

July 2017

# Christiana Newsletter

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

## July Sunday Worship

Worship with us each Sunday at **9:00 a.m.**

July 2 — Matthew 10:40-42

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

July 9 — Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-30

9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 16 — Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

July 23 — Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band & Spirit Singers  
10:00 a.m. Egg Bake Breakfast

July 30 — Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

*Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

## Spirit Singers



If you enjoy singing but do not have enough time for choir rehearsals, then Spirit Singers is for you! During the summer we will be praising the Lord through song on the fourth Sunday of July and August. You are welcome to join us for one or both of those Sundays. The only rehearsals will be directly before each service (rehearsals at 8:00 a.m. and service at 9:00 a.m.). If you are interested, please email or contact Matt for music and practice records.

## EGG BAKE BREAKFAST JULY 23 at 10:00 a.m.

You're invited to join the CLCW for food and fellowship on Sunday, July 23. Everyone seems to enjoy the breakfasts. We hope you will join us and bring a guest.

For those who wish to help, a Needs/Help Sign-Up list will be posted on the kitchen door. Thanks for your help in advance. All income from the breakfast will go to the Roof Fund.

## Celebrating our Heritage and Senior Members

On Saturday, July 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Friendly Visitors Ministry Team is sponsoring a luncheon at church to "Celebrate our Heritage and Senior Members." There will be a luncheon, entertainment and sharing of our church heritage. Please come for the fellowship and sharing of our church history and your knowledge of the church.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Lori Peterson at 612-968-4953 or email at [Lchickenlady@gmail.com](mailto:Lchickenlady@gmail.com).

If you need a ride to the event, one can be provided. We hope to see you at the celebration!  
Please RSVP by Saturday, July 15.

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Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW)
Bob Monio	Usher Co-Coordinator
Daryl Rieck	Usher Co-Coordinator
Juli Skillman	Care Team Coordinator

## Baptism at Christiania

Blessings to Elijah David Amemiya who was baptized into Christiania on Sunday, June 25. Elijah's parents are Cain and Tammy Amemiya.

## Prayers for our Congregation



Please remember the following in your prayers –

Sandy Cross and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband, Dick Cross. Dick passed away Thursday, June 22. A funeral service will be held at Christiania on July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Bridget Anderson	Orville Nelson
Crisa Aasen	Ron Petersen
Danielle Hartzler	Carole Shafer
Scott & Deb Mischke	Eunice Estrem

Clarence, Tia Smith's dad  
Brayden, son on Deanna Opere & Mike Glover  
Hailey Franks, friend of the Jeff Martin family  
Phil Tupa, son of Linda Tupa  
Nora, great niece of Jeff & Linda Otto  
Paul, friend of Doc & Geeg Aaker  
Clarice, Kim Robertson's mother  
Brian Strese, friend of congregational members  
Manda Warren Madvig, friend of congregational members  
Anne, Emily Mohn's mother  
Ryan Laber, friend of Maren & Ken Zaffke  
Dirk, nephew of Juli & Bo Skillman  
Erin (Weier) Remme, family and friend of congregational members  
Scott, friend of Sue Jacobson  
Christine, Cheryl Bahnsen's step-sister  
Brian, George Kasper's son  
Allen, friend of Ron Ovans  
MaryLou, mother of Paula Crawford Anderson  
Earl, friend of Cal Tonsager  
Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum  
Jeffrey, nephew of Bill & Denise Kanfield  
Shannon Clarke, niece of Sharon & John Mohn  
Richard, step-dad of Tia Burnham  
Betty Johnson, Jackie DuLac's mom  
Annie, friend of Lori Rogers  
Dave, Brian Aasen's father  
Jolene Wilker, Jacki Donovan's mother  
Wally Petersen, brother of Ron & Pete Petersen and Gladys Bolton  
Kathy, Rachel Fausch's mother

# *Message from Pastor Rebecca*

## **Newsletter July**

During these past weeks, Sunday's biblical texts have focused on Christ's unexpected presence among us (Luke 24:44-53), on God's majesty and oneness with Jesus (John 17:1-11), on the astonishing advent of the Holy Spirit among a great diversity of people (Acts 2:1-21), on the command of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16-20) and this past week, on the change of focus from the words and actions of Jesus, to the words and actions of Jesus' people (Matthew 9:35-10:8), that would be us. Words and actions such as these come to life as we live into the relationship created for and before us by our Triune God. Such words and actions are only possible when we gather as God's people living into the reality of being the body of Christ.

During these past months we have lived among biblical texts come alive. April saw the gathering of young and old as we led our children in an Easter egg hunt and multiple expressions of worship and fun. Christ's resurrection celebration followed with worship, wonderful music and gatherings that tasted different meals, rejoiced in God and in conversations with each other. May arrived with more celebrations of baptisms, new members, old and new meetings and our Confirmands' Affirmation of Baptism. June looks to the gathering of Christiania supporting our children and children of our community in Vacation Bible School learning about the mighty acts of God in an atmosphere of friendship and fun. July looks forward to a celebration of our heritage and our seniors and August to a renewal of our work with Urban Ventures, continued Christian gatherings and interests as the classic cars come again to our parking lot. Conversations will continue inside and outside our sanctuary.

When we gather to worship, we practice being the body of Christ. By such gatherings hope is given and grown by God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are realized as we reach out beyond what we thought we could do in our abilities as in our finances. When we reach out in response to God's call, God does not desert us. God who gives without ceasing encourages us to give as we have received for the good of all. God is with us in our striving lifting up possibilities and joy wherever we find ourselves.

Now is the season of Pentecost, the celebration of church people living anew the gifts of God, the actions of the Holy Spirit in our midst, our community and our world. The season of Pentecost is often called ordinary time, that time between the giving of the Holy Spirit and the end of the church year some twenty plus weeks from now with Christ the King Sunday. (Advent is the beginning of the church year and follows right after Christ the King.) Being Lutherans, we will pause to recall extraordinary times and celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation, our remarkable example of what it means to live into the will and way of God.

As spring gives way to summer and we practice growing more fully into being the body of Christ, let us lift our prayers to the Lord our God for a common vision for Christiania's future ministry. The Mission Exploratory Team will soon be developing questions designed to help us consider our heritage and our future ministry with Christ.

As with Sunday's biblical texts, we know the harvest is full though the laborers are few, so we join together in prayer to the Lord to increase the laborers and as we join together in this great body of Christ working in whatever ways we can towards God's ministry, we will find indeed that "the Kingdom of heaven is come near."

In joy and in anticipation,  
Interim Pastor Rebecca

## **Executive Council President's Message**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Enjoy this great summer holiday with family and friends. Take time to come and worship with us also! It has been fun to see the church full and overflowing into the chapel with the 9:00 a.m. worship time. As a congregation, this summer will be a time to gather information using different types of surveys for a new called pastor. July and August are the target months to get this project underway to find what the congregation's needs and interests are.

### **The June council meeting covered the following:**

- The roof replacement special meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>
- A loan from members of church for the roof capital campaign for the first six months interest free, with interest charges for the next six months followed by a balloon payment
- The update on the hiring of an office manager
- The approval of a motion stating the use of the youth room/heritage room will be available as a multipurpose room being available for all ages and activities as needed. A note: we may struggle for a while on what the name of this old heritage room, old youth room, new multi-purpose room, new gathering room may be called. It can have many names, but the same purpose—to provide space for all members of Christiania. It may be used for Sunday morning gathering for the Sunday school kids to sing, for youth to play table tennis, for special events like the "LifeTree Café," weddings and funerals. The room needs to be a flexible, versatile area. So, I will see you in the gathering, multi-purpose, heritage, youth room or GMHY room soon!

Enjoy the summer months to stay connected with family and friends. While at church look for things you would be interested in volunteering for. If we all do a little, a lot can get accomplished!

Sincerely,

Bruce Mohn, President  
Executive Council

### **Help Needed:**

**Gardener:** contact Bertie Mohling at 952-461-5220

**Door handles & window glass installation:** contact Brad Smith at 952-461-4353

**Communion Assistants & Lectors:** contact Madalyn Petersen at 952-652-2696

## ***Thank You***

I would like thank to all of those who helped with the Christiania American Red Cross Blood drive on 5/24/17. Specifically, I would like to thank Sherri Mohn, Mariann Storlie, Debbie Lundeen, and Donna Jo Braun for giving their time and efforts towards providing the delicious meal. Thank you, Harold for preparing the church for this important service. Also, thanks to all of those who donated or attempted to donate. The 18 units of blood that were collected will save or significantly impact 56 lives!

Jodi Wilkins

Thank you—Thank you!

We sure were not expecting a donation from church... Prayers are most important these days! We are very blessed to have Church family and friends! One never expects to be put in "these shoes." It makes it easier to walk with love and support. With Scott feeling well right now it just seems like a dream. Hopefully these days (years) are many to come!

Love, Scott, Deb and family.

## **Missions Ministry Team – July 2017 Newsletter Article**



**School Supply Drive** – This year we have decided to focus on one school district for the collection and giving of school supplies. We intend to rotate our donations each year to the Lakeville, New Prague, Northfield and Farmington school districts.

This year we will participate in **Lakeville's "Stuff the Bus"** Program. Donations received are given to children in need. We will collect donations in bins in the front entry way.

Donations needed include: New School Supplies • Backpacks • Graphing Calculators • Flash Drives • Cougar/Panther Clothing • Elementary School Spirit Clothing • Winter Coats • Elementary Age Snow Pants/Boots • Gloves/Mittens • New Winter Hats • Cash Donations

**Food Shelf** – With school out for the summer, children are at home for all three meals. Food Shelves see an increase of visits and need from their customers. Please remember to pick up one of our cloth re-useable food shelf bags from the coat rack in the main entrance. Use this at the grocery store for your groceries and for the items you pick up for the food shelf and bring to church.

**Loaves and Fishes** – 19 volunteers served 175 guests on May 30. This is a great project to help make and serve a meal to those who are in need. Please think about helping in this project at our next serving date, Tuesday August 29. If you need a ride we can carpool. It is great to work with members of the church to make a pizza & salad dinner and to serve it to the guests at the Bloomington Loaves and Fishes. Our volunteers arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and generally finish by 7:00 p.m.

**Feed My Starving Children** – Saturday, June 5, Sharon Buckley led a 15 person Church Team at the Feed My Starving Children Eagan site to prepare meals for people all over the world. Thank you to those kind volunteers for their time and love for others.

**Lewis House** - We will again thank you for your generous donations of hygiene items. They were delivered to the Lewis House in June. Sharon wanted to mention that the CYF team also had made health kits and blankets that were given along with the church items. Way to go Christiania Youth!

**Missions Ministry Team** – Scott Tempel, Kaylee Wilkins, Sharon Buckley and Lori Peterson

**NEWSLETTER CALENDAR NOTE:** Next meeting: Mission Meeting Wednesday, July 12 5:30 p.m. Church Education Room

# July Ministries

## Offering Counters

July 2	Judy Hanson and Karen Frame
July 9	Judy Hanson and Karen Frame
July 16	Brad Smith and David Frame
July 23	Brad Smith and David Frame
July 30	Cheryl Schindeldecker and Judy Lantto

## Communion Assistants

July 2	Sharon Buckley - Greg Silus
July 9	
July 16	
July 23	
July 30	

## Greeters

July 2	Carol & Dick Ostlie
July 9	Linda Storlie & Vonny Laddusaw
July 16	Sharon & Gordy Thompson
July 23	Maren & Ken Zaffke
July 30	Vicky & Larry Thompson

## Lectors

July 2	Greg Silus
July 9	
July 16	
July 23	Al Ritchie
July 30	Christian Donovan

## Executive Council

President:	Bruce Mohn
Vice-President:	Denise Kanfield
Secretary:	Greg Silus
<b>At-Large Members:</b>	Kim Robertson
Lori Clausen	Brian McGregor
Scott Selkirk	Lee Braun
Treasurer:	Rachel Fausch
Pastor:	Interim Pastor Rebecca

Executive Council Minutes (once they are approved) are listed on the website and copies are available in the church office.

## Ministry Board

Barb Bachman	Ron Ovans
Terra Henry	Valayna Simon
John Wedel	

## Ministry Teams

### CYF

Kersten & Dan Richter  
Tia Johnson,  
Jodi & Tim Emmons  
Sara McGregor  
Kim Robertson  
Maren Zaffke

### Membership

Adam Fausch  
Lonna Selkirk  
Tia Smith

### Congregational Life

Dona Jo Braun  
Eunice Estrem  
Sherri Mohn  
Mariann Storlie

### Property

Jeanne Nash Hoffmann  
Steve Anderson  
Warren Peterson  
Brad Smith

### Stewardship

### Mission

Sharon Buckley  
Lori Peterson  
Scott Tempel  
Kaylee Wilkins

### Worship

Vonny Laddusaw  
Robin Martin  
Madalyn Petersen  
Ken Zaffke

## Potholders Still Needed!

Thank you to all of you have faithfully and quietly slipped your knitted, crocheted, and sewn potholders into the box on the Information Desk in the Fellowship Room. The number is growing! We still need several more (hoping to get 100). You have until the end of August, so stitch, knit and crochet on!

Thank you!  
Geeg Aaker  
952-461-3555

The potholders will be part of a "Home In A Box" that includes other household items, pots, tarp, clothesline/pins, towels, sheets, etc. packed into a plastic tote. They will be sent to Chimbote, Peru to help the people there who have lived in grass-walled 8x10 huts.

# July 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 a.m. Traditional/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:30 a.m. Quilt Tying  1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  4:45 p.m. Worship Band	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Yoga	7	8
9  9:00a.m. Non-Traditional w/ Nitty Gritty Church Band 10:00am Coffee Fellowship	10	11 7:30 a.m. Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting	12 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch at Firehouse Grill  1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  5:30 p.m. Mission Meeting	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Yoga	14	15
16  9:00 a.m. Traditional/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	17	18 Newsletter Deadline for August Edition 7:30 a.m. Bible Study	19 9:30 a.m. CLCW Coffee, Bible Study and Meeting  1:30 p.m. Staff Mtg.  4:45 p.m. Worship Band	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Yoga	21	22 11:00 a.m. Senior Members Luncheon
23 Mission Trip Leaves 8:00 a.m. Spirit Singers Rehearse 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional w/ Nitty Gritty Church Band 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/ Breakfast	24 Mission Trip	25 Mission Trip  7:30 a.m. Bible Study	26 Mission Trip  11:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group  1:30 p.m. Staff Mtg.	27 Mission Trip  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Yoga	28 Mission Trip	29 Mission Trip
30 Mission Trip Return 9:00 a.m. Traditional/ Communion	31				<b>Altar Guild</b> Linda Storlie Cal Tonsager	<b>Usher Captains</b> Daryl Rieck Abby Emmons





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## Summer Worship Schedule

### Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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Food Shelf  
Donations for July....



**"Cookies & Crackers"**

### Mark Your Calendars

Classic Car/  
Tractor  
Sunday  
August 6



Deadline for the **August 2017** edition of  
the Christiania Newsletter is **July 18**.  
Email info. to the church office at  
[office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org](mailto:office@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org).

## Book Discussion Group

Midsummer is here and I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful days of summer. We are so fortunate to have four seasons and each one is unique.

We thank God for his goodness to us. The book we read for July is "THE BOYS IN THE BOAT" by Daniel James Brown. We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished. We will be having another Book Bag in July.



Join us as we welcome Carri Tuma to  
the Christiania Lutheran Church family.

Carri has been hired for the Office  
Manager position. She will be in the office from 8:30 a.m. until  
5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Feel free to stop by and  
introduce yourself.