



Christiania

# Newsletter

JANUARY 2017

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

## January Worship

### January 1

8:30 am Traditional - Hymn Sing w/Communion  
10:45am Traditional - Hymn Sing w/Communion

### January 8

Matthew 3:13-17 Baptism of Our Lord  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship

### January 15

John 1:29-42 Epiphany 2  
8:30am Traditional Worship w/Communion  
10:45am Traditional Worship w/Communion

### January 22-Mission Sunday

Matthew 4:12-23 Epiphany 3  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
10:45am Traditional Worship

### January 29-Annual Meetings

Matthew 5:1-12 Epiphany 4  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
10:45am Non-Traditional Worship

9:30 Education and Fellowship  
(Note: January 1 & January 29:  
Sunday School Activity)

## Happy New Year!

### Mark your 2017 Calendars

- Saturday, January 7 at 8:30am-Altar Guild Meeting
- Sunday, January 22-Mission Sunday
- Sunday, January 29-Annual Meetings of Christiania Lutheran Church and the Foundation
- Wednesday, March 1-Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, March 12-Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Sunday, April 9-Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 13-Maundy Thursday
- Friday, April 14-Good Friday
- Sunday, April 21-Easter Day
- Wednesday, May 17 -Confirmation Evening of Sharing and pictures
- Sunday, May 21 at 1:00pm-Confirmation



## Mission Sunday January 22, 2017

**Emphasis: Food Shelf Donations**  
**Watch for more information from your Mission Ministry Team**



## ***"A Message from Pastor Dave"***

Dear Members of Christiania,

As many of you already know, through thoughtful deliberations with your Executive Council, Bishop Lull, and me, I have resigned my call at Christiania Lutheran effective January 1, 2017.

Over the last eight years, we have partnered in some important and impactful ministries. We have added new worship opportunities and styles of worship, from the Nitty Gritty Church Band to Good Friday worship. We have expanded our local Missions, from our Mission Garden to Urban Ventures partnership, while continuing many other missions and ministries. I am pleased to see how you have served the greater needs of our neighbors in the name of Jesus.

We (the Executive Council and I) feel at this point the direction of your leadership team desires a different and fresh vision. We are both in agreement.

I appreciate the partnership we have had over these years and the opportunity to serve Jesus and many of you in very personal and meaningful events of your lives. We have worked, served, sang, worshiped, laughed, and cried together. It has been a privilege to be a pastor among you - learning from you and guiding you through special times in your lives.

Christiania is God's church, so I have confidence that the Holy Spirit will call, gather, and enlighten this community of believers to serve, care, and grow in Christ.

God's Peace  
Pastor Dave

## ***"THANK YOU"***

The Executive Council would like to thank Pastor Dave Mesaros and Brenda for their leadership, care and service to Christiania Lutheran Church the past eight years.

During their years of service, we have continued Sunday morning worship services and Bible studies, and enjoyed new events such as Hops at Harry's, Tractor Sunday, motorcycle trips and fishing trips. With Pastor Dave's guidance, our congregation saw a farm field turn into a garden for Urban Ventures, and a road ditch turn into a mission garden. These are just some of the areas of growth of Christiania during Pastor Dave's time with us. Brenda so faithfully served as a contact person for obtaining Lectors and Communion Assistants for our worship services.

Please extend your personal thanks to Pastor Dave and Brenda by sending a card or note to the church or placing one in the box on the Information Desk.

The Executive Council, the staff and the entire congregation wish them God's blessings, happiness and success in their future endeavors.

## News from your Property Commission

**SPACE NEEDS MEETING:** On November 20, the Property Committee facilitated a meeting on space needs in our church. There were thoughts that the area now designated as the Youth Room could be better used as a Multi-Purpose Room and the youth could occupy several rooms in the Education Wing. After much discussion between the meeting participants and the Executive Council, the decision was made to leave the youth in the large room. However, the Youth Room will be cleaned up, several large pieces of furniture will be removed, the walls will be painted and window dressings will either be repaired or replaced. This will allow other functions and activities in the room when needed. Jason Estrem has volunteered to paint the room in early January. Thank you Jason.

**2017 PROJECTS:** The past month has been quiet so we would like to take the opportunity to let you know what we will be working on in 2017 – with Executive Council's blessings, of course.

The new carpet will be installed in mid-January. We will finally be rid of the ugly cement floors.

Lockdown Procedures - It needs to be done. We need to create a plan of action in case of an active shooter in our church or outside. We will be working on this in 2017. Better safe than sorry.

Masonry Needs – We need to tear out the sidewalk in front of the Education Wing; we need to install concrete pads in front of the two new sheds we recently installed; and we need to put a concrete pad in the back entrance where the patio was removed.

We need to determine whether the septic system at the Parsonage is in need of replacement or whether the repairs made last fall will take care of the problems.

We need to determine the best replacement method for our stained glass window frames.

We need to continue our painting of the windows on the north and east side of the church. The paint has been purchased, the manpower is needed.

We need to continue with landscaping on the east side of the church.

We need to continually monitor conditions in the Education Wing and Youth Room.

We need to brainstorm uses for the ballfield.

We need to brainstorm projects to enhance our back area where the patio was removed.

We need to determine what the best steps are in preserving our parking lot.

We need to investigate and remedy the water problem over the aisle between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

**Blessings from your Property Committee:** Brad Smith, Warren Peterson, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann and Christian Donovan, Council Liaison.

## LUNCH BUNCH 2017!!

Lunch Bunch starts the new year with a lunch planned for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 11:30 P.M. at the Red Fox restaurant (located on Pillsbury Ave. south of McStop).  
Call Karen Erickson with any questions: 962-652-2605.

You're invited to  
Lunch Bunch!



## Offering Counting for 2017



In 2017 the weekly offering counting will be the responsibility of four two-person teams. These individuals are seasoned counters and past financial secretaries of the church. The reasoning behind this is that the counting can get complicated, peoples' schedules get busy and the coffee hour is time for fellowship and other church commitments.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped in the past years with offering counting. We appreciate your faithful service to Christiania.

Thank you!

The Church Financial Secretaries

## Christiania Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
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### Christiania Staff

Linda Bauer	Interim Pastor
Harold Martin	Office Manager
Matt Steinbron	Custodian
Rachel Fausch	Worship Coordinator
Joe Jorgensen	Treasurer
	Interim CYF Leader

### Other Contacts

Andrew Wilkins	Council President
Cheryl Schindeldecker	Altar Guild
Debbie Lundeen	Bells Director
Joe Jorgensen	Chorister Choir Director
Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW)
Daryl Rieck & Bob Monio	Usher Coordinators
Juli Skillman	Care Team Coordinator

## Constant Contact

Many of you have asked how to get the email notifications from the church. Christiania uses a service titled “Constant Contact.” If you would like to be included in these emails, go to our website and click on the button on the bottom of the home page to enroll.

NOTE: This is different than the Prayer Chain Email. If you have any questions, please contact Linda in the church office.

## Youth Opportunity—Song writing

Ever wonder how to write a song? Beginning January 11 (6:00-6:30pm), Dr. Matt will teach youth how to write faith filled songs similar to those heard on KTIS and K-LOVE. No musical experience needed!! This is free for youth and their friends, but purchasing a ukulele is encouraged (around \$45). More information will be provided at confirmation classes.



## A Message from the Executive Council Christiania Lutheran Transition

Andrew Wilkins and Bruce Mohn recently met with Bishop Lull and Pastor Lees to discuss the future of the church. We all agreed that our immediate concern is finding a Pastor to lead us through the transition. The Executive Council is seeking an experienced interim pastor to lead through a time of pastoral transition with a projected start date in January, 2017. The transition period will likely be for one year. Working from a current job description, Pastor Lees and Bishop Lull have been working to find a strong candidate for Christiania. As we begin this new chapter, we ask that you work with your elected leaders and current staff in forming a united Christiania. Everyone needs to be heard.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 9:30am



If you are interested in remote attendance, please contact the church office prior to January 19, 2017 for details and instructions.

## A special thank you to the families that participated in the Candle Lighting and Reading during Advent:



Brad, Lisa & Cooper Smith  
Tony, Tia, Madison & Olivia Burnham  
Brian, Kim, Will & Kate Buechele  
Mark, Jean & Caitlin Latzke  
Derrick, Christine, Sophie & Clara Mae Hongerholt  
Joe, Alissa, Erica, Jessa & Andrew Jorgensen  
Daron, Jackie, Quentin & Raenna DuLac  
Ken, Maren, Elise & Reuben Zaffke

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Every Sunday it takes many volunteers to make for a successful and smooth-running worship experience – greeters, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, Sunday School teachers, offering counters, Altar Guild members – and the list goes on. At times, it is a challenge for the coordinators to get volunteers for these tasks – we thank ALL of you who so willingly “step up to the plate” when asked to help. If you would like to help out in a specific area and have not been asked – just let the office know and we’ll get you on the list!

### Altar Guild



Altar Guild invites church members for some of your time and talent in the area of cleaning the church pews—on Saturday, January 7 at 8:30am. We have a short meeting after the cleaning to sign up for service months. All are welcome to attend and hear more about the Altar Guild—we are always looking for new members.

This is a big task and we appreciate your help. Treats will be served after cleaning! Please contact Cheryl Schindeldecker at 952-469-3795 with questions.

*Thank you*

I would like to thank Christiania and its members for all the support I received after my surgery. It is nice to be part of such a caring church home.

Scott Tempel

## It's the talk of the town.....

Lifetree Café is an hour-long experience packed with interesting stories, fascinating people, and lively conversation that will feed your soul. The main entrée at Lifetree Café is food for thought.

Come enjoy a comfortable, safe place. A place to meet old friends and make new ones,

to share your thoughts about compelling topics and hear the thoughts of others. A place you'll discover ways to serve your community and your world.

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Lifetree Café. Come see what everyone is talking about.

....COMING IN FEBRUARY 2017



**Save for Calendar**

# January Ministries

## Offering Counters

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Jan. 1	
Jan. 8	Greg Silus, Jeff Martin
Jan. 15	Jeff Martin, Dave Mohling
Jan. 22	Dave Mohling, Earl Schindeldecker
Jan. 29	Earl Schindeldecker, Brad Bauer

## Acolytes

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Jan. 1	8:30	Alex & Drew Tarara
	10:45	Whitley & Wyatt Ronn
Jan. 8	8:30	Madison Burnham, Brenna Moore
	10:45	Lily Estep, Leah Simon
Jan. 15	8:30	Grace Estrem, Rachel Estrem
	10:45	Lance & Luke Thompson
Jan. 22	8:30	Jack McGregor, Calvin Marsh
	10:45	Maverick Coffing, Michael Rogers
Jan. 29	8:30	Alex & Drew Tarara
	10:45	Matthew Hurrle, Maxwell Parker

## Lectors

(No Lectors scheduled at print time)

Jan. 1	8:30
	10:45
Jan. 8	8:30
	10:45
Jan. 15	8:30
	10:45
Jan. 22	8:30
	10:45
Jan. 29	8:30
	10:45

## Communion Assistants

(No communion Assistants scheduled at print time)

Jan. 1	8:30
	10:45
Jan. 15	8:30
	10:45

## Greeters

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Jan. 1	Sue & Ken Beske
Jan. 8	Jane & Bernie Ward
Jan. 15	Elaine & Jerry Swedin
Jan. 22	Mary & Warren Peterson
Jan. 29	Joan & Jack Eckdahl

## Coffee Servers

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Jan. 1	Arlene Jacobson, Carol Melgaard Alex & Drew Tarara
Jan. 8	Pete & Madalyn Petersen Livia Holien, Hayden Jensen
Jan. 15	Mike & Martha Donahoe Nathan & Emily Matiak
Jan. 22	Scott & Lonna Selkirk Michael Rogers, Ayden Scribner
Jan. 29	Doug & Phyllis Hullett Savannah Stanley, Emily Johnson

## Youth Ushers

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Jan. 8	8:30	Nathan Anderson, Aven Estrem Will Kanfield, Nate Rowan
Jan. 8	10:45	Jordan Bares, Hannah Simon Afton Vandenheuvel, Jacob Bares

## Nursery (at 10:45 Service)

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Jan. 1	Martha Nelson, Ken & Maren Zaffke
Jan. 8	Crisa Aasen, Rachel & Adam Fausch
Jan. 15	Crisa Aasen, Rachel & Adam Fausch
Jan. 22	Crisa Aasen, Rachel & Adam Fausch
Jan. 29	

## Wednesday Meals

5:30—6:15 pm, \$4.00 per person



January 4 : No Meal

January 11 : Chicken casserole, steamed broccoli,  
fruit cocktail, dinner roll, cookie, milk

January 18: Sloppy joes, chips, grapes, bars, milk

January 25: Grilled cheese sandwich, ham panini,  
wild rice/tomato soup, pie, milk



# Armful of Love

**Just want to thank everyone who made the Armful of Love such a success this year. It is deeply touching to see this wonderful commitment to our community.**

**Bless you all for your support of this program.**

**In addition, for those who have asked, please note your 2017 calendars - we traditionally get the names in the last 2 1/2 weeks of November with the return date on the 1st weekend of December. It is a very tight turn around and 2016 was our best year yet.**

**Again, THANK YOU!**

**Sherri Mohn**

## Prayers for our Congregation

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bridget Anderson  
Orville Nelson  
Philip Tupa  
Crisa Aasen  
Ron Petersen  
Danielle Hartwell  
Betty Spillman



Due to space concerns, please refer to our Sunday Announcements, website and Prayer Chain for prayers for family and friends of our Congregational members.

# Thank YOU!

A very special thank you to **Brenda Mesaros** for all her work with the Lector and Communion Assistants Ministries.

**Madalyn Petersen** has agreed to take over these ministries. Please contact Madalyn for more information. If Madalyn contacts you to help, please prayerfully consider the important roles these ministries serve for Christiania.

## BAPTISMS at Christiania



*12/18/16 Olivia Marie Mesaros*

## Mission Ministry Team Update

The Missions Ministry Team is always thankful for the support, enthusiasm and generosity our church members have for the many mission projects we are involved in.

Thank you for your generous support of the ELCA Good Gifts Project. We collected over \$2,000.00 to send to the ELCA for purchase of pigs, goats, bees, chicks, mosquito screens, food backpacks and even a cow! A church member told me they bought a goat for a neighbor and when they gave them the card they really enjoyed the gift and idea behind the gift. We are a congregation helping locally and globally! Thank you for your generous Christmas offerings that went to fulfill our benevolence commitments for 2016. You are a generous and kind people!

January 31 is our first "Loaves and Fishes" for 2017. Please think about volunteering for this mission project and help prepare and serve pizza with other church members at the Creekside Community Center in Bloomington. Please see the Kiosk for more details and a sign-up sheet.

January 22, 2017 is "Mission Sunday" and we will have someone from the 360 Community at our services to remind us about the Food Shelves in our area and how we can help. We will also have other mission representatives on hand that day to greet and meet.

**Missions Ministry Team, Scott Tempel, Dave Olson and Lori Peterson**



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Lutheran Confirmation

## Confirmation Students

Go to Sign-up Genius for assignments

6th-7th Graders: Acolyte

8th-9th Graders: Usher

6th-9th Graders: Coffee Serving



## YOUTH

Join us Sunday mornings  
(between services)  
at the youth table for  
goodies and conversation

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## CONFIRMATION NEWS

**Wednesday, January 4: No Class**

**Wednesday, January 11:**

\* 6th and 7th Grade: Lesson 8—Acts

\* 8th and 9th Grade: Lesson 8—Grace

**Wednesday, January 18:**

\* 6th and 7th Grade: Lesson 9—Paul and the Early Church

\* **Urban Ventures**

**Wednesday, January 25:**

\* **Activity**

\* 8th and 9th Grade: Lesson 9—The Word

## FAITH ALIVE!

Announcing Faith Alive!

**What:** Youth Group for anyone in grades 6-12

**When:** Wednesdays at 5:30  
(when there is confirmation)

**Where:** Youth table in the fellowship area

**Why:** Discuss upcoming youth events, mission trip ideas, current issues facing us on a day-to-day basis.

## Hello Sunday School families-

### In January we will continue the Sparkhouse program:

January 1 - Activity

January 8 - DEBORAH (JUDGES 4:1, 5:31)

January 15 - GOD CALLS SAMUEL (1 SAMUEL 3:1-20)

January 22 - DAVID IS CHOSEN (1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13)

January 29 - Activity (Adult and youth volunteers needed January 29 to help

with a Sunday school activity so teachers and superintendents can attend the annual meeting).

**Mark your calendars! On February 5, the Fifth graders invite you to enjoy a pancake breakfast.**

*Thank you for the blessing of working with your children,*

Sunday School Superintendents: Tia Burnham and Maren Zaffke at [christianiasundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:christianiasundayschool@gmail.com) or

Tia at [tmjohnson4721@gmail.com](mailto:tmjohnson4721@gmail.com) and Maren at [maren.zaffke@gmail.com](mailto:maren.zaffke@gmail.com)



## Media Ministers needed!

Christiania is moving forward with music projection at the 10:45 service! We are moving from our trial stage to a more advanced, aesthetically improved stage by installing projectors and upgrading the remote system to be controlled in back. The plan is to continue music projection at the 10:45 service while continuing to have hymnals in the pews & bulletins to provide engagement through a variety of avenues.

If you have attended the 10:45 service, you have noticed that the music projection for the lyrics has become consistent—thanks to our volunteers Aiden Petersen & Madison Coffing! No, it's not totally automated and doesn't happen automatically! It requires people to set up the power point and a volunteer to advance the pages during worship service. I readily admit that I am no technology guru! I will even tell you that my kids had to help me with power point! With that being said, you must know that I felt moved by the spirit to add this type of media to our church service. So, if I can do it, I hope others will also step forward to put the lyrics on slides and/or run the projector during our 10:45 service. Middle and senior high students, this could be a quick and easy way for you to help AND it could be just what you need on your college application!

If this is an area you would like to volunteer with, please text, call or email Juli Skillman at 952-393-8158 or [JuliSkillman@gmail.com](mailto:JuliSkillman@gmail.com).





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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday:**

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

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DATED MATERIAL



—"CHILLY" SUNDAY—

chili, soups & stews

—FOOD OF THE MONTH—

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**Book Discussion Group**

A new year, a new list of books to read and discuss, and time to spend with special friends. Happy New Year to all. We invite you to join us at 11:30 in the Fellowship Room. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

**January 25:**  
*MOLOKAI*  
by O.A. Bushnell

**February 22:**  
*ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE*  
by Anthony Doerr



Deadline for the **February 2017** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **Jan. 18**.  
Email info. to Linda Bauer at  
lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org.

**Annual Meetings** of Christiania Lutheran Church  
and Christiania Lutheran Church Foundation  
**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
9:30 am  
Mark your calendars!