

Christiania Newsletter

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

June Sunday Worship

Worship with us each Sunday at 8:30am or 10:00am.

June 5—Luke 7:11-17

8:30 am Non-Traditional with Communion
10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion

June 12—Luke 7:36-8:3

8:30 am Traditional Worship
10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship

June 19—Luke 8:26-39

8:30 am Traditional with Communion
10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion

June 26—Luke 9:51-62

8:30 am Traditional Worship
10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship

Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 9:25 am

July/August Sunday Worship

July 3: 9:15am Traditional Worship

July 10: 9:15am Non-Traditional Worship

July 17: 9:15am Non-Traditional Worship

July 24: 9:15am Non-Traditional Worship

July 31: 9:15am Traditional Worship

Aug 7: 9:15am Traditional Worship

Aug 14: 9:15am Non-Traditional Worship
Classic Car/Tractor Sunday

Aug 21: 9:15am Traditional Worship

Aug 28: 9:15am Non-Traditional Worship

Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 10:15 am

Special Evening Worship Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 pm

We will have a special worship—lots of music (worship band), food and fellowship to celebrate with our Vacation Bible School children. Watch for more details.



To the Promised Land

A popular song of workers sung in the 1800s went like this:
“To the west, to the west, to the land of the free,
Where the mighty Missouri runs down to the sea...
And the humblest may gather the fruits of the soil...”

Disillusionment in Europe brought a staggering number of immigrants to the west. Many worked for the industrial portion earning wages much higher than Europe; many more found opportunity on farms. While only 250,000 immigrated from the revolutionary war to 1820, the next decades respectively saw 600,000, 1.7 million, and nearly 5 million immigrate, at a nearly exponential rate.

The Midwest offered a gift of homesteading, so along with hard work and the grace of God (translated favorable weather and good soil) you could raise crops and families. We continue our appreciation of God’s gift by sharing with our neighbor.

I hear powerful stories of early settlers when one farmer took ill or the equipment broke down and neighbors swarmed over the land to either finish the planting or harvesting. They didn’t send bills for the work, it is just what we do and who we are.

This has changed very little. Members of our congregation are integrally ministering through our Mission Garden, serving at Loaves and Fishes in Bloomington, packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, filling our food shelf collections, and supporting our benevolences like World Hunger and Urban Ventures.

Most of our immigrants arrive for much different reasons today, but are searching for the same opportunity. Whereas early immigrants came from the British Isles and France, then the next wave arrived from Germany and the Scandinavian countries. Today’s immigrants are arriving from places like Somali and Ethiopia. Humorously, when I casually asked my taxi driver in DC where he was from, he answered “Heaven.” Finally, he admitted he immigrated from Ethiopia several years ago.

Many of our new immigrants are Muslim and their religious practices are unknown to many of us. This Fall we will offer some opportunities to learn more about the faith and practices of our neighbors. We will post the opportunities later this summer.

God’s Peace



**Pastor
Dave**

Online Giving is a wonderful way to show your commitment to Jesus and Christiania.

We have busy schedules during the summer months and are often away. You can either do a “one-time” gift or periodic giving through VANCO by direct withdrawal from your bank account or through your credit card (We pay a processing fee for credit cards so we do not receive your full giving amount.). Just go to our web site under “How do I?” then hit “Give to Christiania.” We are very appreciative of those who already participate and encourage others to participate in online giving.



News from the Missions Ministry Team

Food Shelf donations for the month of April totaled 89 lbs.! This past month food was taken to the food shelf in New Prague. New bins for the food shelf item donations to be placed in will be coming soon!

Feed My Starving Children – Thank you to Dave Olson for leading the volunteers on Saturday, May 21st at the Egan Location.

Feeding the 15,000 – Pastor Dave had us total the Food Donations for 2015 into a readable manner. It is really quite amazing to see how much produce and donations from our church go to feed the hungry.

Our goal in 2016 is to feed the 15,000!

Mission Ministry Team							
Food Donations for 2015 That Fed a Person For One (1) Day							
Items Converted to Feed a Person for One Day	Christiania Fresh Produce	Christiania Non-perishable Food Shelf	Christiania Dollars Converted to Meals a Day	Christiania Loaves & Fishes Meals Served	Urban Ventures Honey in Gallons	Urban Ventures Meals in Kids Café from Farm Produce	Urban Ventures Purchases from Farmers Market
Food shelf Donations							
Mar		29					
Apr		29					
May		12					
Jun		12					
Aug		14					
Sep		8					
Oct		9					
Nov		11					
Dec		8					
Jan		18					
Feb/Mar		25					
Christiania Garden Donations	462						
Church Family Gardens Donations	95						
Christiania Garden - Sale of Veggies			18.36				
Scott County Food Shelf			96.91				
Dakota County Food Shelf			129.27				
Rice County Food Shelf			96.91				
World Hunger			259.09				
Urban Ventures Garden at Farm	8,182				15	38,600	3,800
Feed My Starving Children							
Loaves and Fishes				520			
Total	8,738	175	600.55	520	15	38,600	3,800
Christiania Total	10,034						
Urban Ventures Total	42,415						
Grand Total	52,449						

Urban Ventures – Due to rain the Christiania Youth Project with youth from UV will be rescheduled to a later date. Brian Noy continues to work the Urban Ventures Garden on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11. The week of May 16th they planted a lot of the cold weather crops such as cabbage, lettuce, broccoli and kale. More information to follow! The Bee Ladies from the Urban Ventures Garden gave an informational and inspiring talk on Sunday, May 8th. They hope to increase the bee production this year and their harvest of honey. It was interesting to meet the people who are working on the church acreage.

Loaves and Fishes – Thank you to those who served at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, May 31st.

Missions Ministry Team – Scott Tempel, Dave Olson, Lori Peterson



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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Friday

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Andrew Wilkins	Council President
Cheryl Schindeldecker	Altar Guild
Debbie Lundeen	Bells Director
Joe Jorgensen	Chorister Choir Director
Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW)
Bob Monio	Usher Co-Coordinator

Prayers for our Congregation

Prayers of Concern

Please remember the following in your prayers –

Bridget Anderson
Orville Nelson
Philip Tupa
Crisa Aasen
Brianna Streefland
Ron Petersen
Tim Krenz
Marcie Tonsager
Danielle Hartwell
Grace Seurer



Brenda Brogan, Josh Dennehey's mother
Allen Ross, friend of Ron Ovans
MaryLou, mother of Paula Crawford Anderson
Samuel, father of David Pederson
Earl, friend of Cal Tonsager
Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum
Audrey Ramsbacher, sister of Linda Bauer
John Agrimson son of Jewell Agrimson (friend of congregational members)
Mary, sister of Cindy Hildreth
Vicki, friend of Karla Schrader
Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
Laurell, Chris Hongerholt's Aunt
Reece, grandson of Bertie & Dave Mohling
Shannon Clarke, niece of Sharon & John Mohn
Richard, step-dad of Tia Johnson
Valerie, friend of Melanie Kubischta
Barb, mom of Martha Donahoe
Ona, Madalyn Petersen's sister
Betty Johnson, Jackie DuLac's mom
Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
Sam Carlson, friend of Melanie Kubischta
Dave, Brian Aasen's father
Jolene Wilker, Jacki Donovan's mother
Wally & Bonnie Petersen and Steve, Ron & Pete Petersen and Gladys Bolton's brother and sister-in-law and nephew.
Dan, Dwayne Vosejpk's brother
Kathy, Rachel Fausch's mother

The Worship Coordinator/Organist Hiring Committee

The hiring committee has actively posted the job description on synod websites around Minnesota and neighboring states, along with selected colleges. We post updates on our website, too. The committee has received applications. Any questions – committee members are Carol Metz, Lori Clausen, Denise Kanfield, Christian Donovan, Robin Martin, Kim Robertson and Pastor Dave.

Baptism at Christiania

May 22: Lincoln McLeod Howard



- ◆ Lunch Bunch will go to Porter Creek in Burnsville on Wednesday, June 8th. Meet there at 11:30 A.M. or call Karen Erickson at 952-652-2605 to meet at church at 11:00 for a ride.
- ◆ Also, If you are going to come for lunch, call Karen as it's nice to have a "ball-park" figure.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Outdoor Spring Cleaning Day –Thanks to Brad, Warren and Steve for this project. Thank you for all the work involved ahead of time. Thank you to Barb Bachman and Charles von Fischer for planting our flowers. Thank you to Bertie, Dave, Harold, Sharon, Karen, David, Greg, Jacob, Cooper, Lisa, Bruce, Jean, Caitlyn, Adam, LeRoy, Tammy, Steve, Warren and Brad for the incredible job, not only putting in the 220' of landscaping but also removing all of the weeds. Our courtyard looks amazing.

Summer Watering Schedule – Many volunteers have stepped forward to schedule a week to water the outdoor flowers. I still have the following weeks to fill: 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 10/9, 10/16. Please call me at 952-215-8705 or email me at nashhoffmann@hotmail.com if you could take on one or more of the weeks. Thanks!

Roof Replacement – The roof replacement and repair work is done. Hallelujah! They came back the week of May 9. Again, thank you to David Frame who spent considerable time making sure this project was completed on schedule and according to specifications.

Acoustic Tile – You've probably noticed items disappearing from the walls in the Fellowship Hall. Harold is finding alternate homes for these items. The old acoustic tiles are down; additional electrical should be in by the week of May 22. After that, Jason Estrem will be painting the Fellowship Hall prior to installation of the acoustic tile on June 6-7. Thank you Jason!! Also thank you to the Décor Advisory Committee: Cheryl, Geeg, Barb and Nyla, for working with us in selecting colors, fabrics, etc.

Flooring – At their May 16 meeting, the Property Committee, Christian Donovan from Council and Harold Martin, custodian, discussed our flooring options for the Education Wing and Youth Room in great detail. We've looked at polishing the concrete, we've looked at glued on carpet squares, we've looked at carpet tiles with a moisture barrier, and we've looked at vinyl tile. We took into consideration the limited use these rooms get – a few hours a day for 35 days. Our recommendation to Council will be to put an inexpensive broadloom carpet (not glued) in the Family Education Room and the Music Room, to polish the concrete in the Youth Room and to install inexpensive vinyl tile in one of the class rooms. We suggest we live with these three options for a year and then decide what flooring should go into the other class rooms. We will be working with the Décor Advisory Committee for selecting colors. We've relied heavily on these women in the last few years. Thank you Cheryl, Geeg, Barb and Nyla.

Frames for Stain Glass Windows – David Frame and Lee Braun continue to help us with this project. Meetings have been held with four vendors. We are waiting for the last bid to come in; however bids up to this point vary between \$25,000 and \$60,000. Between discussions with Property Committee, Harold Martin, David Frame and Lee Braun, we are looking at options to just repair our existing window frames and to hopefully extend their life by 10-15 years. More on this in following newsletters.

West Cemetery – You may have noticed that some dead trees were removed from the West Cemetery. Thank you to Don Storlie, Dan Storlie and Ken Beske for keeping our cemeteries pristine. Thank you to Jeff Martin who will be removing the swing set from the ball field. The swing set was not in good shape.

Blessings from your Property Committee: Brad Smith, Warren Peterson, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann, and Christian, Lee and David who are ad hoc members.

Thank You



**American
Red Cross**

Thank you to all 30 donors who gave during our May 2016 Red Cross blood drive!

Thank you especially to Karen Frame, Debbie Lundeen, Harold Martin, and the ladies of the Congregational Life Ministry Team for making our drive a huge success.

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June, 2014

June Ministries

Offering Counters

June 5	Bill Kanfield, Greg Silus
June 12	Greg Silus, Larry & Vicky Thompson
June 19	Larry & Vicky Thompson, CalvinTonsager
June 26	CalvinTonsager, Jeff Martin

Communion Assistants

June 5	8:30	Don & Alice Storlie, Mariann Storlie
	10:00	Alice Storlie
June 19	8:30	
	10:00	

Greeters

June 5	Bob & Arlene Jacobson
June 12	Howard & Judy Hanson
June 19	Will & Marietta Storlie
June 26	Don Eide & Bonnie Lindquist

Lectors

June 5	8:30	
	10:00	
June 12	8:30	Alice Storlie
	10:00	Brenda Mesaros
June 19	8:30	
	10:00	
June 26	8:30	
	10:00	

Executive Council

President:	Andrew Wilkins
Vice-President:	Bruce Mohn
Secretary:	Greg Silus
At-Large Members:	Kim Robertson
Alan Ritchie	Christian Donovan
Scott Selkirk	Lee Braun
Treasurer:	Rachel Fausch
Pastor:	Pastor Dave Mesaros

Executive Council Minutes (once they are approved) are listed on the website and copies are available in the church office.

Ministry Board

Cheryl Bahnsen	Sue Jacobson
Ron Ovans	Open

Ministry Teams

Evangelism

Open

Stewardship

Fayette Ames
Adam Fausch

Mission

Dave Olson
Lori Peterson
Scott Tempel

Congregational Life

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Sherri Mohn
Jackie Donovan
Mary Ovans
Madalyn Petersen

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Ron Ovans
Joe Jorgensen
David Anderson
Brian Buechele
Mike Erickson

Membership

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Leif Johnson
Lonna Selkirk
Tia Smith

Worship

Vonny Laddusaw
Robin Martin
Ken Zaffke

Youth

Daniel Richter
Kersten Richter
Lori Rogers

Audit Committee

Laura Petersen
Jackie DuLac

Property Committee

Jeanne Nash Hoffmann
Warren Peterson
Brad Smith
Steve Anderson

FELLOWSHIP HALL

will not be available June 6 through June 10
for the installation of the acoustic panels
(Please contact the church office before planning meetings or events)



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2016

Congratulation on the Affirmation of your Baptism

Matthew Walker, Joshua Dennehey, Willow Larsen, Jenna Aasen, Jake Bronson, Logan Petersen, Alexander Hanson, Abby Emmons, Mallory Godfrey, Kathryn Travaile and Jenna Hayes.

CAMP ONOMIA FUNDRAISER

September 17

Quilt Auction: Camp Onomia's primary fundraiser is an annual Quilt Auction which will be taking place September 17th. Our CLCW creates and donates a beautiful quilt. This quilt is often one of the highest bid items of the entire event.

Quilt Raffle: Each year there is also one quilt raffled on the day of the auction (no need to be present to win). We will have the opportunity for a sneak preview of the "raffle" quilt. It is available to check it out and buy your tickets. See Abby Estep.



AUCTIONED QUILT



RAFFLED QUILT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016
“Living Inside Out”
Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30
9:00am to 3:00pm

2016 VBS Volunteer form

NAME: _____ **Contact Info:** _____

I would like to help at VBS for: (please check all that apply)

Monday___ **Tuesday**___ **Wednesday**___ **Thursday**___ **All four days**___
All day (8am-3:30pm) ___ **Mornings (8am-12pm)** ___ **Afternoons (12pm-3:30pm)** ___
Late afternoon childcare (3pm – 5pm)___

In the area of: (please check all that apply)

Early morning rides ___
Registration ___
Arts/crafts ___
Snacks ___
Games ___
Bible story time ___
Afternoon outings/activities ___
Late afternoon childcare (3pm – 5pm)___
Clean up ___



2016 Registration form for Vacation Bible School: June 27-June 30 (9am to 3pm)

Child's name(s) _____

Child's grade(s) completed 2015/16 _____

Guardian's name(s) _____

Phone (Home, Work, or Cell?) _____

Email (please print legibly) _____

Special needs _____

____ I give permission for my child to be photographed. Pictures will be used throughout the church and on the website.

Cost is \$15 per child (\$30 maximum per family unless extended stay is needed) Please submit payment & form to church office prior to June 21 (registration closes at 60 students or on June 21st)



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Worship Schedule

Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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DATED MATERIAL

June Food Shelf Donations
“Juicy June”
 Canned, bottled
 Boxed juices



Mark Your Calendars

Classic Car/
 Tractor
 Sunday
 August 14
 9:15 am

Deadline for the **July-August 2016** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **June 18**.
 Email info. to Linda Bauer at lbauer@ChristianaLutheranChurch.org.

Book Discussion Group

There are so many good new books out for summer. Enjoy them and share your choices with our group. We invite you to join us on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:30. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

June 29th *THE GIRL FROM THE TRAIN*
 By Irma Joubert

July 27th *MISS HAZEL AND THE ROSA PARKS LEAGUE*
 By Jonathan Odell

Men’s Retreat Weekend: June 3—June 5

We’ll leave from church at 8am Friday and head for Bay Lake Camp near Deerwood, returning about 2pm Sunday.