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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Education & Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

Summer Worship

(Beginning May 27)
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start/Coffee Fellowship

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May Food Shelf:

We are collecting boxed baking mixes for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

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 you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.



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Christiania Newsletter

May 2018

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



May Sunday Worship

May 6 – John 15:9-7

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. Education Time/Graduation Recognition hosted by the CLCW
9:45 a.m. Jump Start
10:45 a.m. Non Traditional Worship with Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band
12:00 p.m. Family Fun Day

May 13 - John 17:6-19 State of the Church Update & Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Education Time
9:45 a.m. Jump Start
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band/Chorister Choir

May 20 - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion/Liturgical Wind Ensemble
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band

May 27 - John 3:1-17

9:00 a.m. Non Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. Jump Start/Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Abby Estep's Graduation Party at Cedar Lake Farm Park



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
 Martha Nelson

For those who also need healing:

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
 Shirley Johnson, sister of Eunice Ott
 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
 Clarice, mother of Kim Robertson
 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:

Andrew Christensen
 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.

May Ministries

Greeters		
May 6		Tim Swedin
May 13		Bonnie Lindquist & Don Eide
May 20		Audrey & Jerry Wicklund
May 27		Arlene & Bob Jacobson
Lectors		
May 6	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus
May 13	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Denise Kanfield
May 20	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
May 27	9:00 a.m.	
Offering Counters		
May 6		Cheryl Schindeldecker & Judy Lantto
May 13		Cheryl Schindeldecker & Judy Lantto
May 20		Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
May 27		Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
Assisting Ministers		
May 6	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Kim Robertson Sharon Buckley
May 13	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Bruce Mohn Bob Monio
May 20	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	8th Grader 8th Grader
May 27	9:00 a.m.	
Communion Assistants		
May 6	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus
May 20	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Bruce & Debbie Lundeen
Altar Guild		
May		Karen Frame & Calvin Tonsager
Usher Captains		
May		Bob Monio & Sharon Buckley
Ushers		
May		Group #3
Coffee Servers		
May 6		Lonna Selkirk & Karen Erickson
May 13		Diana Winn & Lori Peterson
May 20		Bruce & Debbie Lundeen
May 27		Rachel & Adam Fausch

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	2 9:30 a.m. Quilters 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Liturgical Wind Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Dinner - Beef Tri-tip 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Meeting	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	4	5 Spring Clean up day at Christiania Camp Onomia work day
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CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade Confirmation

May 16 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an Evening of sharing
May 20 at 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Worship Service



Save the Date:
Vacation Bible School
2018: The Jesus Way
June 18-21, 2018* from
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Open to kids currently in
grades K-5

*These dates overlap with
Camp Onomia. If you'd like to do VBS and camp,
please consider camp the week of Aug. 5-10.



Sunday May 13 will be the final day of
Sunday School for the program year.



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2018

The 2018 ELCA Youth gathering will be held in
Houston, TX from June 27 - July 1. We have a
group of 10 who will be attending this summer.
They are Abby Emmons, Will Kanfield, Morgan
Emmons, Ashlynn Henry, Laura McGregor,
Michael Rogers, and Cooper Priebe, with
chaperones Joe Jorgensen and Terra Henry.
Please keep this group in your prayers as they
prepare to join 30,000 youth from across the
country in service and fellowship

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS:

Giving Wall
Located on the Information Desk

Cub Foods (Heritage Dr.)
5/11 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

More Fundraisers TBD



BIBLE CAMP

It's time to register for summer 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!](#)

PLEASE NOTICE DATE CHANGE

Mark your calendar for May 5 work day at Camp
Onomia! This is always a fun volunteer opportunity to
help get camp ready for summer activities. Volunteers
are also welcome for an overnight stay at the Retreat
Center on Friday before the work day.

Kaylee Wilkins, Scott Tempel, Terra Henry, Sharon
Buckley

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**Pastor Kisten Thompson will be standing in
for Pastor Rebecca while she is on vacation.**

Pastor Kisten's contact information:
Email: kistenthompson@gmail.com
Cell Phone: 651-216-5493
Please feel free to email, call or text anytime.

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Rachel Fausch Treasurer

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Cheryl Schindeldecker Altar Guild
Debbie Lundeen Bells Director
Joe Jorgensen Chorister Choir Director
Linda Otto Church Women (CLCW)
Bob Monio Usher Co-Coordinator
Daryl Rieck Usher Co-Coordinator
Juli Skillman Care Team Coordinator
Tia Burnham Sunday School Superintendent

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

Executive Council

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

Ministry Board

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Adam Fausch
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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

Congregational Life

Dona Jo Braun
Eunice Estrem
Sherri Mohn
Mariann Storlie

Property

Brad Smith
Steve Anderson
Scott Tempel
Jeanne Hoffmann Assoc.

Mission

Sharon Buckley
Terra Henry
Scott Tempel
Kaylee Wilkins

Stewardship

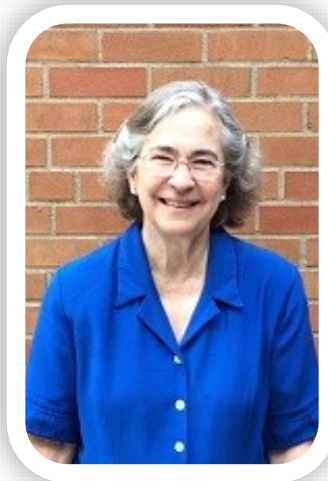
Barb Bachman
Fayette & Al Ames
Jerry Wicklund

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



Message from Interim Pastor Rebecca

Some journey to the other side of the world to find adventure, others turn to one standing next to them and by interested questions step into adventure. I was reminded of this recently when a man I'd not met before asked, "how is it that you're a pastor, what led you to this?" Answering, then asking him about himself, out poured a remarkable story. Once we get past our fear of not knowing what to ask or say, once we start we may discover how much we hold in common and stories of startled recognition pour out. This is true so often and more so in Christian situations.

An example of startled recognition occurs in the last chapter of Luke. After the death of Jesus, those who knew him best having been so caught up in grief they did not recognize him, when he stood in their midst and showed himself to them, his hands and his feet and ate with him, their eyes were opened.

Nothing in the world outside had changed, but inside everything changed as they began to recognize God with them. Then Jesus sent his loved ones back to the city who'd killed him, to the city still occupied by roaming bands of soldiers and frightening folk, but those who'd recognized him "worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:52).

Nothing had changed in their individual situations, but everything changed in their recognition of God in their midst. Then trusting the promise that God would send "power from on high," they went back to their city to wait for that power, to wait and to work but with a confidence that God could and that God would fulfill the promise. And on the day of Pentecost and on every day since for the baptized, God sends God's power.

The Recognition of God in our midst changes everything. Christian high school students from across the United States will join throngs of 30,000 to practice and to shout out that "this" changes everything, this revelation of God in Jesus Christ, and Christiania is blessed to be sending mentors and youth to Houston this summer to learn more and to bring back some of the joy we share with us.

This revelation is also here among us at Christiania and this is a time for action as for waiting: action in discovering the gift of those who come into our building to worship, but those whose names we may not know, action in stepping forward to work with one another with ideas that spring from that still quiet voice of God or response to prayer; actions grown from our obedience to God. As we wait for the answer: we trust that God is working through our Call Committee and offer up our questions and concerns to God: we wait for the coming of a pastor and a CYF director but share in the startled recognition that wonderful leaders are already here among us; as we wait for solutions, may God open our eyes to see how we are already walking through possibilities and come more powerfully to trust that God is in all and is all in all.

So let us come with joy to the place of the Lord's worship, to talk with and value one another, particularly the other whom we do not yet know well. Let us join the adventure in the song and celebrate the gracious power of the Lord with and with in us.

In joyful anticipation,
Interim Pastor Rebecca



CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir is open to confirmed youth and adults, regardless of musical experience (reading music is not required). Weekly rehearsals are **Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We generally sing one Sunday per month at both services. For Music, practice CDs and this year's schedule, please contact Dr. Matt Steinbron.

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Matt Steinbron
(worship@christianialutheranchurch.org)

CHORISTER CHOIR

Children (K-5) will rehearse during the opening of Sunday School each Sunday through the school year.

Performance date:

May 13: 10:45 a.m.
Chorister Choir Director: Joe Jorgensen
(CYFleader@christianialutheranchurch.org)



Music at Christiania



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 during most 10:45 a.m. services during the school year, and rehearses from 4:45-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays preceding those services. Please contact Dr. Matt for more information (worship@christianialutheranchurch.org).

SPECIAL MUSIC

Are you musically inclined and want to perform a solo or with a small group during a service? There are many performance opportunities throughout the year and all are welcome to share their musical talents, be it singing or instrumental. Please contact Dr. Matt, for more information.

YOUTH MUSIC

A variety of musical activities for 6-12 graders will be held throughout the school year. All youth are welcome to propose activities to Dr. Matt. Please watch announcements for further details.

HANDBELL CHOIRS



Handbell Directors:

Debbie Lundeen
(dlundeen60@gmail.com)
Sharon Thompson
(sharonthompson@frontiernet.net)

LITURGICAL WIND ENSEMBLE

The wind ensemble is open to any instrumentalist from middle schoolers to adults, and non-wind players are welcome! We usually play with hymns, liturgical music, and for special music during the 8:30 a.m. service on the third Sunday of each month. For rehearsal times contact Carol Metz.



Liturgical Wind Ensemble Director:
Carol Metz (rjmetz1@frontiernet.net)



Mark your calendars for a Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 6, after the second service. Bring the family and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. CYF will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and side dishes.

WEDNESDAY DINNER

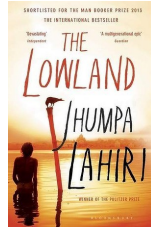
All are welcome to come enjoy a meal and fellowship.

Time: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Cost: \$4/a plate suggested donation.

May 3: Beef Tri-tip, cheesy potatoes, dinner rolls, pie and lemonade.

This is the last Wednesday meal until the fall. Thank you to all who have helped prepare, serve and clean up after these meals. A special thanks to Rachel Fausch for organizing and overseeing the meals. Great job Rachel!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

After a long winter let's all enjoy the warmth and beauty of May. We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished. The book for May 30 is THE LOWLAND by Jhumpa Lahiri.

For more information, please call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

SPRING CLEAN UP – Please put **Saturday, May 5** on your calendars to help us clean up the church grounds. We will also finish landscaping the remainder of the east side of the church outside the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your outside work items, gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. In case of poor weather conditions, the backup date is Saturday, May 12.



2018 PROJECTS

The projects we've identified for 2018 include:

Sheet rock and finish repair of the ceilings in the Narthex, side aisles and back of the sanctuary. (We're still looking for additional contractors, to obtain bids, so far, we have one).

With the above sheetrock repairs we will be looking at adding additional lights in the area behind the back pews and possibly replacing some in the side aisles to match the new fixtures.

Install a new concrete sidewalk on the west entrance to the Education Wing; install concrete pads at the east Education Wing entrance, in front of the two sheds on the east side of the church and in front of the back double doors (where the patio was). (We're still looking for contractors and better weather to obtain bids.

As part of the lockdown procedures, we need to install large numbers on the exterior doors and smaller numbers on all interior doors. The Décor Advisory Committee is helping with this.

Finish exterior color change by painting the window trim on the north and east sides of the building.

Miscellaneous projects: paint interior around the new doors in the Education Wing, clean up classroom doors, etc.

WINTER SNOW PLOWING –Bob Fredrickson, thank you for always keeping our parking lot cleared of snow – no matter how much snow we receive. What would we do without you.

Blessings from your Property Committee: Brad Smith, Chair, Scott Tempel, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann, and Bruce Mohn – Church Council Liaison.



CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CLCW next meeting is Wednesday, May 16 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).

2018 GRADUATES

On **Sunday, May 6** we will be recognizing our graduates between services. If you or someone in your family will be graduating from high school or college this spring, we want to know about it. Please contact Joe or a member of the CYF Ministry Team.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

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

DONATION QUILT

The quilters have been busy working on the quilt that will be donated to Camp Onomia for their quilt auction this fall. The quilt will be on display in the fellowship area during the month of May. Thank you to all who have worked on this project.

LOAVES AND FISHES

The next time we serve at **Loaves & Fishes** is Tuesday, May 29 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 Lori Peterson at 612-968-4953.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

.April was the snowiest month on record in Minnesota and had a record snow storm that impacted us here at Christiania. For only the second time in our known history we had to cancel church services on Sunday, April 15! It was quite a decision and we received a lot of help getting the word out – many people made calls, lots of emails filled cyber space, and the announcement was posted and shared on Facebook. I've worked with Carri to write a policy and get Christiania set up with accounts at the various TV stations so should this happen again we have a plan with ways to notify even more people. A special thank you to Cheryl Mohn who went into church and answered the phone to let people know we were cancelled.

There was a lot of Staffing action in April and I wanted to quickly summarize so everyone is up to speed:

As you know Harold retired on April 1 and his retirement celebration was held on April 22 (delayed a week because of the closing). We welcomed Cliff Martin as our new Custodian on April 1.

He has done an amazing job of stepping in and getting things done. Welcome aboard Cliff! We have also hired part time CYF Admin support to help augment the work that Joe is doing. I'm excited to announce that Terra Henry has taken the position and already is making a very positive impact. Congratulations Terra.

We are blessed to have Kisten Thomson here while Pastor Rebecca is on vacation April 15 – May 15.

The State of the Church address will be held Sunday, May 13, yes, Mother's Day! May is such a busy month and we are blessed to have many activities. We will hold the State of the Church address the last 10 minutes of each service (approximately 9:20-9:30 and 11:35 – 11:45). Holding this update during the service allows all Sunday School teachers to hear the message as well as those who do not come to Fellowship time.

I greatly appreciate the work our call committee continues to do. The updates they provide every Sunday continue to keep us connected to the process. I continue to keep the Call Committee in my daily prayers. I also continue to pray for our future pastor and ask that you do the same.

Denise Kanfield, Council President

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KISTEN

Thank you for the warm welcome! I am so delighted to be with you for this time while Pastor Rebecca is away on a much deserved vacation! I am getting into the swing of things with confirmation, pastoral care and worship. There is a good energy in this place, the Holy Spirit is surely stirring and swirling among all of you. I am working with your wonderful staff and lay leaders to ensure that ministry and mission continues to move forward, even as the yearly "programming" winds down and summer activities heat up (and we hope that the weather "heats up" as well)!

You can expect to see me in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and of course on Sunday mornings. You can send me an email with questions or concerns using my email address kistenthompson@gmail.com or you can feel free to text or call me on my cell phone, 651-216-5493. Please feel free to get in touch with me directly for any pastoral care concerns or needs or leave word in the church office with Carri-she will see to it that I am notified.

I have a daily practice of morning devotions, using Daily Texts from Mt. Carmel ministries. The Old Testament verse this morning was, "*Behold, children are a gift of the Lord*" Psalm 127:3 NASB. This was a good nudge for me, as a grandparent, to ponder how I am nurturing the faith of my grandchildren. Right now we are in the process of making summer plans to go to a Lutheran Outdoor Bible camp during a family week, taking our 16 year old daughter and 13 year old granddaughter. It will be an opportunity to not only spend time together in God's good creation but to also have that precious faith time that we don't always get, especially since she lives in Wisconsin. That's also why it's so pleasing to see that Christiania is being intentional in connecting with families to help nurture family faith (May 6 is Family Faith time following worship!) as you head into the summer months: sponsoring youth to go to Houston for the National Youth Gathering, encouraging children to attend camp and holding Vacation Bible School. These all help to nurture the faith of the children entrusted into our collective care as well as helping to equip families to nurture their faith. I see from your February newsletter that you want your new pastor to enjoy working with youth and that you want someone who will help people develop their spiritual life...this is so valuable and can only continue to bear fruit.

I look forward to these next four weeks, knowing that they will go quickly! Pastor Rebecca will be back before you know it and soon you will have a new pastor! Blessings abound!

Peace,
Pastor Kisten Thompson

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In December of 2017 the Executive Council nominated the members of the call committee. We began our work together in February after the MET team had completed our **Ministry Site Profile** and submitted it to the synod. This is the document that summarizes our congregation and what we were seeking in our new pastor. We have been impressed with each candidate's familiarity with the congregation based on our Ministry Site Profile. **If you would like a copy of the profile, it is available in the church office.**

We have bonded as a committee with true respect for one another and a strong commitment to finding that person God is leading us to. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our work. **We are well into the interview process with first and second interviews already in progress.** Until a final candidate is selected the names and number of candidate will be confidential. We have learned that calling our pastor is NOT a quick process. We want to make sure our choices are thoughtful, thoroughly discussed and that all candidates are carefully and prayerfully considered. With Pastor Rebecca's assurance that she will be with us until the congregation has called our new pastor we are blessed with the time to make sure we are listening to the will of God.

Once we have selected our final candidate and the call committee has consensus that this final candidate meets the needs of our congregation as expressed in the Ministry Site Profile, we will inform the council president of our recommendation and a meeting of the Executive Council will be called. At that time the call committee informs the council of the candidate and reasons for the candidate selection by the call committee. Thorough information about the candidate, with ample opportunity for dialogue between the call committee and the council, will enable the council to actively support the call committee's recommendation at the congregational meeting.

So on we go. Thanks for your patience, support and continued prayers. We feel the power of your prayers so keep them coming.

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



To my dear friends of Christiania, I am deeply moved by your kindness. I was going to send each and everyone a hand written thank you note for your many cards and generous gifts. But because I am retired and need that time for napping, I thought I could at least send out one **BIG THANK YOU!!!** No man is just a custodian when he has so many friends... Its a Wonderful Life.. Thanks again, see you at coffee hour. Harold Martin,

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all CLCW ladies who cleaned the nursery and sterilized all the toys on April 18.



ABIGAIL ESTEP GRADUATION PARTY

I am graduating from New Prague High School this May and feel fortunate to have grown up at Christiania. I hope you will join me to celebrate at my open house on **Sunday, May 27** at

Cedar Lake Farms Park in New Prague. It is a brunch and the time is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Grandma Janice Geissler at 952-652-2676. I hope you can come. Abby



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.

The Spring Potluck Luncheon

Is **Wednesday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited--men included! Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert. Coffee, rolls, and good fellowship will be provided! Sponsored by CLCW and Lunch Bunch. Any questions? Call Karen Erickson, 952-652-2605.



Blood Drive

Save the date - Christiania will hold its annual Red Cross Blood drive from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 23!** People can sign up via 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) or by finding the drive at redcrossblood.org. A meal and snacks will be provided for each donor.

2018 Celebrating Our Heritage and Seniors

Please 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 step 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.

More information in the June and July Newsletters.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild Chairperson/Co-Chairpersons

The Altar Guild needs to find a person(s) who can take over leadership of the Altar Guild next year. The Altar Guild has a strong membership and a lot of volunteer support. We have a Guide Book that has set-up details for all of the liturgical seasons, as well as photographs of the Worship Carriage items that are displayed. For more information, contact Cheryl Schindeldecker at 952-469-3795 or by email at candeschinde@gmail.com



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.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

If you have any questions contact, Juli Skillman at 952-393-8158, JuliSkillman@gmail.com