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**Sunday Worship**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
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# Christiania Newsletter

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

## LENTEN WEDNESDAYS AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 21**  
LENTEN WORSHIP (11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Services)



**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**  
PALM SUNDAY (8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Services)



**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**  
MAUNDY THURSDAY (11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Services & Communion)  
Noon Lunch - No evening meal

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**  
GOOD FRIDAY (7:00 p.m. Veiling of the Cross)



**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**  
EASTER SUNDAY (8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Festival Services)  
Easter breakfast served at 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. & 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.



DATED MATERIAL

# Lent



**Wednesdays through March 21**

## Worship & Meal Schedule

11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch

6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper  
7:00 p.m. Worship



**March's Food Shelf:**

We will concentrate on stocking the Food Shelf up with canned meat. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.



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

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

## March Sunday Worship

**March 4 — Lent - John 2:13-22**  
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

**March 11 — Lent - John 3:14-21**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Chancel Choir  
9:30 a.m. Education Time  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band/Chancel Choir

**March 18 — Lent - John 12:20-33**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion/Wind Ensemble  
9:30 a.m. Education Time  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with Communion and The Nitty Gritty Church Band

**March 25 — Palm Sunday - Mark 14 1-15 or Mark 15:1-39**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/with palms/Chorister Choir  
9:30 a.m. Education Time  
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with palms/The Nitty Gritty Church Band/Chorister Choir



**For these of our Congregation:**

Bridget Anderson Crisa Aasen  
 Nathan Mohling Carol Melgaard  
 Arlene Jacobson Skip Fredrickson  
 Elaine Larson Mary Peterson  
 Dave Olson Scott Mischke  
 Gordon Storlie Lois Swedin

**For these who also need healing:**

Irwin McClish, Vicky Thompson's father  
 Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker  
 Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine  
 Stella Bell, aunt of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine  
 Bill & Jean Maki, parents of Kelly Ronn  
 Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch  
 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  
 Helen Steinbron, grandmother of Matt Steinbron  
 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  
 Brian Strese, friend of the congregation  
 Christine, step-sister of Cheryl Bahnsen  
 Brian, son of George Kasper  
 Allen Ross, friend of Ron Ovans  
 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).

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AN UP TO DATE

# March Ministries

Greeters		
March 4		Roger & Diane Brack
March 11		Bob & Gladys Michelsen
March 18		Pete & Madalyn Petersen
March 25		David & Karen Frame
Lectors		
March 4	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Arnie Schultz Sue Beske
March 11	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus
March 18	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Greg Silus
March 25	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Alice Storlie Alice Storlie
Offering Counters		
March 4		Cheryl Schindeldecker & Judy Lantto
March 11		Cheryl Schindeldecker & Judy Lantto
March 18		Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
March 25		Lori Peterson & Cathy Breyer
Communion Assistants		
March 4	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Mariann Storlie & Kim Buechele Melanie Kubischta & Sharon Buckley
March 18	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Lonna Selkirk & Greg Silus
<b>Mundy Thursday</b>		Greg Silus
Altar Guild		
March		Madalyn Petersen, Vonny Laddusaw & Jane Ward
Usher Captains		
March		Daryl Rieck
Ushers		
March		Group #1
Coffee Servers		
March 4		LeRoy & Lori Clausen
March 11		Ritchie & Joan Storlie
March 18		Bo & Juli Skillman
March 25		Lucy Hurrle

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)

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	2	3
4 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion/Jump Start 9:30 a.m. Education Time/First Communion Class 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship/Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band 12:00 p.m. Worship Meeting	5 Call Committee	6 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	7 9:30 a.m. Quilters 11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 5:30 p.m. Liturgical Wind Ensemble 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting	9	10
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18 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion/Wind Ensemble/Jump Start 9:30 a.m. Education Time 10:45 a.m. Non Traditional/Communion/Nitty Gritty Church Band/Handbells	19 <b>Newsletter deadline for April</b> Call Committee	20 7:30 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Foundation Meeting	21 9:30 a.m. CLCW 11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 4:45 p.m. Worship Band 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Ministry Board Meeting	23	24
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**CONFIRMATION NEWS**

**Confirmation During Lent**

Now - March 21 - Lent All Grades  
March 28 - Holy Week - No Confirmation



**Confirmation Students**  
Go to Sign-up Genius for Assignments



**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.



**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2018**

Houston, TX. We are making plans to attend the 2018 ELCA Youth gathering which will be held in Houston, TX from June 27 - July 1. It is open to any youth currently in 8th - 12th grade. To learn more about the National Youth Gathering, visit the ELCA website.



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. Early registration by March 15th receives a discount. For further information, see the Camp Onomia website at [Welcome to Onomia!](#) Camp Onomia's director, Jim Schmidt will be at Christiania March 11, both services and will surely answer questions you may have then, as well as bringing songs and delight to our worship.



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 31  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Bring your child/ren or grandchildren for a morning of fun: songs, animals and of course an Easter Egg Hunt!

There will be different stages of the hunt for different age groups. Please bring your own basket.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**



Thank you to everyone who made it to the 5th grade pancake breakfast last month! It's a happy feeling when you see the sparkle in a fifth graders eyes and how excited they are, knowing they will be making breakfast for the congregation. They arrived early and full of energy and served 140 people! **Sophie Hongerholt, Ellie Fausch, John Anderson, Emily Sirek, and Kaylee Mohn**, you should be proud of yourselves and your hard work! WAY TO GO! A high five THANK YOU to Ken Zaffke (5th grade teacher), and to the parents and volunteers who came to help make this day a success! You are all truly a blessing!

In Christ  
Tia



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

**Harold 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

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 29. If you would like a copy of the annual report emailed to you, please contact Carri in the church office.

You can also pick up a hard copy from the bookshelf located in the main entryway.

**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**

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

**CYF**

Joe Jorgensen  
Kersten Richter  
Dan Richter  
Tia Burnham

Jodi & Tim Emmons  
Sara McGregor  
Kim Robertson  
Maren Zaffke  
Lori Rogers

**Membership**

Adam Fausch  
TBD  
TBD

**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

**Call Committee**

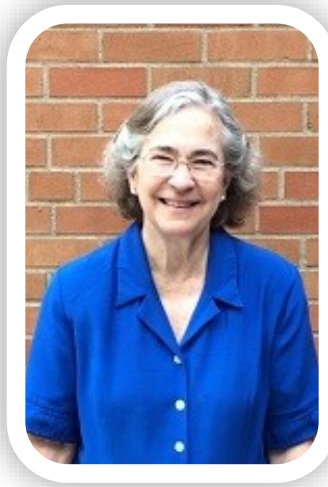
Lori Clausen  
Jack Eckdahl  
Jodi Emmons  
Rob Metz  
Tori Ruh  
Jane Ward  
John Wedel

**Mission**

Sharon Buckley  
Scott Tempel  
Kaylee Wilkins  
Terra Henry

**Worship**

Madalyn Petersen  
Vonny Laddusaw  
Robin Martin  
Dr. Matt Steinbron



## Message from Interim Pastor Rebecca

Newsletter: March 2018

### Prayer: Truth, Trust and Showing Up

One of my favorite biblical stories occurs mid-way through the book of Acts, 12:1-17, and involves a startling response to prayer. King Herod, having discovered that local political leaders enjoyed his imprisoning and killing the leaders of the new Christian church, dispatched James and captured Peter. Following Jesus' and Jewish teachings, the church gathered to pray fervently to God to spare Peter.

Then, in the jail nearby, an angel of God appeared, lighting up Peter's cell but he didn't awake, nor did the guards to whom he was chained. So the angel jostled Peter urging him to get up. Dazedly he did, his chains fell off, the guards didn't wake and the prison doors just opened. When Peter reached the street and realized what was happening, the angel disappeared. Because he was now a hunted man, Peter rushed to the house where the church gathered and knocked on the locked door. Rhoda responded. When she heard his voice she was so excited, she ran to tell the others, leaving Peter outside. The church was so busy praying that when they heard her they assumed she was out of her mind or had seen a ghost. Don't disturb us Rhoda, we're busy praying for Peter's release.

How she finally convinced them is not clear but when some went to the gate, they opened it, let Peter in and, I trust, thanked God for answering their prayers.

Pray, because prayer is God's command throughout the biblical texts. Prayer reveals truth (John 8:31), and reasons to trust and show up.

Life today isn't easy, it was less easy for Peter. We read of his faithful actions and marvel, but we who are baptized have the same gift Peter did, the gift of the Holy Spirit, but few are called to struggle as Peter. Each, however, is called to pray as Jesus, the church and Peter did.

The first three Gospels are full of Jesus' instructions to pray and his examples. For what should we pray, for that which concerns us and for each other. This Lenten season we will together explore a particular prayer. In this time of transition at Christiania, the leaders of the Congregation have asked us to pray for God to touch the heart of a gifted pastor to come walk with this congregation towards Christiania's future mission. Pray for our Call Committee. It is also good to ask that God bring us a faithful Children, Youth and Family Director to work with our new pastor, our CYF leader and the CYF ministry team to better support the young people of this congregation.

Do not lose heart. In times of transition it is common for some to turn back to traditions that once served but which don't work so well today in our Social Media world. It is also common to become discouraged, to step back and wait to see what will happen. The body of Christ who is Christiania has resisted much of this and prayer will lead us forward. As we continue our concern for God and one another, it matters to show up at worship and gatherings and participate in ministry teams and commissions that lead and connect us.

When we reach out beyond what we know towards the will and work of God, the Holy Spirit blesses us with gifts of which we were unaware and the joy of community and hope we did not know we were missing. God bless and thank you all who have been so vitally and wonderfully involved.

In prayer and 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 during Lent from 8:00-9:00 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 dates:

**March 25:** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday

**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 dates:

**March 18:** 10:45 a.m.

**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)



#### SAVE THE DATE!

Family Fun Day  
May 6, 2018 at noon. Bring the family and join us for food, fun and fellowship. More details to come in the April Newsletter.



### SPRING CLEAN UP

This year we will be landscaping the remainder of the east side as part of our spring cleanup.

Brad Smith will check with the CYF Director to see what date works best so we can include the church youth with this work. What better way to teach them life skills.

### CONCRETE SIDEWALK

This year we also would like to put a concrete sidewalk at both doors on the east side of the church. We are looking for a contractor for this work as well. Please let Brad Smith know if you have any recommendations on contractors.

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



Easter Memorial Flowers

### EASTER FLOWERS

As we enter the Lenten season we look ahead to Easter and the raising of our living Lord. This year we will take flower orders on March 4, 11 and 18 between services. Flowers are placed by the altar for Easter morning services to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones. Your flowers can be collected following the last service on Easter morning.

### CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

CLCW next meeting is Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. We begin our morning with coffee at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. followed by the business meeting. 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

Since Lenten services are on Wednesdays—Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, March 13 at Teresa's in Lakeville at 11:30 a.m.** Contact Karen Erickson if you

have questions. All welcome to come. Thank you!



### 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)

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 at any time!

### MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

Once again, our Lenten monetary donations will be given to local food shelves. Food shelf donations are matched/doubled in the month of March. Please grab one of the green reusable bags in the church entry, fill with your non-perishable food donations, and return to the area at either entrance. Then grab another bag for next time!



**As always, the five most needed items at the food shelf are: 1) canned fish and meat, 2) cooking and baking items, 3) peanut butter, 4) canned fruit and vegetables and 5) rice, pasta and cereal.**

**If writing a check, please write "Food Shelf" in the memo to be sure your donation is correctly directed. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!**



### CAMP WORK DAY

Mark your calendar for April 28 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



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an exciting start to 2018! February marked the first meeting of the new Executive Council and we are excited to welcome Maren Zaffke and Derrick Hongerholt. I feel we are fortunate that Bruce Mohn is continuing to serve in the role of Vice President. The continuity that provides to the council in a year of change will provide stability and insights to keep things running smoothly. Greg Silus graciously agreed to continue as a member at large to guide the transition of the secretary role to Maren. Kim continues her dedication to the council and CYF. Lori Clausen continues as an at large member and is the council appointed representative to the Call Committee. Brian McGregor rounds out our council in his second year as an at large member. I thank you all for your partnership and guidance. Please reach out to any council members with questions or recommendations, we are all here to serve you and Christiania.

Our congregational meetings in January were well attended and important steps to kicking off 2018. I enjoyed attending my first Town Hall hosted by the Mission Exploratory Team (MET), it was very informative. Bruce gave a great overview of the event in the February Newsletter. The annual meeting was well attended and our 2018 annual budget was approved. While the 2018 budget is higher than 2017, it will allow us to move forward with hiring our new Pastor and a full time CYF director.

The Call Committee met for the first time on Thursday, February 15. Joe Lees attended the meeting and provided guidance to our committee on the process they will follow. The Call Committee has a unique challenge – keeping the congregation informed on the progress of the search with updates on the process while maintaining absolute confidentiality on all details surrounding candidates. Two requests:

Remember to include our call committee and future pastor in your prayers. Refrain from asking Call Committee members about candidates – quantity, names, etc. – this information must remain confidential and we don't want to create an uncomfortable environment.

Our Leadership Orientation was Saturday, February 17. This session is for all teams and committees to come together at the beginning of the year and align on expectations and roles. We covered the roles of the different teams and the new Ministry Board organization. Attendees seemed to appreciate the information and enjoyed breakfast. This year we are hoping to smooth out the communication between Ministry Teams, the Ministry Board and the Executive Council. I thank those who made it out in our snow storm.

My favorite part of February was the return of the Christiania Variety Show (aka the Talent Show)! Thank you Matt for organizing an amazing event. There was a wonderfully diverse group of artists and a thoroughly enjoyable show. My personal favorite was the Kazoo Choir but I may be a bit biased. Thank you to Sherri Mohn and the Congregational Life team for the wonderful Spaghetti dinner following the event.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Christiania and the opportunity to serve!

Denise Kanfield  
Council President

# CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee is off to a good start. We held three meetings in February. In the first meeting, we met with Assistant Bishop Joe Lees who is our contact at the synod. He provided us with a call committee orientation which included all the procedures to be followed and how this process works. We learned a lot!

In the second meeting, we chose our leader. Rob Metz will be the chairperson on the call committee and Jane Ward will do the secretarial duties. Certain tasks will be taken on by each member. It seems Rob is good at delegating. We reviewed the **Ministry Site Profile** as this is the document that grounds us in the wants and needs of the congregation. We also determined our timeline

and set up regular meeting dates. We will be meeting on Monday evenings with additional meetings to be held as needed. We discussed ways to communicate regularly with the congregation. You will receive weekly updates on Sunday mornings, either from one of our members or in the weekly bulletin, so be sure to look for those updates. We will provide information each month in the newsletter as well.

At this point the call committee will be asking the congregation for nominations of ELCA pastor candidates that you would like the **synod to consider**. Nomination forms will be available on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the form and return in the box that will be provided. These names will be turned in to the synod for their consideration. The call committee will not be involved in determining whether or not each nominated pastor will be brought forward as a candidate. That determination will be made by the synod. We have been assured that each person nominated will be given serious consideration by the synod. **The deadline for submitting the nomination forms will be March 11.**

During the third meeting in February will began developing our interview questions.

So we are on the way with this exciting time in our congregation. 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.

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



Interim Pastor Rebecca invites those of you whose parents feel they are ready for First Communion to two classes and one chalice preparation session beginning on March 4. After the opening Sunday School gathering we will meet in the room marked 4 and which was once called "Daniel's Den." The purpose is to prepare the young people to receive for First Communion on Maundy Thursday March 29. Parents are strongly encouraged to come to the classes on March 4 and again on March 11 so that discussions begun in those classes can continue at home.

Please let Interim Pastor Rebecca know if you would like your child to attend. She can be reached at church or by email, [pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org](mailto:pastor@christianialutheranchurch.org) and looks forward to greeting you.



Thanks go out to Lori Peterson for her four years of dedicated service to the Mission Ministry Team!

## VOLUNTERS WANTED FOR...

### MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM

**The Membership/Evangelism team needs more members.** Please consider helping Adam on this team! The tasks of this team are to help spread the word of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, hospitality to new members, reaching out and involving inactive members in the life of the church, and visitation to present and prospective members.



### 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).



### CRADLE ROLL

We are looking for volunteers to help. The CLCW sends engraved medallions to those celebrating their first baptismal birthday. Cards and small gifts are sent on the second and third anniversary. The names and addresses are provided by the church office. Costs are reimbursed by the CLCW. Please contact Linda Otto for more information.

### LENTEN LUNCHEON



If you would like to volunteer to set up, cook or help clean up there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Otto.

### LENTEN SUPPER

"Many hands make light work." We could use the help of volunteers to help with cooking delicious soups and bars. There will also be a hot dish at each meal. Help is also needed to set up and clean up so please consider offering to help one or more Wednesday nights during this Lenten season! Please call Sherri Mohn at (612)597-2367, or email at [creativesewing8@gmail.com](mailto:creativesewing8@gmail.com), or there are sign-up sheets posted on the door in the kitchen. Any help you can give us would be most appreciated!

Thank you for your support!  
Congregational Life Ministry Team

## WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT Now - March 21

11:30 a.m. Lenten Worship  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon served by CLCW



6:00 p.m. Lenten Suppers are served by the Congregational Life Ministry Team  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Freewill donations are taken at the luncheons and the suppers. Lunch donations go to the CLCW and dinner donations go to the Congregational Life Ministry Team.

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.  
Thursday at 10:00 a.m.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

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



### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Time marches on and we invite you to join us at Book Discussion on March 28 at 11:30 a.m. We will be having a Bookbag for the month of March. 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 more information, please call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER 2018 PROJECTS

At their February meeting, the Property Committee discussed the projects for 2018. The list will be published next month. The largest item on our list is the sheet rock replacement of the ceilings in the narthex, part of the altar and sides and back of the sanctuary. We are looking for contractors to get bids for potential fund-raising efforts. The ceiling has been patched many times over the years due to water damage. It's time to address this issue after the roof repairs, and we need to get a professional to do it. If you know of any company that does this work, please give the details to Brad Smith.



### LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

As part of the lockdown procedures, large door numbers are to be installed on all exterior entrance doors. All interior doors should also have identifying numbers posted. We will ask the Décor Advisory Committee to assist with this task.