karen Erickson
Lois Haglund	Lyle Kuehn
Sharon Syverson	Mark Rogers
Sharon Thompson	Sabrina Hurrle
Ken Maxa	Daryl Rieck
Don Storlie	

Others:

Michael Burns, *nephew of Karen & David Frame*
Joe Deutsch, *nephew of Doug & Phyllis Hullett*
Kevin Dobbs, *nephew of David & Karen Frame*
Noah Passmore, *friend of Ron & Mary Ovans*
Janis Ruen, *mother of Joel Ruen*
Dick Durgin, *Dr. Matt's grandfather*
Milt Strang, *brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen*
Eric Holmgren, *Lucy Hurrle's son*
Andy Dalsin, *friend of the Parker family*
Carl Wicklund, *father of Kim Duffrin*
Kaitlyn Terzino, *great niece of John & Shar Berge*
Palo Petersen, *son of Linda Costa*
Jerry Bolton, *son of Gladys Bolton*
Paul, *nephew of Sandy Cross*
Jack, *friend of the Holien family*

Baptisms:

Theo Bergstrom (11/05/2023)
Alayna Elizabeth Keller (11/12/2023)
Madelyn Alyss Keller (11/12/2023)

In the Military:

Nick, *nephew of Don, John & Mariann Storlie*
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*
Jason Brown, *nephew of Sue Megrund*

Prayer Requests

To receive weekly prayer concerns by email,
please sign up at
office@christianialutheranchurch.org

Executive Council

President:	Bill Kanfield
Vice-President:	Greg Silus
Secretary:	Lonna Selkirk
At-Large Members:	Jane Ward
George Silverness	Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger	Tia Burnham
Treasurer:	Linda Heine
Senior Pastor:	Jon Rhodes

Ministry Board

Sue Jacobson
Joel Ruen
Lucy Hurrle
Jane Ward
Becky Ruen
Pastor Jon Rhodes

CYF

Nick Clark
Tia Burnham
Jackie DuLac
Becky Ruen
Susie Stiehl
Kim Robertson

Membership

Kelly Ronn
Bob Monio

Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle
Julie Booth
Needed

Property

Brad Smith
Dave Mohling
Jeanne Nash
Bruce Mohn

Missions

Cindy Hildreth
Scott Tempel
Daron DuLac
Sue Jacobson

Stewardship

Joel Ruen
Lori Clausen
Needed

Worship

Robin Martin
Tania Drexler
Jane Ward
Joan Eckdahl

Evangelism

Tia Burnham
Needed
Needed

Dr. Matt Steinbron
Pastor Jon Rhodes

Children, Youth, & Family



Bowling on New Year's Day

Date: January 1
Time : 12:00 to 3:00 pm
Where: Bowlero in Lakeville

Come and join in some fun with your family or friends! **Everyone welcome!**

Contact: Anne Schindeldecker 612-716-3836 with any questions.



Thank you to all the teachers, accompanists, parents, helpers, and children who directed and performed in the Christmas program. The beautiful presentation of our savior's birth brought blessings to everyone who watched it - in person and online.

This year's Secret Christmas Store was a huge success, thanks to your support. We thank all who donated, sorted, packed, wrapped, shopped, purchased, and enjoyed fellowship while doing so.

Although we had an unusual start to Sunday School in 2023, it was successful and fun due to the dedication of parents, teachers, helpers, children, and church staff and friends. Be sure to join us in some capacity in 2024 - helping, teaching, attending, supporting...we want to see you to Sunday School!

Blessings,

Becky Ruen - Sunday School Superintendent

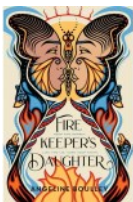
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at **Ole Piper in Rosemount on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 am.**

The Address is; 16604 Cedar Ave. Rosemount, Mn 55068, phone is 952-432-7111.

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



BOOK GROUP

We will be reading "firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Bouley and will be meeting on **January 31, at 11:30 am** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



2024 PROPOSED BUDGET & LISTENING SESSION

As part of the 2024 budget planning process, Congregation Council will be providing a budget review/listening sessions following regular service on January 7.

In this session, we will provide a final draft version and a facilitated walkthrough of the 2024 budget for congregation review and comment leading to ratifying the final budget for inclusion in the 2024 Annual Meeting and Annual Report.

Please gather with us to understand Christiania Lutheran Church's financial plan for 2024.



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DATED MATERIAL

January's Food Shelf:



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



**CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
(CLCW)**

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 952-461-2283.