

# Christiania Newsletter

June 2023

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

## SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



Christiania friends,

What a time it is to be linked together as Christ’s community. Memorial Day Weekend marks the end of our academic year and transition to summer. Beginning in June, we’ll continue to worship Sunday’s at 9:00 am but only on the third Wednesday of each summer month at Wagner Park in Elko New Market—with a picnic and worship

June 19-22 marks the dates of Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year with construction and transition in our Children, Youth and Family Ministry, VBS will take place from 5-7 pm each evening. I’m hoping this will bring an opportunity for many to participate—both young and old—who haven’t been able to join us during the day, as well as those who are always with us

Work has started on our long-awaited Sanctuary Refresh. We’ve been through a few weeks of demolition, worshiping in the fellowship hall, and eating and drinking coffee in the Heritage Room. We’ve even hosted baptism and funerals in our new space. Thanks to all of you who have been displaced—and found a way to be flexible.

Although each step of our project has been discussed at length, discerned through thought and prayer, and planned in great detail, the coming weeks will provide ample opportunity to make changes and adjustments. “Flexibility and Grace” ought to be our motto between now and the end of September—our targeted end date.

Flexibility will allow us to consider new information, make changes on the fly, and adapt our plans. Flexibility will allow us to stay focused on the long-term goal: project completion. Flexibility will allow us to stick together and not be led by fear. The Bible doesn’t use the word flexible or flexibility but has a variety of stories which share what it looks like to be flexible or inflexible (Abraham, Jonah, Martha & Mary).

Biblically we know of Grace as “unmerited favor.” Although we are undeserving, Christ’s crucifixion and death are a sacrifice offered to all of us—who cannot and do not deserve it. Perhaps in our context, grace will be an accepting, kind word of encouragement. Perhaps grace will be the best assumption of motives of another or even forgiveness. Scripture speaks often of grace; Ephesians 2:8-9 is a personal favorite: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that*

***Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

**(Hebrews 4:16)**

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

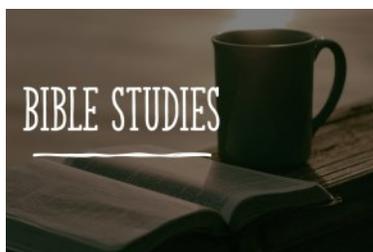
*no one may boast.*

Although Flexible cannot be found in Holy Scripture, I think this passage from Philippians 4:11b-13 works: *I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

In the coming weeks, I cannot wait to hear your stories of flexibility and grace that will allow us to continue to be a loving and trusting community of Christ's friends. Don't forget to include summer worship in your plans.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Jon



<b>Tuesday, 8:00 am</b> June 6, 13, 20, 27 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's)</b> June 13 & 27 — <i>Meets at church</i>
<b>Wednesday, 10:00 am Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)</b> June 14 — <i>Meets at church</i>
<b>Thursday, 10:00 am</b> June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>
<b>Saturday (2nd &amp; 4th), 8:00 am (Men's)</b> June 10 & 24 — <i>Meets via Zoom</i>

May Worship Attendance			
<b>Sunday, May 7:</b> O: 84 I: 164	<b>Wednesday, May 3</b>	O: 46	I: 16
<b>Sunday, May 14:</b> O: 98 I: 160	<b>Wednesday, May 10:</b>	O: 48	I: 28
<b>Sunday, May 21:</b> O: I: 119	<b>Wednesday, May 17:</b>	O:	I: 12
<b>Sunday, May 28:</b> O: I:	<b>Wednesday, May 24:</b>	O:	I: 27
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, June 4:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
- Sunday, June 11:** 9:00 am Worship
- Sunday, June 18:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
- Wednesday, June 21:** 6:30 pm Midweek Worship and picnic at Wagner Park
- Sunday, June 25:** 9:00 am Worship

*For these of our congregation*

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

***Others:***

- Greg Larsen, *friend of Jeff & Robin Martin*  
 Palo Petersen, *son of Linda Costa*  
 Jerry Bolton, *son of Gladys Bolton*  
 Elayne Sutter, *mother of Marty (Rebecca) Sutter*  
 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 the newly Baptized**

**5/7/2023**

Savannah Kline, Brock Bolton, and Beau Bolton

**5/28/23**

Harlan Hoff Riess

**For those who mourn:**

**Dave & Mona Gorter, family and friends**, as they mourn the loss of their granddaughter

**Sharon Thompson, family, and friends**, as they mourn the loss of Sharon's husband, Gordy Thompson. Gordy entered God's Eternal kingdom on May 20. A Celebration of Life was held at Christiania on May 27.

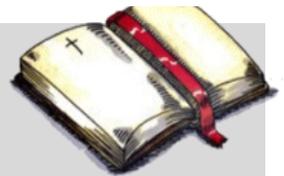
**Jeff & Robin Martin and family** as they mourn the loss of Jeff's mom, Myrna Martin. Myrna entered God's Eternal Kingdom on May 2. A Celebration of Myrna's Life was held at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church on May 21.

**Arnie Karlsen and family:** children: Tricia (Richard) and Erik (Deb); grandchildren: CJ, Michaella, Sheridan, Tyson, Becca, Michael, and Toni, great grandchild Maddox; and several foster children, as they mourn the loss of Candy Karlsen. Candy passed away on April 15. **A Sharing of Memories will be held at Casperson Park in Lakeville on June 17 beginning at 3:00 followed by a dinner at 5:00 pm.**

**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*

**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.

### 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

### Ministry Board

Sue Jacobson

Joel Ruen

Lucy Hurrle

Tania Drexler

Becky Ruen

Pastor Jon Rhodes

### CYF

Nick Clark

Tia Burnham

Jackie DuLac

Becky Ruen

Susie Stiehl

### Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle

Julie Booth

Needed

### Membership

Anne Schindeldecker

Kelly Ronn

Bob Monio

### Missions

Cindy Hildreth

Scott Tempel

Daron DuLac

Sue Jacobson

### Property

Brad Smith

Dave Mohling

Jeanne Nash

Bruce Mohn

### Worship

Robin Martin

Tania Drexler

Jane Ward

Joan Eckdahl

Dr. Matt Steinbron

Pastor Jon Rhodes

### Stewardship

Joel Ruen

Lori Clausen

Needed

### Evangelism

Tia Burnham

Needed

Needed

## Christiania Lutheran Church

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Monday-Friday

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**Bill Kanfield**

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**Becky Ruen**

Sunday School Superintendent

**Jane Ward**

Altar Guild Chair

**Debbie Lundeen**

Bells Director

**Linda Otto**

Church Women (CLCW) Chair

**Bob Monio**

Usher Co-Coordinator

**Daryl Rieck**

Usher Co-Coordinator

## 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 services, 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](mailto:tmjohnson4721@gmail.com), or Denise, [denisekanfield@hotmail.com](mailto: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

## HELP NEEDED

If you are interested in helping water flowers at church, please contact [pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org)

Greg Silus at  
[CLC365admin@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:CLC365admin@christianialutheranchurch.org)

we need someone to strip and stain the pulpit and altar. Could you still do that change for the newsletter.



Remove the tree one and add the refinishing --

Could you also put it in the bulleti?

If interested in supporting or serving on a new house build in Farmington

(Aug. 14-18), contact Pastor Jon  
[pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org)

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



# June

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p>4  <b>9:00 am Worship with Communion</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour and Celebration of May &amp; June Birthdays</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6  <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30 pm</b> Financial Review Committee (FRC) Meeting</p>	<p>7  <b>9:30 am</b>  <b>12:00 pm</b>  <b>5:00 pm</b></p>
<p>11  <b>9:00 am Worship</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13  <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>9:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30 pm</b> Singles Dinner  <b>6:00 pm</b> Christiania Council</p>	<p>14  <b>11:00 am</b>  <b>12:00 pm</b></p>
<p>18 <b>Father's Day</b>  <b>9:00 am Worship with Communion</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour  <b>10:30 am - 3:00 pm</b> 53rd Annual Chicken Cookout at St. Nicholas Church in New Market</p>	<p>19 <b>Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b>  <b>12:00 pm</b> Newsletter Deadline  <b>5:00 pm</b> VBS  <b>7:00 pm</b> Hazelwood Cemetery Meeting</p>	<p>20 <b>Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b>  <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:00 pm</b> VBS</p>	<p>21 <b>V</b>  <b>9:00 am</b>  <b>12:00 pm</b>  <b>5:00 pm</b>  <b>5:00 pm</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b></p>
<p>25  <b>9:00 am Worship</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27  <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study  <b>9:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28  <b>11:00 am</b>  <b>12:00 pm</b></p>

# 2023

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 10:00 am Bible Study</p>	2	3
<p>8:30 am Quilters 10:00 pm Announcements Due 10:00 pm NGCB</p>	<p>8 10:00 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Missions Team Meeting 6:30 pm Ministry Board Meeting</p>	9	<p>10 8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>8:30 am Women's Lunch Bunch at the Chart House in Lakeville 10:00 pm Announcements Due</p>	<p>15 10:00 am Bible Study</p>	16	<p>17 3:00 - 6:00 pm Sharing of Memories in honor of Candyse Karlsen at Casperson Park</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School (VBS) 8:30 am CLCW 10:00 pm Announcements Due 10:00 pm VBS 1:30 pm Supper at Wagner Park in New Market 7:30 pm Midweek Worship at Wagner park</p>	<p>22 Vacation Bible School (VBS) 10:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm VBS</p>	23	<p>24 8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>8:30 am Book Club 10:00 pm Announcements Due</p>	29	30	

# 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.

Sincere thanks to all who supported my family and me on the death of my sister Marlys. It is truly a blessing to be a part of a Christian community that welcomed my biological family, even though they are not members or regulars at Christiania. Your expressions of care are gratefully appreciated.

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WOMEN (CLCW)

The next meeting is, **Wednesday, June 21 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.

If you have questions about CLCW, contact Linda Otto at 952-469-8561, Karen Frame at 952-461-2909, or Vonnie Laddusaw at 952-891-4321.



## QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, June 7 at 9:30 am.**

All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

## WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at on **Wednesday, June 14 at 11:30 am** at Boonies Bar & Grill 3301 Millersburg Blvd. Faribault, MN 55021 (507) 645-6424. 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 **May 31, 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.



## 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 at **The Olive Garden in Burnsville on Tuesday, June 20 @ 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.

count.

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- Meet with Tia or Denise during Fellowship and complete the form in an interview type format
- Schedule time to chat via a call or in person

The Sanctuary Refresh is starting now and the existing pews will need to find a new home! If you would like one or a few of them or would like the wood to make projects, please contact David Frame at 952-461-2909 or email [cherylmohn1@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmohn1@gmail.com). If you are interested in helping market them, contact us as well!



**New Members!**

## June 4 - New Member Informational Session!

Attention – Next New Member Informational Session will be on **Sunday, June 4 at 10:15 am in the Chapel area** of the Church. Please join us if you are interested in becoming a member of Christiania!

June 11th we will receive New Members by Affirmation of Baptism.

## New Member Informational Sessions for those Interested in Joining Christiania!

Do you know someone who has visited Christiania in the past or is interested in becoming part of our Congregation? If you do, please have them join one of our bi-annual New Member Informational Sessions and let a member of the Membership team know of their interest. You can have them contact Bob Monio ([Robert.monio@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.monio@gmail.com)) or Pastor Jon ([pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org)) and we will get back to them with details on the session(s) and answer any questions. The first bi-annual session will be held on **Sunday, June 4 at 10:15 am in the Chapel Area!**



## 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!



# Children, Youth, & Family

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.



### 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.**

## Refresh Project Update

### Construction

We are excited to say there has been a lot going on at church in the last couple of weeks. Treasured Spaces has started the demolition work on the Refresh Project. The stain glass windows and the cross have been taken down inside and the interior front and back walls are down to the studs. Some lights and speakers have also been removed.

The plan is to have the church available for worship through July. August and September worship will be at the New Market town hall. Thank you to everyone for your flexibility as we gather together no matter where we hold our worship!

The pews have all left that were attached to the floor, and all the pews from the chapel are now in social hall being used for worship. Those will be available for donation after August. Contact David Frame at 952-461-2909 or [dframe@nuveramail.net](mailto:dframe@nuveramail.net) if you are interested in those.

The cross on the outside and small stain glass windows are next to be removed and the frame structure for the front windows is being worked on. Materials have been ordered for the roof and altar area and will soon be delivered.

As we all know, things come up as you start a project. There was adhesive behind some of the paneling that required abatement services to remove and the ceiling above the folding doors in the rear of the sanctuary needs additional support. These two things have added to the cost of the project. The good news is that with the extra cushion figured into the original cost estimate these items will be covered without going over the cost of the project. Keep in mind — there could be more surprises as we move ahead that may not get absorbed!

### Funding

The proceeds from first property sale (the parsonage) has been added to the Refresh Project Fund. 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. And, if anyone is still interested in contributing to the project that has not previously, that would be great. The project is not quite fully funded and more donations are welcome.

### Second Property Sale

The second property (the ballpark ) sale has been finalized. The plan is to use some of those funds from that property sale for other capital improvement projects for the church. The property committee has started a wish list. This is separate from the Refresh Project.



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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.

**June Food Shelf**



We are collecting juice (canned, bottled or boxed) 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](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org) 952-461-2283.