

We start with Christ

in our serving, in our caring,

and in our growing



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

*“Therefore let us be **grateful** for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us **offer to God acceptable worship**, with reverence and awe.”*

—Hebrews 12:28 (ESV)

Christiania friends,

God has, indeed, blessed us with a *“kingdom that cannot be shaken.”* God’s kingdom is trustworthy and dependable. You and I are heirs to this very kingdom. The only response necessary is *“acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.”*

Worship as a response to God’s goodness is an excellent vision for all God’s people. As we approach the Fall season, I encourage you to be diligent in worshiping regularly. Worship is at the center of life for people of faith. Worship is also the central connecting point in the Christiania community. In our regular worship, we connect with God and one another. In our regular worship, we are reminded whose we are. In our regular worship, we hear we are loved and we receive much needed forgiveness. In regular worship, we are challenged by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Can you believe we have entered the month of September? The summer went quickly and we are now in the midst of preparations for our 2022 Fall ministry season. Our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Ministry Team is diligently preparing to bring back students of all ages for Christian education. Safe to assume they are still in need of Sunday School teachers, Confirmation Mentors, and Adult Education Leaders. Please consider participating in or leading us in Christian Education this Fall.

Join us Sunday, September 11 for **God’s work. Our hands.** We’ll follow worship by joining together with thousands of other ELCA churches in a day of serving. Our Missions Ministry is actively collecting items for packing into bags as well as looking for those who will serve on 9/11. Our Evangelism Ministry continues to look for volunteers to be Friendly Visitors.

You’re also welcomed and encouraged to join us for **Rally Sunday** on September 18. It will be glorious to return after a Summer of vacation, travel, exploration, and a host of other activities. Let’s pack the sanctuary and online stream that morning.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

Thanks to all who have made our Summer ministry a success by volunteering and serving as worship leaders, singers, musicians, food preparers, garden waterers, weeders, and cleaners. Thank you newsletter collators and labelers as well as Bible study leaders. We continue to look for kitchen helpers (especially for Wednesday evenings) and our search for a church treasurer also continues.

Again, Worship is at the center of Christiania's life together. Please consider renewing your commitment to this important spiritual practice by making a commitment to gather in person or online with God and our Christiania friends and family. Having a regular role within the community is the secret for many who are regular in their worship. It takes a lot of helpers for worship to be done well and successfully. Could this be the Fall when you become an usher, assisting minister, singer, musician, or streaming technician?

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon

Come & Worship

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

Sunday, September 4:	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Wednesday, September 7:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion with an Ice Cream Social following worship (last one for the summer)
Sunday, September 11:	9:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, September 14:	NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP
Sunday, September 18:	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Wednesday, September 21:	NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP
Sunday, September 25:	9:00 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, September 28:	6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

August Worship Attendance

Sunday

August 7: O: **62** I: **111**
August 14: O: **76** I: **84**
August 21: O: * I: **98**
August 28: O: * I: **165**

Midweek

August 3: O: **22** I: **44**
August 10: O: **30** I: **21**
August 17: O: **18** I: **15**
August 24: O: * I: **19**
August 31: O * I: *

O=Online, I=In-person

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



From Council President Bill Kanfield

Like many of you, I cannot believe it is the beginning of September already. I've had a great summer but there is so much more to do. Hmmm, seems like a familiar theme, and one I will translate back to work here at Christiania!

Finances. The Financial Review Committee and the audit team have been doing a remarkable job getting caught up after COVID and the mid-flight departure of the treasurer. Using the newly defined and documented policy, procedures and instructions, the audit team has completed their reviews of 2021 and are almost caught up to July 2022. While they have some findings, they are procedural and correctable with no findings of financial impropriety. However, getting a treasurer in to review the financial statements will be a big help in forecasting for the remainder of the year. On that note, we do have a potential candidate to meet with – good news – but do not let that stop you from recommending someone if you know of any interest.

Property Sales. Bruce Mohn, Bobby Johnson and members of the property team have been working hard to get the proper paperwork/procedures in order as well as reading the properties themselves. The parsonage especially is showing much work to be done. The group has acted on a recommendation to re-balance both properties to around 3 acres each to allow for animal rights on the property; these rights typically start at 3 acres, and now both properties can have horses or other animals. Thank you all – especially Bobby – for providing your services to the Christiania to move this forward. I think we all feel getting out of the landlord business and applying the financial proceeds to the Refresh effort is the right the thing to do. Per the theme... more to do.

Shuttle bus. You may have noticed a shuttle bus in the parking lot. The bus is in the process of being donated to Christiania to be used for church events, activities, outreach and of course youth activities. As the Refresh efforts renew and revive our sanctuary and facilities, maybe a shuttle bus can prompt new youth, family, membership, worship and outreach events. Josh from Park Auto gave it a mechanical thumbs up, but again – in keeping with the theme – more to do. Anyone with bodywork, welding (it has seating for 10 and then some loose seats that can be installed with a little ingenuity!) and artistic (to brand and decorate) skills are all welcome to make this a useful asset to Christiania!

Being us. And then there is everything else going on that we cannot forget – outdoor services here and at the park, Sundaes on Wednesdays after service, and all the other committee, team and individual work that makes Christiania such a great community to be part of! Thank you!

Enjoy the rest of summer everyone!

Yours in faith,

Bill



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, September 25** we will be Celebrating the September and October Birthdays. If you have a birthday in either of these months, please gather in the Fellowship Area for a picture before the cake is cut.

PRAYER REQUESTS



FOR THESE OF OUR CONGREGATION:

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	Rob Ruh
Kim Robertson	Judy Lantto
Linda Camp	

For the Newly Baptized

8/28/2022 Maverick Peterson

For friends of our community:

Milt Strant, Brother-in-law of Lori & LeRoy Clausen

Chelsea Lawrence, niece of Julie & Pete Johnson
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
Larry Olson, father of Jackie DuLac
Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
Luella and Dorthy, family relatives 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.
September 6, 13, 20 & 27

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

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

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)
September 10 & 24

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

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, September 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.

WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at Restaurant at Legends Golf Course on **Wednesday, September 14 at 11:30 am.** If you have questions, please call Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.



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.



"SINGLES" DINNER

Christiania's "Singles" group will meet at **Osaka Seafood Steakhouse** in Apple Valley on **Tuesday, September 20 @ 5:30 p.m.** Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth (612-636-0397) for more information or to RSVP.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 11
2022**

Mission Team

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS Sunday, September 11

Activities begin after worship service (have some coffee first)

- Road ditch clean up
- Urban Ventures garden work
- Packing kits for the needy - items still needed include personal care (soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste), warm clothing items (socks, hats, gloves), and non-perishable snacks (nuts, nutrition bars, etc.)

These kits will then be available for anyone to take and hand out wherever you see the need.

Contact Sue Jacobson (952-758-3438) for more information.



CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, September 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. P.S. Don't forget the craft sale in October. Are you knitting, crocheting, painting, crafting over the summer?



BOOK CLUB:

We will be reading "TBD" and will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 28, 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.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>4 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour</p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY Office Closed 12:00 p.m.: Youth/Family Potluck Picnic at Sweeney Park in Lakeville</p>	<p>6 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>7 9:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 6:30 p.m.: 7:00 p.m.:</p>
<p>11 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Worship Team Meeting 10:30 a.m.: Service Projects</p>	<p>12 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>13 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>14 11:30 a.m.: 6:00 p.m.: No Midweek</p>
<p>18 RALLY SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN-UP & FAMILY FUN DAY 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Family Fun Day 10:30 a.m.: CLCW Organizational Meeting</p>	<p>19 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>20 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.: Singles' Dinner 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>21 9:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 6:15 p.m.: No Midweek</p>
<p>25 SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 8:00 a.m.: Membership Ministry Team 9:00 a.m.: Worship 10:00 a.m.: Jump Start Coffee Hour & Celebration of September and October Birthdays 10:15 a.m.: Sunday School</p>	<p>26 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>27 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>28 11:30 a.m.: 5:00 p.m.: 5:30 p.m.: 6:00 p.m.: 6:30 p.m.: 7:00 p.m.: 7:00 p.m.:</p>

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	2	3
Quilters NGCB Midweek Worship with Communion and an Ice Cream Social to follow CYF Team Meeting	8 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study 4:30 p.m.: Missions Team Meeting 5:30 p.m.: Financial Review Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Ministry Board Meeting	9	10 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study
Women's Lunch Bunch Confirmation Orientation Worship	15 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	16	17
CLCW NGCB Confirmation to FMSC Worship	22 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	23	24 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study
Book Club Chancel Choir Meal Chorister Choir Youth Bells Worship Confirmation Adult Bells Faith Alive	29 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study	30	

PROPERTY COMMITTEE



Church Lots for Sale

On August 1, the tenants of the parsonage house moved out. We appreciate the seven years that they were our tenants. They did a nice job of caring for the property. On August 2, Bruce Mohn and Bill Kanfield went to Eureka Planning Commission meeting to get preliminary approval for the lot splits for the farm property. The survey was completed in late July. There are two lots containing 3.22 acres and the balance of 72.47 acres is left in the farm.

August 8 Bruce and Bill went to the Eureka Township meeting and received final approval for the new lot splits. The next step was to get them recorded at the Dakota County Government Center which is now pending completion.

The final step will be to transition the building right from the east 40 acres into the new 3.22 acre lot in the west 40 acres. When this formality is done, the church farm will have two house sites, the old parsonage one and the new house lot both in the west 40 acres. The plan is to have this done by mid-September.

With the parsonage house vacant, the general cleanup of the lot has been completed. Some trees, bushes and fencing around the garden have been removed as well as the chicken coop. The basement and the garage needed a general cleaning so that was done. An area by the garage was cleared to allow for the inspection of the septic tank. The lawn and outer areas have been mowed. We want to thank Bruce Mohn, Greg Silus, Jack Eckdahl, Bruce Lundeen and Danny Thompson for helping in the clean-up, Bob Fredrickson for fixing the downspouts, Brent Mohn for removing the chicken coop and Greg Silus for mowing.

The next step is to determine the market value for the parsonage house lot and the new lot with the building right. The goal is to have this done by mid-September and get the properties up for sale. So far so good!

Report by: Bruce Mohn



Progress on Refresh Construction Project

Roof - We met with Sela and are still waiting for a bid for metal roofing. We have contacted another roof contractor and will get pricing from him to compare. We have some samples and will evaluate the options and see if we like the "look" of steel and continue to research if it is feasible price wise.

Pews - They should be ordered in September for spring delivery. We will be looking at the layout in late August to determine spacing for more handicap accessible spots.

Flooring - The flooring company came and re-measured the area so the carpeting and luxury vinyl tile can get ordered in September also.

Funding - The funds for the Refresh Project have been coming in. We will soon have a chart showing two columns. One for the pledges and one for the amount received. As of 8/18/2022 the pledges were for \$535,869 and the amount received for those pledges was \$271,893. Continue to fulfill your pledges so the money will be there as it is needed.

These figures do not include: \$250,000 gift, \$32,000 for roof insurance, \$30,000 from the CLC Foundation and \$15,000 in memorials and non-pledged money which is \$5,558.

Report by: Cheryl Mohn



MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

The Foundation Board consists of: Larry Thompson (President), Julie Fish (Treasurer), Warren Peterson (secretary), Barb Bachman, Christian Donovan, Daryl Rieck, Pastor Jon Rhodes and Congregation Council President Bill Kanfield.

The various foundation funds can appear a little complicated so here is a quick “refresher course” about these funds. It is important to understand how the fund’s assets are used to ensure your gifts can be utilized as you want them to. The Foundation Board approves ALL disbursements of fund assets.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Funds are to be used for Program Enhancements, Education and Leadership Development, Youth Activity Support, Capital Improvements and Outreach. NOTE: there are restrictions in the bylaws regarding the amount of fund assets that can be annually used (Maximum up to 4%).

CEMETERY FUND: Funds are to be used for the care, upkeep and improvements to the church cemeteries. NOTE: there are restrictions in the bylaws regarding the amount of fund assets that can be annually used (Maximum up to 4%).

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND: Funds are to be used for special purposes as determined by the foundation board. NOTE: there are NO restrictions regarding the use of these funds. For example, the foundation’s contribution to the Refresh project came from the Special Purpose fund.

If you are considering or planning a gift to the Foundation, please be careful if making out a check, as the Foundation and Christiania Church have separate funds. Make checks on the pay to order line to “CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION” and NOTE on the MEMO/FOR LINE which of the three funds you want your gift directed to. Remember that the uses of the Endowment and Cemetery Funds are very specific. If you want your gift to have more flexibility it should be directed to the Special Purpose Fund.

The Foundation Board is very grateful for the tremendous support of the congregation and from friends of Christiania. With this generosity these funds will be available to support many worthy projects and activities for years to come.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

Family Events



Labor Day Potluck Picnic: Sept. 5 @ 12:00 pm

Students and their families are invited to gather at Sweeney Park on **Monday, September 5** at noon for a potluck picnic to celebrate the start of the new school year. The CYF Team will provide hamburgers and lemonade. Attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert to share. To sign up, go to www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events. Thank you!

Sunday School Kickoff Family Fun Day

Join us on **Sunday, September 18 from 10:15 am-1:00 pm** to celebrate the start of a new year of Sunday School. We plan to have some great activities including a carnival games, face painting, bounce house, pie-throwing, and more. Food will also be available for purchase. We hope you'll join us!



Casting Crowns Concert: Sunday, Nov. 6 @ 7:00 pm



GRAMMY® award-winning Christian rock band Casting Crowns will be performing at Target Center on Sunday, November 6 at 7:00 pm. We would like to get a group of students and their families to attend the concert. Sign up by October 2nd so that we have time to get tickets ordered. To sign up, go to www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events.

Preschool-5th Grade



Sunday School

We are excited for the return of full, in-person Sunday School this fall! Join us for a big kickoff event at 10:15 am on **September 18!** We plan to have face-painting, carnival games, and more! Then join us for regular classes beginning on **September 25 at 10:15 am.**

Early registration helps us in our planning, and is greatly appreciated. The registration form can be found on the church website: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sunday-school.

Our Sunday School program is designed for students in preschool (1 year before kindergarten) through grade 5. This year we will once again be using lessons from the Spark Rotation Curriculum. This curriculum allows us to focus on exploring one story through various workshops such as music, creative drama, science, etc.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

6th-12th Grades

HERE WE STAND CONFIRMATION

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 New Testament, while grades 8 and 9 will dive into Luther's Small Catechism. Look for the registration form at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation..



Monday, September 5, 2022 @ 2:00 pm (All students and their families)
Potluck Picnic in Sweeney Park in Lakeville

Sunday, October 2, 2022 @ 2:00 pm (All 6th-12th graders)
Hayride at Brand Farms

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



Jumpstart returns Sept. 25!

Jumpstart is our Sunday morning gathering for middle school and high school youth. Enjoy some tasty treats while tapping into relationships with each other and with God as you prepare to launch into a new week. Jump Start will meet at 10 am each Sunday morning.



Faith Alive returns Sept. 28!

Faith Alive is a time for 10th-12th grade students to gather to share the joys and sorrows of their week and to seek God's guidance as they navigate the path to becoming the disciples God calls them to be. And we try to have a little fun, too. Faith Alive will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the youth room.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday School Co-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 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.

Christmas Program Director: We are looking for someone to take the lead on coordinating the Sunday School Christmas Program. Contact Joe, Becky Ruen, or a member of the CYF Team if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.



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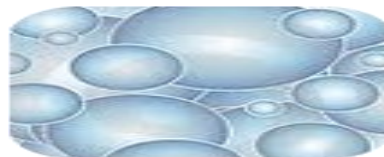
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If you have a clean used electric stove/oven you are not using please consider donating it to replace the used oven at the parsonage. Contact Greg Silus 612-840-4063

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Contact Carri in the church office at office@christianialutheranchurch.org or 952-461-2283.

September's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **Soap** for the food shelf this month. Laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, etc. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.