

#### **SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

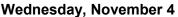
#### Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Day, Matthew 5:1-12

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion/Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Online Worship/YouTube (Instructions can be found on page 9)

11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion

6:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom



9:30 a.m. Quilt Tying

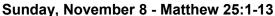
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online

1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion

5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Faith Alive via Zoom



9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Online Worship/YouTube (Instructions can be found on page 9)

11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship

#### Wednesday, November 11

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online

5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Faith Alive via Zoom

#### Sunday, November 15 - Matthew 25:14-30

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion/Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Online Worship/YouTube (Instructions can be found on page 9)

11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion

#### Wednesday, November 18

9:30 a.m. CLCW

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online

1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion

5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Faith Alive via Zoom

## Women ELCA

#### Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Day, Matthew 25:31- 46, First Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Online Worship/YouTube (Instructions can be found on page 9)

11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship

#### Wednesday, November 25

11:30 a.m. Book Club

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service



#### Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Mark 13:24-37

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion/Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Online Worship/YouTube (Instructions can be found on page 9)

11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion

For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson ... Crisa Silverness ... Scott Mischke ... Marjorie Tonsager Margaret Corrigan ... Ellie Panek ... Melissa Hanson ... Sharon Syverson Bob Jacobson ... Susie Stiehl & family ... Cindy Hildreth ... Carol Garant Norma Christianson ... Sandy Erickson ... Carl Bahnsen

#### For those who Mourn:

For Karen Frame's my sister, Dixie and Dixie's family as they grieve the death of her husband (Karen's brotherin-law), Chuck who died from complications of Covid-19.

Maureen Johnson, her family and friends as they mourn the loss of Bill Johnson. Bill entered God's Eternal Kingdom on Tuesday, October 20. He is the brother of Bobby & Mary Jo Johnson, Peter & Julie Johnson and Will and Marietta Storlie

Marcie Tonsagers, family and friends. Marcie entered God's Kingdom on October 14, 2020. Marcie's Celebration of Life Service was held at Christiania on October 20.

#### For all those working on the front lines fighting against the COVID-19 virus: Alex Krenz

Michael Ford, friend of Lori & LeRoy Clausen Wynn Ostlie, brother of Joanie Eckdahl Chris Saunders, brother of Tia Burnham Asher Woodard, son of a co-worker of Dick Panek's Gary Hunt, friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen Amy Bement, friend of Lori Clausen Mike Nordman, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen Jennifer, NJ cousin of Alan Ritchie PriCilla Bjorklund, close friend of Cathy Breyer Greg Jeffers, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen Justin Storlie, son of Joan & Ritchie Storlie Mike Bean, friend of Dick & Ellie Panek Vickie Hall, sister-in-law of Donna Silverness

Brian & Denise Neisen, friend of Lori Clausen Meghann (Knowlton) Morse, daughter of Steven &

Megan Taylor, relative of Lori Clausen

Matthew Ames, son of Alan & Fayette Ames Benjamin Velasquez, friend of Matt & Stephanie Steinbron

Brenda Knowlton

Maria Sauber, parent leader of the Chub Lake Beavers

Lee Jacobson, brother of Bob and Arlene Jacobson

Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and Eckdahl's

Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation 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

Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers

Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members Brian, son of George Kasper Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield Annie, friend of Lori Rogers Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

## For those who also need healing:

In Military:

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson); Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)
Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew); Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)
Christian Weidling (Sherri & Mike Mohn's nephew); Max Baker (Sandy Cross' grandson)
Billy Hukka (Beth Hukka's son); Miguel Nuno (Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler's nephew)
John Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' son); Mark Langreck (Dona Jo & Lee Braun's nephew)

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Lonna Selkirk George Silverness

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Pastor Jon Rhodes

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#### FROM SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

#### **PUT A TEXT BOX AROUND JEREMIAH 29:11**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

What a great gift to experience another group of confirmation-age teenagers sharing faith statements and affirming baptism promises made on their behalf long ago. Congratulations: Madie Burnham; Nathan Matiak; Jack McGregor; Pete Rhodes; Whitley Ronn; Wyatt Ronn; Lance Thompson; and Owen Wilkins. We welcome you as a full adult member of the body of Christ here at Christiania. Thank you and congratulations parents, teachers, mentors, and sponsors. You have fulfilled your promises and helped these young people know and trust God—well done! But also know their spiritual growth is not done.

After listening to their faith statements on YouTube last Wednesday I was filled with great hope. These young people have so much life and faith. It's so important to remember that although they are not finished with their faith journey, nor are they done growing in God, they are so far ahead of where many of us were at 15 or 16 years of age. You can still view their faith statements which can be found on the church website <a href="https://www.christianialutheranchurch.org">www.christianialutheranchurch.org</a>,

Writing a faith statement is a great way to get at what is most important about your relationship with God, faith, and the church. I have often said it would be a challenging and helpful exercise for adults to invest themselves in. Perhaps you should try it?

As part of their preparation, they also picked a favorite verse of scripture. Although none chose a typical favorite, Jeremiah 29:11 (in the text box), they picked great Bible verses focused on hope, courage, strength, praise, and encouragement. One even had a mention of suffering. Do you have a favorite verse? Right now, one of my favorites comes from the Apostle Paul in Romans: We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:3-5). This year especially I have been growing into Paul's great wisdom.

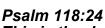
One of the actions I hope and pray for our confirmands is that their relationship with God continues to grow. I pray their trust and confidence in God continues to deepen. Dreaming and wondering what God is up to and being aware of where God is working are two important roles for a Christian today.

For those who are becoming aware of God's plans, *Purpose* and *calling* are central values to explore and discern. Scripture speaks into vocation, calling, and responsibility over and over again. Jesus invites the disciples into ministry, life and service, together with him. As the former fisherman drop their nets to follow Jesus, he teaches them their new purpose, to *fish for people*.

Do you have ideas about your God-given purpose or why you're here? Both are great questions to be praying about and talking about. Again, Paul, in his letter to the Galatians shares helpful wisdom: *Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life (Galatians 6:4-5 MSG). Let's all sink ourselves into the good and hard work of <i>exploration of who we are* and the particular *work you have been given*.

God loves you and so do I! Pastor Jon

#### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I attended a meeting this past week where members of our congregation were discussing a problem- our church was getting too full! These are the good kind of problems to have. We are limited in the number of worshipers we can fit into the church

due to social distancing guidelines, and the 9:00 a.m. service is reaching capacity. In response, we are adding a second 11:00 a.m. service beginning November 1. Since we closed the building in early March and put safety procedures in place, we have been slowly adding back programming. Let's rejoice about that and be thankful for the Lord's blessings.

#### **Executive Council Update**

I am very pleased to announce that Christiania has a new church treasurer! The Executive Council held a special meeting on October 22, 2020 to approve an Offer Letter for Lisa Schultze. Lisa comes to us with an accounting degree, decades of experience in a variety of financial roles, and a passion for working with churches. She will begin her work at Christiania on November 1. This is also a good time to thank David Frame for filling the treasurer role during our search process. His wisdom and financial abilities were very much appreciated.

The Executive Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. At the meeting, the Council voted to approve a baptism policy, renewed the church's line of credit at the New Market Bank for three more years, and approved Portico as our benefit and pension provider. The Council also approved the purchase of technology that will allow us to livestream our Sunday morning services.

Rob Metz Council President

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to be readers for the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. indoor and 10:00 a.m. online worship services. If you are availabl, please contact Madalyn Petersen at madandpete@gmail.com

## We are also looking for:

Ushers, greeters or anyone interested in filming a short welcome/departure video. If you are interested, please contact Bob Monio at Robert.monio@gmail.com or Daryl Rieck at rieckda@yahoo.com.

## National Donor Sabbath November 13-15, 2020

National Donor Sabbath is an interfaith celebration of life and thanksgiving.

Organ, eye, and tissue donation is a gift wrapped in altruism and compassion. During this season of thankfulness, join Donate Life in celebrating National Donor Sabbath and give thanks for life. Please remember organ donors, recipients and those awaiting transplants in your prayers this month.

Visit www.donatelife.net to learn more about donation

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee will start meeting in November. This year as in the past we will be filling positions on the executive council, ministry board, nomination committee and the audit committee. Please give some consideration to accepting or volunteering to be on one of these leadership roles. Contact a nominating committee member if you have an interest or suggestion for a position. Our annual meeting is the last Sunday of January and the plan is to have the ballot ready by early January. Be part of leading Christiania in 2021 and beyond.

Nominating committee: Denise Kanfield, Bruce Lundeen, Andy Wilkins, Derrick Hongerholt, Greg Silus and Bruce Mohn.



#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Property Committee met on September 22. One of the major topics of discussion were the additional upgrades that are needed at the church. Brad received some bids. These were collected to provide the Refresh Committee and the Council an idea of future expenditures. Bids were solicited for additional LED upgrades to our lighting, additional repairs and insulation to our roof, repair or replacement of the air exchanger in the northeast outside wall of the Fellowship Hall and ventilation/air conditioning in the Heritage Room. Discussion was also held on ventilation throughout the church and the possible use of HEPA filters.

It was pointed out to Property Committee that there is a tripping hazard on the entrance to the church. Brad purchased and installed a black rubber threshold ramp.

The parsonage water softener went out. It was the consensus of the Parsonage Committee that an iron out system also be installed. Two bids were obtained. The bid was given to a contractor for a bid of \$3,000 for both systems.

endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless night hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for

Greg Silus cut down dead and undesirable trees around the church. He cut them down, hauled them away and cleaned up. Bruce Mohn ground the stumps. Thank you, guys, for always working for your church.

Thank you to Dave and Linda Schomburg for your mowing around the church this year. It takes a village to care for our church.

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

#### "The Road Map Back"

As I reflect over the last six months, many of you may have faced a number of challenges and chances to reflect on the parts of our lives that we can rely upon that give us strength and hope like I have.

One of these for me is my Christian Faith and our faith community at Christiania. Together at Christiania we have responded to the life changing conditions the Corona Virus has been imposed upon us. With faith, determination, understanding, kindness and love. Let us praise our church staff leaders, council members and those that worked behind the scenes to work as a team to create and support the adaptations, as well as pivots that were needed to be made in short order to keep our worship community intact during these changing conditions to keep everyone safe.

This is the time of year when we reap the harvest of the seeds we had planted earlier in the year and we offer our ourselves ,through our stewardship giving, as a thanks for these gifts.

We will need your continued support and participation just as much for the upcoming year as we continue to overcome this virus and keeping our community connected in faith and service.

Over the coming weeks the stewardship campaign will review how we can continue to be a part of Christiania and participate in our Stewardship with your Time, Talent and Treasure.

I thought the below bible verse would be an appropriate one to reflect upon during our Stewardship season.

#### 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 ESV

We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Blessings, Christian

#### **POINSETTIA SALE**

Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth will soon arrive. The Worship Team will soon be taking orders for poinsettias between services The cost is \$13 each. Your poinsettia plant will be placed in church for our Christmas services. You may pick up your plants following the Christmas 10:00 a.m. service on Friday, December 25. Contact, Madalyn Petersen with questions.

#### WREATHS OF LOVE

The Christiania Foundation will be selling wreaths and stands during the month of November. Proceeds go to support the Foundation. 24" Balsam wreath decorated with a bow and cones \$25, Wreath stand \$10. The Foundation will place the wreaths on the designated gravesites at both the East and West Cemeteries or wreaths can be picked up The South doon following the 9:00 a.m. service on December 6.

Orders can be placed with Carri Tuma via email, phone or postal mail. Checks should be made out to the Christiania Foundation with Wreaths of Love in the memo.

Thank you for supporting the Christiania Foundation.



Dear Christiania,

Thank you for signing up to hold a sandwich making event for Minneapolis Recreation Development. on 10/28! please thank your volunteers for all their

work; the sandwiches will be distributed within the homeless community.

Thank you for your support!

Steve Aase

Minneapolis Recreation Development

#### ARMFUL OF LOVE

To reduce exposure to COVID-19, 360 Communities made a significant change to the Armful of Love program for 2020. Instead of asking gift sponsors to shop for presents with a family's wish list, they are accepting cash donations to provide gift cards for the families to purchase their own gifts. If you would like to continue to support this great organization, you may donate directly at: 360communities.org. Thank you, Julie and Sara



#### PAULA DALY BOOK CLUB

The book for November is: *Clear My Name* by Paula Daly. We will meet at church on October 25 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch and a drink as coffee will not be provided. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

#### **QUILT TYING**

The quilters meet on the first
Wednesday of the month at 9:30
a.m. in the Fellowship Area. All are
welcome to come join in the fun! For questions about
health and safety measures, please call
Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739.

## CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

We begin our morning with fellowship 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 <a href="https://www.gathermagazine.org">www.gathermagazine.org</a> and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or call 844-409-0576. The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).

#### 2020 ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

A fundraising event for Christiania sponsored Youth Mission Trips, ELCA Gathering, Camp Onomia, ski trips, retreats, and programs.

Christiania Youth are holding their annual bake sale! Order forms are available on the church website, in the church at the information desk or from one of our youth members.

Cookie boxes, pies, and breads are available for order. Cookie box pick-up/delivery is December 6 and pies and breads pick-up/delivery is December 20. Orders will be accepted starting on November 1 through November 22 or until limits are reached.

We are limiting orders to a total of 75 cookie boxes, 60 pies, and 16 loaves of bread, due to safety and health concerns. Please check the church website for availability.

All baked items must be preordered and prepaid.
All baked items will be prepared by a small number of adult volunteers and will follow CDC and MN
Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines for PPE, hygiene, cleaning, and social distancing procedures.
We are not able to accept any ingredients donations or extra volunteers this year. Instead, please consider donating monetarily.

You can pick up your orders at the church on the dates previously designated, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. In order to remain contactless, please pull up to the south entrance overhang and remain in your vehicle. A volunteer will retrieve your order, and place it in your vehicle where you have indicated: back seat or trunk.

You can also choose to have your order delivered on the dates previous designated between 11am and 3:00 p.m. You will receive a phone call from the delivery volunteer to verify the time of delivery. The volunteer will leave the bag in the location that you have designated during the phone call.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Robertson at 42krobertson@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Christiania Youth Program!

#### **QUILT AUCTION**

Camp Onomia's annual QUILT AUCTION has moved online this year with an auction site which is live now! Check out over 45 awesome quilts and baby blankets at <a href="http://www.auctria.com/auction/">http://www.auctria.com/auction/</a> charityauction.bid.CAMPONOMIA

Bidding closes at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21 during our LIVE finale held over ZOOM starting at 1:00 p.m.: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449855130">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449855130</a>:

Join us for the fun and bid high to support Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Camp Onomia! It is also a quick and easy way to do some Christmas shopping this year. Clickable links are located at our new website at <a href="https://www.camponomia.org">www.camponomia.org</a>. Thank you for financially supporting your camp. Generosity is THANKS living!

#### **ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP**

During the season of Advent, we are going to take a break from Sunday School classes and instead invite families to join us for worship. We will be incorporating some elements into our service that are aimed at teaching and engaging kids while also equipping families to continue conversations at home. Please join us in person or online as we walk in faith together this Advent season.

#### **CONSTITUTION TASK FORCE**

Since last Fall the Constitution Task Force has been meeting periodically to update our Constitution to align with how we operate with our Ministry Board and update to be in compliance with the 2019 ELCA Model Constitution. We are excited to announce that at the September Council Meeting the Executive Council approved our recommended changes and we will be voting on the amendment at our Annual Meeting in January.

The Constitution Task Force members were Bruce Mohn, Arnie Schultz, Jeff Otto, Cheryl Schindeldecker, Sharon Buckley, Denise Kanfield, and Pastor Rhodes.

In March of this year Pastor Tanner Howard, at the recommendation of the Synod, joined us for six sessions to guide us through the update. Pastor Tanner has supported many congregations through this process and we are grateful for his guidance.

#### **Key Changes:**

- \*C8.02 this section covers voting members and is required. It defines voting members as confirmed members. This means we no longer have an age limitation on voting for legal contracts. We did maintain a minimum age of 18 for officers of the congregation as they sign contracts for the church.
- C12.01 this section covers the Congregation Council (Executive Council). The key change here is the inclusion of the Pastor as a voting member of the Council, a more common practice in Lutheran Congregations.
- C11.03 this section concerns Officers and we have updated this to allow officers to serve two consecutive terms in the same office. This allows greater flexibility and an opportunity for continuity of leadership when going through any future significant changes.

Removed detailed information on policies and procedure from the Constitution to be updated in our policy manual.

The updated Constitution, a summary document, and a side-by-side comparison of our current constitution next to the update is currently posted on the website. If you would like printed copies, please reach out to Carri in the office.

Sunday, 11/8, 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall or join us via a Zoom connection following our service. The Zoom connection can be found on our website main page or our calendar.

We are excited about this update. It aligns with the model constitution and positions us for future updates to be even easier. We welcome your thoughts and look forward to the upcoming conversations.



#### **TANZANIA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Thank you to everyone who has continued their scholarship giving to the students of Ihemi, Tanzania! If you haven't made your donation to that program yet, they are still taking funds. Their due date for commitments is November 3, but they'll take donations through a couple weeks past that date. As a reminder, a full year of school and board is \$400 per student, but the program will take any amount, big or small, so any gift is greatly appreciated! Please designate your gift by writing "Ihemi Scholarship" on the memo line of your check.

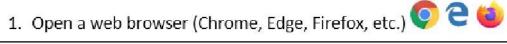
## A word from our Director of Faith Formation Joe Jorgensen

It is a common understanding that much of our faith journey is built on how we practice faith at home, school, and work. Over the next several months I plan to use this space to share some ideas for faith practices you might try in your home. This month, as we prepare for Thanksgiving, I invite you to try this Countdown to Thanksgiving.

- Print 26 Bible verses about thankfulness. Each verse should be on a slip of paper about the size of a business card. (Here is a printable set of verses if you'd like: http://files.faithgateway.com/freemiums/thanksgiving-bible-verses-printable.pdf)
- 2. Each day read one of the verses.
- 3. After reading the verse, flip it over and write on the back something for which you are thankful. Take turns each day so everyone gets a chance to write something.
- 4. Place the verse in a "Thanksgiving Blessings" jar. Keep the jar on a coffee table or other visible location.
- 5. On Thanksgiving Day, have your children take turns picking from the jar and read aloud all the blessings that were written throughout the month.

I would love to hear how you choose to use this resource and how it impacts your family. May God richly bless you that you may be a blessing to others. ~Joe

## How to find Christiania on YouTube:







- 3. In the search bar, type "Christiania Lutheran Church ELCA" and press enter.
- 4. Look for the search result that contains the Christiania logo and click on it.



5. If you have a YouTube account, click "Subscribe" to receive notifications about future video postings.



In-person classes will be offered each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 9:40 am. Families wishing to access Sunday School online can find lessons posted on YouTube each week. Printed materials for online lessons are available upon request. For the latest details, visit the Sunday School website:

www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sundayschool or contact Joe with questions.

#### **Upcoming lessons:**

11/1: Battle of Jericho11/8: Naomi and Ruth11/15: David and Goliath11/22: Elijah and the Widow

11/29: ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP (NO CLASS)

# HERE WE STAND CONFIRMATION

In-person classes will be offered for 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders each week. Classes will also be broadcast via Zoom each week, and videos of lessons will be posted on YouTube for those who were unable to attend live. For the latest details, visit the confirmation webpage:

<u>www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confir</u> <u>mation</u> or contact Joe with questions.

#### Upcoming lessons:

11/4: (6/7) Wilderness Temptations (8/9) Stewardship of Creation

11/11: (6/7) First Disciples

(8/9) Stewardship of Money

11/18: (6/7) Beatitudes

(8/9) World Religions

11/25: No Confirmation (Thanksgiving)



First Communion will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 22. This is open to any school-age child. Contact the church office by **Nov. 9** if you are interested.



Check out our Instagram or Christiania
Youth Facebook page each Friday evening.
Joe will be streaming a little music,
scripture, reflection, and prayer.



Faith Alive is a time for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to gather to share the joys and sorrows of their week and to seek God's guidance as they navigate the path to becoming the disciples God calls them to be. It will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30 via Zoom.



Trip Meeting: November 15 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (a link will be emailed to all who have registered for the trip)



#### Nov. 1: Jackbox Games via Zoom

Middle School and High School youth are invited to gather for some party games over Zoom from 6:00-8:00 pm.

The Zoom link can be found on the church website at

www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youthevents

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion/Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube 11:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion 6:00 Youth Group/Zoom	2 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team Meeting	3 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	4 9:30 a.m. Quilt Tying 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online 1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion 5:00 p.m. NGCB 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Faith Alive 7:30 p.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online- Zoom	6 1:00 p.m. Worship Recording	7
8 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube 11:00 a.m. Indoor Service 6:30 p.m. CFY Team Meeting/Zoom	9 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	10 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Exec. Council Meeting	11 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online 5:00 p.m. NGCB 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Faith Alive 7:30 p.m. Bible Study/Online- Zoom	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online- Zoom 5:30 p.m. Ministry Board Meeting	13 1:00 p.m. Worship Recording	14 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Online-Zoom
15 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion/Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube 11:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion 6:30 Mission Trip Meeting/ Zoom	16 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team Meeting	17 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	18 Newsletter Articles Due 9:30 a.m. CLCW 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online 1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion 5:00 p.m. NGCB 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Faith Alive 7:30 p.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online- Zoom 5:30 p.m. Financial Review Committee meeting	20 1:00 p.m. Warship Recording	21
22 First Communion Celebration Christ the King Sunday 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube 11:00 a.m. Indoor Service	23 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	24 8:00 a.m. Bible Study/Online-Zoom 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	25 11:30 a.m. Book Club 1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:30 p.m. Bible Study/Online– Zoom	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed 1:00 p.m. Worship Recording	28 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Online-Zoom
29  1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion/Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Online Service/ YouTube 11:00 a.m. Indoor Service/ Communion	30 3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reopening Team					



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#### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Índoor Service 10:00 a.m. Online Service 11:00 a.m. Indoor Service

DATED MATERIAL

www.ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org

#### November's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **pasta**, **sauce**, **rice**, **mac & cheese**, **etc...** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions.

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

# FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Website Link



#### - Attention all Musicians -

Fall greetings Christiania! I am always looking for musical volunteers to lend their talents for online and/or indoor services, but with Advent and Christmas

around the corner, I am especially interested in gathering musicians to record selections for an online Christmas Music Festival. If you are interested, please send me an email with your thoughts on a Christmas solo or small ensemble piece and who will be participating. We will set up dates/times to record in the sanctuary, or you can record at home if you have the means. I look forward to hearing from you! - Dr. Matt Steinbron