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Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Indoor Service
10:00 a.m. Online Service
11:00 a.m. Indoor Service

DATED MATERIAL

www.ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org

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UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR, PLEASE
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Website Link

November's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **pasta, sauce, rice, mac & cheese, etc...** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.



- Attention all Musicians -

Fall greetings Christiania! I am always looking for musical volunteers to lend their talents for online and/or indoor services, but with Advent and Christmas around the corner, I am especially interested in gathering musicians to record selections for an online Christmas Music Festival. If you are interested, please send me an email with your thoughts on a Christmas solo or small ensemble piece and who will be participating. We will set up dates/times to record in the sanctuary, or you can record at home if you have the means. I look forward to hearing from you! - Dr. Matt Steinbron

Deadline for the **December** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **November 18**. Email info. to the church office at office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org.

For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson ... Crisa Silverness ... Scott Mischke ... Marjorie Tonsager
Margaret Corrigan ... Ellie Panek ... Melissa Hanson ... Sharon Syverson
Bob Jacobson ... Susie Stiehl & family ... Cindy Hildreth ... Carol Garant
Norma Christianson ... Sandy Erickson ... Carl Bahnsen

For those who Mourn:

For Karen Frame's my sister, Dixie and Dixie's family as they grieve the death of her husband (Karen's brother-in-law), Chuck who died from complications of Covid-19.

Maureen Johnson, her family and friends as they mourn the loss of Bill Johnson. Bill entered God's Eternal Kingdom on Tuesday, October 20. He is the brother of Bobby & Mary Jo Johnson, Peter & Julie Johnson and Will and Marietta Storlie

Marcie Tonsagers, family and friends. Marcie entered God's Kingdom on October 14, 2020.
Marcie's Celebration of Life Service was held at Christiania on October 20.

For all those working on the front lines fighting against the COVID-19 virus:

Alex Krenz

Michael Ford, friend of Lori & LeRoy Clausen	Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins
Wynn Ostlie, brother of Joanie Eckdahl	Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
Chris Saunders, brother of Tia Burnham	Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom
Asher Woodard, son of a co-worker of Dick Panek's	Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and Eckdahl's
Gary Hunt, friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen	Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson
Amy Bement, friend of Lori Clausen	Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross
Mike Nordman, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen	Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist
Jennifer, NJ cousin of Alan Ritchie	Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation
PriCilla Bjorklund, close friend of Cathy Breyer	Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch
Greg Jeffers, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen	Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson
Justin Storlie, son of Joan & Ritchie Storlie	Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker
Mike Bean, friend of Dick & Ellie Panek	Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine
Vickie Hall, sister-in-law of Donna Silverness	Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers
Megan Taylor, relative of Lori Clausen	Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel
Brian & Denise Neisen, friend of Lori Clausen	Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover
Meghann (Knowlton) Morse, daughter of Steven & Brenda Knowlton	Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son
Matthew Ames, son of Alan & Fayette Ames	Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members
Benjamin Velasquez, friend of Matt & Stephanie Steinbron	Brian, son of George Kasper
Maria Sauber, parent leader of the Chub Lake Beavers	Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum
Lee Jacobson, brother of Bob and Arlene Jacobson	Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
	Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
	Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

For those who also need healing:

In Military:

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson); Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)
Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew); Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)
Christian Weidling (Sherri & Mike Mohn's nephew); Max Baker (Sandy Cross' grandson)
Billy Hukka (Beth Hukka's son); Miguel Nuno (Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler's nephew)
John Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' son); Mark Langreck (Dona Jo & Lee Braun's nephew)



Sunday School

In-person classes will be offered each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 9:40 am. Families wishing to access Sunday School online can find lessons posted on YouTube each week. Printed materials for online lessons are available upon request.

For the latest details, visit the Sunday School website:

www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sunday-school or contact Joe with questions.

Upcoming lessons:

- 11/1: Battle of Jericho
- 11/8: Naomi and Ruth
- 11/15: David and Goliath
- 11/22: Elijah and the Widow
- 11/29: ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP (NO CLASS)



First Communion will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 22. This is open to any school-age child. Contact the church office by **Nov. 9** if you are interested.



Check out our Instagram or Christiania Youth Facebook page each Friday evening. Joe will be streaming a little music, scripture, reflection, and prayer.



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. It will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30 via Zoom.

HERE WE STAND CONFIRMATION

In-person classes will be offered for 6th-9th graders each week. Classes will also be broadcast via Zoom each week, and videos of lessons will be posted on YouTube for those who were unable to attend live. For the latest details, visit the confirmation webpage:

www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation or contact Joe with questions.

Upcoming lessons:

- 11/4: (6/7) Wilderness Temptations (8/9) Stewardship of Creation
- 11/11: (6/7) First Disciples (8/9) Stewardship of Money
- 11/18: (6/7) Beatitudes (8/9) World Religions
- 11/25: NO CONFIRMATION (THANKSGIVING)



Trip Meeting: November 15 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (a link will be emailed to all who have registered for the trip)



Nov. 1: Jackbox Games via Zoom

Middle School and High School youth are invited to gather for some party games over Zoom from 6:00-8:00 pm.

The Zoom link can be found on the church website at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events



FROM SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

PUT A TEXT BOX AROUND JEREMIAH 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

What a great gift to experience another group of confirmation-age teenagers sharing faith statements and affirming baptism promises made on their behalf long ago. Congratulations: Madie Burnham; Nathan Matiak; Jack McGregor; Pete Rhodes; Whitley Ronn; Wyatt Ronn; Lance Thompson; and Owen Wilkins. We welcome you as a full adult member of the body of Christ here at Christiania. Thank you and congratulations parents, teachers, mentors, and sponsors. You have fulfilled your promises and helped these young people know and trust God—well done! But also know their spiritual growth is not done.

After listening to their faith statements on YouTube last Wednesday I was filled with great hope. These young people have so much life and faith. It's so important to remember that although they are not finished with their faith journey, nor are they done growing in God, they are so far ahead of where many of us were at 15 or 16 years of age. You can still view their faith statements which can be found on the church website www.christianialutheranchurch.org,

Writing a faith statement is a great way to get at what is most important about your relationship with God, faith, and the church. I have often said it would be a challenging and helpful exercise for adults to invest themselves in. Perhaps you should try it?

As part of their preparation, they also picked a favorite verse of scripture. Although none chose a typical favorite, Jeremiah 29:11 (in the text box), they picked great Bible verses focused on hope, courage, strength, praise, and encouragement. One even had a mention of suffering. Do you have a favorite verse? Right now, one of my favorites comes from the Apostle Paul in Romans: *We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us* (Romans 5:3-5). This year especially I have been growing into Paul's great wisdom.

One of the actions I hope and pray for our confirmands is that their relationship with God continues to grow. I pray their trust and confidence in God continues to deepen. Dreaming and wondering what God is up to and being aware of where God is working are two important roles for a Christian today.

For those who are becoming aware of God's plans, *Purpose* and *calling* are central values to explore and discern. Scripture speaks into vocation, calling, and responsibility over and over again. Jesus invites the disciples into ministry, life and service, together with him. As the former fisherman drop their nets to follow Jesus, he teaches them their new purpose, to *fish for people*.

Do you have ideas about your God-given purpose or why you're here? Both are great questions to be praying about and talking about. Again, Paul, in his letter to the Galatians shares helpful wisdom: *Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life* (Galatians 6:4-5 MSG). Let's all sink ourselves into the good and hard work of *exploration of who we are* and the particular *work you have been given*.

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon

QUILT AUCTION

Camp Onomia's annual QUILT AUCTION has moved online this year with an auction site which is live now! Check out over 45 awesome quilts and baby blankets at <http://www.auctria.com/auction/charityauction.bid.CAMPONOMIA>. Bidding closes at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21 during our LIVE finale held over ZOOM starting at 1:00 p.m.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449855130>. Join us for the fun and bid high to support Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Camp Onomia! It is also a quick and easy way to do some Christmas shopping this year. Clickable links are located at our new website at www.camponomia.org. Thank you for financially supporting your camp. Generosity is THANKS living!

ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP

During the season of Advent, we are going to take a break from Sunday School classes and instead invite families to join us for worship. We will be incorporating some elements into our service that are aimed at teaching and engaging kids while also equipping families to continue conversations at home. Please join us in person or online as we walk in faith together this Advent season.

CONSTITUTION TASK FORCE

Since last Fall the Constitution Task Force has been meeting periodically to update our Constitution to align with how we operate with our Ministry Board and update to be in compliance with the 2019 ELCA Model Constitution. We are excited to announce that at the September Council Meeting the Executive Council approved our recommended changes and we will be voting on the amendment at our Annual Meeting in January.

The Constitution Task Force members were Bruce Mohn, Arnie Schultz, Jeff Otto, Cheryl Schindeldecker, Sharon Buckley, Denise Kanfield, and Pastor Rhodes.

In March of this year Pastor Tanner Howard, at the recommendation of the Synod, joined us for six sessions to guide us through the update. Pastor Tanner has supported many congregations through this process and we are grateful for his guidance.

Key Changes:

- *C8.02 – this section covers voting members and is required. It defines voting members as confirmed members. This means we no longer have an age limitation on voting for legal contracts. We did maintain a minimum age of 18 for officers of the congregation as they sign contracts for the church.
- C12.01 – this section covers the Congregation Council (Executive Council). The key change here is the inclusion of the Pastor as a voting member of the Council, a more common practice in Lutheran Congregations.
- C11.03 – this section concerns Officers and we have updated this to allow officers to serve two consecutive terms in the same office. This allows greater flexibility and an opportunity for continuity of leadership when going through any future significant changes.

Removed detailed information on policies and procedure from the Constitution to be updated in our policy manual.

The updated Constitution, a summary document, and a side-by-side comparison of our current constitution next to the update is currently posted on the website. If you would like printed copies, please reach out to Carri in the office.

Sunday, 11/8, 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall or join us via a Zoom connection following our service. The Zoom connection can be found on our website main page or our calendar.

We are excited about this update. It aligns with the model constitution and positions us for future updates to be even easier. We welcome your thoughts and look forward to the upcoming conversations.



TANZANIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to everyone who has continued their scholarship giving to the students of Ihemi, Tanzania! If you haven't made your donation to that program yet, they are still taking funds. Their due date for commitments is November 3, but they'll take donations through a couple weeks past that date. As a reminder, a full year of school and board is \$400 per student, but the program will take any amount, big or small, so any gift is greatly appreciated! Please designate your gift by writing "Ihemi Scholarship" on the memo line of your check.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee will start meeting in November. This year as in the past we will be filling positions on the executive council, ministry board, nomination committee and the audit committee. Please give some consideration to accepting or volunteering to be on one of these leadership roles. Contact a nominating committee member if you have an interest or suggestion for a position. Our annual meeting is the last Sunday of January and the plan is to have the ballot ready by early January. Be part of leading Christiania in 2021 and beyond.

Nominating committee: Denise Kanfield, Bruce Lundeen, Andy Wilkins, Derrick Hongerholt, Greg Silus and Bruce Mohn.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Property Committee met on September 22. One of the major topics of discussion were the additional upgrades that are needed at the church. Brad received some bids. These were collected to provide the Refresh Committee and the Council an idea of future expenditures. Bids were solicited for additional LED upgrades to our lighting, additional repairs and insulation to our roof, repair or replacement of the air exchanger in the northeast outside wall of the Fellowship Hall and ventilation/air conditioning in the Heritage Room. Discussion was also held on ventilation throughout the church and the possible use of HEPA filters.

It was pointed out to Property Committee that there is a tripping hazard on the entrance to the church. Brad purchased and installed a black rubber threshold ramp.

The parsonage water softener went out. It was the consensus of the Parsonage Committee that an iron out system also be installed. Two bids were obtained. The bid was given to a contractor for a bid of \$3,000 for both systems.

Greg Silus cut down dead and undesirable trees around the church. He cut them down, hauled them away and cleaned up. Bruce Mohn ground the stumps. Thank you, guys, for always working for your church.

Thank you to Dave and Linda Schomburg for your mowing around the church this year. It takes a village to care for our church.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

“The Road Map Back”

As I reflect over the last six months, many of you may have faced a number of challenges and chances to reflect on the parts of our lives that we can rely upon that give us strength and hope like I have.

One of these for me is my Christian Faith and our faith community at Christiania. Together at Christiania we have responded to the life changing conditions the Corona Virus has been imposed upon us. With faith, determination, understanding, kindness and love. Let us praise our church staff leaders, council members and those that worked behind the scenes to work as a team to create and support the adaptations, as well as pivots that were needed to be made in short order to keep our worship community intact during these changing conditions to keep everyone safe.

This is the time of year when we reap the harvest of the seeds we had planted earlier in the year and we offer our ourselves ,through our stewardship giving, as a thanks for these gifts.

We will need your continued support and participation just as much for the upcoming year as we continue to overcome this virus and keeping our community connected in faith and service.

Over the coming weeks the stewardship campaign will review how we can continue to be a part of Christiania and participate in our Stewardship with your Time, Talent and Treasure.

I thought the below bible verse would be an appropriate one to reflect upon during our Stewardship season.

2 Corinthians 6:3-10 ESV

We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Blessings,
Christian