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Summer Worship

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9:00 a.m. Worship
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Christiania Newsletter

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



July Sunday Worship

July 1 - Mark 5:21-43 Celebration of Veterans

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start

July 8 - Mark 6:1-13

9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Nitty Gritty Church Band
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start

July 15 - Mark 6:14-29

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start

July 22 - Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Nitty Gritty Church Band and Spirit Singers
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start

July 29 - John 6:1-21

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start

July Food Shelf:

We are collecting **crackers and cookies** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

ALSO:

Summertime brings special needs at our community foodshelves. Children are home for all meals plus snacks. Please consider special donations of kid-friendly foods such as peanut butter, mac and cheese, and other meals that are easy for children to fix. Grab one of the green cloth reusable bags at the main entrance of the church, for convenience and to be friendly to our environment at the same time! Thank you for your generosity.

Attention: Thrivent members. Are you using the Action Team Grant(s) available to you? If you do any business with Thrivent, you have at least one of these grants available to you every year; some members have two. These can be used for youth fundraisers and many of the activities already happening at Christiania, or other projects in our community. Sign on to your Thrivent account to learn more and to apply.

How it works

Think about an unmet need in your community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner.
- Invitations and thank-you cards.
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.

A \$250 Community Impact Card to use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.



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Deadline for the **August** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **July 18**.

Email info. to the church office at office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org.



July Ministries

July 2018

Prayers of Concern

For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson Crisa Aasen
 Carol Melgaard Skip Fredrickson
 Mary Peterson Dave Olson
 Scott Mischke Lois Swedin
 Tolly Swan Carole Schafer
 Eileen Hamre Larry Anderson

For those who mourn:

Carol Garant and her family as they mourn the loss of Ron. Ron entered God's eternal kingdom on June 16.

For those who also need healing:

Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation
 Marc, friend of Greg Silus
 Cathryn Jacobson, sister in law of Bob & Arlene Jacobson
 Jess Thibodeaux, friend of Matt & Stephanie Steinbron
 Mark Schmitt, uncle of Joe Jorgensen
 George Kasper, friend of Sue Jacobson
 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
 Bill & Jean Maki, parents of Kelly Ronn
 Ron Moe, Hooper's son-in-law
 John Kunzer, friend of Tia & Tony Burnham
 Pete Leclair, Joe Jorgensen's uncle
 Joy, friend of Cathy Breyer
 Chuck Crosby, Deb's husband. Lori & Mark's friend
 Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel
 Dave, father of Brian Aasen
 Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover
 Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son
 Nora, great niece of Jeff & Linda Otto
 Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members
 Ryan Laber, friend of Maren & Ken Zaffke
 Christine, step-sister of Cheryl Bahnsen
 Brian, son of George Kasper
 Earl, friend of Cal Tonsager
 Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum
 Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
 Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
 Wally Petersen, brother of Gladys Bolton, Pete Petersen
 Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

In Military:

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson)
 Dean Johnston (Denise Kanfield's brother)
 Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)
 Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew)

Prayer Chain:

To be added to the email list to receive weekly prayer concerns, please email office@christianialutheranchurch.org.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AN UP TO DATE CALENDAR.

Greeters

July 1	Vicki & Larry Thompson
July 8	Mariann & John Storlie
July 15	Diana & Larry Winn
July 22	Nyla & Bill Novotny
July 29	Carl & Cheryl Bahnsen

Lectors

July 1	9:00 a.m.	Greg Silus
July 8	9:00 a.m.	Lori Peterson
July 15	9:00 a.m.	Aiden Petersen
July 22	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Buckley
July 29	9:00 a.m.	

Offering Counters

July 1	Cheryl Schindeldecker and Judy Lantto
July 8	Cheryl Schindeldecker and Judy Lantto
July 15	Lori Peterson and Cathy Breyer
July 22	Lori Peterson and Cathy Breyer
July 29	Judy Hanson and Karen Frame

Communion Assistants

July 1	9:00 a.m.	Greg Slus
July 15	9:00 a.m.	Lori Peterson & Greg Silus
July 29	9:00 a.m.	Jeff & Robin Martin

Altar Guild

July	Linda Storlie and Calvin Tonsager
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Usher Captains

July	Daryl Rieck & Abby Emmons
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Ushers

July	Group #1
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Coffee Servers

July 1	CLCW
July 8	CLCW
July 15	CLCW
July 22	CLCW
July 29	CLCW

Sun

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Sat

1 Celebrating Veterans 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. Jump Start 10:00 a.m. Coffee/ Fellowship 12:00 p.m. Worship Team	2	3 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	4 Independence Day Office Closed 9:30 a.m. Quilters	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band 10:00 a.m. Jump Start 10:00 a.m. Coffee/ Fellowship 12:00 p.m. CYF Team	9	10 7:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Ex. Council	11 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band	12	13	14 12:00 p.m. Celebrating our Heritage and our Seniors
15 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. Jump Start 10:00 a.m. Coffee/ Fellowship	16	17 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	18 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 a.m. CLCW 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	19 9:00 a.m. Ostlie Family Heritage/ Youth Room	20	21
22 8:00 Spirit Singers Practice 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band/Spirit Singers 10:00 a.m. Jump Start 10:00 a.m. Coffee/ Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Norwegian Supper Meeting	23	24 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	25 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Crew 11:30 a.m. Book Club 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band	26 5:30 a.m. Ministry Board Meeting	27	28
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CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CLCW next meeting is Wednesday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m. We begin our morning with coffee 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 and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or you can call 845-267-3074 (toll free). The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Christiania Sunday School is looking for a Superintendent to help implement interesting lesson plans and activities for next year. Talk to Joe Jorgensen or Kim Robertson if you are interested.



LOAVES AND FISHES

The next time we serve at Loaves & Fishes is Tuesday, July 31 at 4:00 p.m. Our Christiania Team serves a delicious Pizza dinner to the

Bloomington area people in need of a warm, home-cooked meal. If you would like to volunteer and/or carpool, please sign up on the Kiosk or call Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5793.



NITTY GRITTY CHURCH BAND

Our "non-traditional" band includes vocalists, standard band instruments (guitar, bass, piano), and specialty instruments (mandolin, accordion, banjo, etc.). We welcome enthusiastic musicians who are confident with their voice or instrument. The band plays every other Sunday, and rehearses from 4:45-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays preceding those services. Please contact Dr. Matt for more information (worship@christianialutheranchurch.org).



SPIRIT SINGERS

If you enjoy singing but do not have enough time for choir rehearsals, then Spirit Singers is for you! During the summer we will be praising the Lord through song on the fourth Sunday of June, July and August. You are welcome to join us for one or all of those Sundays. The only rehearsals will be directly before each service (rehearsals at 8:00 a.m.; services at 9:00 a.m.). If you are interested, please email or contact Matt for music and practice records.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER – JULY 2018

CEILING AND LIGHTING REPAIRS

In the last few Property Committee Newsletters and Updates to Council, we've indicated the need to obtain bids to fulfill our electrical and drywall needs. We finally have two bids for drywall and one for electrical. If anyone wishes, we can provide a physical walk through so you can see the repairs we are proposing. For electrical, we plan to update the lights on either side of the Sanctuary. We need to add lighting in the hallway between the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary and update the lighting in the Narthex. This work would need to be done before we can remove and replace some of the damaged drywall in the ceilings. We are starting to get a moldy summer smell in the entry way and believe this is coming from damaged insulation/drywall in that area. Both drywall quotes have included removing damaged drywall throughout these areas (estimated at 8 full sheets). There is always the possibility that once the ceiling is open, additional needs (and funding) will come to light – but we've tried hard to anticipate all the work that needs to be done. That total of the drywall and electrical will run between \$22,324 and \$24,303, depending on whether the low bidder will hold their pricing and if they can get us on their schedule this year.

Funding: At the beginning of 2018, the Capital Campaign Account was \$15,455. The cement project (that was completed the week of June 10) was \$4,000 leaving a Capital Campaign balance of \$11,455. As you can see, we will need between \$11,000 and \$13,000 in additional funds. The Property Committee will be taking this to Council on July 10 asking them to help identify sources of funding. If we are to complete this project in 2018, we need to move forward very soon. We realize it's early summer but by the time funds are identified and contractors schedule our project, it could be fall/winter.

SHRED YOUR CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS DAY

We obtained bids to have a confidential document shredding vehicle come to Christiania. We are not sure if there is a need in our church but thought our elderly and some shut-ins could use this service to prevent potential identify theft. There is a Heritage gathering in July where we can see if there is a need. The cost for this is approximately \$500. The service would be free to Christiania members and our local community. More about this later.

PAINTING OF THE OUTDOOR WINDOW FRAMES

Halleluiah!!! That fabulous Sharon Buckley has undertaken the huge project of getting this outside painting done between the weeks she is volunteering at Camp Onomia. If you have some spare time, please see Sharon to volunteer a few hours. Thank you Sharon.

NUMBERS OF EXTERIOR DOORS

We met with Cheryl Mohn of the Décor Advisory Committee. We agreed on the size and location of the numbers. You will soon see numbers on each of our 7 exterior doors. These are all requirements of our Lockdown Procedures.

CEMENT WORK

Our local contractor completed this project the week of June 11. It is very exciting to see our project list being completed one project at a time.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

We have another young adult in our congregation who is working on his Eagle Scout Badge. We have suggested several projects. More on this in the next Newsletter.

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Daryl Rieck Usher Co-Coordinator
Juli Skillman Care Team Coordinator

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President: Denise Kanfield
Vice-President: Bruce Mohn
Secretary: Maren Zaffke
At Large Members: Kim Robertson
Lori Clausen Brian McGregor
Greg Silus Derrick Hongerholt
Treasurer: Rachel Fausch
Pastor: Interim Pastor Rebecca

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Sharon Buckley
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Joe Jorgensen
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Madalyn Petersen
Int. Pr Rebecca

CYF

Joe Jorgensen
Kersten Richter
Dan Richter
Tia Burnham
Jodi & Tim Emmons
Sara McGregor
Kim Robertson

Membership

Adam Fausch
Sue Beske
Polly Flaa
Melanie Ostlie

Maren Zaffke
Lori Rogers
Terra Henry

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Eunice Estrem
Sherri Mohn
Mariann Storlie

Property

Brad Smith
Steve Anderson
Scott Tempel
Jeanne Hoffmann

Mission

Sharon Buckley
Terra Henry
Scott Tempel
Kaylee Wilkins

Stewardship

Barb Bachman
Fayette & Al Ames

Worship

Madalyn Petersen
Vonny Laddusaw
Robin Martin
Dr. Matt Steinbron
Int. Pr. Rebecca

Call Committee

Lori Clausen
Jack Eckdahl
Jodi Emmons
Rob Metz
Tori Ruh
Jane Ward
John Wedel

Volunteers are needed to be lectors and communion assistants. If you are available for either, please contact Madalyn Petersen at madandpete@gmail.com

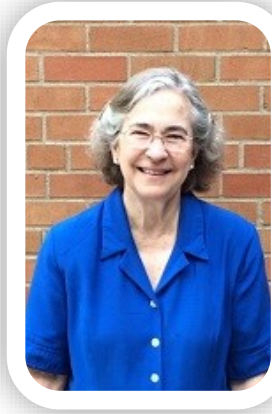


BIBLE CAMP

Camp Onomia has added new programs to cover youth from kindergarten through those completing 11th grade. For further

information, see the Camp Onomia website at Welcome to Onomia!

Message from Interim Pastor Rebecca



On June 10, Christiania held an outdoor service which went well indeed. It stopped raining long enough for Dr. Matt to set up the new sound system while many came early to set up the chairs and others joined in to help where needed. The band surrounded us with grand music and during our silent prayers, the birds added paeans of praise to the Lord our God. There was joy in the gathering, in the worship and the prayers.

As June progresses towards July many wonderful events have taken place and others are being planned, all in the name of Christ in this community.

It is in the gathering, the giving and the receiving and the trust expressed in prayer, that has built towards the groundswell of excitement growing around Christiania these days.

Vacation Bible School started out well in spite of the rains, but grew better as more and more people joined in to help. Whether one is sure or not of what may be needed, by your very presence you bring hope. Some led our children, others took care of the lawns, others gathered to cook, clean or prepare a myriad of things while others held us in prayer. There was joy in the gathering, joy that continues even as we opened our doors to receive the grieving in our community. Sorrow suffered alone is dire; sorrow surrounded by a community of care and the reality of Christ who lived and died and rose again to hold all safely in his care, is sorrow transformed by the reality of God.

Worship is recognizing the reality of God. We worship in different ways but as we gather to praise God the very Spirit of God lifts us and empowers us in ways we hardly realize. Prayer is about trust, trust in the Lord and acknowledgement of our need for God's guidance in our lives. Each member of the body of Christ who gathers, proclaims with their presence their trust in and need for God and each is given a hope that grows and gives hope to those around them.

This past Sunday we saw evidences of that hope. Christiania congregation has long been in prayer with and for the Call Committee and for the Candidate who will guide this congregation into the future. For those reading this, I hope that you were there. The excitement and the joy that was evident in that Sunday was memorable and it is grand to be able to share in such experiences. If circumstances prevented your being with us, do not fear. As the faithful gather and support Christiania congregation, other such experiences will arise. Come be part of the gathering, support one and another in prayer and let us thank God for God's guidance and grace as Christiania prepares to welcome Pr. Jon Rhodes this August as Christiania Lutheran's Senior Pastor.

With joy and anticipation, Interim Senior Pastor Rebecca Thurman

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

What a wonderful and blessed weekend we have just had at Christiania.

On Sunday, June 24, the congregation voted by an overwhelming majority to call Pastor Jon Rhodes to be OUR pastor. It was heartwarming to see the large attendance at this important moment in our church. The official **Letter of Call** will now be sent and we anticipate that this Call will be accepted. This process actually involves a timeline set by the synod so there are several steps yet to be accomplished.

There was also a **great turnout** for the Meet and Greet on Saturday, June 23. Approximately 125 people came to meet Pastor Rhodes and his family. They certainly experienced the warmth and hospitality of our community. Thanks to all who brought treats for this event and to Congregational Life for helping with all the details.

Pastor Rhodes has been the Senior Pastor at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, MN since 2010. He also served that congregation as their Associate Pastor from 2007-2010. His internship was at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Prior to his ministry he spent 11 years in sales for a variety of products and services including insurance, technology and advertising. A short bio is on our website.

He and his wife Missy were married in 2001. Missy is a nurse and most recently worked as a school nurse in the Rockford Public Schools. They have two sons. Sam is 15 and will be in tenth grade this fall. Peter is 13 and will be in eighth grade. Sounds like confirmation aged students to me.

A sincere thanks to the congregation for the trust you placed in the Call Committee, for your prayers and respectful patience, and we attempted to diligently seek that pastor who would fit the needs here at Christiania. We certainly felt the power of your prayers and support.

If all goes as expected, Pastor Rhodes first Sunday with us will be **Sunday, August 12**. We hope there will be standing room only on that day. We know the Lord will be present and surrounding us with the gracious love He has for us!

Rob Metz, chairperson, Lori Clausen, Jack Eckdahl, Jodi Emmons, Rob Metz, Tori Ruh, Jane Ward, John Wedel



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June was a month for the EC to focus on staff.

We have resolved some staff challenges – software, computers and printers! Our Icon software is working well and we've ensured all computers at Christiania are upgraded to Microsoft 365. This should make things easier for everyone to work together and efficiently on the network. We've also upgraded the computers for the Sunday School Superintendent and CYF Director. These were out of date and causing issues – not the least of which was the speed at which they worked. Finally, we have leased a new printer for the office. Some of you may be aware that our old

printer was having a lot of issues resulting in lost time, wasted paper and much frustration. The new printer was installed on 6/26 and this newsletter was printed and folded on it! Thank you to Kim Robertson, Maren Zaffke, Greg Silus, and Carri Tuma who helped with all these different changes.

I wanted to dedicate the rest of this article to Pastor Rebecca. We have been so very blessed to have her serve at Christiania. I look back at the last 18 months and I am blown away. I love the energy and passion Pastor Rebecca brings to every day and everything! Her leadership has been instrumental in getting us ready to have Pastor Jon join Christiania physically, mentally and emotionally. What I appreciate the most are the changes that have touched my heart and brought my faith closer to God. I have been so very impacted by our Assisting Ministers. When performing that role I've loved the connection I've felt to Pastor Rebecca, the congregation and God. That one on one time with Pastor to prepare and be engaged in the service is special and I don't know that I have had any similar experiences. Hearing from our various congregation members as they have served in this role has given me insights and appreciation for the individual and their faith. Twice now we have celebrated Good Friday with Pastor Rebecca. The Tenebrae service and hearing how the words in the bible impact different members of the EC brought God's Word alive for me. And finally, Devotions. For those of you who don't know, Pastor Rebecca uses prayer as a devotion to start each meeting. We go around in a circle and every individual prays or passes if they choose. This is such an amazing way to connect to God and each other, to hear what joys or sorrows are on each person's heart at that moment. This year especially was powerful as each time we heard our call committee lifted up over and over again. I can't imagine having a more perfect person lead us on this journey. I think it all comes down to heart. Pastor Rebecca leads with her heart and she cares. It showed every day she was here and I will be forever grateful that she was part of our congregation.

Denise Kanfield - Council President



2018 CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE AND SENIORS

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 14 at 12:00 p.m.** We are once again going to be

Celebrating Our Heritage and Seniors, everyone is invited! There will be a time for gathering with friends for a noon luncheon, music, a time for sharing your stories and communion fellowship.

This year we will set up a table for anyone who would like to bring memorabilia to share and for others to view and talk about.

We also encourage those who feel comfortable to share their precious stories about what it is like growing up and attending Christiania Lutheran Church.

If you have any questions or need a ride to the event, please see either Pastor Rebecca or Lori Peterson.



LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at TBD on Wednesday, July 11 at 11:30 a.m. Call Karen Erickson at 952-652-2605 if you need a ride from church. Hope to see you all there!

NORWEGIAN SUPPER CHAIRPERSON(S)

We need an organized person(s) who can delegate responsibilities. We have a lot of volunteer support for this event. There are excellent notes and a suggested timeline to guide the work. For more information, contact Linda Otto 952-469-8561 or ottolm@frontiernet.net.

Please note there will be a Norwegian Supper meeting on Sunday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH RECORDS

The church has some wonderful OLD records and collections of past events sponsored by the congregation. However, the file folder on the church softball team is missing along with a large 11x14 photo circa 1906 from the first Norwegian supper showing the wait staff, and the original church register for 1854 – 1911 (this book is 10" x 14" and charred around the edges from the 1986 fire). If you have borrowed these items, please contact the church office or return them for others to enjoy.

Further, if you find articles, pictures or history regarding the church, please save it and bring it to the office. It may be a duplicate or a better quality document than we have on file. It may be 'news' to share with everyone.

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.



YARD WORK OR SMALL CHORES

Attention Christiania Members, do you have yard work or small projects that you can use help with? We would like to connect helpers with those who would need help. Projects should be 1-2 hours in length. If you need help or would like to help, contact any member of the Missions Ministry Team. Sharon Buckley, Scott Tempel, Terra Henry, Kaylee Wilkins or the church office.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We will be having another book bag for the month of July. Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 25 at 11:30 a.m.. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is provided. For more information or to reserve a book, please call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.