

Christiania Newsletter

September 2021

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

SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



***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)

People of Christiania,

I am so thankful for you. This summer continues to bless us with members and friends returning to worship and ministries. It is so great to celebrate coming together and connecting—especially after a long time apart. Please know I am thankful for the relationships we share in Christ and your wonderful support. The most visible support often seen in sharing prayers, sharing time, and sharing monetary contributions. Thank you for your intentionality.

As I write this, we find ourselves at the end of August and, again, in a transitional place. How is it already the end of August? Our final summer vacations are now happening. Our athletes have been preparing and practicing. Many have been going to their doctors for pre-school checkups. I've noticed some leaves have already been falling. This month has even provided the welcome surprise of small stretches of cooler and less humid weather. Judging by the picked-over selection of school supplies at my local Target, it appears some of you have been preparing your students for school with new school supplies. Our Missions Team continues to collect school supplies for students.

Due to these signs above (and others), the last weeks of summer warn us we are heading toward a new season. So too, the prophet Isaiah reports on a God who is active and creative, and assures us of a new season: *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 in it rivers in the desert* (Isaiah 43:19). God assures a new thing is happening and everything will be changed. A great question to consider, what new things do you see God doing? For some the answers will come quickly while for others you may have to take some time to consider. A question like this needs prayer and deep listening to perceive God's response.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

What new things are happening at church this month? September at Christiania includes returning to weekly Sunday School (9/19) and Confirmation (9/15). Midweek Worship continues at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in September (except Sept. 8). Plans are being made for a return to regular Wednesday evening meals followed by worship. Sundays this month will include outdoor worship, *God's Work - Our Hands*. Service Projects on Sept. 12, and Rally Sunday, Sept. 19. Take some time to look through all this and more in this edition of our newsletter.

Thought for the month: Love is an action—don't wait for good feelings to develop before action can take place.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon



COUNCIL PRESIDENT — BRUCE MOHN

Welcome to fall of 2021 with a new service format, new look for the building, and new opportunities for volunteering! Christiania has much to look forward to this fall. We will have a little different worship format with one service on Sundays at 9:00. Then, on Wednesday evenings we will serve an evening meal starting at 5:30, worship at 6:30-7:00 followed by confirmation from 7:00-8:00. Trying something new is a good thing. Hopefully this will provide different opportunities for worship and confirmation classes.

The refresh committee is meeting regularly to look at building updates. Much of our church is the same as it was when it was built in 1960. We think we can make some modifications that will improve the worship experience. As we move forward and get an idea of what the costs of these improvements will be, the council will look at funding sources of money. These include a capital campaign, funds from the Christiania Foundation that are listed as special purpose, and several donations listed as memorials to our church. We also have a line of credit at the New Market Bank that we can use. The church's shingled roof has been evaluated for hail damage from the June 17 storm and we are waiting for the appraisal and for Church Mutual to make a determination. Once we have all of the information gathered, the church members will need to vote on the spending package.

New opportunities to volunteer at church are available in many ways. The area of Education needs help for Sunday School and Confirmation. Ministry Teams like Membership, Congregational Life, Stewardship and Evangelism all need some extra help as well. Reach out to Pastor Jon, Joe, or visit with me if you have a question or interest in one of these positions. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

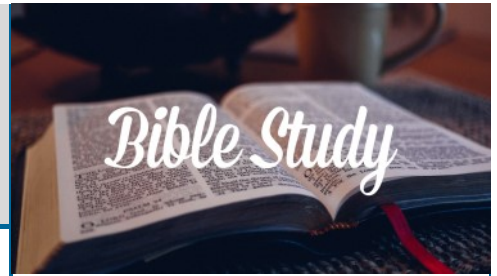
Topics of Interest at our August Meeting—

1. We enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Rancho in Webster. It was a nice chance to enjoy a good meal and visit along with our regular meeting agenda.
2. Discussed the Planting Hope Campaign for the Saint Paul Area Synod. Looked at the training class they will provide in November and January of 2022
3. Approved the hiring of Josh Carlson from Treasured Spaces and Stephanie McKenna from Stephanie McKenna Interior Design to work on the pre-construction bid
4. The property committee is getting bids on two 5 ton heating and air conditioning units. One is to replace the one in the social room and one for the Heritage Room and nursery which at this time does not have air conditioning. These units are designed to use fresh air from the outside to improve air quality inside our church
5. A new website is being worked on as well

"God's Work - Our Hands." is Sunday, September 12 and Rally Sunday is September 19. Christiania welcomes the start of a new beginning of faith and new building improvements all done with honoring God now and in the future.

Bruce Mohn
Council President

Come & Worship



Wednesday, September 1:

6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion — In-person & YouTube

Sunday, September 5:

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion — In-person & YouTube

Wednesday, September 8: - No Midweek Worship Tonight**

Sunday, September 12: Gods Work - Our Hands

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship — In-person & YouTube

Wednesday, September 15: Confirmation Orientation

6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship — In-person & YouTube

Sunday, September 19: Rally Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion — In-person & YouTube

Wednesday, September 22:

6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion — In-person & YouTube

Sunday, September 26:

9:00 a.m. Worship — In-person & YouTube

Wednesday, September 29:

6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship — In-person & YouTube

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
September 7, 14, 21, & 28
Meets via Zoom

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
(Women's)
September 7 & 21
Meets at church

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
(CLCW)
September 15
Meets at church

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Meets via Zoom

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
(Men's)
September 11 & 25
Meets via Zoom

All are invited. Contact Carri or Pastor Jon for details or to get connected.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (beginning Sept. 15)

5:30-6:15 p.m.

Dinner — All are welcome

6:00-6:25 p.m.

Youth Bells

6:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class & Faith Alive

7:00-7:25 p.m.

Adult Bells

7:30-8:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir

COME WORSHIP & SERVE

GREETERS

If you are interested in volunteering to be a greeter on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings before worship, please contact Carri in the office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We're looking for volunteers to help lead worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.



LECTORS

Read the assigned scripture passage. If you are interested, please contact Tania Drexler at tjdrexler@nuveramail.net

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Help lead prayers and other portions of the service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon or Dr. Matt.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Help distribute bread and wine during communion. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon.

WATERING FLOWERS

We need volunteers to water the flowers in the pots outside the doors and by the sign at the parking lot entrance. Reminder, if the temperatures are above 90 degrees plants need to be watered daily. The sign up is located on our website or call Carri in the church office.



MISSION GARDEN HELPERS

Our garden continues to be fruitful. Ongoing help is needed. Here is a list of things we'll need help with:

- Watering (depending on the weather this needs to be done every other day)
- Tilling between rows as needed to remove weeds
- Weeding around the plants
- Picking the vegetables
- Delivering vegetables to the food shelf

Call or text Linda Costa,



WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR(S)

Christiania is planning to resume Wednesday Meals again this fall beginning September 15. These meals are typically provided by volunteers, and we need a person or team of people to help coordinate those volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Carri or Joe.



VIDEO OPERATORS

With our new streaming technology comes the need for a video operator. Ideally we will have a small team in which 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 development! Please contact Dr. Matt if you are interested.

COFFEE HOUR HELPERS

COOKIE/DONUT PICK-UP

We need someone to pick up cookies and donuts from Cub (Heritage) on Sunday mornings.



SERVERS

We need help serving coffee on Sunday mornings.

Please sign up on the board located in the Fellowship Area or call Carri in the church office.

Teachers Needed!

We are looking for a few more adults to work with our Sunday School students (preschool-5th grade) and with our confirmation students (grades 6-9).

The only qualifications are your love of God and a desire to accompany students in their faith journey. We will help with the rest.

Contact Joe if you are interested in volunteering to teach this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We will have a brunch (egg bake, breads, fruit) after the 9:00 (only) service on Sunday, September 12. Free-will donation with proceeds going to ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response, for use wherever the need is greatest. This can include wildfires, floods, hurricanes, etc. The collection we are currently doing is specifically for Haiti.

After the brunch we will be doing three service projects:

- Cleaning road ditches
- Work at Urban Ventures garden
- Assembling snack packs for Love One Another

Everyone is welcome to join in. Come to church dressed to work.

Executive Council

- President:** Bruce Mohn
Vice-President: Bill Kanfield
Secretary: Staci Thompson
At Large Members: Jane Ward
 Lonna Selkirk Warren Peterson
 Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham
Treasurer: Lisa Schultze
Senior Pastor: Pastor Jon Rhodes

Ministry Board

- Sharon Buckley
 Joel Ruen
 Lucy Hurrle
 Tania Drexler
 Quentin DuLac
 Pastor Jon Rhodes

CYF

- Quentin DuLac
 Tia Burnham
 Tim Emmons
 Joe Jorgensen
 Needed (Youth)
 Needed (Adult)

Membership

- Needed
 Needed
 Needed

Congregational Life

- Lucy Hurrle
 Julie Booth
 Needed

Property

- Brad Smith
 Dave Mohling
 Scott Tempel
 Jeanne Nash

Missions

- Sharon Buckley
 Scott Tempel
 Daron DuLac
 Cindy Hildreth

Stewardship

- Joel Ruen
 Lori Clausen
 Needed

Worship

- Robin Martin
 Tania Drexler
 Jane Ward
 Joan Eckdahl
 Dr. Matt Steinbron
 Pastor Jon Rhodes

Safety Team

- Greg Silus
 Bob Monio
 Daryl Rieck
 Lori Clausen
 John Mohn
 Scott Tempel

Evangelism

- Needed
 Needed
 Needed



Bridget Anderson
Margaret Corrigan
Cindy Hildreth
Jeff Otto

Crisa Silverness
Ellie Panek
Carol Garant
Denny Carey

Sharon Syverson
Melissa Hanson
Ken Beske
Colleen Powell

Don Storlie
Susie Stiehl
Harlan Mohn
John Christianson

For these of our Congregation:

For friends of our congregation who also need healing:

Adrian Vasquez, Olivia Burnham's friend
Jerry Ewert, uncle of Jodi Fischer
Britta Dumke, friend of Cathy Breyer
Mike Groves, father of Brianna Streefland
Dylan Hart, nephew of Bob & Shodee Monio
Emmet Peterson, grandson of Mary & Warren Peterson
Phil Strom, friend of Doc Aaker
Michael Ford, friend of Lori & LeRoy Clausen
Asher Woodard, son of a co-worker of Dick Panek
Gary Hunt, friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen
Amy Bement, friend of Lori Clausen
PriCilla Bjorklund, close friend of Cathy Breyer
Greg Jeffers, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen
Justin Storlie, son of Joan & Ritchie Storlie
Mike Bean, friend of Dick & Ellie Panek
Megan Taylor, relative of Lori Clausen
Denise Neisen, friend of Lori Clausen
Matthew Ames, son of Alan & Fayette Ames
Lee Jacobson, brother of Bob and Arlene Jacobson
Benjamin Velasquez, friend of Matt & Stephanie Steinbron
Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins

Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom
Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausens and Eckdahls
Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson
Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross
Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist
Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch
Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson
Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker
Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine
Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers
Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel
Brayden, son of Deanna & Mike Glover
Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son
Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members
Brian, son of George Kasper
Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

In the Military:

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 Gutierrez's nephew)
John Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' son);

**If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain,
please contact Carri in the church office.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILT TYING

The quilters meet on

Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Area.

All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions about health and safety measures, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.



LUNCH BUNCH -

Please RSVP to Carol or Sandy Lunch Bunch will meet at Fishtale in New Prague on **Wednesday, September 8 at 11:30 a.m.** To

RSVP or if you would like to carpool from church, or if you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211. Hope to see you all there!



CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN Wednesday, September 15 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.

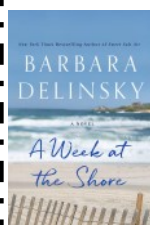
SINGLES GROUP EVENT



Christiana's new "Singles" group is off to a great start. All are welcome to meet for dinner, friendship and fun lively conversation. The group gathers

on the second Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at a variety of local restaurants. This month the group has chosen to gather at **Teresa's Mexican Restaurant in Lakeville, Monday, September 13 @ 5:00 p.m.** Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.

BOOK CLUB



September's book is "*A Week at the Shore*" by Barbara Delinsky. We will meet on Wednesday, **September 29 at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a bag lunch, and something to drink; coffee is not provided. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Missions Ministry Team will be collecting school supplies for the Lakeville School District this year. You can bring specific supplies to the church, or go the website [Community / Ready, Set, Achieve! \(isd194.org\)](http://Community/Ready,Set,Achieve!(isd194.org)) to make donations directly.

Requested items are as follows:

- 12 or 24 Count Plain #2 pencils
- Large Dry Erase Markers
- 3" Sticky Notes (any color)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Narrow Tip Highlighters (any color)
- Wide Tip Highlighter (yellow)
- Glue Sticks or Bottles of Glue
- Black Permanent Markers
- Pens (black, blue and red)
- Large Pink Erasers
- 10 Count Narrow Tip Markers
- 12 Count Wide Tip Markers
- 24 Count Box Crayons
- 12 Count Colored Pencils
- Large or Small Scissors
- White 3x5 Index Cards
- Hard Pencil Case
- Soft Pencil Bag
- Plastic Rulers
- Wide Ruled Notebooks
- College Ruled Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Folders with Pockets
- New Sturdy Backpacks



Norwegian Dinner Update

The CLCW has decided for now that the Norwegian Dinner would not be safe to serve this year. However, they still plan on holding a bake/craft sale on October 30. If you would like to make something for the bake/craft sale contact Linda Otto at ottolm@frontiernet.net or 952-469-8561. **More details to come in future publications.**





School Success Stories

To qualify for university-level education, students in Tanzania must complete a series of intensive exams in secondary school. The first set occurs at the end of Form IV. Students who do well there then move into the more advanced levels of Form V and VI. At the end of form VI they take another set of exams, the results of which direct future learning opportunities. This week we share a message from the BKB-DIRA team describing this year's Form VI results.

Dear Friends,

We would like to present to you a thank-you note for the scholarship fund you are offering to our students. This is one of the major projects that we do together here in Iringa. So many people have benefited from this project, including people who are now doctors, nurses, teachers, accountants, agronomists, police officers and so on.

Special thanks to you during this season of the pandemic disease of COVID-19, we know the world's economy has been shaken including your individual financial status. Still you continued to be committed to these students. I would like to thank you very much and to remind you this good text which says, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:40)

You have to know that when you send your money to our people for scholarship fund, you are serving Jesus. And the Bible says that; whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. (John 12:26) I am praying to God that the honor of God be with you in all aspects. Amen

This year we had a total of 58 students in Form VI who were sponsored under the BKB Scholarship Fund, 22 of whom are enrolled at the three secondary schools owned by the Iringa Diocese. The others are enrolled in government schools. I have sampled the national exam results from three of the secondary schools owned by the Iringa Diocese and am pleased to share what I have learned. **National Examination results for the BKB students from three DIRA Schools with advanced level of Secondary Education: To see, go to: <https://spas-elca.org/school-success-stories/>**

Therefore, we glorify our Heavenly Father for enabling our schools to do better for this year. As the results show, all students who were sponsored by BKB have passed their Examination and are qualified to join universities for Bachelor degrees. May the Living God who dwells above keep on blessing you all people in United States of America, Saint Paul Area Synod and other places, the work you are doing here will continue to put a mark in the hearts of many people.

For those who wish to know about DIRA Schools in general, view their overall exam performance: **Go to: <https://spas-elca.org/school-success-stories/>**

This indicates that not just BKB-sponsored students, but all students who have completed Form VI this year from DIRA schools are qualified to join universities for Bachelor degrees. This is one of the many words of good news we would like to share to you.

May God keep on blessing you all!

Pastor Lwila, BKB DIRA Coordinator

Camp Onomia's 23rd Annual

Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 18, 2021

We are excitedly making plans to return to Camp Onomia for our annual live quilt auction, bake sale, and silent auction! Be sure to invite your friends & family for this fun event. All proceeds support the year-round ministries of Camp Onomia.

- ◆ Live Quilt Auction
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Raffle Quilt

SCHEDULE:

11:00 AM: Welcome and worship in Chapel

11:00 AM: Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begin in Friendship Hall

Noon: Lunch with free-will offering

1:00 PM: Live Quilt Auction begins

2:30 PM: Silent Auction ends

Raffle drawing will be held near the end of the quilt auction.



Raffle Quilt: 90"x107" Raffle tickets for this beautiful "Falling Star" quilt are available online, at the Camp Office, and during the auction. You do not need to be present to win.

If you would like to stay with us Friday night, simply call us in advance to reserve a room: 320-532-3767. Ask for the special quilt auction rate of \$40 per person, which includes accommodations in our Retreat Center, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday!

Check-in: Friday, Sept. 17th after dinner

Check-out: Saturday, Sept. 18th after the quilt auction.

Raffle tickets are available from Sharon Buckley.
Packets of 10 for \$25.00 or \$2.50/ticket.

Camp Onomia
14202 Shakopee Lake Road, Onamia, MN 56359

Phone: 320-532-3767

Email: camponomia@gmail.com



View an online preview
of the quilts!
www.camponomia.org/quilt.htm

Music at Christiania

Greetings Christiania!

Throughout the pandemic, everyone has missed out on some of their favorite social activities, perhaps none more than musicians. Music ensembles at Christiania came to a standstill. As time progressed and restrictions loosened, we were able to bring back small groups while following safety guidelines. It has been an absolute blessing working with the Nitty Gritty Church Band and many other talented individuals to elevate our worship experience each week. This has been a learning experience for everyone involved and I am grateful that you all were willing to devote numerous hours rehearsing and recording music for our services. Thankfully we have made many technological advancements throughout this period and are now able to live stream, cutting the need to pre-record music. What a relief and joy to praise God in person again! I want to express my gratitude for the support and patience of our staff, musicians, and you the congregation as we continually adjust to each new situation. We are striving to bring you the most meaningful worship experience we can, whether you attend in person or online.



Looking ahead to the fall season at Christiania, I am excited to announce another step towards normalcy: the return of the Bell Choirs and Chancel Choir! One of the driving factors that complicate music ensemble rehearsals during the pandemic is that wind instruments and singing release aerosols at a much higher rate than most other activities, therefore making indoor rehearsal spaces much more susceptible to spreading COVID-19. With the large number of adults now vaccinated in Minnesota, the risk is lessened for choir rehearsals, but it is not zero. With that in mind, our Chancel Choir will resume this fall in a limited capacity to help make our rehearsals as safe as we can (such as shorter, 30 minute rehearsals and moving back into the sanctuary to have more room and better air flow). Thankfully this is not much of a concern for bells since they are percussion instruments! Our Youth and Adult Bell Choirs will resume their usual 25-30 minute rehearsals on Wednesdays.



The full Wednesday schedule is given below. For the time being, the Liturgical Wind Ensemble and Chorister Choir will remain inactive, with the potential for some participation around Christmas time.

If you have any questions about choir, bells, or the worship band, please do not hesitate to ask. Also, I would love to hear how you might contribute to our music program, either as a soloist (instrumental/voice) or in a small group! If you are not ready to return to in person services, but are eager to participate musically, I will work with you to pre-record a musical selection to be used during a service. More information about ensembles and special events or services will be made available throughout the fall, so stay tuned for exciting developments in music here at Christiania!

Blessings,
Dr. Matt Steinbron

Wednesday Music Schedule, Fall 2021

5:00-5:40 - Nitty Gritty Church Band Rehearsal

5:30-6:15 - Dinner

6:00-6:25 - Youth Bell Choir

6:30-7:00 - Wednesday Worship Service

7:00-7:25 - Adult Bell Choir

7:30-8:00 - Chancel Choir

CYF Education Updates



We are excited for the return of full, in-person Sunday School this fall! Join us for a big kickoff event at 10 a.m. on **September 19!** We plan to have face-painting, a petting zoo, hayrides, and more! Then join us for regular classes beginning on **September 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

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 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. We have divided the year into nine 3-week units.

The first week of each unit will be a Family Workshop. Parents, grandparents, and/or older siblings are invited and encouraged to join us during this time. It will be a great opportunity to explore the Bible stories together and will hopefully lead to ongoing conversations throughout each unit. Weeks 2 and 3 of each unit will have students separated into age level groups as they explore each story through other workshops. Here is a look at the first two units:

	PreK	K-2nd	3rd-5th
9/26	Creation: Family Workshop		
10/3	Creation	Creation: Music Workshop	Creation: Video Workshop
10/10	Creation	Creation: Video Workshop	Creation: Music Workshop
10/17	Ruth: Family Workshop		Bible Exploration
10/24	Ruth	Ruth: Drama Workshop	Bible Exploration
10/31	Ruth	Ruth: Games Workshop	Bible Exploration



We are excited for the return of our confirmation program this fall. This program is for any and all 6th-9th graders. Class will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00**. Our time together will include the Wednesday evening worship service. Orientation will be held on Wednesday, **September 15.**

The registration form can be found on the church website: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation.

Children Youth & Family Events



Sept. 6
12-2 p.m.

All middle school and high school youth (including recent graduates) are invited to gather at Tim and Jodi Emmons' house for food and games to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. Parents and family are invited to attend as well.

Contact Joe or check out the CYF Youth Events page on the church website for details.



**Faith Alive
returns Sept. 22!**

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 in the youth room.



Attention middle school and high school youth!

Jump Start will be returning to Sunday mornings starting September 26. 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 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Save the Date

Winter Retreat

February 19-21, 2022

Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

The winter retreat is open to all middle school, high school, and college-age youth and young adults. Parents are also welcome to join us as space allows.

We have reserved two cabins at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The reservation includes waterpark passes for all participants. There will also be opportunities to ski for those who wish to do so. These retreats are great way to grow in relationship with God and with one another.

The deadline for signing up for the winter retreat is **December 5**. More information will be made available soon. Contact Tim Emmons or Joe if you have any questions.

**ELCA National Youth Gathering
July 24-28, 2022**



We are working on plans to attend the 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. The gathering is open to all youth in grades 8-12 for the 2021-22 school year. The early bird registration period opens this month. If you would like to attend the gathering, complete the registration form (found on the Youth Events webpage) and submit the \$50 deposit by **October 3**. Contact Joe if you have any questions.

Kid's Korner



Hello, my friends!

A new school year is finally here. For some of you, that means you will get to see friends you haven't seen all summer. It feels good to reconnect with people we care about.

Some of you may be starting the school year in a new place. Maybe this will be your first year in school or your first year in a new building. That can be a little scary, but it can also be exciting to meet new people and experience new things.

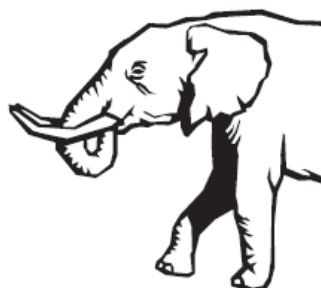
God wants you to have a good experience as you learn and grow this year. Give thanks to God for providing loving people like teachers, helpers, and friends. Give thanks to God for the chance to learn about the world God created.

I am praying that you have a great start to your school year, and I hope to see you all again in Sunday School!

~Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation

Complete the Garden

God's creation is buzzing and bursting with beautiful creatures. Help complete the garden by finishing the drawings of these animals. Bring your completed drawings to church and get a treat from Joe.



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Worship Attendance

Sunday Worship

August 1
Online: **74** / In person: **73**

August 8
Online: **96** / In person: **91**

August 15
Online: **88** / In person: **110**

August 22
Online: **10*** / In person: **89**

August 29
Online: / In person: **109**

Midweek Worship

August 4
Online: **30** / In person: **44**

August 11
Online: **32** / In person: **7**

August 18:
Online: **4*** / In person: **10**

August 25:
Online: **—*** / In person: **14**

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September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 a.m.: Quilters (I) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Worship with Communion (I/Y)	2 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	3	4
5 9:00 a.m.: Worship/ Communion (I/Y) 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (I) 10:30 a.m. CYF Team Meeting (I)	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Lunch (I)	7 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	8 NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP TONIGHT** 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Refresh Team 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch— Fishtail in New Prague (I) 5:00 p.m. NGCB	9 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z) 5:30 p.m.: Ministry Board Meeting (Z) 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Refresh Team	10	11 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study (Z)
12 SERVICE PROJECTS BLESSING OF BACKPACKS 9:00 a.m.: Outdoor Worship (I/Y) 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:15 a.m. Congregational Brunch (I) 6:30 p.m. CYF Team Meeting	13 3:30 p.m.: Staff Meeting (I/Z) 5:00 p.m. Singles Event—Teresa's in Lakeville	14 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z) 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (I) 6:00 p.m.: Exec. Council Meeting (Z)	15 9:30 a.m.: CLCW (I) 5:30 p.m. NGCB 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 p.m. Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Worship (I/Y) 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Orientation (I) 7:00 p.m. Adult Bells	16 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	17 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	18 11:00 a.m. Quilt Auction at Camp Onomia
19 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.: Worship/ Communion (I/Y) 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (I) 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School Kick-off Activities (I)	20 3:30 p.m.: Staff Meeting (I/Z)	21 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	22 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 a.m. Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Worship/Communion (I/Y) 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (I) 7:00 p.m. Adult Bells 7:00 p.m. Faith Alive 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	23 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)	24	25 8:00 a.m.: Men's Bible Study (Z)
26 TEACHER BLESSING 9:00 a.m.: Worship (I/Y) 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (I) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	27 3:30 p.m.: Staff Meeting (I/Z)	28 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z) 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (I)	29 11:30 a.m.: Book Club (I) 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 p.m. Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Worship (I/Y) 7:00 p.m. Adult Bells 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (I) 7:00 p.m. Faith Alive 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study (Z)		

** Y=YouTube Z=Zoom F=Facebook I=In-person



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DATED MATERIAL

**September's Food Shelf:
Soap**




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

LOTS GOING ON AT CAMP!

Other Upcoming Events at Camp Onomia:

- September 18 - Quilt Auction
- November 5 & 6 - Women's Retreat



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