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Oprisiania Newsletter

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



SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

"but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Christiania friends:

As we transition from winter to spring, you may have noticed: snow cover has disappeared; more hours of sunlight each day; and warming temps. During this transitional time, we even get a winter snowfall that melted like spring overnight.

This month we will transition from the season of Lent to Holy Week's Three Days and Easter. We hope you'll join us at Palm Sunday Worship (April 10 @ 9 am) when we'll welcome a great group of new members. Holy Week Worship will include both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship (April 14 & 15 @ 11:30 am & 6:30 pm); First Communion will be celebrated and shared at our 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service. Saturday (April 19 @ 9:00 am) we're planning on our traditional Easter Egg Hunt. And together we will celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday (April 17 @ 9:00 & 11:00 am) with our traditional Easter Breakfast served between services.

A few items worth mentioning:

Volunteers

It's really a delight to be getting back to our ministries after two years of pandemic. We thank God for the wonderful, giving leaders who have served us so well. Please know they can use help and your support makes a difference. Many hands make light work.

Altar Portrait

The beloved Altar Portrait is safely protected in a locked staff office. It is in need of restoration as some cracking is visible on the painted surface. The chapel wall it used to hang on now displays a flatscreen monitor for chapel worshipers. We recognize the altar picture's value and importance to many in this community and we hope to restore it and find a protected place to display it appropriately. If you know any art restoration experts, please let us know.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

Prayground

The Prayground is a place in the sanctuary where the little ones can keep busy and be included in our worship gathering. Our Prayground is up and already being used by "littles" and their parents in front of the side chapel. What a joy it is to have families with small children gather with us in the center of our community—worship. The nursery is still available but currently unstaffed. Our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Ministry Team and Director of Faith Formation are so excited about this experiment. I'm wondering what it will be like with the littles right up front. Will it be distracting? Noisy? Will it be a welcoming sign to our youngest members and their families? I hope so. And I cannot wait to find out. Let's pay attention to how the space gets used and make sure our young families know they're welcome—and needed.

Friends, being together is so important for the quality of our relationships with each other and with God. I'm thankful many of you are so diligent to keep showing up. Come join us in being Christ's Church. Worship with us in person and online.

God loves you and so do I! Pastor Jon



All Worship Services are offered in person as well as online.

Sunday, April 3: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

Wednesday, April 6: 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, April 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship

Thursday, April 14: 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 15: 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 17: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion

Wednesday, April 20: 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 24: 9:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, April 27: 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

WEDNESDAY Schedule			
11:30 a.m.	Lenten Worship		
12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch		
5:00-5:30 p.m.	Nitty Gritty Church Band/ Chancel Choir		
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Lenten Dinner		
6:00-6:25 p.m.	Youth Bells		
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship		
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation		
7:00-7:25 p.m.	Adult Bells		

February Worship Attendance

Sunday Worship	Midweek Worship	
February 6:	February 2	
O: 98 I: 69	O: 30 I: 31	
February 13:	February 9:	
O: 120 I: 86	O: 32 I:	
February 20	February 16:	
O: 140 I: 94	O: 22 l: 22	
February 27:	February 23:	
O: I: 104	O: 30 I: 37	

O=online, I=In-person



Bill Kanfield - Christiania Council President

Spring is here! A time of change. Spring came, and then it left for a bit, but as always, it is now back again! For us personally, spring means planning – fields, gardens, yards, summer vacations, enjoying the world as everything changes green and spending time in the sun.

As a congregation, it means the end of Lent, Holy Week and of course Easter.

This year, it also means some other changes.

Hopefully everyone has seen the CLC Sanctuary Refresh team video, visualizations, samples and scope of work to renew our building and worship space and the Revive capital campaign team's plan to finance the changes.

This is an opportunity to combine deferred maintenance (roof, AC and Heating) with safety, accessibility and energy efficiency updates punctuated with a warm, new Sanctuary.

Parallel to this, Council, Board, Committee and Team leads and representatives met to refine the Ministry Teams Statement of Purpose. The goal is to reignite our ministry, mission and outreach to align with the elevated vision of our refreshed new worship space. This also includes welcoming Andrew Mendez and Tia Burnham in rebuilding the Evangelism team and how we express evangelism at Christiania.

Finally, it is time for the 2022 State of the Church address. In this address we will present the current and projected financials, and touch on other 2022 core themes.

More to come as we continue on this journey!

Yours in faith,

Bill Kanfield, Council President

2022 Congregational Council

President: Bill Kanfield

Vice-President: Greg Silus

Secretary: Alan Ritchie

At Large Members: Jane Ward

George Silverness Warren Peterson

Terry Laschinger Tia Burnham

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Senior Pastor: Pastor Jon Rhodes

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Sue Jacobson Jane Ward
Joel Ruen Becky Ruen
Lucy Hurrle Anne Schindeldecker
Pastor Jon Rhodes Andrew Mendez

PRAYER REQUESTS



For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson • Ken Beske • Lois Haglund Denny Carey • John Christianson Karen Erickson • Melanie Kubischta Dale (Skip) Frederickson • Gladys Michelsen Jeff Otto • Ellie Panek • Colleen Powell Susie Stiehl • Don Storlie • Sharon Syverson

Those who Mourn:

Friends and family of Margaret Corrigan,
Margaret when to God's Eternal Kingdom on
Saturday, February 19. There will be a
Celebration of Life at a later date.

For friends of our community:

Larry Olson, father of Jackei DuLac Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa Luella and Dorthy, family of Alan Ritchie Dale Burnham, son of Tony Burnham

In the Military:

Max Baker - grandson of Sandy Cross
Josh Dennehey - son of John Dennehey
Billy Hukka - son of Beth Hukka
Andrew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield
Matthew Johnston - nephew of Denise Kanfield
Miguel Nuno - nephew of Arcadio Gutierrez and
Tania Drexler-Gutierrez
Brenden Rogers - nephew of Mark & Lori
Rogers

John Rogers - son of Mark & Lori Rogers Christian Weidling - nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn

If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain, please contact Carri in the church office. Names will remain on this list for one month unless an extension is requested.

GET INVOLVED



Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.April 5, 12, 19 & 26— *Meets via Zoom*

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women's) April 12 & 26— Meets at church

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. (CLCW) Christiania Lutheran Church Women

April — Meets at church

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 — Meets via Zoom

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men's)
March 12 & 26 — Meets via Zoom

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GREETERS
LECTORS
ASSISTING MINISTERS
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
VIDEO OPERATORS
COFFEE SERVERS
WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR(S)

You can sign up for these opportunities by calling the church office or by going to our website and clicking on "How do I Serve."

Mission Garden

We are looking at the possibility of continuing the Mission Garden this summer. In order to do this we need your help. If you are willing to help, please let us know by April 20. There are lots of things you can help with and you can choose just one or help with more. We need help emailing/texting people to communicate plans, rototilling. Planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, delivering to food shelves and clearing the garden at the end of the season. If we don't get enough interest we won't me able to continue this wonderful community service.

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

Road Clean up

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on Wednesday, March 2 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.



BOOK CLUB:

We will be reading "The Henna Artist"
by Alka Joshi and will be meeting on
March 30, at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag
lunch and something to drink. For more
information about book club, call Arlene

Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

Women ELCA

CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, Wednesday, April 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 CYF Team is excited to once again be able to invite you to breakfast on Easter Sunday. The meal will be served beginning at 10 a.m. on April 17. We hope you'll join us.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning up our part of Pillsbury on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will clean trash out of the ditch. Wear boots and bring gloves We will provide bags and vests.

SINGLES GROUP EVENT

Christiania's "Singles" group will meet on Tuesday, April 19 @ 5:30 p.m. At the Ranchero in Webster. Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth or Barb Bachman for more information or to RSVP

LUNCH BUNCH - Red Lobster

Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, March 8** at 11:30 am. at Red Lobster in Burnsville. If you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.

YOUTH PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

The annual youth plant sale is happening this month. Plants will once again come from Gertens. Orders may be placed directly through the Gertens website. More details will be coming soon. Contact Terry Laschinger at (952) 200-1807 with questions.

Proceeds from the plant sale help our youth attend camp and mission trips.

Refresh Update

Members of the Refresh Team met with the Congregation Council on March 8. The council approved a special meeting to request a capital campaign to fund the Refresh Project. That project includes the needed building updates along with a refreshed look for our 1960's church. This is the first of two votes that will take place. This first vote begins the fund raising campaign. A second vote, to actually proceed with the Refresh plan, will be held later in May. The first meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. A letter inviting the congregation to a congregational special meeting will be sent out. Voting members are encouraged to attend this special meeting. Please contact Carri in the office if you want to register for online voting. Registration is required by Friday, April 1 for online voting.

There have been presentations and forums on Sundays during and after church since March 13. There will be another presentation and forum on April 3. If you have not had a chance, please attend!

Refresh Team members are: Lucy Hurrle, Geeg Aaker, Lonna Selkirk, Brad Smith, Scott Temple, Cheryl Schindeldecker, Fayette Ames, Barb Bachman, Cheryl Mohn, Matt Steinbron, Joe Jorgensen and Pastor Jon Rhodes.

The Revive Team members working on the capital campaign are Joel Ruen, Lori Clausen, Jane Ward, Fayette Ames, Lonna Selkirk and Cheryl Mohn.

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9:00 a.m.: Worship w/ Communion 10:00 a.m.: Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School/ Jumpstart 10:00 a.m.: Refresh Team Informational Meeting 2:00 p.m.: HS Youth Group @ Escapology	4 10:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Troop 325 Meeting	5 8:00 a.m.: Bible Study 4:00 p.m.: Cemetery Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.: Cub Scout Pack Meeting	6 11:30 a.m.: L V 12:00 p.m.: L 5:00 p.m.: N 5:30 p.m.: L 6:30 p.m.: Y 6:30 p.m.: L V 6:30 p.m.: A
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Children, Youth, & Family Updates

Youth Volunteer Opportunities



Easter Egg Hunt

April 16

Help set up and run activity stations such as the egg hunt, crafts, games, etc.

Easter Breakfast

April 16

Help in the kitchen to prepare food for Sunday's breakfast or help set and decorate tables in the fellowship hall.

April 17

Help cook and serve food, bus tables, and clean up after breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast

May 1

Help prepare and serve breakfast after worship.

Vacation Bible School

June 20-23

There are many ways to help during VBS week. Assist with crafts, music, and other activities, be a small group leader, and/or help supervise kids during the wrap-around time.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, contact Joe or go to the church website to sign up.

Preschool-5th Grade Programs



Saturday, April 16 at 9:00

Open to ages 2 thru 5th grade

Join us for crafts, games, and Easter Eggs!



Program details can be found on our website: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/Sundayschool

Upcoming Lessons:

- Apr. 3: Holy Week and Easter-Week 1
- Apr. 10: Holy Week and Easter-Week 2
- Apr. 17: Easter Sunday (No Class)
 - Apr. 24: Holy Week and Easter-Week 3



Vacation Bible School

We are excited for the return of Vacation Bible School at Christiania this summer! This year's program will run **June 20**

-23 from 10 am-4 pm (Wrap-around care will be offered 1 hour before and after). VBS is open to any child who will be entering kindergarten through completing 5th grade. For more details and to register, visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/vbs.

Children, Youth, & Family Updates

6th-12th Grade Programs/Activities



Youth Group is open to all 6th-12th graders; friends are always welcome. We typically meet on the 1st Sunday of

each month from 2-4 pm. For the latest details, visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events.

April 3 @ 2 p.m.: Escape Room at Escapology in Burnsville (High School ONLY). We have 15 spots reserved; contact Joe if you plan to attend. Cost is \$35 for the escape room. We will plan to get ice cream in the mall afterwards, so bring money for that if you'd like.

April 9 @ 8 p.m.: Overnight Lock-in (*Middle School ONLY*) — Sign up on the church website.



6th-12th grade students are invited to gather in the youth room after worship every Sunday. There will be good food, good fun, and good conversation.

Youth Summer Trip: God's Boundless Love @ Camp



July 17-21, 2022 Open to current 6th-12th graders

A gathering to explore God's Boundless Love for Everyone. Church groups from all over will be gathering @CAMP for a few days of fun, inspiration, service, and action! Daily themes include CARE of Others, CARE of Creation, and CARE of SELF! Daily afternoon options will include servant opportunities, topical discussions, interaction with the local Native American community, river canoe trips, swimming and paddleboarding, gaga, 9 square and other campy recreation. Morning church groups will explore our Boundless God through Bible study and youth led worship.

Evening SPLASH! Large group gatherings every night will give @CAMP a whole new flavor. Scheduled to appear:

- David Scherer and Joe Davis
 - Jonathan Rundman Band
 - Rachel Kurtz
 - Other guests

Visit www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youthevents or contact Joe for more information and to sign up.



Program details can be found on our website: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation.

Upcoming Lessons

| Date | 6th/7th Grade | 4/6 | Psalms of Praise | 4/13 | No Class | 4/20 | Psalms of Help & Trust | 4/27 | Psalms of Creation |

8th Grade
Death to Life, pt. 5
No Class
Sacraents: Word & Water
Take and Eat

9th Grade
Theology of the Cross
No Class
Ministry Team Profile
Hot Topics



Financial Assistance for Camp

Every year, the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team designates a portion of their budget to help cover the cost of attending summer youth camps at Camp Onomia. This year, the CYF team has pledged \$100 per youth attending a full week program, and \$50 for those attending a

partial week program. In addition, the CYF Team applies for a grant from the Christiania Foundation to at least match those contributions. Periodically, there are opportunities to raise money through events such as the youth plant and bake sales. Money raised from these events may also be used toward to cost of attending camp.

Here is how to access this financial assistance: First, go to camponomia.org and register for camp. Then, go to the church website (www.christianialutheranchurch.org/camp-onomia) and fill out the Camp Intent Form. In this form you will find the option to request funds from the CYF team, the Foundation, and from your fundraising account. This form will also enable us to connect people who are attending the same camp programs. Once we have this information, we will arrange for funds to be sent to Camp Onomia on your behalf. Any assistance from the Foundation is typically applied in August after we receive a confirmation from camp about which of our youth attended.

Because we believe so much in the value of camp, we do not want anyone to miss out due to financial hardship. If attending camp is cost-prohibitive for your family, please contact Joe or Pastor Jon to discuss the possibility of additional scholarship funds.

Winter Retreat

On February 19, a group of 18 youth and adults went to Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells for their annual winter retreat. They enjoyed time at the waterparks, skiing, building friendships, and dwelling in the word. We are looking forward to what God will do through these relationships and experiences. Thank you for support this and all of the youth programs at Christiania. Enjoy a few pictures from our retreat.



Introducing: The Christiania Prayground

You'll notice some changes to the sanctuary this month. In the front area of the chapel, we are creating a space called a prayground. There will surely be questions about this space, so I will attempt to address some of them here:

Q: What is a Prayground?

A: The Pray-Ground is an area in the front of the chapel specifically set aside for young children during worship. It consists of a rug, a small table with child-sized chairs, coloring sheets, crayons, blocks, books, and soft toys.

Q: Who is the Prayground for?

A: Generally-speaking, the Prayground is intended for toddlers up to about 6 years old. We may add infant swings and Bumbo seats in the coming months.

We recognize that the Prayground may not be appropriate for all children. For families that would prefer to keep their children with them in the pew, and need something to help hold their attention, we have Busy Bags, located at the back of the sanctuary. The nursery is also available, and is equipped with similar play elements as the Prayground. Parents are able to view the worship service on the TV as they sit with their child in the nursery.

Q: Why is the Prayground in the front?

A: Because kids pay more attention when they can see what's going on, and they're short! Lots of churches have similar areas for kids in the back, or in the middle, or off to the side. We recognize that kids will play and color for much of the time, but they also pay attention to what's happening in worship. Church leaders from congregations that have their own prayground space have reported that they have seen imitating movements of the pastor as they lead worship. Sometimes they play air-handbells or pretend to direct the choir. Some parents have overheard their young children singing the liturgy at home. When they can see what's going on, they absorb things in a different way.

Q: How do you keep the kids from wandering up to the chancel area?

A: We will create opportunities in worship to talk about the expectations The large area rug will help set clear boundaries that kids can easily understand. We also ask that parents sit near the Prayground to monitor their children.

Q: Won't the kids be a distraction to the pastor or congregation?

A: Likely not any more than they would be when they're in the pews. In any case, we trust parents to know best if their child is becoming too disruptive and would benefit by returning to the pew or visiting the nursery.

It may also help that, in our sanctuary, our Prayground is right up front but it's also somewhat off to the side.

It is our hope that this Prayground space will serve the Christiania community well, and provide a welcoming and engaging space for our families with young children. Please pray that this space will be a blessing to our congregation and visitors. As we begin this endeavor, the CYF team would appreciate feedback. How is this space working for your family? How might we improve the space?

Blessings,

Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation



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DATED MATERIAL



Palm Sunday - April 10 Worship: 9:30 a.m.



Good Friday - April 15 Worship: 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WEEK

Maundy Thursday - April 14 Worship: 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday - April 17 Worship: 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast: 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.



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 or 952-461-2283.

March's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **canned meats** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the front entrance. Thank you for your contributions.