

Christiania Newsletter

November 2023

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



I am so thankful for each of you. We continue to navigate our Refresh project with grace and flexibility. It appears God is providing ample opportunity to practice these Godly qualities of grace and flexibility.

As you're most certainly aware: scripture is full of faith and wisdom. In this month's text box, we are reminded to consider trials as the things that help us to grow.

James encourages us to consider it all joy when we face various trials. In trials we learn endurance and grow in flexibility and maturity. What important qualities grace and flexibility are in lives that are busy. How our

relationships benefit when we gift grace and flexibility in abundance to others.

What a gift grace and flexibility are as we seek to love others—and ourselves. We reflect Christ when we live and grow into more abundant grace and flexibility. Friends let's look to be generous gifters of grace and flexibility.

This month is a busy month: All Saints Sunday (11/5); Veteran's Recognition (11/12); Affirmation of Baptism for Confirmands (11/9); and Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship (11/22). Quickly after Thanksgiving we transition to the Advent Season (12/3).

November marks our return to worship in our sanctuary. Although it looks like we'll worship in our Fellowship Area for November's first weeks, we'll make Sunday, November 19 a celebration. In addition to Blessing our new space, Worship that day will also include our 9th and 10th grade confirmation students affirming their baptismal vows and becoming Christiania's newest adult members.

Our Tanzania travelers returned October 30 and plan to share their experiences with all of us at Christiania on Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 pm. I cannot wait to hear their stories.

Make plans to gather with us on Thanksgiving Eve (7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22) for community worship with our friends from Highview Christiania and St. Nicholas Catholic Church. That evening will include a community choir, lively worship, and time for conversation and dessert. St. Nicholas will be hosting in Elko New Market.

To return to our Bible passage from James 1: *My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy...* Yes, let's consider it all joy!

In God's Joy,

Pastor Jon

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)

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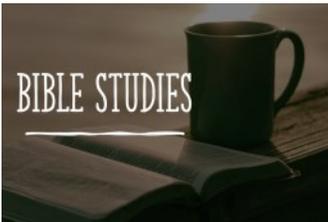
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October Worship Attendance	
Sunday, October 1:	O: 56 I: 92
Sunday, October 8:	O: 54 I: 113
Sunday, October 15:	O: * I: 117
Sunday, October 22:	O: * I: 90
Sunday, October 29:	O: * I: *
O=Online, I=In-person	
*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it	

Nominating Committee

In November and December, the nominating committee will start focusing on finding candidates for the congregation council, the ministry board, the nominating committee and the audit committee. Please give some consideration to serving on one of these boards or committees.

Volunteers are needed for the ministry of our church. If you have an interest or have someone to suggest, please contact Bruce Mohn at 612-290-8202 or brucenmohn@gmail.com.



Tuesday, 8:00 am November 7, 14, 21, & 28 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's) November 7 & 21
Wednesday, 10:00 am Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) November 15
Thursday, 10:00 am November 2, 9, 16, & 30 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
Saturday (2nd & 4th), 8:00 am (Men's) November 4 & 18 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>

Come & Worship

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

Sunday, November 5 : 9:00 am Worship with Communion (All Saints Sunday)

Sunday, November 12: 9:00 am Worship

Sunday, November 19: 9:00 am Worship with Communion and Affirmation of Baptism Service

Wednesday, November 22: 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Saint Nicholas in New Market

Sunday, November 26: 9:00 am Worship (Christ the King)

Wednesday, November 29: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship

For these of our congregation:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Ken Beske | Eunice Ott |
| Denny Carey | Jeff Otto |
| Susie Stiehl | Colleen Powell |
| Lynn Dale | Karen Erickson |
| Lois Haglund | Lyle Kuehn |
| Janice Geissler | Mark Rogers |
| Sharon Syverson | Dick Panek |
| Sharon Thompson | LeRoy Clausen |
| Ken Maxa | Sabrina Hurrle |
| Roger Brack | Diane Brack |

Others:

- Noah Passmore, *friend of May & Ron Ovans*
 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*

Those who Mourn:

Bob Monio & his family as they mourn the loss of Bob's father, Robert Monio. Robert passed away on Wednesday, October 11.

Baptisms:

- Destany Borchardt (10/8/2023)
 Theo Bergstrom (11/05/2023)

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

Names will stay on the prayer chain for one month unless an extension is requested.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.



Update:

Congregational Vote to Call A Deacon

The Christiania Call Committee met on October 9 to review deacon candidates that were provided by the St. Paul Area Synod. Unfortunately, there was only one deacon candidate to consider. The Call Committee decided not to interview this candidate at this time. We have asked the synod to expand their search to include associate pastor candidates. The synod has indicated that it will take approximately three weeks to conduct the associate pastor search so, the Call Committee expects to review a larger pool of candidates in early November. In the meantime, the Call Committee is developing interview questions and will hold a practice interview with a local deacon on Monday, October 16.

HELP NEEDED

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



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	
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5 All Saints' Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship Team Meeting	6 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Meeting 5:30 pm Communications Team Meeting via Zoom 5:30 pm Financial Review Committee	7 8:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting	8 11:30 am Of Lu St 12:00 pm An 5:00 pm N 6:00 pm Ac 6:30 pm Yo 7:00 pm Co 7:00 pm 9th
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26 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 am Worship with Communion Baptism 10:00 am Fellowship	27	28 5:30 pm Christiania Singles Dinner at the Red Fox Tavern	29 11:30 am Bo 12:00 pm An 5:00 pm Ch 5:30 pm M 6:00 pm Yo 6:30 pm Mi 7:00 pm Co 7:00 pm A



Hi Families and Kids,

We are looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School!
If you haven't registered yet, please use the QR code or link to sign up!
See you soon!

Children, Youth

Are you looking forward to another Christmas performance from our Sunday School children? Great! If you wish to help this year, please let Becky Ruen or Jill Spors know. Thanks!



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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Announcements Due Chancel Choir Adult Handbells Youth Handbells Confirmation 7th & 10th graders</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>Offsite Women's Lunch at the Ole Store in Northfield Announcements Due GCB Adult Handbells Youth Handbells Confirmation Class 7th & 10th graders</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Team 6:30 pm Ministry Board</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>LCW Announcements Due Newsletter Deadline Chancel Choir Adult Handbells Youth Handbells Confirmation of Baptism Practice & Pictures</p>	<p>16 10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>Announcements Due Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Saint Nicholas Church New Market</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Book Club Announcements Due Chancel Choir Deal Youth Handbells Midweek Worship Confirmation Adult Handbells</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Bible Study</p>		

outh, & Family



The Secret Christmas store returns in December, and we will accept donations right after Thanksgiving. See Becky Ruen for more information.
 Thanks for your support!

Executive Council

President: Bill Kanfield
Vice-President: Greg Silus
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George Silverness Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham
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Pastor Jon Rhodes

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Needed

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Daron DuLac
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Needed
Needed

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Daryl Rieck Usher Co-Coordinator

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

small GROUPS

Our Dinner Groups are a great opportunity to build deeper connections, create lasting friendships and enjoy some mouthwatering meals. Whether you are a longtime member or new to our community, everyone is welcome (encouraged) to participate.

Dinners are usually held in each other's homes, with the host site rotated, or at a restaurant if that is the decision of the group. The host arranges the date, time and place, assigns menu items to bring, and prepares a short devotion and table prayer. Usually, the host prepares the main dish and delegates the salad, appetizers and dessert to the rest of the group.

Groups are small enough to allow additional members, typically 6-8 people. You are encouraged to add another member or two or invite guests to each gathering. Some people have expressed an interest in attending a dinner but not on a regular basis. New members, frequent visitors, friends who may be interested in Christiania are also good ones to consider.

Here's what you can expect:

1. Sign up digitally or manually at service
2. Groups will be assigned by the end of November
3. A lead host is assigned to get the first dinner started
4. Meet, eat and have fun!

As part of the budget and planning process for 2024, the Council will be inviting committee chairs for a 15 minute presentation of their 2024 work plans and funding requests to Council at the November meeting. Committee goals, objectives and high-level work plans are an important and complementary part of the overall CLC refresh and facility investments. We would like to hear how we can collaborate on plans to provide 2024 mission, ministry and outreach. Invitations and additional information will be provided.



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 Red Fox Tavern **on Tuesday, November 28 @ 5:30 pm**. Please call Carri in the church office if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.

WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at **the Ole Store in Northfield on Wednesday, November 8 at 11:30 am**. If you would like to carpool or if you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.

We will be reading TBD and will be meeting on **November 29, 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.



All Saints' Sunday is November 5, when we remember those members, family, and friends of Christiania who have died in the past year. If you have someone you would like to be included in our remembrance, please let Pastor Jon or Carri in the Church Office know by November 2.

Thank you.

Up for Grabs! Free AV Desk



This is our old AV desk that sat in the back of the sanctuary. With Refresh, there will be a new larger one made. If you have a new home for this piece of furniture, please reach out to Carri in the office! !

Ecumenical Service
of *Thanksgiving*
**Wednesday
November 22
7 p.m.**

Hosted by:
St. Nicholas Catholic Church
51 Church Street, Elko New Market

Join the members of area faith communities in prayers and songs as we give thanks to God for the many blessing of this year. Everyone is welcome!

Monetary donations will be given to Hope for the Community South.

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QUILT TYING:

The quilters will not meet in November. For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

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