

# Christiania Newsletter

AUGUST 2023

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

## SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



Christiania Friends,

So hard to believe August is here. Christiania’s Refresh project has seen shingles removed from the roof, wood replaced, insulation panels added, and shingles installed. Our flat roof has also been redone. It looks like they’re getting ready to do the vent work and install our cooling units in a new location on the roof. Thank you, Contractor Josh Carlson, and the rest of the team for the work you’re doing.

Sunday, August 13 will be the last Sunday we worship in our temporary Fellowship Hall Sanctuary. August 14 marks the beginning of work on the Fellowship Area. We’ll be worshipping the rest of August and September at the New Market Township Hall with plans to return to our newly refreshed Sanctuary Sunday, October 1.

And yet the work of the church continues: I’m currently working with three families in preparation for baptisms of their little ones and I’m doing premarriage work with two couples in preparation for their 2024 weddings. Members of our Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) team are busily preparing for Sunday School and Confirmation. Our Missions Ministry is preparing for God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday which will happen September 10<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing this, a multi-generational group of youth and adults are preparing to leave for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) July 27-31.

*“...we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that **affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**”*

(Romans 5:3b-5)

During the summer months this year our Sunday Worship has been following the stories of God’s people as told through the Gospel of Matthew and the semicontinuous first reading from Genesis. We’ve been reminded of the covenant promise God makes with and through Abraham and Sarah: to bless them with offspring as numerous as the stars and make of them a great nation. For Abraham and Sarah this was slightly hard to believe—as they were old. But God did, indeed, provide a whole faith-filled and often dysfunctional family for this task. We’ve been hearing the stories of God’s faithful and imperfect: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob, and others.

Recently, we heard the story of conniving Jacob who tricked his twin brother Esau into giving up his birthright—for a bowl of stew. Not surprisingly, this caused a serious rift in their relationship. Jacob ends up leaving town but over the years he desires to return. In front of his great reconciliation with twin, Esau, Jacob wrestles with a man through the night.

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

Eugene Peterson's, The Message, shares the story in a wonderful way: *After throwing Jacob's hip out of joint the man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak." Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me." The man said, "What's your name?" He answered, "Jacob." The man said, "But no longer. Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel (God-Wrestler); you've wrestled with God and you've come through." Jacob asked, "And what's your name?" The man said, "Why do you want to know my name?" And then, right then and there, he blessed him.*

As conniving as Jacob often was, he was even more faithful. He expected great things of and from God—and he pressed, endured, and persevered until those faithful expectations came to fruition. God is so pleased when we persevere, remaining committed to God. What are your expectations of God? Do you expect God to show up? Do you expect God to invite you in? Do you expect God to transform and change us?

The Apostle Paul reminds us enduring produces something in the lives of the faithful. The text box on page one shows a few verses of Romans 5—one of my favorites. Paraphrasing, it says: affliction produces endurance produces character produces hope. Endurance is an important step in becoming people of hope. What a great example for us during busy, important work to remember our perseverance matters to God—and becomes a great gift of hope.

Friends, the work of the church continues. We are still responsible for sharing the stories of God's love for us in Christ, of Christ's great sacrifice, for us, on the cross. We are still responsible for inviting others. We're still responsible for serving. We need helpers across our ministries—you can find the specifics in this newsletter, in our Worship bulletin insert, and in our emailed Enews. Please consider how you might join more intentionally in the wonderful ministries of Christiania and help us share the love of God with a hurting world.

God loves you and so do I!  
In flexibility and grace, Pastor Jon



**Worship in the park!** On Wednesday, August 16 we will be holding a special Wednesday evening worship service at Wagner Park in Elko New Market. Worship will take place in the covered pavilion with seating provided. Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors! **Mark your calendars for this fun evening! Wednesday, August 16 picnic at 5:30 pm, worship at 6:30 pm. Wagner Park, 120 Park St, Elko New Market.**

## Come & Worship

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

**Sunday, August 6:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion

**Sunday, August 13:** 9:00 am Worship

**Wednesday, August 16:** 6:30 pm *Offsite* Worship & 5:30 pm picnic at Wagner Park **\*no online Worship\***

**Sunday, August 20:** 9:00 am Worship with Communion

**Sunday, August 27:** 9:00 am Worship

### July Worship Attendance

<b>Sunday, July 2:</b> O: 68 I: 77	<b>Sunday, July 9:</b> O: 46 I: 127
<b>Sunday, July 16:</b> O: * I: 95	<b>Wednesday, July 19:</b> O: N/A I: 36
<b>Sunday, July 23:</b> O: * I: 102	<b>Sunday, July 30:</b> 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

# PRAYER REQUESTS



## ***For these of our congregation***

<b>Ken Beske</b>	<b>Eunice Ott</b>
<b>Denny Carey</b>	<b>Jeff Otto</b>
<b>Susie Stiehl</b>	<b>Colleen Powell</b>
<b>Sierra Hansen</b>	<b>Sharon Syverson</b>
<b>Lynn Dale</b>	<b>Karen Erickson</b>
<b>Lois Haglund</b>	<b>Lyle Kuehn</b>
<b>Ken Maxa</b>	<b>Roger Brack</b>
<b>Diane Brack</b>	<b>Mark Rogers</b>

## ***Others:***

Russ Martin, *uncle of Jeff Martin & brother of Carol Ostlie*  
 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*  
 Julie Anderson, *sister-in-law of Sue Beske*  
 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, *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](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org)

*Names will stay on the prayer chain for one month  
 unless an extension is requested.*

**Tuesday, 8:00 am** August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Tuesday, 9:30 am (Women's)** August 8 & 22 — *Meets at church*

**Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)**  
*No meeting this month.*

**Thursday, 10:00 am** August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Saturday 8:00 am (Men's)** August 5 & 19 — *Meets via Zoom*



With the investment in the renovation, renewal and refresh of the building, we continue to strive to make parallel investments in our mission, ministries and outreach. One option is the CLC shuttle van. The CLC shuttle van can be used by anyone - no special bus license required - and not just for CYF. It could be used by the Lunch Bunch, picking up members to attend service (especially attending service off-site at the ENM Town Hall, or any other group function. Just reach out and let Carri know you would like to use it.

To make that happen, we could also use help from the congregation in maintaining and enhancing the vehicle! It is a Ford E450 with 40,000 miles on a newly rebuilt engine. Josh at Park Auto (Deuce Road) gave it a pre-inspection, service and thumbs up, but we could use some help replacing the rear door lock, bodywork, creative metalwork to add new seats (we have 4 additional seats but would like them mounted in a way that they can come out) and possibly some tire work. If you are interested, reach out and let us know!

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](mailto: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

### 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

Kim Robertson

Tia Burnham

Jackie DuLac

Becky Ruen

Susie Stiehl

### Membership

Kelly Ronn

Bob Monio

### Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle

Julie Booth

Needed

### Property

Brad Smith

Dave Mohling

Jeanne Nash

Bruce Mohn

### Missions

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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Bells Director

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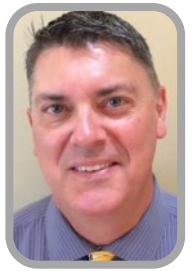
**Bob Monio**

Usher Co-Coordinator

**Daryl Rieck**

Usher Co-Coordinator

## A WORD FROM BILL KANFIELD—COUNCIL PRESIDENT



What's in a Name?

As we get ready to transition yet again – first from Sanctuary to Fellowship Hall and now to New Market Township Hall – I just wanted to reflect on all the change Christiania has gone through over the years.

When working with the realtors to address the questions ‘who is Christiania Lutheran Church and what right do you have to the property you are selling,’ I’ve realized that while we’ve changed locations and names many times since the 1870’s, that is not what defines us. The thing that really defines Christiania is you and me.

As a historical recap, Christiania Lutheran Church has used various alias and variations of its name including the following: THE CHRISTIANA CHURCH, CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHRISTIANA CONG EVANG LUTH CH, CHRISTIANA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION OF SCOTT AND DAKOTA COUNTIES, MINNESOTA, CHRISTIANA EV LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON, CHRISTIANA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA, CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKEVILLE, CHRISTIANA CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF/IN AMERICA, CHRISTIANA CONGREGATION, CHRISTIANA CONGREGATION OF THE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA.

So, if you are concerned that worshipping elsewhere just won’t be the same, it seems to me it’s not the name or the location, it is the people sitting around you that makes us the community we are!

Finally, I want to remind everyone about the important vote coming up to start a call process for a CYF leader. Thank you for your responses to the survey that helped define Christiania’s core values and required competencies. Thank you Nick and the Discovery team for taking that and making the recommendation of an ordained Word and Service addition to the church. This addresses both CYF – Service, and ministry, mission and outreach – Word and for hosting informative Q&A/listening sessions to answer all your questions.

Please consider joining the call committee, which will be led by Rob Metz should the vote pass, to make sure you have input into the call letter and candidate selection for this key role in developing our youth in faith!

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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.

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Excited about the Sanctuary refresh? As Christiania reconstructs for the future, we are now looking at how we grow our congregation for the future as well! The membership/evangelism team is looking for new teammates - those with passion, drive, and a willingness to be part of building our growth plan for the future! Are you interested? Contact Bob Monio ([robert.monio@gmail.com](mailto:robert.monio@gmail.com)) for more details!



Thank you, everyone!  
Bob

# AUGUS

Sun	Mon	Tue	
		1 <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting	2 <b>9:30 am</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> <b>5:30 am</b>
6 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour and Congregational meeting CYF Staffing Vote	7 <b>5:00 pm</b> Missions Ministry	8 <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> <i>Offsite</i> Singles Dinner <b>6:00 pm</b> Christiania Council	9 <b>11:30 am</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>
13 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship & Baptism of Levi Garske <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour & Pastor Jon and his family will be celebrating their five-year anniversary with Christiania  <i>*Help needed to move pews, Altar, Pulpit and piano to the Heritage Room.</i>	14 <b>9:30 am</b> Prayer Shawl Meeting	15 <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting	16 <b>12:00 pm</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Wagner <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Worsh</b>
20 <b>9:00 am</b> <i>Offsite</i> Worship with Communion at the New Market Township Hall <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour	21	22 <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>9:30 am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting	23 <b>12:00 pm</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>
27 <b>9:00 am</b> <i>Offsite</i> Worship at the New Market Township Hall <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour	28	29 <b>8:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>10:00 am</b> Staff Meeting	30 <b>11:30 am</b> <b>12:00 pm</b>

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Quilters Announcements Due Financial Review Committee	3 <b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study	4	5 <b>8:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study
<i>Offsite</i> Women's Lunch Bunch Announcements Due NGCB	10 <b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study <b>6:30 pm</b> Ministry Board	11	12
Announcements Due <i>Offsite</i> Supper at Park in New Market <b>Offsite Midweek</b> ip at Wagner park	17 <b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study	18 <b>12:00 pm</b> Newsletter Deadline	19 <b>8:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study
Announcements Due NGCB	24 <b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study	25	26
Book Club Announcements Due	31 <b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study		



Members of Christiania: Recently I, along with Pastor Jon and Jamie Minea, attended the Synod Annual meeting at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota. This was a two-day event. Friday night consisted of a Worship service and a Missions Fair where many of the missions supported by the Synod and the congregations in the Synod support, had displays and they were willing to give information concerning their missions. Saturday then consisted of the business meeting and continued Missions Fair. Seeing representatives of all the congregations within the Synod was a great experience to see how diversified our Synod and area really is. The business meeting consisted of reports from the presiding Bishop Lull and also various departments within the synod, such as finances, etc. The meeting also consisted of voting on a few issues. The two main issues were (1) that the synod would support congregations that decided to build "tiny house" living places on their property to help homeless and disadvantaged and (2) was the addition of a new member of the synod council to be a person of non-traditional status (such as person of color, or non-English as their native language) to be on the Synod council. Overall this was a great experience and rewarding to see how the Synod functions. I would encourage everyone to attend the annual meeting for themselves sometime.

Thank you,  
Adam Fausch

Do you have a friend who is interested in learning about Jesus or hearing the Good News? Invite them to join you on a Sunday for the in-person worship or to gather together and watch the on-line worship. Christiania is seeking believers who want to be part of our spiritual (and physical) rebirth!

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Shawl  
Ministry



### PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

**\*DATE CHANGE\***

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday, August 14, 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.



### QUILT TYING:

The quilters meet on **Wednesday, August 2 at 9:30 am.** All are welcome to come join in the fun! For questions, please call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

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WOMEN (CLCW)

**The August Meeting has been cancelled. Future meetings will be posted on the website calendar and in the newsletter.**

### WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

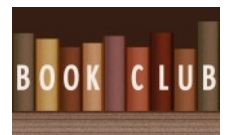
Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at **the Northern Tap House in Lakeville on Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30 am** If you would like to carpool or if you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211.



### 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, August 8 @ 5:30 pm.** Please call Carri in the church office, Cindy Hildreth if you plan to attend so we can give the restaurant a count.

We will be reading **TBD** and will be meeting on **August 30, 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.





# HELP NEEDED



## 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, watering, weeding, harvesting, delivering food, winterizing the garden, and coordinating helpers throughout the summer.

## GA-GA PIT



The Boy Scouts have agreed to build a Ga-Ga Pit for our church. It is a form of recreation all ages will enjoy. They request that we supply

the wood to build it. If you can donate either funds for the wood or the lumber itself, please let Becky Ruen know. Her cell is 979-224-0141. It would be great to get started right away, so the pit would be available for use in the summer/fall. Thanks!

TO SIGN UP, VISIT OUR WEBSITE, AND CLICK ON "HOW DO I" AND THEN ON "SERVE."

## 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.

## COFFEE HOUR HELPERS

### SERVERS

We need help serving coffee on Sunday mornings.

Please sign up on the board located in the Fellowship Area.



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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

If interested in supporting or serving on a new house build in Farmington (Aug. 14-18), email Pastor Jon at [pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org)



URBAN VENTURES  
**Farm**

Could use help planting and various other tasks at the Urban Ventures Garden.

If you have an hour, two hours, or half a day contact Mark-Peter at 612-483-8935. They are at the garden most days between 8:30 am-2:00 or 2:30 pm.



If you are interested in decorating the fellowship tables by adding fresh flowers to the vases on the tables (homegrown or store bought). Please contact Cheryl

Mohn for details and ideas.  
[cherylmohn1@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmohn1@gmail.com)

# Children, Youth, & Family



## CHRISTIANIA FAMILY ACTIVITY AT VALLEYFAIR

Sunday, August 13. Fun afternoon at Valleyfair! To enjoy the activities as a group, families can meet at 1:00 pm at the Coca Cola refresh station that is just inside the park once you get through the main gates. Confirmation students see the Sign Up Genius on the website.



Good morning and Happy Summer Days!

I hope this finds all of you well and enjoying fun summer activities. The weather has been

so nice lately, so vacations and day trips are a must in our beautiful state.

It was good to see many of you during VBS in June; we look forward to seeing you in Sunday School! Several committees have been meeting to plan the 2023-2024 Sunday School year, and all of you hold vital roles in making it a success.

It is with great anticipation that we watch our church undergo the current building/sanctuary refresh! Our physical presence needed a new look...we also need to find new people with fresh ideas to help us. Please consider choosing a role in the following area(s):

- Serve on CYF (Children, Youth, and Family) Committee
- Volunteer at youth events
- Sunday School team teacher
- Substitute Sunday School teacher
- Shadow a teacher (learn the routine)
- Help with the Christmas program

Please pray about the decision to serve. Our youth are the most valuable resource our church has, so investing in them equals an investment in the future of Christiania Lutheran Church.

As always, your children having fun and being safe are at the top of our list, so we have a process to help accomplish these goals. If you have never served in roles within the youth programs, or it has been a while since you did, a background check is required. This simple process involves sending your name and email address to Pastor Jon.

Now to let you know of services & location changes!

- **Sunday, August 6** - The congregation votes to call a deacon to serve our church in both the Word and Service.

- **Sunday, August 13** - Our last worship in our church on Pillsbury Avenue. (We will also honor Pastor Jon and the Rhodes Family to celebrate 5 years of service.)

- **Sunday, August 20** - worship at the New Market Township Hall (until church refresh is complete.)

- **Sunday, September 10** - God's Work. Our Hands. We have many ways to serve the community on that day!

- **Sunday, October 1** - Our projected date to return to our church building for worship.

When Sunday School begins, we request that parents walk their children into the building to sign them in. At the end of Sunday School, please sign them out. This process will protect your children and allow us to run an effective, safe program.

Finally, resources needed for the program! We will have a Giving Tree set up with the following items listed: White construction paper, Glue sticks, Washable markers, Washable paint (not big jugs), Watercolor paints, Paintbrushes, Paint smocks, Bingo daubers (1 pack of 12), Big scissors, Colored pencils, Sharpened lead pencils, Electric pencil sharpener, Fidgets, Black Expo markers, Whiteboard erasers, Totes w/lids (prefer 10-gallon size).

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PROJECT

We need the following items to make Birthday Bags: Cake mix, Cake frosting, Candles, Birthday cards, and Target gift cards (\$5). Items can be dropped off anytime at the church. Please label them with your name so we know who to thank!

Thank you for all you do to help make our church a welcoming, God-filled place. Take care and please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My cell phone numbers are 979-224-0141 and 952-237-1005; texting is the best way to reach me.

God's blessings!

Take care and see you soon!

Becky Ruen - Sunday School Superintendent

To call a Deacon is a synodical call and our constitution states that the congregation will need to vote affirmatively by at least a two-thirds majority to make the call. On **SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023**, there will be a special congregational meeting right after worship. This is an exciting time for our congregation!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

*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.



**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.*

- ◆ Live Quilt Auction
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Raffle Quilt

**SCHEDULE:**

**11:00 AM:** Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begin 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*

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View an online preview  
of the quilts!  
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**CONTACT SHARON BUCKLEY TO PURCHASE  
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Pastor Jon and his family will be celebrating their five-year anniversary with Christiania August 6, 2023!

We will have a recognition of their time with us on Sunday, August 13 during fellowship hour. This will be a time to share memories and cards of appreciation are encouraged!

### August Food Shelf



We are collecting **money** for the food shelf this month. For your convenience envelopes marked "food shelf" are located at the Information Desk. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the main office. Thank you for your contributions

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