

Christiania Newsletter

April 2023

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

SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



Friends,

How did this happen? How do we find ourselves transitioning already from Lent to Holy Week? Just last month we entered Lent through Ash Wednesday and now April brings us to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Revised Common Lectionary we follow will have us in the season of Easter until Pentecost on May 28th.

Christiania’s Lenten journey this year included a Lenten Prayer PATH—an acronym from themes of *Presence, Ask, Thankful, and Helpful*. A related practice we took on together this Lent was to write prayers related to the four themes on differently colored ribbons and attach them to a trellis. As we walk into Christiania’s wonderful worship space, we pass under the trellis which reminds us that our individual prayers together, become the prayers of the church. Although we move independently, we move together.

We encourage you to continue our Prayer PATH (*Presence, Ask, Thankful, and Helpful*) throughout the coming Easter season and remember, together, we are all part of a greater whole. I also encourage you to continue to walk in the Lenten practices that have been helpful drawing you, and us, closer to God and one another: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These will continue to be helpful in an ever-growing relationship with God.

As 1 Peter reminds us, “...he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” Join us as our journey with Christ to the cross, crucifixion, death, and resurrection continues during the first week of April:

- (4/2) **Palm Sunday** 9:00 am
- (4/6) **Maundy Thursday** 11:30 am & 6:30 pm
- (4/7) **Good Friday** 11:30 am & 6:30 pm
- (4/9) **Easter Sunday** 9:00 & 11:00 am

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”

(1 Peter 1:3)

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

We're getting excited for work to finally begin on our Refresh project and expect the project to happen between the beginning of May and the end of September. Christiania teams are making plans so we can continue our worship and ministry during construction. Our ability to adapt and remain flexible will be a key to successfully navigating the months ahead. It's likely we'll be displaced from our sanctuary and worshiping in other parts of our building or property. Some of our programming and ministry will look different—like Vacation Bible School in the evening and Wednesday worship happening monthly in the park this summer at Elko New Market. It's also likely we'll spend the last couple months of our Refresh project worshiping somewhere else. Regardless, we will continue to be Christ's community, worshiping and serving together. Know we will continue to meet and worship together and online and do our best to communicate early and effectively. I hope you'll join me in considering it an adventure to be embraced.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon

From Council President Bill Kanfield

Hi everyone.

We will have a Congregation State of the Church address during worship on **Sunday, April 23**. On **Sunday, April 30**, there will be a Thanksgiving for and Blessing of our Sanctuary, recognizing the last service in the sanctuary before construction begins.

Thank you! Bill Kanfield, Council President



Come & Worship

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

Sunday, April 2: 9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship with Communion

Thursday, April 6: 11:30 am and 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

Friday, April 7: 11:30 am and 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 9: 9:00 and 11:00 am Easter Worship with Communion

Wednesday, April 12: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship

Sunday, April 16: 9:00 am Worship with Communion

Wednesday, April 19: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 23: 9:00 am Worship and State of the Church Address

Wednesday, April 26: 6:30 pm Midweek Worship

Sunday, April 30: 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
and Thanksgiving for and Blessing of our Sanctuary

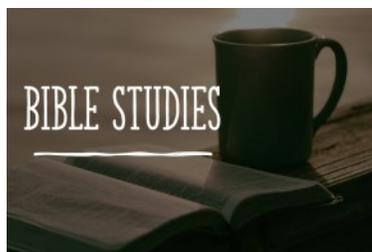
Tuesday, 8:00 am April 4, 11, 18, & 25 — *Meets via Zoom*

Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's) April 11 & 25 — *Meets at church*

Wednesday, 10:00 am Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)
April 19 — *Meets at church*

Thursday, 10:00 am April 6, 13, 20, & 27 — *Meets via Zoom*

Saturday (2nd & 4th), 8:00 am (Men's) April 8 & 22 — *Meets via Zoom*



For these of our congregation:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Gordy Thompson | Eunice Ott |
| Ken Beske | Jeff Otto |
| Denny Carey | Colleen Powell |
| Susie Stiehl | Sharon Syverson |
| Ken Maxa | Karen Erickson |
| Sierra Hansen | Sandy Cross |
| Lynn Dale | Bonnie Lindquist |
| Lois Haglund | Lyle Kuehn |

Others:

- Jerry Bolton, *son of Gladys Bolton*
 Elaine Sutter, *mother of Marty (Rebecca) Sutter*
 Paul, *nephew of Sandy Cross*
 Carl Wicklund & Judy Cummings, *family of Kim, Tim, Aria, and Liam Duffrin*
 Julie Anderson, *sister-in-law of Sue Beske*
 Jack, *friend of the Holien family*
 Chelsea Lawrence, *niece of Julie & Peter Johnson*
 Milt Strang, *brother-in-law of LeRoy & Lori Clausen*
 Judy, *mother of Daron DuLac*

In the Military:

- Nick, *nephew of John, Mariann, & Don Storlie*
 Rachel Estrem, *servng 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*

If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain, please contact Carri in the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list 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.

WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR(S)

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our Wednesday evening meals. If interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Lucy Hurrle at 507-581-0019. Meals are served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm.

March Worship Attendance

Sunday	Wednesday Lenten	11:30 am and 6:30 pm
March 5: O: 82 I: 131	March 1: O: 20	I: 28 30
March 12: O: 60 I: 94	March 8: O: 20	I: 24 60
March 19: O: 66 I: 123	March 15: O: 48	I: 26 41
March 26: O: * I:176	March 22: O: 28	I: 29 40
	March 29: O: *	I: *

O=Online, I=In-person

*online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a 7-day period and doubling it

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Needed

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Daryl Rieck

Usher Co-Coordinator

REFRESH AND REVIVE UPDATE!

Refresh

We have been waiting a year to get started on the Sanctuary Refresh Project. Josh Carlson, from Treasured Spaces, our worship team, the congregation council and church staff are preparing for construction to begin in May!

The pews and carpet have been ordered and Josh has been providing information for the structural engineers and is working on construction documents for permitting.



- Reach Communication (AV people) are working on selecting equipment for lighting, sound, video, and controls.
- Stephanie McKenna, our designer, is looking for “house lighting” fixtures.
- Josh has the construction plan in place and will be ordering materials for construction soon.

There has been interest in a few projects in addition to the main Refresh Project. Josh is working on:

- An accessible bathroom concept plan.
- Pricing new windows for the remaining courtyard area.

The hope is that there will be additional funding available from more contributions and the sale of the land parcel to cover some of these additional projects. There may be some extra costs for the Refresh Project as we find unforeseen items that need attention.

Planning has begun to sell the existing pews-either as pews, wood projects made from them and/or for the sale of the wood which could also generate some income. Stay tuned for more on this!

Revive

Our most recent estimate for the total of the Revive project is \$1,232,592.00. As of 3/1/23, \$1,042,635 has been received which means \$189,957 is still needed. The good news is \$190,366.00 in projected pledges remains outstanding. We have received \$345,503.00 of \$535,869.00 pledged. Our projected remaining pledges total \$190,366.00. If pledges come in as projected, our project should be close to covered.

How fortunate are we to have such great support for this project. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. If you want more detail on the income, it can be found on the chart in the social hall by the Sanctuary Refresh Project display.

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>2 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>4 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:30 am Q 12:00 pm A 7:30 pm W R</p>
<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Breakfast/Coffee Hour 11:00 am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>10 Office Closed</p>	<p>11 8:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Christiania Council</p>	<p>12 11:30 am Lu 12:00 pm A 5:00 pm C 5:30 pm S 6:00 pm Y 6:30 pm M 6:30 pm C 7:00 pm A</p>
<p>16 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ Celebration of March and April Birthdays 10:15 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Northfield Retirement Community Annual Meeting</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting</p>	<p>18 8:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Singly Dinner 6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>19 9:30 am C 12:00 pm A 5:00 pm N 5:30 pm S 6:00 pm Y 6:30 pm M w 6:30 pm C 7:00 pm A</p>
<p>23 State of the Church Address 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Troop 325 Meeting</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 B 12:00 pm A 5:00 pm C 5:30 pm S 6:00 pm Y 6:30 pm M 6:30 pm C 7:00 pm A</p>
<p>30 Thanksgiving for and Blessing of our Sanctuary 9:00 am Worship with Communion and Thomas Hanson Baptism 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School</p>			

2023

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Quilters Announcements Due Wind Ensemble Rehearsal	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 11:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Lunch 6:30 pm Worship	7 GOOD FRIDAY 11:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Worship	8 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Breakfast prep.
Lunch Bunch Announcements Due Chancel Choir Upper Youth Bells Midweek Worship Confirmation Adult Bells	13 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Team Meeting 6:30 pm Ministry Board Meeting 6:30 pm Tiger Den Meeting	14	15
CLCW Announcements Due GCB Upper Youth Bells Midweek Worship with Communion Confirmation Adult Bells	20 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Tanzania Travel Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm Tiger Den Meeting	21	22 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
Book Club Announcements Due Chancel Choir Upper Youth Bells Midweek Worship Confirmation Adult Bells	27 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Tiger Den Meeting	28	29

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNCH BUNCH



will meet at Legends in Prior Lake on **Wednesday, April 12 at 11:30 am**. For questions, to RSVP, or if you would like to carpool from church, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211. Hope to see you all there!

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, April 18 @ 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.

QUILT TYING

Quilters meet the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. All are welcome to come next month and join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.



BOOK CLUB

The book for the month TBD. We will be meeting on April 26 at 11:30 am. Bring a bag lunch and something to drink. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

of the **Women ELCA**  **CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

Wednesday, April 19 at 9:30 am.

We begin our morning with fellowship at 9:30 am, Bible Study at 10:00 am, and continue with the business meeting at 11:00 am. Join us for just the Bible Study or stay for the whole morning.



Financial Review Committee Update

The FRC met frequently in 2022 to update our financial policies and procedures. Our goal was to align the policies and procedures while maintaining dual control. While the congregation won't notice many of these changes, we wanted to ask for your help, especially if you are on a Ministry Team or Committee:

Policy: Taxes are not reimbursed. As a non-profit we do not have to pay taxes when making purchases. Congregation members can get a tax-exempt form from the Office Manager so they do not have to pay taxes on purchases made on behalf of the church.

Policy: Reimbursement can only be done when the Check Request form is submitted and approved by signature or email submission from the appropriate Staff, Ministry Team, or Committee. The data on the form is critical to correct budgeting, processing, and auditing.

Policy: To be reimbursed, receipts and request for reimbursement must be submitted within 30 days.

Procedure: When possible CLC items to be reimbursed should be on a receipt separate from personal purchases; this simplifies the bookkeeping and auditing processes.

If you have any questions about these items, please reach out to any FRC member – Carri Tuma, Linda Heine, Bill Kanfield, Cheryl Bahnsen, Cheryl Schindeldecker, Karen Frame, Denise Kanfield, or Pastor Jon Rhodes.

The CHOSEN

“THE CHOSEN” SERIES

If you are interested in watching “The Chosen” with others as a group, please contact Becky or Joel Ruen at 979-224-0141.

Interested participants will be divided into groups. Groups will collectively decide where to meet and which night of the week works best for viewing.

In order to relieve the host/hostess of an added burden, we recommend that no meal is served for these viewing groups. Discussion of the episodes is highly encouraged!

Thanks, and we will see you soon!

Becky Ruen, Education Committee chair.

There is a group that meets at Christiania on Wednesdays during Confirmation. For more information on that group contact Rachel Fausch.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, April 16**, we will be celebrating March & April Birthdays. If you have a birthday in either of these months, please gather in the Fellowship Area for a picture before the cake is cut.



PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Monday, May 1, 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.



Christiania Lutheran Church Youth Fundraiser

The annual youth plant sale is happening this month. Plants will once again come from Gertens. Orders need to be placed directly through the Gertens website.

To access the site and place an order for your fundraiser group:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.

Store ID code for **Christiania Lutheran Church Youth: 508**
QR codes are available upon request.



The site will close at **10 PM on Thursday, April 6.** (Late orders not accepted.)

****PLEASE NOTE: Quantities are limited on fundraiser items. If an item sells out, it will be marked sold out on your website and customers will not be able to continue to order that item.**



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

June 15 & 29

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.



Children, Youth, & Family Updates



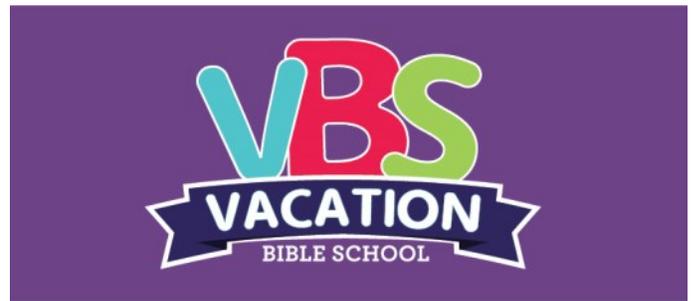
Saturday, April 8 from 9:00—10:00 am
Open to ages 2 thru 5th grade

Bring your Easter Baskets and join us for
crafts, petting zoo, and Easter Eggs!

Easter Egg hunt begins at 9:00 am sharp.



Students in preschool thru grade 5
are welcome to join us on Sunday
mornings at 10:15 am for Sunday
School.



VBS Time Change

Due to several transitional events here at
Christiania, the time of VBS this summer has been
changed. The dates are still **Mon., June 19 –
Thurs., June 22**, but time is now **5-7 pm**
Construction will have begun by then, so the safety
of the children and helpers is first and foremost.

Transitioning to a shorter time frame is beneficial in
three ways:

1. Creates a safer environment
2. Enables volunteers who have daytime
jobs to help
3. Allows Nick Clark (Interim Director of HS
Ministries) to focus on the goals set through
our partnership with InterServe.

*****Adult and youth volunteers are vital to the
success of our VBS experience. If you are
interested in helping this summer, please
contact Nick or Becky.**

Easter Breakfast



Volunteers are
needed on
Saturday, April 8 to
help prepare food
for the Easter
Breakfast, and on
Easter Sunday,
April 9 to serve

breakfast. A sign-up can be found on the
church website.



6th-9th grade students
gather on Wednesday
evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. Our time together
includes the Wednesday evening worship
service as well as classroom instruction.

*Program details can be found on our website:
[www.christianialutheranchurch.org/
confirmation](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation).*



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DATED MATERIAL



Palm Sunday - April 2
Worship: 9:00 am



Maundy Thursday - April 6
Worship: 11:30 am & 6:30 pm



Good Friday - April 7
Worship: 11:30 am & 6:30 pm



Easter Sunday - April 9
Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Breakfast: 10:00 - 11:00 am

April's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **personal care items** 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!

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