

Christiania Newsletter

September 2023

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



.Christiania Friends,

Thank you for the encouragement of stories and shared memories of our life together you provided for me and my family after worship on Sunday, August 13. For Missy, Sam, Pete, and me it was a great encouragement and building-up. Your cards and gifts were such an unexpected grace in our lives. It has been a great joy to serve Christ together these past five years.

Thank you, Christiania, for your support of Habitat for Humanity. Our Christiania team was part of a group of forty-some volunteers who served from five different ELCA congregations between August 14-18. Special thanks to Cheryl Bahnsen, Greg Silus, Lucy Hurre, and Carri Tuma.

Here are some of the wonderful things happening in our community of faith:

Call Committee

Our call committee is meeting and preparing to call a rostered minister who will serve with us in Worship, Service, Education, and a variety of other ways as well as overseeing Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministries. We are targeting a Deacon for this role. Join me in praying for the individual we are calling, that Christiania will warmly receive this new leader. Thank you, Interim Director of CYF Ministries, Nick Clark for your continued leadership and service.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Sanctuary Refresh

Flexibility and Grace have served us well during the Refresh. Flexibility and Grace, I'm realizing, are also much-needed gifts in my personal life as well. Let's continue to offer these gifts to one another and ourselves this month knowing we expect to return to our fully refreshed sanctuary on October 1, 2023—provided the work is complete.

New Market Township Hall

Our temporary worship space while the Sanctuary Refresh is being completed is working out wonderfully. We are blessed to be using this beautiful and well-taken-care-of space.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

Come to worship dressed to work on one of our projects. I expect there will be an indoor project we can do right after worship at the New Market Township Hall. Garbage collection on Christiania's Adopt-A-Highway stretch of Pillsbury Ave. (north and south of the church). Help at the Urban Ventures Garden (In past years we've harvested corn and other vegetables or begun seasonal cleanup). It also sounds like Sunday School and Confirmation are also planning service projects that day.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

Ihemi, Tanzania

A group of nine from Christiania are traveling to Tanzania. Special thanks to Bo and Juli Skillman for assisting this group in preparations for their overseas visit.

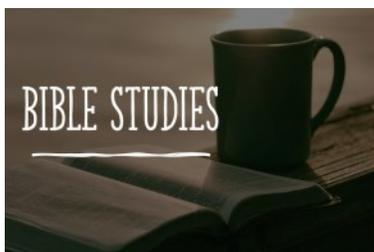
Holy Land Tour

My trip to the Holy Land earlier this year was amazing and I'm willing to bring a small group from Christiania on a similar trip. Please let me know if you're interested. I'm expecting to host an informational meeting this fall once we return to our sanctuary.

Clearly there is much happening in our shared life at Christiania—thank you God. And there is still much work to do. My prayer and hope is for each of us to find ways to share our gifts in service to God and Christ's church. I pray daily for helpers as well as discernment.

Thank you, people of Christiania, for your great love of God and Christ's church. Please know I am praying for you and the life we share. Thankful for the relationships and love we share. *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.* (Ephesians 1:16)

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon



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| Tuesday, 8:00 am September 5, 12, 19, & 26 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i> |
| Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's) Canceled until October |
| Wednesday, 10:00 am Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) Canceled until October |
| Thursday, 10:00 am September 7, 14, 21 & 28 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i> |
| Saturday (2nd & 4th), 8:00 am (Men's) September 9 & 23 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i> |

August Worship Attendance

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, August 6: O: 80 I: 119 | Wednesday, August 16: O: N/A I: 55 |
| Sunday, August 13: O: 64 I: 151 | |
| Sunday, August 20: O: I: 101 | |
| Sunday, August 27: O: * I: 85 | |

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, September 3: 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship with Communion

Sunday, September 10: 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship - God's Work. Our Hands

Sunday, September 17: 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship with Communion & Blessing of Teachers, Students, and Backpacks

Sunday, September 24: 9:00 am *Offsite* Worship

For these of our congregation:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Ken Beske | Eunice Ott |
| Denny Carey | Jeff Otto |
| Susie Stiehl | Colleen Powell |
| Lynn Dale | Karen Erickson |
| Lois Haglund | Lyle Kuehn |
| Janice Geissler | Mark Rogers |
| Sharon Syverson | Dick Panek |
| Sharon Thompson | Roger Brack |
| Diane Brack | LeRoy Clausen |
| Ken Maxa | Sabrina Hurrle |

Others:

- Andy Dalton, *friend of the Parker family*
- Carl Wicklund, *father of Kim Duffrin*
- 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*
- Jack, *friend of the Holien family*
- Milt Strang, *brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen*
- Judy, *mother of Daron DuLac*

For those who mourn:

Jeff Martin, Carol Ostlie, family and friends as they mourn the loss of Russ Martin.

Jason Flooding, Hannah, Riley and Cayden as they mourn the passing of Therese Pendleton.

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*
- John Rogers, *son of Mark & Lori Rogers*

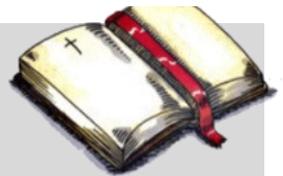
Prayer Requests

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, LECTORS, ASSISTING MINISTERS, AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS.

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.

Update:

Congregational Vote to Call A Deacon

We are thrilled to announce that on August 6th, the Congregation voted to call a new rostered leader to Christiania. This is a pivotal moment for our community as we look forward to welcoming this new leader into our family. We are confident that their unique skills and experiences will help us continue to grow and thrive as a community of faith. We are excited to begin this new chapter in our journey together and we invite you to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward with this exciting new chapter in our congregation's story.

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



| Sun | Mon | Tue | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 9:00 am Offsite Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour | 4 Labor Day Office Closed | 5 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Communications Team Meeting via Zoom | 6 12:00 pm 5:00 pm |
| 10 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS 9:00 am Offsite Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour 11:00 am Offsite God's Work. Our Hands | 11 Building Closed | 12 Building Closed 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting via Micro Soft Teams | 13 Building Closed 11:30 am 12:00 pm |
| 17 Blessing of Teachers, Students, and Backpacks 9:00 am Offsite Worship with Communion 10:00 am Fellowship Hour | 18 5:30 pm Communications Team Meeting via Zoom | 19 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm Christiania Council | 20 12:00 pm 5:00 pm |
| 24 9:00 am Offsite Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Hour | 25 | 26 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Offsite Singles Dinner | 27 11:30 am 12:00 pm |

Children, Youth, & Family



Sunday School Registration Now Open!

Calling all parents and kids! It's time to jumpstart your Sundays with our exciting Sunday School program. We're thrilled to announce that our registration is now open, and we can't wait to welcome you and your little ones to join us for a fun and educational experience.

Our Sunday School is a place where kids can learn, grow, and have a blast all at the same time. With engaging activities, interactive lessons, and a friendly and supportive environment, we ensure that your child's Sunday mornings are filled with joy and valuable life lessons.

Our team of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers are here to make sure every child feels included and loved. We believe in nurturing their spiritual development while fostering friendships and connections that will last a lifetime.

So, mark your calendars and get ready for some Sunday Funday as our registration is now open! Let the fun and learning begin! Register on our website.

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| Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 |
| m Announcements Due m NGCB | 7 10:00 am Bible Study | 8 | 9 8:00 am Men's Bible Study followed by disc golfing at Sweeney Park in New Market |
| Closed m Offsite Women's Lunch m Announcements Due | 14 Building Closed 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Team 6:30 pm Ministry Board | 15 Building Closed | 16 11:00 am Camp Onomia Quilt Auction |
| m Announcements Due m NGCB | 21 10:00 am Bible Study | 22 | 23 8:00 am Men's Bible Study |
| m Book Club m Announcements Due | 28 10:00 am Bible Study | 29 | 30 |



We are excited to God's work. Our hands. On September 10 following worship. This annual event is a day of service where we join together to make a positive impact in our community. There will be a variety of opportunities to serve, including projects for all ages and abilities. We hope you'll join us as we live out our faith and serve our neighbors.

Camp Onomia's 25th Annual

Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 16, 2023

It will be another awesome day at 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

Raffle Quilt: 86"x101" Raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt in a Ribbon Blocks pattern are available online, at the Camp Office, and during the auction. Backing is white with small dots. *You do not need to be present to win.*

SCHEDULE:
 11:00 AM: Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begins in Friendship Hall
 Noon: Lunch with free-will offering
 1:00 PM: Live Quilt Auction begins
 2:30 PM: Silent Auction ends
 3:00 PM: Raffle-Quilt drawing

Come and Stay! We welcome guests overnight on both Friday and Saturday, September 15th and 16th. \$40 per person per night. Come early, stay late, make some new friends, and experience this amazing setting in God's creation! Friday night includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Saturday night includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Call camp for reservations

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/quilts

Contact Sharon Buckley to purchase quilt Raffle tickets.

Executive Council

President: Bill Kanfield
Vice-President: Greg Silus
Secretary: Lonna Selkirk
At-Large Members: Jane Ward
George Silverness Warren Peterson
Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham
Treasurer: Linda Heine
Senior Pastor: Jon Rhodes

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Joel Ruen
Lucy Hurrle
Tania Drexler
Becky Ruen
Pastor Jon Rhodes

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Tia Burnham
Jackie DuLac
Becky Ruen
Susie Stiehl
Kim Robertson

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Kelly Ronn
Bob Monio

Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle
Julie Booth
Needed

Property

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Dave Mohling
Jeanne Nash
Bruce Mohn

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Cindy Hildreth
Scott Tempel
Daron DuLac
Sue Jacobson

Stewardship

Joel Ruen
Lori Clausen
Needed

Worship

Robin Martin
Tania Drexler
Jane Ward
Joan Eckdahl

Evangelism

Tia Burnham
Needed
Needed
Dr. Matt Steinbron
Pastor Jon Rhodes

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Book



Veterans Day! 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

As part of the budget and planning process for 2024, the Council will be inviting committee chairs for a 15 minute presentation of their 2024 work plans and funding requests to Council at either the September, October or November meetings. Committee goals, objectives and high-level work plans are an important and complementary part of the overall CLC refresh and facility investments. We would like to hear how we can collaborate on plans to provide 2024 mission, ministry and outreach. Invitations and additional information will be provided.



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, September 26 @ 5:30 pm**. Please call Carri in the church office, or Barb Bachman if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.

WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at **TBD on Wednesday, September 13 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.

We will be reading TBD and will be meeting on **September 27, at 11:30 am** Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



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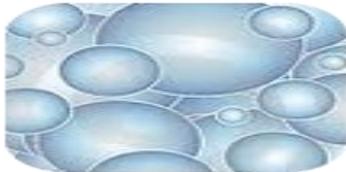
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September's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **Soap** for the food shelf this month. Laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, etc. Donations can be dropped off at church. Thank you for your contributions.

The newsletter is published monthly as a ministry of Christiania Lutheran Church of Lakeville, Minnesota. Articles are due by the 18th of each month. Got questions, suggestions, or items to include in the next edition? Contact Carri in the church office at office@christianialutheranchurch.org 952-461-2283.