

Christiania Newsletter

July 2023

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

SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



Christiania friends,

Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote, “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” Boy, do they ever. Even with ample planning and preparation things can go awry. The antidote to the problems caused by plans going awry is to approach life with grace and flexibility. Grace and flexibility have both been serving us well during our Sanctuary Refresh.

We can expect more adjustments will be needed in the weeks ahead. In fact, we’ve been practicing adjustments, grace, and flexibility during the Refresh Project’s first six to eight weeks. Josh Carlson, our General Contractor, continues to move the project along at a rapid pace and we look forward to enjoying Christiania’s Sanctuary for years to come.

We encourage all to follow along with us with grace and flexibility. In the weeks to come keep showing up at worship, follow our website, read our weekly E-news and monthly newsletter.

In our text box we read: “We boast in our afflictions...” These words from the Apostle Paul’s Letter to the Romans seem confusing at best. Boasting in our afflictions? Afflictions are the very things we’re all trying to avoid, yet we should boast about them? It’s almost impossible to imagine boasting about the very things we’re all trying to avoid. And perhaps that’s the problem, that the energy of our daily lives can be focused on protecting ourselves, keeping safe, and avoiding anything that might afflict us.

The list of things that afflict us is almost endless: hunger, homelessness, cancer, unemployment, addiction—even being unfriended on social media. All these bring us to what’s really unfathomable: brokenness, loneliness, isolation, and shame.

These are all true concerns for any living on earth and these are all concerns of the Earthly Kingdom.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

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But, as people of faith, who have transitioned from Good Friday (Earthly Kingdom) to Easter (God’s Kingdom), we are keenly aware of the suffering presented in affliction. Afflictions bring changes in perspective and, more importantly, changes in expectations. Affliction provides opportunity for growth. Affliction allows us to stop focusing on avoiding trouble and know God will use trouble to help us become more trusting of Him and more mature. Without all of our energy focused on avoiding affliction and suffering we are freed to fully live. Christ’s death is for us. In God’s Kingdom that which afflicts us doesn’t wipe us out, defeat us, or bring us to death.

But boasting in our afflictions, Paul reminds us, serves a higher purpose: “...*affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...*” Affliction produces endurance, endurance brings character, character brings hope. Of course, we boast in our afflictions because they ultimately bring about hope.

Our afflictions become markers of our identity. Each of our scars tells a story and helps us lean into what’s really truly important. Afflictions don’t bring the end—they bring the beginning. God walks alongside us and never leaves us alone. In affliction we lean into endurance which brings character, which brings hope. Friends, God loves you wholeheartedly—especially the broken parts.

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon



Tuesday, 8:00 am July 11, 18, & 25 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women’s) July 11 & 25 — <i>Meets at church</i>
Wednesday, 10:00 am Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) July 19 — <i>Meets at church</i>
Thursday, 10:00 am July 6, 13, 20 & 27 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
Saturday (2nd & 4th), 8:00 am (Men’s) July 8 & 22 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>

June Worship Attendance	
Sunday, June 4: O: 54 I: 110	Wednesday, June 21: O: N/A I: 80
Sunday, June 11: O: 58 I: 111	
Sunday, June 18: O: 54 I: 97	
Sunday, June 25: O: I: 91	
O=Online, I=In-person	
*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it	

Come & Worship

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

- Sunday, July 2:** 9:00 am Worship
- Sunday, July 9:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
- Sunday, July 16:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
- Wednesday, July 21:** 6:30 pm *Offsite* Midweek Worship and a 5:30 pm picnic at Wagner Park
- Sunday, July 23:** 9:00 am Worship
- Sunday, July 30:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion

PRAYER REQUEST

For these of our congregation

Ken Beske	Eunice Ott
Denny Carey	Jeff Otto
Susie Stiehl	Colleen Powell
Sierra Hansen	Sharon Syverson
Lynn Dale	Karen Erickson
Lois Haglund	Lyle Kuehn

Others:

Kaitlyn Terzino, *great niece of John & Shar Berge*
Palo Petersen, *son of Linda Costa*
Jerry Bolton, *son of Gladys Bolton*
Paul, *nephew of Sandy Cross*
Julie Anderson, *sister-in-law of Sue Beske*
Jack, *friend of the Holien family*
Milt Strang, *brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen*
Judy, *mother of Daron DuLac*

For those who mourn:

Vonny Laddusaw and family as they grieve the death of her father, Wallace Gabbert, on May 31 at age 104.

Mona Gorter, Kristine, Josh, Kenley & Hadley Gorter, family, and friends, as they mourn the loss of their granddaughter and daughter, Isley Gorter. Isley entered God's Eternal Kingdom on May 28. A Celebration of Life was held in Prior Lake on Friday, June 2.

David & Linda Schomburg as they grieve the death of David's mom Alice (age 101) She passed on May 25. Funeral in Latimer, IA on May 30.

In the Military:

Nick, *nephew of John, Mariann & Don Storlie*
Rachel Estrem, *servicing in the National Guard*
Courtney Johnston, *niece of Denise Kanfield*
Andrew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*
Matthew Johnston, *nephew of Denise Kanfield*
Brenden Rogers, *nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers*
Josh Dennehey, *son of John Dennehey*
Christian Weidling, *nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn*
Max Baker, *grandson of Sandy Cross*
Miguel Nuno, *nephew of Arcadio & Tania Gutierrez*

Prayer Requests

To receive weekly prayer concerns by email,
please sign up at
office@christianialutheranchurch.org

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

TO SIGN UP, VISIT OUR
WEBSITE, AND CLICK ON
“HOW DO I” AND THEN ON
“SERVE.”



We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways. No experience is necessary:

GREETERS

Welcome members and visitors on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings before worship.

LECTORS

Read the assigned scripture passage.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Help lead prayers and other portions of worship.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Help distribute bread and wine during communion.

VIDEO OPERATORS

Streaming worship needs video operators. Ideally, a small team of individuals can rotate every Sunday (similar to ushers and other volunteers). We will provide training; it will be easier to run than your smart phones! Ages from high school and up are welcome to participate in this exciting outreach opportunity! Please contact Dr. Matt if interested.

COFFEE HOUR HELPERS

We need help serving coffee and cleaning up on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the board located in the Fellowship Area.



Pastor Jon and his family will be celebrating their five-year anniversary with Christiania August 6, 2023! We will have a recognition of their time with us on Sunday, August 13 during fellowship hour. This will be a time to share memories and cards of appreciation are encouraged!

Executive Council

President: Bill Kanfield

Vice-President: Greg Silus

Secretary: Lonna Selkirk

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George Silverness Warren Peterson

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Pastor Jon Rhodes

CYF

Nick Clark

Tia Burnham

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Becky Ruen

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Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle

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Needed

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Needed

Needed

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Daryl Rieck

Usher Co-Coordinator

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Veterans Book

We continue our journey to recognize those who serve and have served in the military. We are working to collect information on our veterans to create a booklet. Each veteran will have a page in the book that will

include the Veteran's name, branch, rank on exit, dates served, areas stationed/served and any notes the veteran is willing to share as well as pictures. Tia Burnham and Denise Kanfield are collecting the information. There are lots of options to provide this information:

Individual sheets are printed and ready for pick up at the information Desk

- Complete sheets can be turned to Tia, Denise or the office
- Connect with Tia or Denise during Fellowship and complete the form in an interview format
- Schedule time to chat via a call or in person
- Email information to

Tia, tmjohnson4721@gmail.com, or Denise, denisekanfield@hotmail.com

We will be working to collect the information through September so we can edit and print prior to Veterans Day recognition in November.

Thanks, Denise

Hello prayer warriors! We are looking for people to write devotions and partner in prayer while our group goes to Tanzania in October. We are open to any scripture with some thoughts or devotions written. Wouldn't it be FANTASTIC if we could get enough for both morning and evening for the approximately two weeks? It would be so awesome if while you are doing the devotion in America, we will be doing them in Tanzania!



We would love your prayer participation and devotions! Please contact Beth Minea at beth@foreverpets.com or text 651-336-9948

Thank you so much for considering participating and partnering with us!

In Christ We Stand!!

Beth & Jamie Minea, Rachel & Charlie Fausch, Chris Fausch, Missy & Sam Rhodes, Juli & Bo Skillman

We Goat Chew loves Christiania! And its goats love the yummy woods they are currently eating. Now, the real work begins – work only humans can do. We will have a lovely retreat area for trails, relaxation, and meditation IF we all pitch in to clear the stripped undergrowth and buckthorn. In short, what the goats left behind leaves (no pun intended) an opportunity for service – we can step in to continue the beautification process. You don't need permission from us to start – there are areas clear of goat grazing that can be tackled immediately. We can be ready for fall enjoyment of the woods if the work is started now. Just be mindful if you get too close and touch the electric mesh fence – it will get your attention!



Thanks for the support, excitement, and love you have shown us!

Sincerely,

Joel & Becky Ruen We Goat chew, LLC



Worship in the park!

This summer we will be holding special Wednesday evening worship services at Wagner Park in Elko New Market. The services are on the third Wednesday of each month and will begin at 6:30 pm with a meal served beforehand at 5:30 pm. All services will take place in the covered pavilion with seating provided. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors!



Mark your calendars for these fun evenings!

Wednesday, July 19

Wednesday, August 16

Meal at 5:30 pm, service at 6:30 pm

**Wagner Park, 120 Park St,
Elko New Market**



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>2 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed</p>	<p>5 9:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm</p>
<p>9 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour & Children, Youth and Family Staffing Update and Listening Session</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Annual Planning 5:30 pm Offsite Singles Dinner 6:00 pm Christiania Council</p>	<p>12 11:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm</p>
<p>16 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>19 9:30 am 12:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm</p>
<p>23 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour & Children, Youth and Family Staffing Update and Listening Session</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26 11:30 am 12:00 pm</p>
<p>30 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>31</p>		

2023

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Quilters Announcements Due NGCB	6 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 am Financial Review Committee	7	8 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
Offsite Women's Lunch Announcements Due NGCB	13 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Team 6:30 pm Ministry Board	14	15
CLCW Announcements Due Offsite Supper at Wagner Park in New Market Offsite Midweek Worship at Wagner park	20 10:00 am Bible Study	21	22 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
Book Club Announcements Due	27 10:00 am Bible Study	28	29

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday, August 7, and November 6 at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a project you are working on or start a new one. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, contact Lori Clausen at 952-461-2333.



QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, July 5 at 9:30 am.** All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

CHRISTIANIA

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, **Wednesday, July 19 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.

The CLCW is changing our study material. We will be using a DVD series called 'NOOMA'. The series was produced by Pastor Rob Bell. It encourages questions and discussion on every day events and Jesus' presence in them. Questions - call Linda Otto at 952-469-8561 (ottolm@frontiernet.net)



WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at the **Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake on Wednesday, July 12 at 11:30 am** If you would like to carpool or if you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.

MINNESOTA



HORSE & HUNT CLUB

SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiania's "Singles" group welcomes all to meet for dinner, friendship and fun lively conversation. The group gathers at different local restaurants each month. The next gathering is TBD on **Tuesday, July 11 @ 5:30 pm.** 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.



thanks you from the bottom of our heart!

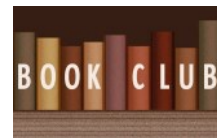
MISSION GARDEN

The Mission Garden produces thousands of pounds of fresh produce for our local food shelves each summer. However, it takes the care of many workers to maintain this wonderful community service. We are in dire need of volunteers to help with tilling, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, delivering food, winterizing the garden, and coordinating helpers throughout the summer.

If you are willing to help, please contact Sue Jacobson 952-758-3438, Bertie Mohling 952-393-8367 or Linda Costa 612-812-4945.

Thank you!

We will be reading TBD and will be meeting on **July 26, at 11:30 am** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink, coffee will be provided. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



SANCTUARY REFRESH UPDATE



Construction

Once again, the workers have been busy, moving the progress of the Refresh Project ahead. Some of the things that they have accomplished inside since demolition are: moving the door opening for the sacristy, framing the front wall for the AV screen and the stone, framing the interior soffit faces that used to be blue, framing the altar platform and preparing the front and back walls for insulation amongst other things!

Outside they have removed the siding on the front and back walls as well as the fascia under the soffits. The HVAC units and ductwork have been removed and the roof is patched where the vents used to be. The new HVAC units and ductwork have been installed and the roof insulation and shingles are in the process of being installed currently!

Funding

Those of you that have pledged to the project this year, just a reminder to fulfill your pledges as you are able because the money for this project has started to go out. A huge thank you to those of you that have contributed to the project making this possible. The project is not fully funded and more donations are welcome! If you are still interested in contributing to the project, please do so!

Other Capital Projects

Property committee members met with Josh Carlson, the contractor, to discuss plans for an ADA compliant bathroom with the hope of getting it accomplished during the construction of the sanctuary and while worship is at the New Market Town Hall during August and September. The plan is to use some of the money from the sale of the ballpark property to cover the cost of the bathroom. There are other projects on the wish list for the property committee, but some of them can wait and do not need to be done during the Refresh Project.

HELP NEEDED



The Sanctuary Refresh is progressing, and we are looking for somebody to strip and stain the pulpit and altar in the sanctuary. If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Cheryl Mohn at cherylmohn1@gmail.com or call the church office.



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

pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

If interested in supporting or serving on a new house build in Farmington (Aug. 14-18), email Pastor Jon at pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org



URBAN VENTURES
Farm

Could use help planting and various other tasks at the Urban Ventures Garden.

If you have an hour, two hours, or half a day contact Mark-Peter at 612-483-8935. They are at the garden most days between 8:30 am-2:00 or 2:30 pm.



If you are interested in decorating the fellowship tables by adding fresh flowers to the vases on the tables (homegrown or store bought). Please contact Cheryl

Mohn for details and ideas.
cherylmohn1@gmail.com

Children, Youth, & Family

Children, Youth and Family Staffing Update and Listening Sessions

Over the past six months, several members from Christiania have been part of a Discovery Team led by Nick Clark from InterServe Ministries. The purpose of this team was to discern and dream about the next chapter in our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Ministry. After some prayerful exploration and information gathering from the congregation, they are ready to present a proposal for future staffing.

The team is proposing that Christiania move forward to call a Deacon. In the ELCA, Deacons are considered ministers of **word and service** whereas pastors are ministers of **word and sacrament**. They both serve collaboratively, side by side and are called through the Saint Paul Area Synod. The team is excited to present their proposal for a new innovative leader to join the Christiania family.

This new position will be important in the life of the entire congregation, not just children and youth. The CYF Discovery team will be holding listening sessions for the congregation where they will present their proposal, allowing for questions and feedback. The meetings will be focused on the following areas:

- The process, findings, and recommendations
- What is a deacon and why this may be a good fit for Christiania?
- How easy is it to find a Deacon in our synod?
- The core competencies desired in this position
- Christiania Budget impacts

The dates of these listening sessions are **July 9th**, and **July 23rd**. These sessions will be held following the 9:00 AM worship service. Online Zoom options will be available as well.

"Since this is a synodical call, our constitution states that the congregation will need to vote by at least a two-thirds majority to make the call. On **SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2023**, there will be a special congregational meeting and vote right after worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important vote and one of the listening sessions!



GA-GA PIT

The Boy Scouts have agreed to build a Ga-Ga Pit for our church. It is a form of recreation all ages will enjoy. They request that we supply the wood to build it. If you can donate either funds for the wood or the lumber itself, please let Becky Ruen know. Her cell is 979-224-0141. It would be great to get started right away, so the pit would be available for use in the summer/fall. Thanks!



NEW! NEW! NEW!! NEW!!

DAY CAMP DAYS!

Wanna experience Camp Onomia but aren't up to staying overnight just yet? This summer we will be offering DAY CAMP DAYS on site at Camp Onomia. SIX hours of fun and games, swimming and crafts, camp songs and Bible stories... all led by our wonderful staff. LUNCH is included!



DAY CAMP DAYS

July 13 & 27

August 10

9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Parents are welcome to drop and run or stay and refresh at no charge (your meal is on us!)

Sign up for one day or take in them all.



Our annual **QUILT AUCTION** will be back at camp this fall with oodles of quality quilts to choose from. PLUS the silent auction and bake sale returns as well, so there is something for everyone.

Can't get to camp on auction day? Quilts will be posted on our QUILT page by the end of the summer. You can make your best bid via email!

Let us make this the best one EVER!

Register online for the Friday or Saturday night stay + 2 meals option: \$40 /person

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Viewing at 11:00 am

Lunch at noon

Live auctions at 1:00 pm



For more information about fun camp dates and times, visit camponomia.org



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DATED MATERIAL



Kitchen Needs

We are asking for donations of sturdy paper plates, napkins, plastic silver ware, paper cups for coffee and plastic cold drink cups.

July Food Shelf



We are collecting **COOKIES** and **CRACKERS** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the basket or on the table at the main entrance. Thank you for your contributions!

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