

Christiania Newsletter

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

July Sunday Worship

Worship with us each Sunday at 8:30 or 10:00am.
Our summer worship theme is Parables

July 5—Matthew 13:31-46

Parable—Yeasts, Seeds & Pearl

8:30 am Traditional with Communion

10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 12—Matthew 18:12-14

Parable—Lost Sheep

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 19—Matthew 18:23-35

Parable—Unforgiving Servant

8:30 am Traditional with Communion

10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

July 26—Matthew 21:33-41

Parable—Wicked Tenants

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 9:25 am

August Sunday Worship

Worship with us each Sunday at 8:30 or 10:00am.
Our summer worship theme is Parables

August 2—Luke 12:42-48

Parable—Faithful Servant

9:15 am Non-Traditional Worship with Communion
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

August 9—Luke 12:13-21

Parable—Rich Fool

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

August 16—Luke 11:5-8

Parable—Friend at Midnight

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Communion

10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion
w/ the Nitty Gritty Church Band

August 23—Luke 18:9-14

Parable—Pharisee/Tax Collector

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship
w/ Nitty Gritty Church Band

August 30—Luke 19:11-27

Parable—Gold Coins

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship
w/ Nitty Gritty Church Band

Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 9:25 am

CYF Musical



We are looking for youth and adults with a flair for drama. On August 23 at both worship services, we will be presenting some of Jesus' parables through story and song. Contact Joe Jorgensen at jorgensen7403@hotmail.com if you are interested in being a part of this ministry opportunity.

Spirit Singers sing on Sunday, July 12 and Sunday, August 16 at both worship services. Come at 7:50am for a short rehearsal before early service.

Classic Car and Tractor Sunday, August 2

What is a classic? Is it defined by year? Does it have to fit a certain criteria of features? Is it always sporty or speedy? The answer is NO. If you have something with wheels that you want to share with others, then **bring it on Classic Car & Tractor Sunday**. It doesn't have to be large enough for a person to ride in. If you collect car or farm implement models, we would like to see them. If you have a radio controlled vehicle and want to show it, we have room. Tables can be set up for your model collection.

If it is a classic to you, then it is a classic to us. A 2015 is just as good of a classic as a 1921. They are all important.



People love to hear stories. No doubt the most popular speakers are marvelous storytellers from Will Rogers to Garrison Keillor to Tom Bodet; they can spin yarn with the best spinning wheels!

Jesus attracted throngs teasing us with stories or parables, often with hidden meanings. Most of his listeners figured out the riddles of his parable and many didn't like them at all because the truth was all too evident. When Jesus enraptures his audience telling of the Waiting Father, the Prodigal Son, and the Jealous Brother, the Pharisees were enraged knowing that Jesus was pointing to their jealousy.

Jesus describes the Good Samaritan as one despised by the bourgeois. The Samaritan rescues the injured man while provoking the religious leadership for their inaction passing by the needy man.

If you like a good mystery story or enjoy riddles, these parables are right up your alley. This summer we make them the subject of our sermons. Follow us on Facebook as we offer reflections on the parables.

Most of your Bibles at home will list all of Jesus' parables. This summer here is what we are covering:

The Yeast, Seeds & Pearl—Matthew 13:31-46; The Lost Sheep—Matthew 18:12-14;
The Unforgiving Servant—Matthew 18:23-35; The Wicked Tenants—Matthew 21:33-41;
The Faithful Servant—Luke 12:42-48; The Rich Fool—Luke 12:13-21;
The Friend at Midnight—Luke 11:5-8; The Pharisee/Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14
The Gold Coins—Luke 19:11-27; Counting the Costs—Luke 14: 28-33



Pastor
Dave

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

Projects have slowed down this summer. It's the time for relaxing and enjoying God's blessings.

As of this writing, June 21, we have received \$ 3,890 from the congregation for our Capital Campaign to fund our 2015 projects. Please remember, we are also looking for in-kind services. We have so many talented church members. Contribution updates will be provided in the Sunday Announcements. Thank you!!

Parking Lot - Thank you to member Don Hardie for providing the material, equipment and labor for painting the stripes on our parking lot. It was really getting hard to see where to park. As you noted in our 2015 project list that was printed on the back of the Capital Campaign letter, we will only be sealing the cracks this year. Next year we will again evaluate the best and most practical way to preserve the parking lot. It appears a few of the letters that went out didn't have the project list on the back. There are copies in the office.

Urban Ventures Garden - What a worthy use of a few of our farm acres – to help educate and feed those that do not have access to fresh produce. A new shed was constructed by the Mennonites from Iowa to store equipment. Volunteers from around the Twin Cities– including busloads of 4-H groups, came to hoe weeds . Our work for God's children has been witnessed by many.

Parsonage – One of the renters of our parsonage moved out of the house; his father plans on moving out the end of August. Jerry Swedin has volunteered for a position on the Parsonage and Farmland Subcommittee. Thank you Jerry; he joins John Mohn on the subcommittee. We need one more member to conduct an inspection before the renter moves out. Please contact me at 952-215-8705 if you have the talents and the time for this.

Flower Watering Schedule – Again, thank you to Greg Silus for taking over this project – and thank you to everyone who volunteered to water. We have all weeks covered.

Replacing the Pews in the Chapel with Chairs – The Décor Advisory Committee is in the final stages of choosing the fabric color and wood. We are again using the skills and talents of some of our members. Thank you to Barb, Nyla, Cheryl and Geeg for your due diligence in ensuring changes in our church reflect the best that Christiania can be.

Acoustic Problem in Fellowship – Christian Donovan (Council), Warren Peterson (Property), Ron Ovans (member at large), and I met with a vendor recently. We were impressed with the product and the colors – and they were willing to give us a healthy “church” discount. With summer, this is moving slowly – but be assured, it is moving.

“Summer” Smell in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall – This is moving slowly – again, it's summer. We've tried running the fans and the carbon filters; however, Harold Martin did not think he could see an improvement. We continue to brainstorm this issue.

Blessings from your Property Committee,

Steve Anderson, Brad Smith, Warren Peterson, and Jeanne Nash Hoffmann.

FUTURE of the PARSONAGE FORUMS

Sunday, August 2 at 10:15 am
Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 am
Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 pm
Our renter is moving out.

These forums are to discuss the future of the Parsonage.
A letter will be sent to the congregation as well as email and website updates.
Please watch for future information.

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Summer Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Friday

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Joe Jorgensen	Chorister Choir Director
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Daryl Rieck	Usher Co-Coordinator

Lunch Bunch

July 8th: Meet at church at 11:00 for a ride or at 11:30 at Porter Creek in Burnsville. Porter Creek is next to Red Lobster on Cty Rd 42 to the west of Burnsville Center. (We might be able to eat outside--weather permitting.)

August 12: Meet at church at 11:00 for a ride or by 11:30 at Dangerfield's in Shakopee. Dangerfield's is on the east edge of Shakopee on Hwy. 101. (We might be able to eat outdoors--weather permitting.)

Call Karen Erickson if you have any questions. I usually arrange for 10-15 people. Let me know by Monday or Tuesday before the lunch dates if you will/might be coming. 952-652-2505.

Dear Christiania Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous gift certificates, the memory book and scrapbook, all the cards, gifts, good wishes and kind words that were shared with me at my retirement celebration. I am just overwhelmed by the love and appreciation of the members of Christiania and was so blessed to have served this church family for so many years!

A special thanks to the Congregational Life Commission and all those on the committee who helped plan and implement the celebration. The day was filled with all the things that make Christiania special—good food, great fellowship, plenty of laughs and lots of love!

May God continue to bless the ministries and people of Christiania!

In love and appreciation,
Karen

Thank You

Christiania Stewardship Changes the World within Our Doors

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when old he will not depart from it” Proverbs 22:6.

This June Christiania Lutheran Church held Vacation Bible School for the younger children. The children learned about the message of Christ through song, activities, and play within the property of Christiania. Approximately 48 children participated this year. This is a good group and it takes much effort to plan, teach, and coordinate this endeavor.

Christiania's dedicated staff along with 14 young adult and 10 adult volunteers, helped to make this activity a reality. But all of us have helped make this possible through our generous contributions to Christiania. The building, our staff and even our support help show that this education is important to the youth and the future of both our church and the children's spiritual lives. As you consider your Stewardship, remember that it helps Change the World in many ways. The Stewardship Ministry Team thanks everyone for their continued support and generous donation of Time, Talents, and Gifts.

In Christ,
Christiania Stewardship Team

Church Phone: 952/461-2283

July, 2015

July/August Ministries

Communion Assistants

Offering Counters

July 5	Calvin Tonsager, Jack & Joan Eckdahl
July 12	Jack & Joan Eckdahl, Diana Winn
July 19	Diana Winn, Brad & Lisa Smith
July 26	Brad & Lisa Smith, Greg Silus
August 2	9:15 Greg Silus, Don & Alice Storlie
August 9	Don & Alice Storlie, Dave Mohling
August 16	Dave Mohling, Larry & Vicky Thompson
August 23	Larry & Vicky Thompson, Kermit Berg
August 30	Kermit Berg, Bob & Gladys Michelsen

Greeters

July 5	Allison Skluzacek, Tim Swedin
July 12	Martha Nelson, Glenda Petersen
July 19	Judy & Howard Hanson
July 26	Marietta & Will Storlie
August 2	9:15 Audrey & Jerry Wicklund
August 9	Larry & Vicki Thompson
August 16	Wally & Sharyn Murto
August 23	Jean & Mark Latzke
August 30	Merlin Leine & Karla Schrader

July 5	8:30	Madalyn Petersen, Lori Peterson
	10:00	
July 19	8:30	Larry & D.C. Needham
	10:00	John Berge
Aug. 2	9:15	
Aug. 16	8:30	
	10:00	

Lectors

July 5	8:30	Sharon Syverson
	10:00	Brenda Mesaros
July 12	8:30	Lucky Rimpila
	10:00	Brenda Mesaros
July 19	8:30	Alan Ritchie
	10:00	Alan Ritchie
July 26	8:30	Heidi Christensen
	10:00	Brenda Mesaros
Aug. 2	9:15	
Aug. 9	8:30	Lucky Rimpila
	10:00	
Aug. 16	8:30	
	10:00	
Aug. 24	8:30	
	10:00	
Aug. 30	8:30	
	10:00	

Wednesday Meals during the 2014-2015

Confirmation year was a huge success largely due to the wonderful people who prepare main dishes and help me in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who came to eat, and especially to my cooks: Kersten Richter & Mike Erickson and families, Karen Erickson, Cheryl Schindeldecker, Alan Ritchie, Cheryl Bahnsen, Jane Ward & Louise Anderson, Amy Lindquist, Janice Geissler, Kathy Estrem and Robin Martin - together we served 682 plates of food this year! This is a wonderful ministry, which my family happens to love to be involved in. We hope to see you all again in the fall!

The Fausch Family

Our family would like to thank the Christiania Family for all your prayers, hugs and cards during this sad time of losing our dad, Marvin Wilker. They were more helpful than you will ever know. My dad loved Christiania very much and had many fond memories.

We want to say a special Thank You to Pastor Dave for a beautiful service, Harold for all his hard work setting up the church, Tom for the beautiful music, and the CLCW ladies for a wonderful lunch. My dad would have loved it.

Thank you and God Bless,
Jacki & Christian Donovan and
the Marvin Wilker Family.

*Thank
you*



Thank you so much to those who made Christiania's Annual Blood Drive a HUGE success. My gratitude goes out to those who gave their blood, their talents, their skills and their time.

Jody Wilkins, RN CCM

Prayers for our Congregation

Bridget Anderson
Philip Tupa
Ruby Hagen

Orville Nelson
Ed Constantine

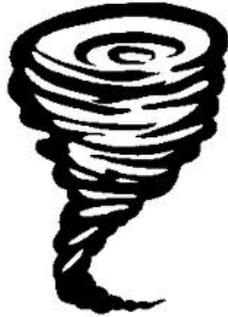
Due to space concerns, we ask you to check our website, announcements or the prayer chain email for additional prayer concerns.



Emergency Preparedness

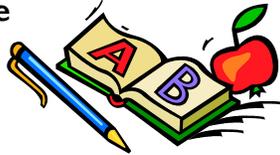
Our church policy states in the event of Tornado or High Winds:

1. Stay away from windows.
2. Education wing should move to center hallway, close doors.
1. Church occupants should move to center aisle away from windows.
2. Go to inside rooms or hallways.



School Supply Drive

Watch for labeled Bins near the Information Desk starting July 5. See the Mission Team article for more details.



Baptism at Christiania

June 7

Harper Marie Sansgaard
Daughter of Jeff & Lisa Sansgaard

June 28

Zachary Gene Feilen
Son of Kenny & Stacy Feilen



The CityKid Farm is in full swing for the summer. We have a few exciting updates to share with you! To start, the farm is now irrigated. We have a beautiful new shed on the property. We also have begun harvesting the first kale, radishes, beets, and more of the season!

Starting Monday, June 29, we will have a regular team of staff, high school summer employees, and volunteers out on the farm Mondays-Fridays, 9:00 am-1:30 pm. If there are enough volunteers, we are also hoping to start a regular weekend schedule.

Selling the produce harvested from the farm, we will begin our Mobile Farmers Market stops in Minneapolis on Monday, July 6. We are currently building a permanent market stand on the Midtown Greenway, which we are also planning to open on July 6.

If you would like to volunteer with the farm, please email Lizzie at elizabethgelderman@urbanventures.org. As a program, we are expanding our social enterprise and job creation initiatives this summer in order to further our impact. To learn more about these initiatives and how you can get involved, please visit: <http://www.urbanventures.org/fundraisers/ckf>

MISSION TEAM REPORT

The Mission Team meets monthly about our involvement in the various projects and service areas of the church. The following are areas you can may want to get involved in.

School Supply Drive – School just got out, and we have gotten a request to start collecting school supplies for a local school. We thought it would be nice to collect the items and have you decide which of the 3 Local Schools we should distribute the supplies to. Starting Sunday, July 5 there will be three labeled bins in the Fellowship Hall for you to drop off purchased school supplies. They will be labeled “Lakeville School,” “Northfield School,” and “New Prague School” respectively. Items for you to purchase include: pencils, pens, glue, highlighters, crayons, markers, dry erase markers, colored pencils, pocket folders, rulers, scissors, notebooks, erasers, 3 ring binders, book covers, calculators and flash drives. Have fun shopping!

Urban Ventures Tour of Minneapolis Campus – There is going to be another visit to Urban Ventures in Minneapolis. The date is Thursday, August 6 at 5:00pm. Urban Ventures is located at 2924 S 4th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55408, the telephone number is (612) 638-1000. We will try and carpool from church, more information on that later. We will have a tour of their facility to include the beautiful and fruitful gardens they have started near the campus. P.O.C. for this event is Jane Ward.

Loaves and Fishes – Our 2015 serving events are March 31, June 30, September 29 and December 29 (the fifth Tuesday of the month). Please join us at Creekside Community Center in Bloomington. Prep time is 3:00pm. If you can't make it for prep time, join us for serving at 5:30pm.

Urban Ventures Garden Project at Church Property – There is information in the newsletter about this wonderful project, we wanted to highlight a few things. The Garden Lead Man from UV, Brian Noy, is looking for a few garden items. If you have them, please contact the church and it will get relayed on to Brian. They are also looking for volunteer help to come weed: currently Monday thru Friday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. You don't have to stay the entire time, help as much as you can. Thank you!

Volunteers to Weed: Monday – Friday, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Items needed: weed wacker\lawnmower, wire storage shelves, storage container\bins, metal fence posts/t-posts, hand trowels, shovels, rakes, hoes, refrigerator/freezer, medium to large window air conditioner, cordless drill, wrenches, other simple tools. ATV/utility vehicle.

If you have any, please contact Jane Ward (651-278-8604), Dave Olson (952-447-5485), or Lori Peterson (612-968-4953).

CYF NEWS Children Youth and Family

Detroit or bust! A huge thanks to our church for all the support in making this trip happen! Please keep the adults and students who are heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit July 14-20 in your prayers. We will be doing a service in August as a look inside the Gathering so you can all see the impact it had on us.

Fellowship of Fire! High schooler, college age, and older, we will be gathering around the fire to hang out, sing songs, and have s'mores this summer. July 22, 7 – 9pm and August 26, 7 – 9pm.

ELCA Youth Gathering Sunday- August 16– we will be recapping our trip to Detroit with stories, songs, and giving our Faith take aways for the trip!

Children, Youth, and Families Musical –Sunday, August 23 – please come join us for a special church service! Please contact Joe Jorgensen if you are interested.

FAMILIES, save the date! August 19 is our first ever CYF Summer night swim. The details are on the website, Facebook, and you can contact Steven Olan with any questions.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday:

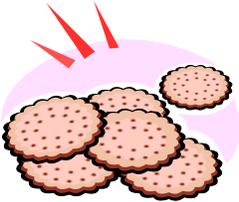
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

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DATED MATERIAL

July Food Shelf Donations

Boxed crackers and cookies



August Food Shelf Donations

Monetary Gifts \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

“by charity serve one another”
Galatians 5:13

Book Discussion Group

Enjoy summer, keep reading and join us for Book Discussion on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:30. For more information, contact Arlene Jacobson, 952-461-2229.

July 29: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*
(A book bag will be available)
by Rachel Joyce

August 26: *Enrique’s Journey*
by Sonia Nazario

September 30: *The Walk*
by Richard Paul Evans
(First book in a series of five - may be hard to get at the library, so start looking early)

Notice from the Foundation: Becky Palmgren will be available for Estate Planning on Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, August 13. Becky is the Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation. Call Becky at (763) 757-9302 to arrange an appointment.



Deadline for the **September 2015** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **August 18**.
Email info. to Linda Bauer at lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org.