



Christiania

Newsletter

JANUARY 2016

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

January Worship

January 3-No Sunday School

John 1:(1-9)10-18 Christmas 2
8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Communion
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship w/Communion

January 10

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Baptism of Our Lord
8:30am Traditional Worship
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship

January 17-New Member Gathering

John 2:1-11 Epiphany 2
8:30am Traditional Worship w/Communion
10:45am Traditional Worship w/Communion

January 24-Mission Sunday

Luke 4:14-21 Epiphany 3
8:30am Traditional Worship
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship

January 31-Annual Meetings

Receive New Members
Luke 21-30 Epiphany 4
8:30am Non-Traditional Worship
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship

9:30 Education and Fellowship
(except January 3 No Sunday School)

Happy New Year!

Mark your 2016 Calendars

- Saturday, January 9 at 8:30am-Altar Guild Meeting
- Sunday, January 17 at 9:40am-New Member Gathering
- Sunday, January 24-Missions Sunday
- Sunday, January 31-Annual Meetings of Christiania Lutheran Church and the Foundation
- Wednesday, February 10-Ash Wednesday
- Friday, February 12 to Monday, February 15-Youth Retreat and Ski Trip
- Saturday, February 13-Executive Council Orientation
- Sunday, March 13-Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Sunday, March 20-Palm Sunday
- Thursday, March 24-Maundy Thursday
- Friday, March 25-Good Friday
- Sunday, March 27-Easter Day
- Wednesday, May 11-Confirmation Evening of Sharing and pictures
- Sunday, May 15 at 1:00pm-Confirmation

Mission Sunday, January 24

Watch throughout this newsletter for our Mission Partners' logos.
Can you find them all?

360 Communities
Camp Onomia
Feed My Starving Children
Lutheran World Relief
Northfield Retirement Community
Urban Ventures

Bega Kwa Bega
ELCA
Loaves and Fishes
Lutheran Social Service of MN
Saint Paul Area Synod

"New Year's Resolution"

Abraham Bryan is unlikely known by anyone but Civil War historians. Bryan owned a white-washed cabin smack dab on the battlefield in Gettysburg, PA. He was a freed black man.

The irony was lost to most of the soldiers on that third and final day of fighting. Pickett's failing charge had one last hope, but was repelled on Bryan's property. The Confederates' hope to repel the Emancipation Proclamation was defeated on a freed black man's property.

However, racism wasn't repelled. Even many from the north fighting against slavery desired the African Americans to be shipped back to Africa.

Racism fills our newspapers today from the "Black Lives Matter" movement to the questions of what to do with Muslims because of terrorist actions. I am watching the Ken Burns documentary about the Roosevelts. FDR detained Japanese Americans for fear of spies, while limiting Jews escaping from Europe for the same reason; they might be German spies.

In the recent movie Brooklyn, the prejudice was shared equally between the Irish and the Italian first generation immigrants. Of course, the second generation lost the accents and there was less animosity since you couldn't tell the difference on the streets.

Prejudice is a recurring theme in our country, but it also seems ingrained in nature. All cultures are suspicious of outsiders. The other and different threatens us. So we feel safer if we group the others into a category, thus we can justifiably discriminate.

I remember many years ago taking a class from a Missouri Synod pastor. He said, "We can discriminate against a group, but can you walk up to a black man, look him in the eye and say 'I hate you?'" That stuck with me.

In a country that prides itself on individual choice, individual decision making, individual religious practices, how can we of all people practice racism? That is incongruous with who we claim to be! In a country where 80% of citizens call themselves Christian, how can we justify discrimination? Jesus welcomed those who were less likely to find hospitality anywhere else.

The infancy of the church knew its mission in Acts 3 – *For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word.*

This said, I believe we practice a welcoming faith, and our country stands above most for being hospitable to the foreigner. We still have a long way to go. You may not think much is accomplished by marching, but simple acts of respect, kindness and mercy are true acts of our faith that make a difference.

Luther concurs in his meaning of the eighth commandment "We should fear and love God, so that we do not lie about, betray or slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything." That sounds like the most profound New Year's resolution!

Happy New Year,
Pastor Dave



News from your Property Commission

Roof Repair and Replacement – We've received several bids for replacement or partial replacement and repair of our flat roofs. This week (week before Christmas) David Frame is meeting with two more vendors. David has spent the majority of the last few weeks on our roof. David and the Property Committee will discuss all bid options and will forward them to the January Executive Council meeting for their decision.

Mold Remediation – We had several complaints regarding a lingering odor in the Education Wing. Hopefully, over the winter everything will dry out so we can better determine the cause of the odor in the spring. We are also in the process of getting quotes on concrete covering options for the Education Wing and Youth Room.

Acoustic Panels in Fellowship Hall – The product and color of the material have been selected and approved by the Acoustic Panel Committee and the Décor Advisory Committee. CAD drawings were completed confirming the layout of the material. We still need to determine the process for removal of the old panels and the residual adhesive product on the wall where we will not have new panel coverings. We've received a quote for professional cutting of the panels and installation. A decision needs to be made on whether to try to do this ourselves or spend the extra money to have it done professionally. Availability of the product is good. Installation could take place the first quarter of 2016. This will be forwarded to the January Executive Council meeting for approval.

Spring Clean Up – Next May, we will be tackling our outdoor projects. There is a lot of landscape work to be done on the north and east sides of the church. The rock has been purchased. The shrubs will need to be trimmed and the areas cleaned out. We still need to paint the windows on the north and east side of the church. Since we opened up the view from Pillsbury Avenue, we need to make sure our church looks its best from all sides. We may need to schedule a couple of days for all of this work to get completed with proper help. Watch your May 2016 Newsletter and sign up sheet posted on the kiosk.

Blessings from your Property Committee: Steve Anderson, Warren Peterson, Brad Smith, and Jeanne Nash Hoffmann

*Thank
you*

A huge thank you to Geeg Aaker, Barb Bachman, and Charles von Fischer and others who keep our outdoor flower pots beautiful all year. These are some of the unsung heroes that use their creative talents to serve God and make our church more beautiful each year.



BEGA KWA BEGA

“At Least Ten More Stand Behind Me”
Please take an opportunity to read this wonderfully written letter explaining how the scholarship program benefits our partnered congregations in Tanzania (and beyond).
Check out a copy on the kiosk, our website (the “Ihemi-Iringa” page) or contact the church office for a copy.

 **Lutheran Social Service**
of Minnesota
for changing lives



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We have the most amazing and giving congregation I know! You care and want to help the world. You know it's the little things done by many people, and that putting it all together makes a bigger gift that is such a blessing to the families being helped.

Remember, for each smile, kind word, hug or small act of kindness—NO matter how small, it makes a difference. You are all amazing and truly represent the goodness that God wishes for all of us—thank you again for your generosity!

Thank you! Armful of Love



Northfield Retirement Community
Innovation. Choice. Tradition.

Did you know ... Northfield Retirement Community opened its doors on September 15, 1969, as Northfield Retirement “Center” with three resident wings for a total occupancy of 80 residents. Today, NRC has occupancy for 42 skilled nursing care residents and 217 apartments with various levels of care and housing options. Visit us at northfieldretirement.org for more information.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, January 13
Harry's Café-Lakeville
11:00am Meet at the church
11:30am Meet at Harry's Café
Contact Karen Erickson with questions.



ANNUAL MEETINGS

Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 9:30am



If you are interested in remote attendance, please contact the church office prior to January 21, 2016 for details and instructions.

Secret Santa Appreciation

It was a moving moment to watch our young people become empowered with the joy of giving. The little ones chose what they wanted for each of their special people, wrapped the gifts themselves and proudly carried them home with a happy (and conspiratorial) twinkle in their eyes. That was exactly what we were hoping to achieve, and it was great fun for all involved! Thank you to each one of you who helped with set up, donated items and gift wrap – it would not have existed without you. Thank you to Steven Olan and the wonderful Youth who were great leaders that day! Thank you to Harold Martin for helping ensure the specifics and also to Mary Ovans for lending the beautiful, homemade Christmas aprons for the workers. The proceeds get invested back into our amazing kids. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

- Congregational Life Ministry Team



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Every Sunday it takes many volunteers to make for a successful and smooth-running worship experience – greeters, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, Sunday School teachers, offering counters, Altar Guild members – and the list goes on. At times, it is a challenge for the coordinators to get volunteers for these tasks – we thank ALL of you who so willingly “step up to the plate” when asked to help. If you would like to help out in a specific area and have not been asked – just let the office know and we’ll get you on the list!

Altar Guild



Altar Guild invites church members for some of your time and talent in the area of cleaning the church pews—on Saturday, January 9 at 8:30am. We have a short meeting after the cleaning to sign up for service months. All are welcome to attend and hear more about the Altar Guild—we are always looking for new members.

This is a big task and we appreciate your help. Treats will be served after cleaning! Please contact Cheryl Schindeldecker at 952-469-3795 with questions.



New Member Gathering January 17, 2016

Are you interested in becoming a member at Christiania? Come join us for a New Member Gathering and Brunch on Sunday, January 17 from 9:40am to 10:30am in the Family Education room (first room to the left in the education wing). It will be an opportunity to learn about Christiania and programs available, as well as ask questions. New members will be received between services on Sunday, January 31 at the Annual Meeting. Please let Pastor Dave or the church office know if you are interested. Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you there.

Save for Calendar

January Ministries

Offering Counters

Jan. 3	Kermit Berg, Bob & Gladys Michelsen
Jan. 10	Bob & Gladys Michelsen, Calvin Tonsager
Jan. 17	Calvin Tonsager, Larry & Vicky Thompson
Jan. 24	Larry & Vicky Thompson, Bonnie Lindquist
Jan. 31	Bonnie Lindquist, Al & Fayette Ames

Lectors

Jan. 3	8:30	Sue Beske
	10:45	Heidi Christensen
Jan. 10	8:30	Al Ritchie
	10:45	Bob Monio
Jan. 17	8:30	Leif Johnson
	10:45	Bob Monio
Jan. 24	8:30	
	10:45	Bob Monio
Jan. 31	8:30	
	10:45	Bob Monio

Acolytes

Jan. 3	8:30	Nathan Anderson, Cal Marsh
	10:45	Jenna Aasen, Michael Rogers
Jan. 10	8:30	Morgan Emmons, Hannah Simon
	10:45	Brooke Nelson, Afton Vandenheuvel
Jan. 17	8:30	Grace Estrem, Breanna Moore
	10:45	Willow Larsen, Ireland Stanley
Jan. 24	8:30	Hailey Stanley, Kaylee Wilkins
	10:45	Nate Rowan, Michael Rogers
Jan. 31	8:30	Rachel Estrem, Jenna Hayes
	10:45	Madison Coffing, Elizabeth Vosejпка

Youth Ushers

Jan. 10	8:30	Abby Emmons, Bri Hanson Alex Hanson, Logan Petersen
Jan. 10	10:45	Jordan & Jacob Bares, Will Kanfield, Zachary VeVe

Communion Assistants

Jan. 3	8:30	Daryl Rieck, Greg Silus Madalyn Petersen
	10:45	Cheryl Mohn
Jan. 17	8:30	Lori & LeRoy Clausen

10:45

Greeters

Jan. 3	Sue & Ken Beske
Jan. 10	Cheryl & Carl Bahnsen
Jan. 17	Elaine & Jerry Swedin
Jan. 24	Joan & Jack Eckdahl
Jan. 31	Jane & Bernie Ward

Coffee Servers

Jan. 3	Arlene Jacobson, Carol Melgaard Martha Nelson, Emily Johnson, Michael Rogers
Jan. 10	Marlin & Madalyn Petersen Michael Fish, Ayden Scribner
Jan. 17	Mike & Martha Donahoe Hayden Jensen, Emily Matiak
Jan. 24	Scott & Lonna Selkirk Ashlynn & Cadyn Henry
Jan. 31	Brad & Linda Bauer Mallory Godfrey, Katie Travaille

Wednesday Meals

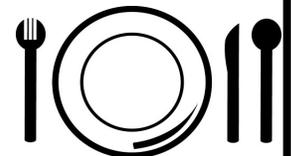
5:30—6:15 pm, \$4.00 per person

January 6: Pulled pork sandwiches, tater tots, lettuce salad, pineapple, brownies, milk

January 13: Egg bake, muffins, sliced tomatoes, cuties & bananas, milk

January 20: Chicken casserole, dinner rolls, spinach salad, grapes & apples, milk

January 27: Soup & sandwich, pie, milk



Sunday School



Sunday School kids:

Thank you for a wonderful Christmas program!
NO Sunday school January 3, 2016—we resume January 10.
We will be learning about Jesus calling his disciples. Jesus calls "follow me" to all of us as well. Think about how you can follow Him and do what Jesus showed us!
We wish all of you a Happy New Year!

Michelle Vosejka, vosejka@lonstel.com
Kris Geissler, kriabblil@gmail.com

Valentine Cookie Project—February 6

CLCW is again sponsoring a cookie delivery to our seniors and special members. You can take part in three ways: bring two dozen cookies to church on/by February 6; help pack the boxes at a 10:00 packing party on February 6; deliver a box to a designated member for Valentine's Day. This is a way to remember our less active members and a chance to make a new friend or catch up with an old friend. If you would like to add a name to our list, call Linda Otto at 952-469-8561.



Prayers for our Congregation

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Bridget Anderson
Orville Nelson
Philip Tupa
Crisa Aasen
Brianna Streefland
Ron Petersen
Tim Krenz

The Daron & Jackie DuLac family, Jackie's step-dad, Russ passed away 12/11 and Daron's dad, Phil passed away 12/24
Pete, Linda Bauer's dad
Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
Dick Turnquist, brother of Barb Bachman
Laurell, Chris Hongerholt's Aunt
David Roberts, friend of Geeg & Steve Aaker
Gary, father of Al Godfrey
Reece, grandson of Bertie & Dave Mohling
Shannon Clarke, niece of Sharon & John Mohn
Richard, step-dad of Tia Johnson
Valerie, friend of Melanie Kubischta
Barb, mom of Martha Donahoe
Ona, Madalyn Petersen's sister
Julie, Sherri Mohn's foster-sister
Laurie T., friend of Lori Rogers
Betty Johnson, Jackie DuLac's mom
Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
Sam Carlson, friend of Melanie Kubischta
Jan & Dave, Brian Aasen's mother and father
Jolene Wilker, Jacki Donovan's mother
Wally & Bonnie Petersen and Steve, Ron & Pete Petersen and Gladys Bolton's brother and sister-in-law and nephew.
Dan, Dwayne Vosejka's brother
Kathy, Rachel Fausch's mother

Mission Ministry Team Update

Mission Sunday is January 24. There will be a variety of Mission venues for you to learn about. Stan Hill from Urban Ventures will be here to talk to us about his great work with getting jobs for the hard to place workers in society. He is a dynamic speaker and individual. We will also have our own members from Christiania who have visited Tanzania on hand talk with and share their wonderful experiences with us. Representatives from the Northfield Retirement Center and 360 Communities with information on their programs will be here as well.

A thank you to the congregation doesn't seem to be enough for your wonderful generosity in the donations that came in for the Harvest gifts and the Food Shelf Monies. \$1,095 was collected as Harvest Offering and \$934 for the Miscellaneous Food Shelf Monies. The Food Shelf monies were given out to Rice, Scott and Dakota Counties. \$250.00 was paid to the Lakeville Assistance Fund out of the \$1,095.00 Harvest Offering. We did receive a very nice Thank you in the mail from The Open Door Pantry in Eagan thanking our church for our donations and especially the fresh food!

We also want to thank everyone who generously donated soap, toothpaste, money, and hygiene items for the Queen Anne Courts at Christmas.

It also was nice to see the ornaments taken off the tree for the ELCA Good Gifts in the fellowship hall and non-traditional items bought for others across the world. You made Christmas a bit nicer for someone else. Thank you!

Christiania Youth!



Good Morning Youth

(All Grades 6-12)

All youth are invited to sit together at the youth table at the start of coffee hour. After the Sunday School opening, they are invited to the Youth Room for various activities and a short lesson each week! You can also serve with the children during the coffee hour in the Sunday School wing.

Thank You

A huge Thank You to Kim Robertson and Kersten Richter for heading up our pie bake sale again this year.

Thanks to all the support from parents and grandparents as well.

We had 22 students who helped make over 90 pies and DOZENS of cookies!

Another big thank you to all who bought pies, cookies and supported the fundraiser as we had our best year yet—over \$1,500 profit for our students.

EPIC Cards:

Help our students go to camp by purchasing Epic fundraising cards which are now being sold at \$15 each. Pick up yours today and start saving money every time you go to your favorite haunts: Firehouse Grille, El Parian, Perkins, Carbone's, Green Mill and more! And for your New Year's resolution, you can save at Fitness 19 with no joining fees and a free month!!

Children, Youth & Family Leader
Christiania Lutheran Church

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CONFIRMATION

When: Wednesdays 6:30pm to 8 pm

January 6, 13, 20 & 27

In case of inclement weather, we cancel confirmation based on the Lakeville School District's cancellation.



Who: Grades 6-12

What: Ski Retreat

When: February 12-15

Where: Stay at Camp Onomia
Ski at Spirit Mountain

Join us for a Winter Retreat at Camp Onomia and go skiing at Spirit Mountain!

Meet at church Friday evening then head to Camp Onomia for a great evening and all day Saturday of camp stuff.

Leave early Sunday morning for Spirit Mountain in Duluth to ski all day.

Return to Camp Onomia late Sunday evening.

Monday morning share breakfast, stories, activities and worship. Depart for home around noon.

This event is open to middle school students, high school students as leaders in training and adults as chaperons.



We are limited on spots so sign up and get your \$50 deposit in to hold your spot.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Education & Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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DATED MATERIAL



—"CHILLY" SUNDAY—

chili, soups & stews

—FOOD OF THE MONTH—

Book Discussion Group

A new year--a clean slate, just like forgiveness. We invite you to start a new year by joining us on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

January 27: *The Shoemaker's Wife*
By Adriana Trigiani

February 24: *The Color of Light*
By Emilie Richards



Deadline for the **February 2016** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **Jan. 18.**

Email info. to Linda Bauer at lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org.

Annual Meetings of Christiania Lutheran Church and Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation

Sunday, January 31, 2016

9:30 am

Mark your calendars!