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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Summer Worship

(Runs now through September 2)
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday Worship

Beginning Sunday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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Christiania Newsletter

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



September Sunday Worship

<p>September 2 - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p>
<p>September 9 - Mark 7:24-37 Rally Sunday/God's Work. Our Hands. 8:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Youth Activities & Sign-up for Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band 11:45 a.m. Congregational Meal 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. God's Work. Our Hands. 2:00 p.m. Return to church for root beer floats</p>
<p>September 16 - Mark 8:27-38 3rd Grade Bibles 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Worship/Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>
<p>September 23 - Mark 9:30-37 Blessing of the Teachers 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Worship/Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>
<p>September 30 - Mark 9:38-50 Blessing of the Students 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Worship/Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band</p>

September's Food Shelf:

We are collecting **Soap** for the food shelf this month. Laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo, dish soap, etc. 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 to use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.



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

Prayers of Concern

For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson Crisa Aasen
 Carol Melgaard Mary Peterson
 Dave Olson Scott Mischke
 Lois Swedin Tolly Swan
 Carole Schafer Keith Fredrickson
 Bob Monio

For those who also need healing:

Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and Eckdahl's
 Izzy Donovan, daughter of Chris and Jackie Donovan
 Don Slater, friend of Andy Nelson
 Louise Leidner, friend of Sandy Cross
 Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross
 Hailey Franks, friend of Jeff & Robin Martin
 Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister and brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist
 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
 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
 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
 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)
 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.



September Ministries

Greeters

September 2	Roger & Diane Brack
September 9	Ken & Sue Beske
September 16	Jerry & Audrey Wicklund
September 23	LeRoy & Lori Clausen
September 30	Adam & Rachel Fausch

Lectors

September 2	9:00 a.m.	Greg Silus
September 9	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Alice Storlie
September 16	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus Kim Robertson
September 23	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sharon Syverson
September 30	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Beth Hukka

Communion Assistants

September 2	9:00 a.m.	Lonna Silus & Greg Silus
September 16	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus & Becky Sutter Kim Robertson & Joan Eckdahl
September 30	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Don & Alice Storlie

Usher Captains & Ushers

September	Bob Monio & Sharon Buckley	Group #3
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Offering Counters

September 2	Cheryl Schindeldecker & Judy Lantto
September 9	Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
September 16	Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
September 23	Judy Hanson & Karen Frame
September 30	Judy Hanson & Karen Frame

Coffee Servers

September 2	CLCW
September 9	Rally Day
September 16	Bernie & Jane Ward
September 23	Jack & Joan Eckdahl
September 30	Adam & Rachel Fausch

Altar Guild

September	Jane Ward and Sue Beske
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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Coffee/ Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Team	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	5 9:30 a.m. Quilters 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band	6	7	8
9 Rally Sunday/God's Work Our Hands 8:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/NGCB 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Sign up/ Youth Activities/Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Norwegian Supper Meeting 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/NGCB 11:45 a.m. Congregational Picnic 12:30 p.m. God's Work. Our Hands. 2:00 p.m. Root Beer Floats	10 2:30 p.m. Birthday Party at Northfield Retirement Center	11 7:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Ex. Council	12 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch—Ole Store 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 6:00 p.m. Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	14	15
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23 Blessing of Teachers 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship/ Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Worship/NGCB	24	25 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	26 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Crew 11:30 a.m. Book Club 3:00 p.m. Lefse Making Class 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. Youth Bells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Bells 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	28	29
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CONFIRMATION NEWS

Wednesday, September 12

Confirmation Parent/Student Dinner Meeting

Please plan to attend to receive important information about the Confirmation program.

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th graders Confirmation
8th & 9th graders going to FMSC
(we need to leave the church by 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 10

6th & 7th graders going to FMSC
(we need to leave the church by 5:30 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. 8th & 9th graders Confirmation

Confirmation will be returning to a 90-minute format this year. We will begin each evening with large group games and team-building activities. Then we will divide into groups by grade for the classroom component of our program. We will once again be using the Colaborate Curriculum this year. Following the lesson, we will break into to small groups for discussion. We will conclude each week with a brief worship service (about 20 minutes); parents are welcome to attend as well. Throughout the year we will have a chance to enrich our program with guest speakers, field trips, and service opportunities. This promises to be a fantastic year, and we look forward to walking alongside you as we grow deeper in our faith and relationship with Christ.



Confirmation Students
Go to Sign-up Genius for assignments

There are a wealth of opportunities available for the Confirmation students. Grades 6-9 will be encouraged to use the Sign-up Genius to serve as: acolytes, ushers, kitchen servers, Sunday School assistants, nursery help or music participants. We would like all the young people to participate in some service to the congregation. Should you come up with a creative, Christ centered idea not included in the above list, please let Joe, Kim or Terra know and we'll talk.

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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
Kim Robertson 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
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Lori Clausen Brian McGregor
Greg Silus Derrick Hongerholt
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Senior Pastor: Pastor Jon Rhodes

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Madalyn Petersen
Pastor Jon Rhodes

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Jodi & Tim Emmons
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Kim Robertson
Maren Sansgaard

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Lori Rogers
Terra Henry

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Eunice Estrem
Sherri Mohn
Mariann Storlie

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Steve Anderson
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Terra Henry
Scott Tempel
Kaylee Wilkins

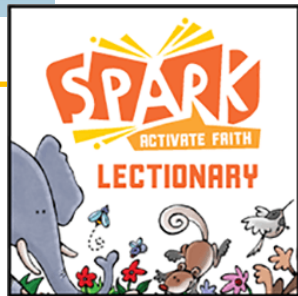
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Fayette Ames
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Worship

Madalyn Petersen
Vonny Laddusaw
Robin Martin
Dr. Matt Steinbron
Pastor Jon Rhodes

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School News

Sunday School begins on Rally Sunday, September 9 with registration and other fun events.

Meet in the Heritage Room.

Classes will start on Sunday, September 16.

This year the Sunday School Offering will go to the ELCA Good Gifts Project.

Welcome to a new Year of Sunday School. I am very excited to be working with the teachers and shepherds and getting to know the younger kids as the Superintendent for 2018-2019 school year! I have a great group of teachers and shepherds again this year and a "Super team" to support them! This year we will continue with the Sparkhouse Curriculum following the lectionary series. Sunday School lessons will tie back to the scriptures from worship each Sunday.

Sunday, September 16
3rd graders will receive their bibles during first service. Pastor Jon will lead them in a bible exploration during Sunday School that same day.

Sunday December 16
Our Christmas program will be presented during the second service.

Sunday, February 3
A pancake breakfast to support Sunday School will be served by the 5th graders.

First Communion instruction will be offered twice this year. Once in the fall and once in the spring with more information coming soon.

We plan to share what we are doing in Sunday School on a regular basis with the congregation. We also invite you to visit the Sunday School at anytime to see what fun and exciting things we are up too!

Blessings,
Kim Robertson, Sunday School Superintendent



MESSAGE FROM SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

As Missy, Sam, Pete and I are transitioning to Christiania Lutheran and the Lakeville area this summer we have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome, hospitality, and grace we have received. For months now, in preparation for our move, God has been providing for our needs—and then some. Each step along the way we are reminded that these blessings are not generated by how wonderful or good we are but, rather, by God’s goodness through the people that love God. God is good—all the time. We are truly blessed.

Martin Luther was aware of God’s blessings to all of God’s creation in his words pointing to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed: “Hence, since everything we possess, and everything in heaven and on earth besides, is daily given and sustained by God, it inevitably follows that we are duty bound to love, praise, and thank Him without ceasing, and, in short, to devote all these things to his service,” (from *The Book of Concord*).

When it comes to gratefulness and God, Luther had some sage advice: “We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor,” (from *What Luther Says*). In that same book, Luther prayed: “God grant that we follow His Word to praise and thank our dear Lord for His precious blood, which He so freely offered for us. And may God keep us from the terrible vice of ingratitude and the forgetfulness of His blessings. Amen.”

The Apostle Paul was also aware of God’s abundant blessings and was not forgetful of it: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). It turns out, Scripture is filled with pleas for thanksgiving and gratefulness as a way of living. Here are other Bible verses about thankfulness: 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 9:1; Colossians 3:17; and 2 Corinthians 9:11.

In the transition of this summer we have come to recognize how blessed we are. The amazing words of love and support that keep showing up help us to know God is watching over us. We also see it in the many individual and small group acts of kindness and service we have been beneficiaries of: prayers; meals; friendship and support and all the many necessary actions of moving: painters; fixers; cleaners; builders and unbuilders; boxers and unboxers; encouragers; helpers and visioners.

Thank you for your warm welcome...for your kind words...for considering our needs and providing for them...for the awesome meals...for setting aside your time...for listening to us...for the unexpected snacks...for letting us grieve...for praying for us...for hoping for us...for letting God know about our needs...for our shelter...for giving of yourselves and your time...for food allergy-aware special treats...for storage...for unwrapping and building furniture...for freezer meals...for carrying beds and chairs and boxes...for sharing food...for fresh mulch and mowing and cleaning...for getting dirty (and wet)...did I mention food?

How do we properly show our gratefulness? What words can appropriately convey the grace upon grace we’ve received? A Google search (“how to say thank you”) yielded over 2.2 billion results. I’ll readily admit I didn’t read every one but after reading from the first pages I’ve concluded that a simple, two-word phrase says it best: thank you. So, thank you. You have made your intentions and the intentions of this community clear and, for this, I thank you.

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon

CHORISTER CHOIR

Children (K-5) will rehearse during the opening of Sunday School each Sunday through the school year. **Performance dates are TBD:**
Chorister Choir Director: Joe Jorgensen
(CYFleader@christianialutheranchurch.org)

HANDBELL CHOIRS

The Handbell Choirs will begin rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 19** and continue through the school year. The Youth Handbell Choir will meet from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. and the Adults from 6:30-7:10 p.m.



Performance dates are TBD:

Handbell Directors:

Debbie Lundeen (blun664735@aol.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. The first rehearsal **TBD**, the schedule will be discussed then.

Liturgical Wind Ensemble Director:

Carol Metz (rjmetz1@frontiernet.net)

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 Matt for more information (worship@christianialutheranchurch.org).



CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Christmas Music Festival will be a joyous concert involving many of Christiania’s ensembles and instrumentalists, but you do not need to be a member of any ensemble to participate in the festival. Please contact Dr. Matt by mid-November if you want to play or sing and are not currently in an ensemble.

MUSICAL TALENT SHOW

There are musical talents abounding at Christiania, and they will be showcased during a talent show in **February**. This will be open to any musical act (small or large groups, young or old) and will not be restricted to sacred music as long as it is appropriate for all ages. Please watch the announcements and website towards December for more information.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

Christiania is hosting Wednesday Meals again this



Confirmation season. 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 a great fellowship for those who come out simply to enjoy a good meal with friends. Our first meal this year will be September 19, and we run throughout the Confirmation season.

If you would like to cook a main dish (we provide all side dishes, desserts and beverages), please contact Rachel Fausch at 612-756-0406 or rachel.fausch@hotmail.com.

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

Cost: \$4/person with scholarships available.



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.



ELECTRICAL AND DRYWALL REPAIRS

At their August 7, 2018 meeting, the Executive Council approved hiring A. J. Moore Electric for the electrical work and Above All Construction for the drywall work. The cost of the total work, including the addition of more lights, is \$23,014.

THANK YOU!!

A request was sent out to the congregation to help offset the electrical and drywall repair costs.

As of August 21, we've collected approximately \$10,085. We still need a few more donations but are using the remaining \$11,445 in the capital campaign account to get this project started as soon as possible.



OUTDOOR CLEAN UP DAY – JULY 28

In order to get our Church's front yard looking its best for Pastor Jon's arrival, we scheduled a short clean up day. We pulled and sprayed weeds, mulched, and cut back shrubs and trees. Brad, Scott and Jeanne from Property were there along with Lisa Smith and Cooper. Bruce Lundeen cut down some overgrown shrubs prior to this day.



SUPPORT POSTS ON SOUTH SIDE ENTRANCE

Bob Fredrickson is going to re-wrap the support posts on the south entrance of the church with new aluminum. We love it when congregants identify a project and then complete it if they are able. Thank you, Bob.

CUTTING BRUSH

Thanks to Greg Silus, our view out the window in Fellowship Hall is better. He brought his skid loader and extensively cleaned out the underbrush on the east side of the church. We have such great members. Thank you Greg.

Blessings from the Property Committee: Brad Smith (Chair), Steve Anderson, Scott Tempel, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann and Bruce Mohn

Music at Christiania

FALL START UP

Chancel Choir: September 12
Youth Bell Choir: September 19
Adult Bell Choir: September 19
Wind Ensemble: TBD



CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir is open to confirmed youth and adults, regardless of musical experience (reading music is not required). Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday September 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We generally sing one Sunday per month at both services. Music, practice CDs, and the year's schedule will be passed out at the first rehearsal. **Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Matt Steinbron (worship@christianialutheranchurch.org)



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall and the Program year! I'm so excited for our Rally Sunday and the many great events the program year brings. I am in awe of our summer and how we got here ready to jump in.

August brought Pastor Jon and his family to Christiania. I am amazed at the journey that brought them to us. I see God working through this process and moving mountains to make it happen. In June I worried that the new pastor wouldn't be able to start before Rally Sunday, but we could put the package together and do a meet and greet before I left on vacation June 10. God said yes!

Bruce and Cheryl hosted a dinner on June 8 and I worked with Rob and Pastor Jon to finalize the package so Pastor Jon could sign everything that evening. I was apprehensive that I couldn't be at the meet and greet for the congregation on June 17, but the call committee and Bruce said go and God made it a great event. As this congregation knows, I stressed about not making our congregational meeting, yet the plane landed and God got me safely to the church on time. I truly felt like the marriage simile Rob had been using was appropriate. God moved your hearts and minds and the congregation overwhelming voted "We Do" to Pastor Jon and the financial commitment. While that brought us to the final leg of the call journey, it started Pastor Jon and the Rhodes' family adventure.

Pastor Jon and Missy finished preparing their house and got it listed. God brought them offers above asking and within two days they sold their house. So many decisions for this family – where to buy their new house, what school district to go to, and, if Lakeville, what high school, and what job for Missy? I can only imagine the many conversations and stresses. Yet again, God stepped in, he touched the heart of Jerry Wicklund who had a rental property coming available in August and it was in Lakeville North district – two hard decisions solved. We worked together to find a date for the Installation and God picked Sunday, August 19. He made so many schedules align: Christiania's, the Saint Paul Area Synod, Pastor Joe Lees, visiting Pastors, Pastor Jon and Missy's extended family and the gracious congregants from Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. I struggle to get my family of four to dinner, yet God moved all these schedules for us.

Next on the list was where would Missy end up professionally. Missy was a school nurse in Rockford and was contemplating what to do in the south metro. Carol Metz heard about a school nurse position at Oak Hills Elementary, Missy applied, interviewed on Thursday and on Friday, August 17 she was offered the position. On the 19th we held the Installation. What a joyous occasion! The message from Pastor Joe was right on point. Pastor Jon, Missy, Sam and Pete were surrounded by family, friends, and our congregation. It felt right. He was called. I understand that term now. God said Pastor Jon should be at Christiania and He made it so. We are blessed.

Denise Kanfield - Council President



RALLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/NGCB
9:30 - 10:40 a.m. Visit the Heritage/Youth Room for:

- ◆ Sunday School registration for children PK -5th grades.
- ◆ Sunday School leader sign up.
- ◆ Passports - kids visit different locations, receive a stamp and earn a prize.

◆ Celebratory Information Booths - discover all the fun activities and events here at Christiania.
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/NGCB
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Congregational Picnic - Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and all the "fixins."
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. "God's Work. Our Hands." Community Service Projects. Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the Fellowship Hall for planning purposes.
2:00 p.m. Service groups return to church for root beer floats/ice cream cones and fellowship.

Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the Fellowship Hall for planning purposes.

Missions Ministry Team: Scott Tempel, Kaylee Wilkins, Sharon Buckley and Terra Henry



God's work. Our hands.

The ELCA has designated Rally Sunday as united as one in God's grace, God's love and in showing our love for our neighbors. Your Mission Ministry Team has come up with three different opportunities to choose from to volunteer to help your neighbor. Immediately following the picnic, we will start the following activities:

Project Linus

Project Linus is a nonprofit organization that provides blankets to children in need. The blankets we make may go to children in local hospitals or those who have suffered losses such as loss of home or family. Think of this project as our way of helping God give a child a big hug to a child who needs it!

Adopt-A-Highway

We will pick up trash along our stretch of dedicated highway along Pillsbury Avenue. Please wear appropriate clothing, reflective vests will be provided.

363 Days Food Program

We will be making 500 sandwiches for the homeless. Volunteers will be putting together sandwiches that will be distributed to the homeless in the Metro area.



JUMBO CHRISTIANIA,

The Director of Iringa Hope, Enock Ugulumu and his wife will be visiting here on **September 19 at 11:30 a.m.** The CLCW would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about the work of Iringa Hope to come meet Enock. We will have a lunch after the presentation.

Tom and Sandy Hendrickson are hosting Enock and Rehema during their two-week visit. This project has done so much good you really need to hear about it firsthand.

WE'RE ON A MISSION

Right here at home! Christiania's missions ministry team coordinates good works we do for people in Tanzania, hungry children (Feed My Starving Children), local causes (Loaves and Fishes), and many others. But what about right here at home? We would like to help members of Christiania with needs they may have, such as yard work or small household projects. Let us know what you need help with, and we will match up youth or others to lend a hand. Contact the office or members of Missions Ministry Team. Sharon Buckley, Scott Temple, Terra Henry, Kaylee Wilkins

PRODUCE

Produce is available for purchase by free-will donations on Sunday mornings. Those with excess produce of their own are also welcome to bring it on Sunday. All remaining produce goes to food shelves, as well as fresh donations throughout the week. Special thanks to Bertie Mohling for continuing to coordinate the garden work. Help is always welcome.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Sunday School is looking for teachers for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please contact Kim Robertson: Sunday School Superintendent.

We are in need of Sunday School supplies. Please check the cork board in the Sunday School Wing to see what's on our wish list.

FLOWERS FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL

If anyone is interested in bringing flowers from their garden for the Fellowship Hall, please call Cheryl Mohn at 952-994-3368



LOAVES AND FISHES

The next time we serve is **Tuesday, October 30 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.



CAMP ONOMIA QUILT AUCTION

Visit Camp Onomia's website to see all the beautiful quilts that will be up for auction. The quilt auction and raffle will take place at Camp Onomia on **Saturday, September 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.**



Quilt Auction: Camp Onomia's primary fundraiser is an annual Quilt Auction silent and live, raffle and a bake sale. Our CLCW creates and donates a beautiful quilt. This quilt is often one of the highest bid items of the entire event.

SCHEDULE:

- 10:00 a.m. Celebration Service- Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Quilt previewing in Friendship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Silent auction and bake sale begins
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch free will offering received
- 1:00 p.m. Live Auction Begins
- 1:00 p.m. Silent Auction Continues
- 1:00 p.m. Bake Sale Continues

ICE CREAM PAILS

One gallon size ice cream pails with lids needed for the Norwegian dinner. Pails can be dropped off in the kitchen. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship committee is looking for a few good men and women to join our team! Right now the committee consists of Barb Bachman, Fayette Ames and Christian Donovan. **We could use some more people to help us come up with meaningful and pertinent presentations every six weeks, as they relate to Stewardship.** We meet up monthly and present about every 6 weeks with the focus of our Stewardship campaign culminating in November. **We would love you to consider joining us.**

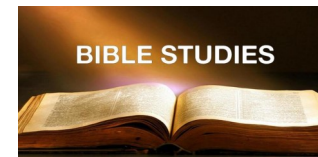
Please call 651-463-2399 to volunteer.

FUNERAL COORDINATORS

You may know that Christiania has three new funeral coordinators Jackie Donovan, Debbie Lundeen and Lori Peterson. We are here to assist families plan luncheons after funerals in our Fellowship Hall. Jackie, Debbie and Lori are "learning the ropes" from Jan Geissler and Cheryl Schindledecker who have so graciously been helping us during the transition, along with all the other wonderful ladies who help with the funeral luncheons. Jan and Cheryl were the coordinators for the past 20 years and did an amazing job. You may get a call to help assist at a funeral or bring a pan of bars or cake. If you would like to help please let us know. Jackie, Debbie and Lori were confirmed together here at Christiania by Pastor von Fisher, our friendship goes way back. We are happy to serve the church in this position.



Jackie Donovan 612-203-1896
Debbie Lundeen 651-271-3753
Lori Peterson 612-968-4953

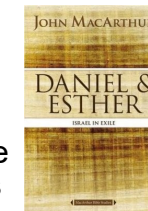


BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDIES RESUMING SEPTEMBER
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 12
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sept. 13

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to Wednesday Night Bible Study! This fall we will begin a study from Esther, entitled "Daniel & Esther, Israel in Exile" by John MacArthur. The guide provides intriguing examinations of the whole of Scripture and incorporates extensive commentary, detailed observations on overriding themes and probing questions to help us understand God's Word. To order a book please call Lifeway Bookstore in Burnsville or order online. We meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and will tentatively begin on **Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.** after Chancel Choir practice. We follow the Wednesday night choir and confirmation schedules throughout the year. All are welcome! No experience necessary!
Juli Skillman at 952-393-8158,
JuliSkillman@gmail.com



LEFSE TRAINING CLASS!

Do you want to know why your lefse cracks? Are you tired of making lefse shaped like Florida? Never tried making lefse but would like to try it? **On September 26,** the CLCW is hosting a hands on class from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Lefse Gurus Kay and Marie Helkenn will be here to demonstrate, correct your technique and encourage you. If you plan on coming, please sign up at the market place or contact Linda Otto (952-469-8561) so we can plan equipment and recipe requirements.



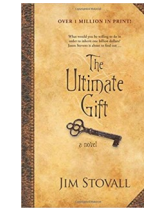
PRAYER SHAWL



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

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at the Ole Store on **Wednesday, September 12 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!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We are enjoying all of the wonderful fresh garden produce, but look forward to the cooler days and the beautiful colors of fall. God provides much for us to be thankful for. We invite you to join us on **Wednesday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion on the book **THE ULTIMATE GIFT** by Jim Stovall. For more information, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229

CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CLCW next meeting is **Wednesday, September 19 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 845-267-3074 (toll free). The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).

