

# Christiania Newsletter

MAY 2015

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

Please join us for a  
**Retirement Celebration**  
Honoring  
**KAREN FRAME**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31 at 12:00 noon**  
at

**Christiania Lutheran Church**  
**Potluck**

**Please bring a dish to share**



**Sunday, May 24....**

...will be Military Remembrance Day at Christiania. We'll have a table (or 2) set up in fellowship hall to display military memorabilia as we remember and recognize those who have served in the military. Please share your (or a loved one's) pictures, medals, uniforms, whatever you may have.



Thank you - and thanks to those who have served our country!

## May Sunday Worship

May 3—Easter 5—Romans 1:1-17

8:30 am Traditional with Communion  
9:40 am Prospective Member Info Gathering  
10:45 am Non-Traditional with Communion

May 10—Easter 6—Romans 5:1-11

### **Mother's Day**

8:30 am Traditional Worship (Chorister)  
10:00 am Blessing of the Field  
10:45 am Non-Traditional Worship

May 17—Easter 7—Romans 6:1-14

8:30 am Traditional Communion Worship (LWE)  
10:45 am Traditional Communion Worship  
**1:00 pm Confirmation Service**

May 24—Pentecost **Note Summer Worship Times**

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship

### **Military Remembrance Sunday**

May 31—The Holy Trinity—John 3:1-17

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
10:00 am Traditional Worship  
**12:00 Karen Frame's Retirement Celebration/Dinner**

*Sunday School (through May 17) and Coffee Fellowship*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**  
**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**STARTS SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
**8:30am and 10:00 am**



## SUMMER

Families often enter a planning mode for summer.

When can we take a vacation? When are the kids not in a baseball or soccer tournament? When is the cabin open for us to use? We try to squeeze in some important family time.

Summer creates some of our most important memories. This is especially true in the land of 10,000 winters! The days are longer with pleasant evenings on the back deck, sitting in the boat with a fishing rod, or enjoying a baseball game into the night.

We are planning some great things in church this summer: another great VBS week, our partnership with Urban Ventures will be literally growing their garden, several youth will attend the ELCA youth gathering, the Bay Lake Men's retreat tradition continues, we'll celebrate Classic Car and Tractor Sunday in August, youth will attend Bible Camp at Onomia—just to name a few things.

Summer is often just as busy as the rest of the year, only a “different” busy.

Take some time this summer to thank God for this wonderful time of the year worshipping with your friends and neighbors. We will look at some of the finest storytelling this summer, the parables told by Jesus. They spark imagination and stop us momentarily to ponder. Parables help us to re-look at our surroundings and determine what is important and necessary.

**God bless your summer!**



*Pastor  
Dave*

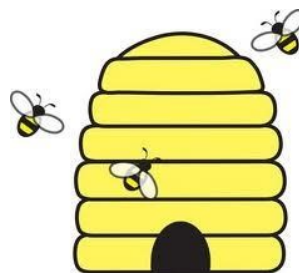
## URBAN VENTURES UPDATES



Seedlings preparing for the Christiania Urban Ventures garden



Jack Eckdahl's straw bales for gardening at Urban Ventures in Minneapolis



**Due to inclement weather the bee hives were not placed on April 20. Watch for future updates**



### Baptisms at Christiania

April 19

Madison Rae Schroeder  
Mason Joseph Kersting

April 26

Bryson Michael Gray  
Andrew Joseph Jorgensen



**Ministry Team Opportunities:** The Ministry Board is working closely with Executive Council and the Ministry Teams. We are looking for individuals interested in sharing God's love by being involved.

Please see a member of the Ministry Board (Cheryl Bahnsen, Bruce Mohn, Sue Jacobson) if you have a passion to serve on the Congregational Life, Education, Evangelism, Membership, Mission, Stewardship, Worship or Youth ministry team.

### Youth Garage Sale May 15 & 16

Our Youth will be sponsoring a Garage Sale again this spring. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry and Youth Trips.

Volunteers will be needed to help the week of preparation and during the sale. Please sign-up at the Information desk. A lunch stand will also be available each day.

Donations will be accepted Monday, May 11 to Wednesday, May 13, noon to 8pm. Please note the list of items that will not be accepted. THANK YOU.

Contact Martha Donahoe  
or Kim Robertson if you  
have any questions.



**God's blessings** to the following young people who prepared for and received their First Communion this Easter Season:

Quentin DuLac  
Grace Estrem  
Cadyn Henry  
Emily Johnson  
Sheridan Liggett  
Brenna Moore  
Michael Rogers



### IHEMI STUDENT SPONSORS

Please know that the school year is well underway in Tanzania. We recently received a number of THANK YOU letters from students you sponsor through Bega Kwa Bega. Below please enjoy an example of one of these letters and know that the others are posted on the kiosk for your reading enjoyment.



IMAGE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL,  
P.O. BOX 1057,  
IRINGA - KILOLA,  
16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Sponsor, Christiania

I greeting you in the name of Jesus Christ. It is my hope that you are fine and continuing well with your works, to me is fine also and I'm continuing well with my studies.

My aim of writing this letter to you is to say thanks for supporting me in my education through a form five student at Image Lutheran School. Now I'm best combination is "ECA" means Economics, Commerce and Accountancy. My expectation is to get division one on my last form six examination and always I'm praying to God to help me to succeed.

As the words of God says "I will be with you as I was with Moses" our God is loving us. Let love be with us forever and ever and we will be blessed as God promised. I wishes all the best.

Your beloved son,

D. Ndangoba  
DENIS NDANGOBA,  
From Ithemi Parish.

## Christiania Lutheran Church

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### Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Friday

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### Christiania Staff

Dave Mesaros	Senior Pastor
Steven Olan	CYF Leader
Karen Frame	Office Manager
Harold Martin	Custodian
Tom Carlson	Worship/Music Coordinator

### Other Contacts

Joe Jorgensen	Council President
Cheryl Schindeldecker	Altar Guild
Debbie Lundeen	Bells Director
Joe Jorgensen	Chorister Choir Director
Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW)
Bob Monio	Usher Co-Coordinator
Daryl Rieck	Usher Co-Coordinator

## Prayers for our Congregation

Carole Shafer  
Bridget Anderson  
Orville Nelson  
Ed Constantine  
Philip Tupa  
Norma Christianson  
Bob Powell  
Ruby Hagen



The Family of Bob von Fischer (Bob passed away 4/23)  
Jacki & Christian Donovan Family (Jacki's dad, Marvin

Wilker, passed away 4/18)

Friend of Bachman family, Don Griggs  
Jackie DuLac's step-father, Russ Johnson  
Friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen, Brian Mathews  
Cheryl Bahnsen's dad, Dick  
Linda Bauer's mom, MaryAnn  
Rachel Fausch's mother  
Carl & Jeanette Hooper's granddaughter, Abby  
Friend of Lori Clausen, Deb Bennett  
Dave Goodwin's cousin, Linda Anderson  
Friend of Steven Olan, Jeff Lindsay  
Friend of Lori Rogers, Annie  
Friend of Melanie Kubischta, Sam Carlson  
Brian Aasen's mother, Jan  
Jacki Donovan's mother, Jolene Wilker  
Kelly Ronn's mother, Jean Maki  
Friend of Mariann Storlie, Sandy Haggerty  
John & Don Storlie's cousin, Diane Storlie  
Friend of Steve & Geeg Aaker, John Mattson

## Spring Salad Potluck Luncheon



It's time to celebrate spring with the Salad Luncheon sponsored by the Christiania Lutheran Church Women and the Lunch Bunch. It will be held on Tuesday, May 12 (instead of the usual Wednesday) in the Fellowship Hall here at Christiania at 11:30am, ending about 1pm or so.

The program will feature AnnaLisa Rustad of Northfield who will bring her Hardanger Fiddle to demonstrate how it sounds and her violin to do a sing-a-long.

Bring a salad to share—and invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to enjoy the good food and warm fellowship; ALL ARE INVITED—including MEN. Call Karen Erickson, 954-652-2605, if you have any questions.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Christiania**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**2:00pm-8:00pm**

To make an appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "Christiania"

All presenting donors will receive a free meal provided by the church.

**Men's Retreat Weekend:**  
**Friday, June 5—Sunday, June 7**

We'll leave from church at 2pm Friday and head for Bay Lake Camp near Deerwood, returning about 2pm on Sunday. Cost is approximately \$150 (includes meals and lodging). Sign up on the sheet posted on the kiosk. Questions contact Lucky Rimpila, 952-652-2899 or Pastor Dave.

**Fishing - Fellowship - Food - Friends - Fun**

**Informational meeting on**  
**Sunday, May 31 at 9:45 for**  
**those going on the**  
**Men's Retreat**

If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Lucky Rimpila at (952) 652-2899



**FOR SALE**

Tables 8' x 26"  
The used tables from the fellowship hall will be offered at the Garage Sale



## *Vacation Bible School*

Vacation Bible School will kick off with a hot dog and root beer float social on Sunday, June 21 at 11:00. Children can meet the VBS staff and get familiar with the schedule and expectations for the week.

The schedule will be **June 22—25, Monday through Thursday**, 9:00am - 3:00pm for children who have completed Kindergarten through completed 5th grade. Registration forms will be available soon.

### **Youth Sale Plant**

pickup dates

Friday, May 8, 5-9pm

and

Saturday, May 9, 9-12am.



### ***The Blessing of the Field***

Sunday, May 10 at 10:00 am

Please join us as we begin our exciting new partnership with Urban Ventures.

### **Annual Artisan Sale**

A special thanks to our talented Christiania members who contributed their time and handcrafted items to our 1st Annual Artisan Sale, held in conjunction with the Norwegian Dinner. It was a huge success.

We are excited and look forward to our 2nd Annual Sale coming up in October. We encourage more members to become involved. All funds raised go directly to CLCW projects.

Thanks!!

Mary Ovans & Tolly Swan

**Church Phone: 952/461-2283**

**May, 2015**

# May Ministries

## Offering Counters

May 3	Larry & Vicky Thompson, Phyllis Hullett
May 10	Phyllis Hullett, Dave Mohling
May 17	Dave Mohling, Brad Bauer
May 24	Greg Silus, Kermit Berg
May 31	Kermit Berg, Janice Geissler

## Acolyte

May 3	8:30	Abby Emmons, Morgan Emmons
	10:45	Ashlynn Henry, Hannah Simon
May 10	8:30	Nathan Anderson
	10:45	Aven Estrem
May 17	8:30	Elizabeth Vosejka, Hayden Jensen
	10:45	Luke Thompson, Ireland Stanley

## Lector

May 3	8:30	Arnie Schultz
	10:45	Lori Peterson
May 10	8:30	Rob Metz
	10:45	Brenda Mesaros
May 17	8:30	Kim Robertson
	10:45	Staci Thompson
May 24	8:30	
	10:00	Lori Peterson
May 31	8:30	
	10:00	Lori Peterson

# Thank You

Word of Thanks to all the Confirmation Students that volunteered to usher at the evening Lenten Services. Thanks as well to Brad Bauer and Steven Olan for their leadership.

## Communion Assistants

May 3	8:30	Sue Jacobson, Bob Jacobson, Madalyn Petersen
	10:45	Dave & Bertie Mohling Lori Peterson
May 17	8:30	Larry & D.C. Needham Mariann Storlie
	10:45	Debbie & Bruce Lundeen

## Greeters

May 3	Janice & Hank Geissler
May 10	Sharon & Gordy Thompson
May 17	Rachel & Adam Fausch
May 24	Sharon & John Mohn
May 31	Arlene & Bob Jacobson

## Coffee Servers

May 3	Sherri Mohn, Audrey Wicklund Jenna Hayes, Logan Petersen
May 10	Willard & Marietta Storlie Katie Travaille, Kaylee Wilkins
May 17	Diana Winn, Lori Peterson

## Youth/Parent Ushers

May 10	8:30	Jacklyn Estrem, Will Kanfield Indigo Larsen, Willow Larsen
	10:45	Maggie Nielsen, Abby Nielsen Jade Seurer, Grace Seurer

I would like to thank everyone at Christiania for their thoughts and prayers, for all their kind words, for the people who brought us food and for the cards I received. It is truly overwhelming to me to know that I have been blessed with so many wonderful friends at Christiania. May God Bless you all!!

*Thank You*

Robin Martin

## Property Committee

**Update on Urban Ventures** – As you know, Urban Ventures will be planting their garden(s) in our farmland north of the church. In order for farmers and gardeners to access this portion of our land, an access road is needed off the stub of CR 9/Dodd Boulevard that ends at Scott County 46. Bruce Mohn and I met with Al Ames of Eureka Construction. Praise the Lord and pass the shovel! Al Ames will be removing tree stumps, moving rocks, and putting in an access road with a 12" culvert. There won't be any cost to our church.

Thank you Al from your congregation.

**Replacement of Pews with Stackable Chairs in the Chapel** – At their April 7 meeting, the Executive Council unanimously approved researching the purchase of 75 chairs to replace the pews in our Chapel to add more flexibility to our space. We have a handicap parking area; we have handicap accessible doors; but we do not have a handicap seating area for wheelchairs and walkers. Also, when funerals and visitations occur in our church, the only area for a receiving line is in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship hall. With the ability to remove the chairs in the chapel area, room is available for a reception line and display boards; there is more room for the flow of people. We hope to have these chairs installed by early summer.

**LED Lighting in the Sanctuary** – Right after Easter, we replaced 100 lights in the Sanctuary with LED lighting. A healthy rebate check will be received from Dakota Electric.

**2015 Project List – Highlighting the Parking Lot** – Preservation of our parking lot has been discussed for the last four years. The existing parking lot is sitting on spongy ground that has resulted in 10,000 linear feet of cracks. The vendor's first suggestion was a total replacement of the parking lot. After we choked on that cost, he arrived at a plan B that involves overlaying the parking lot with fabric and covering that with asphalt. The cost of this is the major portion of our 2015 Project List. The 2015 Project List will be taken to the May 5 Executive Council meeting for approval (after the parking lot bid is received).

**Mission Garden** – Because a large portion of the front of our church is in Scott County right of way, we are working with the County to site the Mission Garden at the front of our church where trees and shrubs were recently cleared. This should be ready for planting the spring of 2016.

**Spring Clean Up – May 9 – From 9:00 to Noon** We will be cleaning the church yard and shrubs, washing windows, and hopefully getting some painting done. Please bring your rakes, gloves, and your smile. A light lunch will be served - and of course there will be water/cookies from the trunk of my car at the 10:00 break.

**Landscape Project** – A Boy Scout Troup will be presenting their landscape design concept within the next week. The leader thinks that our beautification project is large enough to be broken into two Eagle Scout projects. Their landscape design proposal will be presented to the Executive Council on May 5.

**Acoustics in Fellowship Hall** – Warren Peterson and Christian Donovan have teamed up to help us find a solution to our acoustic issues in the Fellowship Hall. We should have something for discussion soon.

**Summer Odor in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall** – A few simple steps are being taken (charcoal filters, fans left on) to try to eliminate our odor issues before we look at more expensive options. More to come on this.

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

**Searching for two volunteers to serve on the Christiania Parsonage and  
Farmland Subcommittee.**

**This Subcommittee reports to the Property Committee. If  
interested, please contact Jeanne Nash Hoffmann at 952-215-8705 or  
[nashhoffmann@hotmail.com](mailto:nashhoffmann@hotmail.com).**



# Christiania Youth!



Jumpstart (grades 6-9) and Revive (grades 10-12) gather in fellowship hall at 9:30 and then move to the Youth Room at 9:45 for further fellowship and discussion



**ELCA Youth Gathering  
July 15-19, 2015  
Detroit, Michigan**

### **THE GIVING WALL**

As of the end of April we have raised \$1,000 towards the cost of our trip! Thank you all for your continued generosity! The giving wall is located in the fellowship hall next to the kitchen. All the money raised is going towards the ELCA Youth Gathering trip. We now have 7 students signed up.

## **VBS 2015**

Kick-off Sunday, June 21 at 11:00  
Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25

## **Summer Camp**

The summer brochure for faith-based fun at Camp Onomia is available from Steven. Every Christiania child receives a financial gift from the church and also from the Foundation toward the fee. Check the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing for details or talk to Steven.



## **CAMP ONOMIA**

**Confirmation Camp:  
June 14 to June 19**

For all 6th, 7th and 8th graders  
Special Week of Camp together!  
The first 20 to sign up will have half their trip paid for by the Christiania Foundation. Sign up today through the sign-up genius, email to Steven Olan or the sign-up sheet in the youth room.

## **GARAGE SALE**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We have sign-up genius and sign-up sheets in the youth room.

### **Confirmation at Christiania :**

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm is the Confirmation Celebration, Reading of Faith Statements, pictures and rehearsal for our confirmands.

Sunday, May 17 at 1:00pm The Service of Confirmation



### **Children, Youth & Family Leader Christiania Lutheran Church**

Steven Olan  
Steven.a.olan@gmail.com  
(925) 759-6860 (yes, it is area code 925)



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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

(10:00 a.m. beginning May 24)

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### MAY FOOD-SHELF DONATIONS

#### MIXED UP SUNDAY

Mixes: muffin, biscuit, cake,  
pancake, pudding, jell-o



### Spring Outside Cleanup Saturday, May 9—9:00am



Deadline for the **June 2015** edition of the  
Christiania Newsletter is **May 18**.

Email information to Linda Bauer at  
[lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org)

### Book Discussion Group

In the merry month of May, keep reading and join us  
at Book Discussion on the last Wednesday of the  
month at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch,  
coffee is furnished.

May 27: *The Invention of Wings*  
By Sue Monk Kidd

June 24: *The Round House*  
By Louise Erdrich

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 6 at 9:30**  
**NOTE the day change**  
**In the Youth Room**