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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

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# Christiania Newsletter

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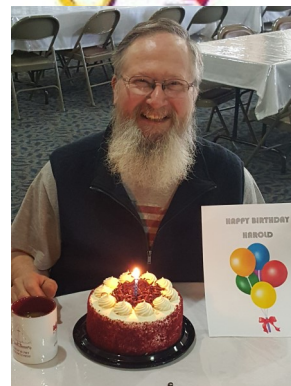
### April Food Shelf:

We are collecting Personal Care items for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.



# Happy Retirement!

Join us Sunday, April 15  
between services as we  
celebrate Harold  
Martin's retirement!



### April Sunday Worship

#### April 1- Easter Mark 16:1-8

7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served  
8:30 a.m. Festival Easter Worship with Communion/Chancel Choir  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served  
10:45 a.m. Festival Easter Worship with Communion/Chancel Choir

#### April 8 - John 20:19-31

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

#### April 15 - Luke 24:36b-48

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion/Wind Ensemble  
9:30 a.m. **Harold Martin Retirement Celebration &** Education Time  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band

#### April 22 - John 10:11-18

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

#### April 29 - John 15:1-8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:30 a.m. Education Time  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band



Deadline for the **May** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **April 18.**

Email info. to the church office at [office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org](mailto:office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org).



**For these of our Congregation:**

Bridget Anderson Crisa Aasen  
 Carol Melgaard Skip Fredrickson  
 Mary Peterson Dave Olson  
 Scott Mischke Gordon Storlie  
 Lois Swedin Tolly Swan

**For those who also need healing:**

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](mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org).

# April Ministries

Greeters		
April 1		Diane and Roger Brack
April 8		Don and Alice Storlie
April 15		Lori Peterson
April 22		Jackie and Christian Donovan
April 29		Barb Bachman
Lectors		
April 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus Judie Thompson
April 8	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Tania Drexler
April 15	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Lori Peterson
April 22	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus Juli Skillman
April 29	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Offering Counters		
April 2 @6:00 p.m.		Cheryl, Judy, Lori, Karen, David, Brad & Judy
April 8		Judy Hanson & Karen Frame
April 15		Judy Hanson & Karen Frame
April 22		Brad Smith & David Frame
April 29		Brad Smith & David Frame
Communion Assistants		
April 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Mariann Storlie & Alice Storlie
April 15	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Tania Drexler & Lori Peterson Melanie Kubischta
April 29	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus
Altar Guild		
April		Rachel Fausch & Vonny Laddusaw
Usher Captains		
April		Dave Mohling & Bill Kanfield
Ushers		
April		Group #4
Coffee Servers		
April 1		Easter
April 8		Dick & Carol Ostlie
April 15		John & Mariann Storlie
April 22		Diane & Gordy Larsen
April 29		Lee & Dona Jo Braun

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Easter</b> 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Served 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion/Chancel Choir 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast Served 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion/Chancel Choir	2 Call Committee	3 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	4 9:30 a.m. Quilters 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Liturgical Wind Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells NO CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering Meeting	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6	7
8 <b>Pastor Peter Harrits preaching</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Jump Start 9:30 a.m. Education Time 9:30 a.m. Mission Ministry Team 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship 12:00 p.m. CYF Team Meeting	9 Call Committee	10 7:30 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Ex. Council	11 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Liturgical Wind Ensemble 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  4:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	13 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal  5:00 p.m. Youth Concert in Mpls.	14 2:00 p.m. Wedding
15 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion/Wind Ensemble/Jump Start 9:30 a.m. Harold Martin's Retirement Celebration/Education Time 10:45 a.m. Non Traditional/Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band	16 Call Committee	17 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	18 <b>May Newsletter deadline</b> 9:30 a.m. CLCW 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	20	21 Youth will be bagging groceries on Cub Foods Hwy. 50 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
22 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Handbells/Jump Start 9:30 a.m. Education Time 10:45 a.m. Non Traditional Nitty Gritty Church Band	23 Call Committee	24 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	25 11:30 a.m. Book Club 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	27	28
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**CONFIRMATION NEWS**

**9th Grade Confirmation**

May 15 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  
9am-3pm  
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.



There are a wealth of new  
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, Terra or Pr. Rebecca know  
and we'll talk.



**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:**

**Plant Sale**  
Orders will be taken through April 8

**Giving Wall**  
Located on the Information Desk

**Cub Foods (HWY 50)**  
4/21 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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



**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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**Carri Tuma** Office Manager  
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**Joe Jorgensen** CYF Leader  
cyfleader@christianialutheranchurch.org

**Cliff Martin** Custodian  
**Rachel Fausch** Treasurer

**Other Contacts**

**Denise Kanfield** Council President  
**Cheryl Schindeldecker** Altar Guild  
**Debbie Lundeen** Bells Director  
**Joe Jorgensen** Chorister Choir Director  
**Linda Otto** Church Women (CLCW)  
**Bob Monio** Usher Co-Coordinator  
**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](mailto:madandpete@gmail.com)

**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

**Executive Council**

Fayette Ames Joe Jorgensen  
Sharon Buckley Sherri Mohn  
Adam Fausch Madalyn Petersen

**CYF**

Joe Jorgensen  
Kersten Richter  
Dan Richter  
Tia Burnham  
Jodi & Tim Emmons

**Membership**

Adam Fausch  
Sue Beske  
Polly Flaa  
Melanie Ostlie

Sara McGregor  
Kim Robertson  
Maren Zaffke  
Lori Rogers  
Tera Henry

**Property**

Brad Smith  
Steve Anderson  
Scott Tempel  
Jeanne Hoffmann Assoc.

**Congregational Life**

Dona Jo Braun  
Eunice Estrem  
Sherri Mohn  
Mariann Storlie

**Stewardship**

Barb Bachman  
Fayette & Al Ames  
Jerry Wicklund

**Mission**

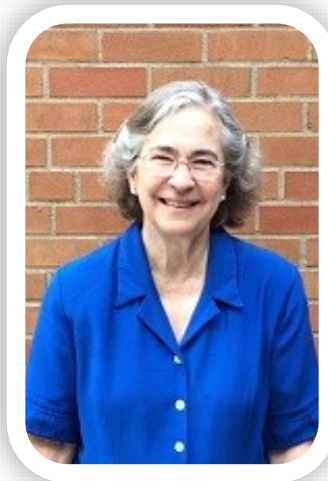
Sharon Buckley  
Terra Henry  
Scott Tempel  
Kaylee Wilkins

**Call Committee**

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

**Worship**

Madalyn Petersen  
Vonny Laddusaw  
Robin Martin  
Dr. Matt Steinbron  
Int. Pr. Rebecca



## Message from Interim Pastor Rebecca

“The world is changed,” said Galadriel in *The Fellowship of the Rings*, concerned for the passing of the ages.

“The world is changed and it’s not your fault,” said the Rev. Dr. David Lose at the 2014 Synod Assembly concerned for those feeling left behind by Social Media Restructuring.

“We will all be changed” said the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:52, concerned to let the faithful know that no one will be left behind.

The world is changing, it always has and God is always ahead caring for us, but sometimes churches fall behind in how we reach out to neighbors and one another.

Interim times are good, says this interim pastor, because it’s a time when congregations can choose to consider what traditions and practices have worked in the past and what may need to be changed to more fully include all of God’s children in the future.

As your interim pastor, I have been delighted to experience the wealth of young people associated with Christiania but have seen too, how often they get caught up in the urgencies and emergencies of our ever changing, technological world. As one who deeply respects the gathered people of Christiania, I am concerned about how to best reach out to our younger members yet also honor the rich experiences of those not quite so young.

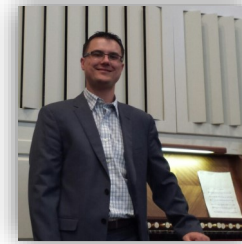
With the help of the Membership and Congregational Life Ministry Teams, on Sunday, March 18 and an earlier Sunday in January, a number of young families gathered and talked about what would be most helpful for them to more fully join in the community and worship at Christiania. There were many suggestions. While some ideas can, others cannot be instituted yet and some are already under discussion. Among the many topics, not all of which are included here, were having: more information about what’s happening at church on media younger people use; the children’s play bags refreshed; more for children to do in church services; children leave for Sunday School after the Children’s sermon; snacks during the Sunday School opening; a consistent, reliable Nursery attendant; a place at the tables in Fellowship hall; Sunday afternoon activities for families and many other ideas.

As we go forward trusting our God who took on human form and lived among us, there is no limit to the possibilities but to realize these will take great generosity and the willing help of many. Having come to know you, I trust we can go forward with Christ in our conversations and actions.

In the meantime, I will be on vacation from April 16-May 16. Christiania’s great Call Committee will continue the call process for Christiania’s Senior Pastor. During my time away, a colleague and excellent ELCA pastor, Kisten Thompson, will serve Christiania part-time. Pr. Kisten will be here on Sundays for worship and Wednesdays for the Confirmation program and in between as needed and for emergencies, visits and the smooth running of the congregation. Pr. Kisten has been a nurse and is one of the wiser and most compassionate of people. I know that you will welcome her and hope you will call on her as needed. I am as anxious for her to meet you as for you to meet her. There are many wonderful pastors and many wonderful congregations. Kisten is such a pastor and you are such a congregation. God bless you one and all, I look forward to catching up with you in May.

In Christ and in 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 (no rehearsal on April 4). 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

The Handbell Choirs will rehearse on **Wednesdays** through the school year. The Youth Handbell Choir will meet from 6:00-6:25 p.m. and the Adults from 6:30-7:10 p.m.

#### Performance date:

**April 22:** 8:30 a.m.

#### **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.

More information to follow in the May newsletter and in your weekly bulletin.

### WEDNESDAY DINNERS



Dinners resume April 4. All are welcome to come enjoy a meal and fellowship.

We are looking for volunteers to cook the main dish. Have the dish ready to serve by 5:00 p.m. I provide all sides and extras. Turn in receipts to be reimbursed. Please contact, Rachel Fausch at 612-756-0406 or [rachel.fausch@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.fausch@hotmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

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

**Cost:** \$4/a plate suggested donation.

#### April's Menu:

**April 4** - Baked Potato Bar, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, bars, milk

**April 11** - Confetti Spaghetti, Caesar salad, apple slices, garlic bread, cake, milk

**April 18** - French toast, sausage links, grapes & bananas, juice, milk

**April 25** - Sloppy Joes, chips, green beans, fruit, cookies, milk

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



We invite you to join us for a book discussion on

April 25th at 11:30 a.m. We are a friendly group and always welcome new faces. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

If you would like this month's book or 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 be landscaping the remainder of the east side of the church. Bring your gloves, rakes, 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 the ceilings in the narthex, part of the altar, and sides and back of the sanctuary. (We're still looking for contractors, to obtain bids.)

\*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 to obtain bids.)

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

\*Painting the window trim on the north and east sides of the building.

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

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

### CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



CLCW next meeting is Wednesday, April 18 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](http://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).

#### LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will go to the King's Room at St. Olaf College at 11:30 a.m. on April 11. I need to have a final count for the reservation on April 10. Please let me know before April 10 if you plan to attend. They still have the 3-price buffet and each price includes beverages: full buffet--\$13.15; soup, salad, & dessert--\$8.15; soup & salad--\$6.54 (prices may vary slightly.) Rides from church will be available. Let me know if you can drive or would rather ride with someone else. Parking can be a problem. Call Karen Erickson at 952-562-2605 for a reservation. (If you tell me at church, make sure I write it down or give a piece of paper with you name on it.)



#### NEWS FROM THE MINISTRY BOARD

This year, the Ministry Board members are representatives of the Ministry Teams: Congregational Life - Sherri Mohn  
Membership/Evangelism - Adam Fausch  
Missions - Sharon Buckley  
Stewardship - Fayette Ames  
Worship - Madalyn Petersen  
CYF/Education - Joe Jorgensen (Joe is not officially one of the 5-member Ministry Board, but will coordinate with them and Int. Pr. Rebecca)

All but one of the Ministry Teams has at least the required number of three members, but additional members are always welcome. These are not elected positions. You can join up, enjoy at any time!



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air!

As I write this the truth is snow is in the air, but I know spring is right around the corner. There are so many new things going on at Christiania. The Lenten season has been so inspirational to me. I have truly enjoyed sitting at the tables each Wednesday evening going through the Lord's Prayer. Tonight we worked with confirmands Sheridan, Grace and Rebecca to write an updated version of the Lord's Prayer:

*Guy of all Guys, up there watching over us, you and your deeds are greater than all else. I can't wait until your Kingdom is here. Help us to do what you want us to do. Provide us with food for our body and soul. Forgive us for all of our mistakes and help us forgive others for theirs. Keep us on the right path and shield us from the scary one. We owe it all to you, and all of God's people say, Amen!*

Change is hard, it was hard to pick updated words for the Lord's Prayer and it was exhilarating. Everyone sharing ideas, really thinking about the words and the meaning, and how to relate to the prayer. Sharing that with the confirmation students and getting their ideas was #amazing, #AMEN!

April continues to be a month of change. Congratulations to Harold who is officially retiring on Sunday, April 1. No it is not an April Fool's joke. Harold has been such an amazing care giver to our church home. We will be celebrating his retirement on Sunday, April 15 between services. There will be a card box available in fellowship hall leading up to the celebration. Pastor Rebecca will be out on vacation 4/15-5/15 and Bridge Pastor Kisten Thompson will be serving in her absence. Pastor Kisten visited on Sunday, 3/18, and it was great to spend a few minutes getting to know her.

Bruce Mohn has graciously agreed to chair a small team in a review of the constitution to determine how to align it with the updated Synod version that was ratified in 2016. You'll start to hear more about this in the coming months. Thank you Bruce for taking on this challenge.

Over the last couple months, Christiania has been updating our church computer system from Church Windows to Icon. I can't express enough gratitude to Rachel Fausch and Carri Tuma for the extensive work they have put in to migrate all the data. From creating a new chart of accounts, new reports to entering every active member, they have spent countless hours working to get this right. They have been supported by Scott Selkirk and others. If you have time, please thank them for their efforts.

Finally, I wanted to thank those leaders who were able to attend the Synod Toolkit on Saturday, March 11 – Bruce Mohn, Kim Robertson, Sharon Buckley, Cheryl Bahnsen, Tia Johnson, Sherri Mohn, and Pastor Rebecca. The Toolkit for Leaders occurs each year and offers a series of workshops to help lay leaders to be more effective. The Toolkit is usually in late February or early March. It is for anyone who is on or interested in being on a Ministry Team, Committee, or Executive Council. Take a moment to ask some of the attendees about what they learned. Hopefully we will see you there next year.

Thank you all for your commitment to Christiania and your grace in times of change.

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee is moving right along. During the month of March, the congregation had the opportunity to nominate ELCA pastors that would fit the needs of Christiania. Members of the congregation submitted eight names for consideration. These names were submitted to the synod. The call committee will not be involved in determining whether or not a nominated pastor will be brought forward for an interview. That is up to the synod, but we have been assured that all names submitted will be given serious consideration. Thanks for your input.

The synod is now looking over all the potential candidates. They will be considering those nominated by the congregation, those applying based on our posting on the synod web site and those pastors they are aware of that match the needs of our congregation. When they have completed that process they will bring forth the names of 3-5 candidates that will be interviewed by our call committee. We are anxiously/patiently awaiting those names.

While the synod is busy with that process, the call committee is busy preparing for those interviews. We have individually come up with a number of interview questions. After a lively discussion, we have narrowed the questions to a reasonable number. On March 26, Pastor Lees from the synod will join us again to further train us on the interview process.

We are looking forward to beginning interviews in April. We will continue to provide weekly updates in the Sunday bulletin and on the website. We are also providing a short verbal update during the Sunday announcements.

Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and grant us the ability and wisdom to bring to Christiania a faithful pastor who will care for us and equip us to do the Lord's work.

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



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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.



The Reverend Peter Harrits will be preaching at both services on Sunday, April 8. Pastor Harrits is director of Bega Kwa Bega, our partnership with congregations in Tanzania, as well as assistant to Bishop Lull. Please welcome him as he shares God's message from the perspective of one who has spent time with our partners in Ithemi, Tanzania.

The Rev. Kisten Thompson is an ordained ELCA pastor and will be standing in half-time for Int. Pr. Rebecca from April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Kisten has a Masters in nursing and has often served in both fields simultaneously. She is celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> year in ministry this year and her 40<sup>th</sup> year in nursing. Pr. Kisten has four children, ages 43 to 16 years old and four grandchildren, ages 13 years to 5 months. She has been married to the Rev. Tim Thompson, also an ordained ELCA pastor, for the last 29 years. They live in New Brighton and Pr. Kisten is looking forward to being part of Christiania. I know you will welcome Pr. Kisten with the grace you have welcomed me. Thank you, Int. Pr. Rebecca

CLCW – Thank you to Lori Peterson, Jackie Donovan and Debbie Lundeen who have taken on the responsibility of coordinating and serving funeral luncheons. It is very rewarding to be able to offer the opportunity for fellowship to a grieving family. Your help and support are very appreciated.



### CRADLE ROLL

The Cradle Roll position has been filled by Pam Kleeberger. Pam will be teaming up with Sharyn Murto and Elaine Swedin to keep in contact with our baptized pre-Sunday School members.

### 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.



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR...



### NURSERY CLEANING

On April 18 CLCW will be cleaning the nursery space and toys following lunch at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is provided.

You are welcome join us at 9:30 a.m. for morning Bible study, the CLCW meeting and lunch at 11:30 a.m. We would love to see you.

### Youth Fundraiser Plant Sale

The Youth Plant sale now through Sunday, April 8. Pick-up dates will be Friday, May 11 (5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and Saturday, May 12 (9:00 to 11:30 a.m.). Orders forms are available on the Information Desk or the website. Contact Terry Laschinger at (952) 200-1807 with questions.



### 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!



### ALTAR GUILD

If you would like to know more about the Altar Guild, please contact Cheryl Schindeldecker at 952-469-3795 or by email at [candeschinde@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ottolm@frontiernet.net).

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday's at 7:30 a.m.  
Wednesday's at 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday's at 10:00 a.m.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

If you have any questions contact, Juli Skillman at 952-393-8158, [JuliSkillman@gmail.com](mailto:JuliSkillman@gmail.com)