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# Christiania Newsletter

## WORSHIP

### Wednesday, December 2

- 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
- 1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online

### Sunday, December 6 - Mark 1:1-8

Second Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

### Wednesday, December 9

- 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
- 1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion
- 5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online

### Sunday, December 13 - John 1:6-8, 19-28

Third Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

### Tuesday, December 15 - The Longest Night: A Chance

(details found on page 6)

### Wednesday, December 16

- 9:30 a.m. CLCW
- 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
- 5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online

### Sunday, December 20 - Luke 1:26-38

Fourth Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

### Wednesday, December 23

- 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
- 1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion

### Thursday, December 24 - Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve - Evening parking lot service (p.m. T

### Friday, December 25 - Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Christmas Day

Christmas Day - Morning parking lot service (a.m. T

### Sunday, December 27 - Luke 2:22-40

First Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions for

### Wednesday, December 30

- 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
- 5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band

DATED MATERIAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN  
UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE



Website Link

Silverness ... Scott Mischke ... Marjorie Tonsager  
 ie Panek ... Melissa Hanson ... Bob Jacobson  
 family ... Cindy Hildreth ... Carol Garant  
 ... Carl Bahnsen ... Sharon Syverson

**Who Mourn:**

brother, Bruce. Bruce entered God's Eternal Kingdom on  
 ber 20.

the loss of Sherri's mom, Fran Schmitt. Fran entered  
 om on November 16.

**is fighting against the COVID-19 virus:**

Krenz

**Who also need healing:**

Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins

Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa

Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom

Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and  
 Eckdahl's

Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson

Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross

Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of  
 Bonnie Lindquist

Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation

Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch

Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson

Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker

Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine

Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers

Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel

Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover

Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son

Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members

Brian, son of George Kasper

Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum

Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield

Annie, friend of Lori Rogers

Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

**Ministry:**

; Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)  
 ew); Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)  
 nephew); Max Baker (Sandy Cross' grandson)  
 Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler's nephew)  
 k Langreck (Dona Jo & Lee Braun's nephew)

**December**

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	2 1:00 p. Online 1:30 p. Comm 5:00 p. 6:30 p. Online
6 <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Online Service 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Games/Zoom	7 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	8 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Exec. Council Meeting	9 1:00 p. Online 1:30 p. Comm 5:00 p. 6:30 p. Online
13 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service 10:00 a.m. Online Service	14 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team Meeting	15 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 7:00 p.m. The Longest Night: A Chance to Grieve/ Zoom	16 9:30 a. 1:00 p. Online 5:00 p. 6:30 p. Online
20 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Online Service	21 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	22 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	23 1:00 p. Online 1:30 p. Comm
27 <b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b> 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service 10:00 a.m. Online Service	28 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team	29	30 1:00 p. Online

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## Sunday School

during the season of Advent. Instead, families are  
me activities at home. Worship services are held in  
ne service premieres at 10:00 am on YouTube. The  
chool website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/)  
act Joe with questions.

Lessons:

FAMILY WORSHIP 12/20: ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP

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### Dec. 6: Scattergories/Pictionary via Zoom

Middle School and High School youth are invited to gather over Zoom from 6:00-8:00 pm. The Zoom link can be found on the website at [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events)



No trip meeting in December.  
The next meeting is scheduled for  
January 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

## Winter Retreat

for February 12-15, 2021. This trip is  
school youth. This year's retreat will  
one day spent at Spirit Mountain in  
r activities. Contact Joe if you are  
d in going.



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Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
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**Rob Metz** Congregational President

**Alissa Jorgensen** Sunday School Superintendent

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**Debbie Lundeen** Bells Director

**Lori Clausen,  
Beth Hukka &  
Dr. Matt** Chorister Choir Directors

**Linda Otto** Church Women (CLCW)

**Bob Monio** Usher Co-Coordinator

**Daryl Rieck** Usher Co-Coordinator

It's important for our support to be from the heart. Please don't feel obligated to support this need because you have to but, rather, out of joy and thanksgiving. 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us that *God loves a cheerful giver*. I/we have been blessed so I/we bless another. Big thanks to those who have already made contributions this year and thanks to those who have already made commitments for next year. Blessed to be a blessing!

This week I've been reflecting on Bible verses about *perseverance* and *endurance* (of which there are many). Hebrews chapter 12 begins with the header, *The Lord's Discipline: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we must get rid of every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and run with endurance the race set out for us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set out for him he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Think of him who endured such opposition against himself by sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls and give up.* (Hebrews 12:1-3 (NET))

We are, indeed, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses - we are not alone. God and those who trust him are always with us. As I have returned often to the words of Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans (chapter 5) during this pandemic: *"...we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."* (Romans 5:1-5 NRSV)

The past 9-10 months of pandemic life have taken a toll on us in so many ways. Our lives as individuals and families look so different. So too for our life together as Christ's church. We have all exhibited a willingness to adapt and practiced great flexibility, Christiania. Thank you. We have never stopped being Christ's church--but it sure looks different.

Perhaps you have learned something this year about the power of suffering. Suffering has the capacity to change us immensely. But let us not lose sight of the work we have before us. Keep the faith and keep loving and caring for a hurting world. Christiania people, let us *"run with endurance the race set out for us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus...so that you may not grow weary in your souls and give up."*

*Tuko pamoja* "We are together." God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon



## A word from our Director


### Joe Jorgensen

It is a common understanding that we practice faith at home, school, and in this space to share some ideas. This month, as we prepare for Christmas, I invite you to contribute in the newsletter for the Northeastern Iowa Synod; to hear how you choose to use this resource and how that you may be a blessing to others. ~Joe

### 'Tis the Season to Serve

- Day 1: Leave a treat in secret on someone's front porch
- Day 2: Read a Christmas story to a loved one
- Day 3: Send an Advent greeting to a church member
- Day 4: Do a secret chore for a family member
- Day 5: Buy a present for a child or family in need
- Day 6: Make a Christmas craft to share with a friend
- Day 7: Send a card to someone at a nursing home
- Day 8: Have a Christmas dance party--invite a friend
- Day 9: Donate food to your local food shelf
- Day 10: Candy Cane bomb a parking lot or a friend's car
- Day 11: Deliver a treat to those who work as food service
- Day 12: Fill the washing machines with quarters
- Day 13: Call someone and sing them a Christmas carol
- Day 14: Start a conversation with someone new
- Day 15: Clean up litter outside
- Day 16: Donate used clothes, toys, or books
- Day 17: Thank a teacher
- Day 18: Have a candlelit dinner together as a family
- Day 19: Shop at a small local business
- Day 20: Leave the mail carrier a note or treat
- Day 21: Drive around & look at Christmas lights
- Day 22: Pay for a stranger's coffee, lunch, or snack
- Day 23: Draw a picture of the nativity and share it
- Day 24: Act out the Christmas story with your family
- Day 25: Write three service goals for next year

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*Jeremiah 29:11*

*For I know the plans I have for you  
evil, to give you a future and a hope*

As I am writing this message, I am  
demonstrated positive test results.  
good news. For the first time in a long time, I can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. It looks like it is going to be a difficult winter, but I hope to experience a fully packed church with loud singing again. That would be amazing!

Executive Council Update

The Executive Council met on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. We will approve our new treasurer, Lisa Schultze, as a sign-off on the PPP loan documents have been approved by the Small Business Administration. The paperwork for the PPP loan has been completed. The council also reviewed fund accounts and participated in a discussion regarding the November Meeting. We would like to be able to offer both an in-person and a virtual Meeting if it is safe to do so and technologically possible.

The Executive Council did not make any change to the November meeting, but the week following the meeting, the Reformation 11:00 a.m. worship service due to low attendance and safety concerns, opting instead to provide an online service. The service is being postponed for the time being. We are striving to stay current with the Department of Health in all COVID-19 related matters and exploring programming options as possible available for our community.

Rob Metz  
Council President

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Volunteers are needed** to be readers for the 9:00 indoor and 10:00 a.m. online worship services. If you are available for either, please contact Madalyn Petersen at [madandpete@gmail.com](mailto:madandpete@gmail.com)

**We are also looking for:**

Ushers, greeters or anyone interested in filming a short welcome/departure video. If you are interested, please contact Bob Monio at [Robert.monio@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.monio@gmail.com) or Daryl Rieck at [rieckda@yahoo.com](mailto:rieckda@yahoo.com).

## POINSETTIA SALE

Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth will soon arrive. To place your order contact Carri in the church office or contact someone on The Worship Team. The cost is \$13 each. **Deadline for ordering is December 8.** Your poinsettia plant will be placed in church for our Christmas services. You may pick up your plants after Christmas Eve or Christmas Day parking lot services, or after the 9:00 a.m. service the Sunday after Christmas. Please contact, Madalyn Petersen with questions.



## WREATHS OF LOVE

The Foundation will place the wreaths on the designated gravesites at both the East and West Cemeteries or wreaths can be picked up at church on Sunday, December 6. Thank you.

## BOOK CLUB

We will not be meeting in December. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

## QUILT TYING

The quilters will not be meeting in December.

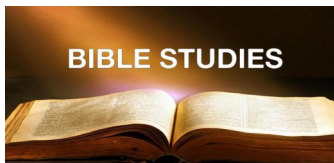


## ARMFUL OF LOVE

To reduce exposure to COVID-19, 360 Communities made a significant change to the Armful of Love program for 2020. Instead of asking gift sponsors to shop for presents with a family's wish list, they are accepting cash donations to provide gift cards for the families to purchase their own gifts. If you would like to continue to support this great organization, you may donate directly at: [360communities.org](http://360communities.org). Thank you, Julie and Sara

## CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN December 16 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. or shortly thereafter. Come join us for the Bible Study or the whole morning. Our Bible Study is taken from the "Gather" magazine. To subscribe to this magazine go to [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org) and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or call 844-409-0576. The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).



## BIBLE STUDIES

**Adult Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.  
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon

**Women's Bible Study:**  
October 13 & 27 at 9:30 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference  
Contact Cheryl Bahnsen at [bahncl2@aol.com](mailto:bahncl2@aol.com)  
For more information

**Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)  
Bible Study:**  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon

**Men's Bible Study:**  
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.  
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon