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Summer Worship
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9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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



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**August's Food Shelf:
Monetary Donation**



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.



**God's work.
Our hands.**



RALLY DAY is **Sunday, September 8.** We will return to two worship services, with a meal after the second service. This is also when we participate in the ELCA's "God's Work Our Hands" event. We will have three service projects: making sandwiches for the homeless, road ditch cleanup, and harvesting from the Urban Ventures garden.

Deadline for the **September** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **August 18.** Email info. to the church office at office@ChristianaLutheranChurch.org.

August Sunday Worship

August 4 - Luke 12:13-21 Car & Tractor Sunday
9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/NGCB
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour/Car & Tractor Sunday

August 11 - Luke 12:32-40
8:00 a.m. Spirit Singer Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/Spirit Singers
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Questions From the Bible

August 18 - Luke 12:49-56 Outdoor Worship
9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/NGCB
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Questions From the Bible

August 25 - Luke 13:10-17
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Questions From the Bible

For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson Crisa Aasen
 Dave Olson Scott Mischke
 Martha Nelson
 Marjorie Tonsager
 Margaret Corrigan Ellie Panek
 Albert Swedin Melissa Hanson



For those who also need healing:

Lowel Johnson, Joe Jorgensen's grandfather
 Milton Strang, brother-in-law of Lori & LeRoy Clausen
 Hoyt Kislinger, friend of Cooper, Lisa & Brad Smith
 Keith Jacobson, nephew of Bob and Arlene Jacobson
 Eunice Boe, mother of Jody Wilkins
 Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
 Paul St. Clair, brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist
 Erin Weier Remme, Sharon & Gordy Thompson's granddaughter
 Hailey Frank, daughter-in-law of Robin and Jeff Martin
 Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom
 Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and Eckdahl's
 Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson
 Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross
 Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister and brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist
 Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation
 Cathryn Jacobson, sister-in-law of Bob & Arlene 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 Maki, father of Kelly Ronn
 Chuck Crosby, Deb's husband. Lori & Mark's friend
 Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel
 Brayden, son of Deanna & Mike Glover
 Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son
 Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members
 Brian, son of George Kasper
 Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum
 Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
 Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
 Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

In Military:

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson)
 Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)
 Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew)
 Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)
 Christian Weidling (Sherri & Mike Mohn's nephew)

Prayer Chain:

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



On **Sunday, July 28** we welcomed the following to Christiania through Holy Baptism : Catherine Elizabeth Bambenek, Nickson Evans Opere, and Aubrey Irene Glover.

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

August Ministries

Greeters

August 4	Barb Bachman
August 11	Jeanette & Carl Hooper
August 18	Bruce & Debbie Lundeen
August 25	Lisa, Brad and Cooper Smith

Lectors

August 4	Sharon Syverson
August 11	Vonny Laddusaw
August 18	Becky Ruen
August 25	Lori Clausen

Communion Assistants

August 4	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Buckley & Greg Silus
August 18	9:00 a.m.	Molly Holmberg & Greg Silus

Usher Captains & Ushers

August	Dave Mohling & Bill Kanfield
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Offering Counters

August 4	Brad Smith & David Frame
August 11	Cheryl Schindeldecker & Kermit Berg
August 18	Cheryl Schindeldecker & Kermit Berg
August 25	Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer

Altar Guild

August	Cheryl Bahnsen, Terra Henry & children and Linda Storlie
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Coffee Servers Groups are listed in the CLCW Handbook

August 4	Groups #1 & 7
August 11	Groups #2 & 8
August 18	Groups #3 & 9
August 25	Groups #4 & 10

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

Outdoor Worship

The final outdoor worship will be held on **August 18 at 9:00 a.m.** You are invited to bring a lawn chair and join us for worship and fellowship.



August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Habitat for Humanity	2 Habitat for Humanity	3
4 Car & Tractor Sunday 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/NGCB 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 6:00 p.m. High School youth Group	5 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting	6 7:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	7 9:30 a.m. Quilters 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Ministry Board Meeting	9	10
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25 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. Questions From the Bible	26	27 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	28 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Crew 11:30 a.m. Book Club 4:00 p.m. Staff 4:45 p.m. NGCB	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	30	31

GARDEN NEWS

The church garden is growing beautifully, thanks to the many volunteers who have plowed, planted, hoed, and tilled. So far, God has taken care of the watering this year. Veggies will be available in the entryway on Sunday mornings as they are ready, with a place for free-will offerings.

Produce is taken to several area food shelves each week for nutritious enjoyment.

Missions Ministry Team members: Judy Hanson, Scott Tempel, Terra Henry and Sharon Buckley.

SUNDAY GREETERS

If you are interested in volunteering to be a greeter on Sunday mornings, please fill out the sign up sheet located on the Kiosk. For more information, please contact Cheryl Schindeldecker.

SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

The CLCW schedules the volunteers and treats during the summer months. Would you be willing to make and serve the coffee? Tray up whatever treats are brought in for the morning and clean up afterward?

We will be asking those who attend coffee hour to bring in bars, cookies, etc. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the kitchen door. This will hopefully eliminate any calling. If you would like to share a celebration of anniversary or birthday with the congregation by bringing a special treat, you can sign-up for the week of your choice. We plan for 100 people at coffee hour. Questions, call Linda Otto, 952-469-8561 or ottolm@frontiernet.net.



BIBLE STUDIES
Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
(August 6 & 20)
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Monday, August 5 at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a project you are working on or start a new one. All are welcome to join us.



QUILT TYING

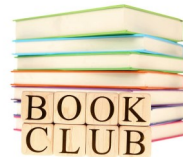
The quilters meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Heritage Room at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to come join in the fun!

LUNCH BUNCH

August 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. the Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **TBD**. Call the church office or Karen Erickson, 952-652-2605, with any questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Keep on reading and enjoy whatever kind of weather we are having as we are blessed to have four seasons and it soon will change. We invite you to join us on August 28 at 11:30 a.m. We will be having a book bag this month. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished. For more information, please call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
CLCW next meeting is **Wednesday, August 21 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 call 844-409-0576 (toll free). The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We are still waiting for the installation of our new stalls for the bathrooms. The first order received was incorrect.

Four windows in the Education Wing and Heritage/Youth Room were replaced.

The church is experiencing stinky water. We had a new anode rod installed recently but that didn't fix the problem. We may remove the anodes to try to fix the smell.

Two members of the Property Committee attended the Best Practices for Physical Security seminar that was held at church on July 9. This was presented by the FBI, US Attorney's Office, Homeland Security and the Jewish Community Relations Council Representative. Thanks for the great presentation.

Looking for a volunteer to pull weeds. The mulched areas around the church has weeds popping up. If you see a weed, pull a weed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School registration is open as of Aug. 1. Rally Day is Sept. 8.

CONFIRMATION

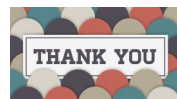
Confirmation registration is open as of Aug. 1. Orientation is Sept. 11.

CAMP ONOMIA

Camp Onomia will be holding its quilt auction on Saturday, September 14. Starting at 11:00 a.m. the quilts and silent auction items are available for preview. Lunch is at noon, followed by live auction at 1:00 p.m. This is the camp's largest fundraising event of the year, and everyone is invited to attend! See the camp website if you would like to register for an overnight stay on Friday, September 13.



If you purchased tickets for the raffle quilt, the drawing will be held that day at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are still available from Sharon Buckley for a camp donation of \$2.50 each or a packet of 10 for \$25.00.



Special thanks to Kathy Rieck for the beautiful quilt she made and donated for the auction.

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Dr. Matt Steinbron
Pastor Jon Rhodes
Cheryl Schindeldecker
Jane Ward

Thank you
The family of Wally Petersen would like to thank the Christiania family for the support and prayers during his illness and funeral.
Bonnie and children, Gladys Bolton, Pete & Madalyn Petersen.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON

Christiania Family,

On a Wednesday in mid-May, I gathered in North Minneapolis with Senior Pastors from around the metro area to work on a home remodeling for Thrivent Faith Builds with Habitat for Humanity. It was a great day as we worked on three houses within a couple blocks of each other. Together we prepared and painted, put up sheet rock, and did some external finishing work.

At lunch we heard from Chris Coleman, President and CEO of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (and former St. Paul Mayor), about the great difference his organization was making in the Twin Cities. We also heard from Habitat homeowner who, with her family, spent about 250 hours

working alongside volunteers on her home. We also learned of the special finance program that limited her mortgage to 30% of her income. This allowed room in her monthly budget for taking care of things like medical expenses and school. She shared that she was just in the process of finishing a master's program at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul—which would mean a better job and income stream. Did you know, one out of four Minnesotans spends more than 30% of their income on housing, leaving less for healthy food, school supplies, and savings?

As we all know, homeownership makes a huge difference in our lives and the lives of people. The Habitat website suggests, "...homeownership contributes to healthier families, greater success in school, more economic opportunity for families, and revitalized neighborhoods."

The Twin Cities are in an affordable housing crisis with rising rents, flatlining wages, and extremely low vacancy rates. And these housing challenges disproportionately impact families of color. While Minnesota has one of the highest homeownership rates in the country, it also has one of the widest racial homeownership gaps.

On the Habitat website, they share a 2015 study they did with Wilder Research from which they learned about the true impact of their work. Of the Twin Cities Habitat homeowners who were surveyed:

- 65% say their kids' grades have improved
- 74% are more confident about paying for college
- 41% have to go to the doctor less now
- 92% have an adult family member who has returned to school or is planning to return
- 90% feel better about their children's futures
- 80% feel connected to their community

Homeownership makes an amazingly positive difference in the lives of people; so we're going to support this important work. Together at least 14 other faith communities, we're helping to prepare a house at 433 Maryland Ave. W. in St. Paul. The new homeowners will include parents Ghirmay and Leteberhan, along with three daughters. Let's be praying for this family and this Thrivent Faith Builds project. Who knows, we may even be working side-by-side with them on Thursday and Friday, August 1 & 2.

I'm thankful for you, people of Christiania, for so quickly filling our twelve slots each day with your time. I'm also thankful for Sue and Emily at Thrivent who have generously offered to feed us each day. Our remaining needs are prayers and funds. Join me in surrounding this family (Ghirmay, Leteberhan, and their three daughters) with love and grace, praying for our volunteers, and praying for generous givers. It sounds like the supporting churches have contributed between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for two days of work. I'm praying we will know we are blessed to be a blessing and our gifts will make a difference. Let's see how much we can raise between now and the end of August.

I invite you to join me as, together, we live our mission statement: *Christiania: we start with Christ in our serving, in our sharing, in our growing.*

God loves you and so do I!



CAR AND TRACTOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 Food * Fun * Fellowship

Following worship, take some time to linger in the parking lot to check out all the classic cars and the tractors (old & new) and enjoy some refreshments (hotdogs and root beer floats), served by the Youth Ministry Team.



What is a classic? Is it defined by year? Does it have to fit a certain criteria of features? Is it always sporty or speedy? The answer is NO. If you have something with wheels that you want to share with others, then bring it on Classic Car & Tractor Sunday. It doesn't have to be large enough for a person to ride in. If you collect car or farm implement models, we would like to see them. If you have a radio controlled vehicle and want to show it, we have room. Tables can be set up for your model collection. If it is a classic to you, then it is a classic to us. A 2019 is just as good of a classic as a 1921.



A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE MOHN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Fast... with heat, humidity and more rain than you could believe possible!

When at church check out our mission garden on the north end of the parking lot. It looks very good. Thank you to the volunteers who help make it look so nice.

August 4 is our tractor and car Sunday. Hopefully many of you plan to participate with your items of interest. Roll on in!

The phone system updates are completed and have positive reviews from the staff on how the new system is working. It's a great feeling when you make changes to improve the quality in the workplace.

The fall worship season will be here soon. Plans are being discussed to be ready for Rally Sunday, September 8, and for programming that follows. Our church offers many opportunities to help with Sunday school, confirmation classes and worship on Sundays. Please take a moment and think when you could volunteer in one of these important areas. You will feel more connected and see the growth in your own faith.

At our executive council meeting in July we covered these topics:

*Rob Metz gave an update on the hiring process for the Director of Faith Formation. We are thankful for the hiring committee members: Angie Wubben, chair, Rob Metz, council liaison, Staci Thompson, secretary, Tia Burnham, communications, Quentin DuLac, communications, Pastor Rhodes, advisor. Pray for them as they make this hiring decision.

* Greg Silus gave an overview on the Collaborative Planning Team for Active Shooters which will now be called "The Safety Team." This team hosted a forum on July 9 for Best Practices for Physical Security and plans to keep working on an emergency plan for our church.

*Urban Ventures would like some help picking produce in August and September

*The question came up "Is there interest in organizing a trip to Tanzania for members of our church?"

Mary, Mary quite contrary how does your faith grow? Fast...with love, hope and as many prayers as possible!



WEDNESDAY MEALS

Christiania is hosting Wednesday Meals again this Confirmation season beginning September 25. This is a wonderful ministry that provides not only a meal for people and families who have confirmation, worship band, choirs, Bible studies and various meetings to attend Wednesday nights, but also great fellowship for those who come out simply to enjoy a good meal with friends. If you would like to cook a main dish (we provide all side dishes, desserts and beverages), please contact Jessica Wedel at 612-267-8933 or

jwedel03@hotmail.com. To be reimbursed for making the main dish, please give receipts to Jessica.

Meals are served from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Cost of meals are \$4/person with scholarships available.