

# Newsletter

December 2021

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

## SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES



*The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.*

*Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you; He'll make the road smooth for you. Thunder in the desert! Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road smooth and straight! (Mark 1:1-3 The Message)*

Thanksgiving is a good time for turkey, pumpkin pie, and family. It's also a good time for giving thanks for the many blessings our benevolent God has provided. Thank you, God. In the days after Thanksgiving, you may also find yourself giving thanks for the blessings of a new season, Advent. Advent is many things: the beginning of something new; the beginning of the church liturgical year; and a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of Emmanuel—God with us.

One of the resources we use in preparation for worship each week, "Sundays and Seasons," shares this helpful overview regarding Advent: "Although the historical record is sketchy, it appears that our Advent arose out of a season of fasting to prepare for baptisms at Epiphany. By the sixth century, an eschatological emphasis was present. Our Advent comprises the four Sundays before Christmas. Each year, the first Sunday deals with our readiness for divine judgment, the second Sunday the ministry of John the Baptist, the third Sunday the Baptist's call to a repentant life, and only on the fourth Sunday a narrative concerning the birth of Jesus. God comes, in the past in the history of Israel and the incarnation of Jesus, in the present in the word and sacrament of each Sunday and in the sufferings of our time, and in the future at the end of all things. The lectionary appoints readings to fit this pattern, and its tone stands in stark contrast to our society's weeks of preparation for Christmas. Liturgical advice to keep a meaningful Advent without a December-long celebration of Christmas is meant not to be a kill-joy, but to awake our longing for the surprising ways that God comes to us. We mean to be a people who know what time it is and are willing to wait for what will come—a people who do not sing Easter hymns during Lent nor Christmas hymns in Advent."

I like that line: "to awake our longing for the surprising ways that God comes to us." God does, indeed, come to us in surprising ways. Unfortunately, the month of December is so full and busy with all kinds of good things that it can be challenging to notice the signs and ways God comes to us. It can be even tough to pause and wait. As we wait in hope during Advent, it's such a necessary time to pause. Advent's waiting leaves space and time for the spiritual: quiet reflection, prayer, meditation, serving others, and dwelling in the word. What are your practices during this time? Are they all centered in preparing for Christmas? Or do they include making space for the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus?

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR (continued from page 1)

The Gospel of Matthew (2:1-4) from *The Message* reminds us to make time to pay attention to the signs of Emmanuel, God with us: *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory—this was during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"*

*"Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" indeed. I pray that Jesus isn't an afterthought or just an idea. I pray that this season would provide surprising ways God is present.*

*Make Jesus is the reason for the season!*

Pastor Jon

### A Message from the Worship Committee

Greetings Christiania! I am writing on behalf of the Worship Committee in response to recent questions about the appropriateness of applause during worship services, especially following music. After doing our homework by reading many arguments for both sides, we have come to the conclusion that thoughtful applause is welcome at Christiania. We recognize that our congregation is warm and encouraging, and that applause is sometimes the only response we are accustomed to for showing immediate thankfulness. Is applause always appropriate? Have you ever heard anyone applaud a sensitive choral anthem of "Were You There" on Good Friday? Our musicians are not making joyful noises for personal esteem, but as a prayer unto the Lord. While some of the musical prayers might be exciting and invoke an "Amen" through applause, others are more introspective with quiet endings that encourage quiet contemplation afterward. If you find such quiet music particularly moving, we encourage you to share your thankfulness with the musicians after the service. Please use your best judgement.

Blessings—Dr. Matt

# Come & Worship

All Worship Services are offered in person as well as online via YouTube unless otherwise noted.

**Wednesday, December 1:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

**Sunday, December 5:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Wednesday, December 8:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship with Communion

**Sunday, December 12:** 9:00 a.m. Worship/NGCB

**Wednesday, December 15:** 6:30 p.m. Midweek Worship

**Sunday, December 19:** 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):** 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day):** 9:00 a.m. Worship

**Sunday, December 26:** 9:00 a.m. Worship



## COUNCIL PRESIDENT — BRUCE MOHN

Merry Christmas everyone! We started the season of Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This leads us on the journey to the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Christmas is a time when we give and receive gifts as part of the Christmas celebration. I want to take this time to thank all of the members of Christiania for your financial giving and volunteering that you have done year in and year out. Your giving turns into receiving with a place to worship, learning the teaching of Jesus, and celebrating baptisms, weddings and funerals. Christiania staff provides us with the support to grow our Christian faith.

With this giving and receiving comes the need for us, as a congregation, to give a “cost of doing business increase” in your giving of about 10% or more this December and in the future for 2022. A goal started in October at the State of the Church Address was to cover all the general expenses in the last quarter of the year. Maybe this could be a December to remember with meeting a \$10,000/week goal of weekly giving!

The refresh committee is getting closer to showing the congregation some renderings for the sanctuary. The committee has been giving Josh and Stephanie some suggestions as they have come up with various designs. We are addressing a new look for walls, ceiling, flooring, and the front wall. Other things in the designs are ADA access to the altar and ADA seating and updated lighting. Look for more announcements soon as the ideas will soon be available!

Items covered in our November council meeting:

- \*Send out a statement of giving year to date in early December
- \*Outsource our payroll to Paychex for a more efficient and better accounting
- \*The nursery refresh is underway with fresh paint on the ceiling and walls and cleaned carpet. A new monitor will be installed for live streaming the service and wall décor will soon be hung
- \*The new HVAC should be operational early December

In this month of December the council will be working on the 2022 budget. The personnel committee will be finishing staff reviews and discussing salary for staff. Stewardship will be sending out a mailing. The nominating committee will be looking for candidates for elected positions. This committee would so much appreciate knowing if you or someone you know would like to be part of a leadership role at church. “Walk ups are always welcome”!

May this Christmas season bring you hope in the future. Use your church as a place for comfort, fellowship and know that God loves you where ever you are in life’s journey. Plan to attend the Christmas services that Christiania offers. Merry Christmas.

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:00-5:30 p.m.	Nitty Gritty Church Band
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Midweek Sunday School
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Dinner — All are Welcome
6:00-6:25 p.m.	Youth Bells
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Faith Alive (High School)
7:00-7:25 p.m.	Adult Bells
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

### *Bible Study*

**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.**

December 7, 14, 21, & 28 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Women’s)**

December 14 & 28 — *Meets at church*

**Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. (CLCW)**  
**Christiania Lutheran Church Women**

December 15 — *Meets at church*

**Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**

December 2, 9, 16 & 23 — *Meets via Zoom*

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (Men’s)**

December 11 — *Meets via Zoom*

# **COME WORSHIP & SERVE**

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

We're looking for volunteers to serve as:

### **LECTORS**

Read the assigned scripture passage. If you are interested, please sign up on our website.



### **ASSISTING MINISTERS**

Help lead prayers and other portions of the service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon or sign up on our website.

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Help distribute bread and wine during communion. No experience necessary. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon.

**YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR THE ABOVE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, JUST CLICK ON "HOW DO I SERVE."**

## **COFFEE HOUR HELPERS COOKIE/DONUT PICK-UP**

We need someone to pick up cookies and donuts from Cub (Heritage) on Sunday mornings.

### **SERVERS**

We need help serving coffee on Sunday mornings.

Please sign up on the board located in the Fellowship Area or call Carri in the church office.

## **WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR(S)**

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our Wednesday evening meals. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Carri or Joe. To be reimbursed for making the main dish, please give receipts to Lucy or Carri.

A sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen.

**A donation of \$5.00/person or \$20.00/family is suggested.**

**Meals are served between 5:30 & 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Meals are located on the calendar.**

## **GREETERS**

If you are interested in volunteering to be a greeter on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings before worship, please contact Carri in the office.



## **VIDEO OPERATORS**

With our new streaming technology comes the need for a video operator. Ideally we will have a small team in which individuals can rotate every

Sunday, similar to ushers and other volunteers. We will provide training; it will be easier to run than your smart phones! Ages from high school and up are welcome to participate in this exciting development! Please contact Dr. Matt if you are interested.

## **"Who Are We Now? Make Meaning of Change" – Denise Kanfield**

Cindy Hildreth, Linda Costa, and I attended the Women's Retreat at Camp Onomia in November. The time to refresh and rejuvenate was amazing. The work we did thinking through the last 18 months and the pandemic impacted the three of us so much that we would like to share it with our congregation in a four-week series (each session is one hour). The content is designed to help us process the changes we have experienced through the pandemic and equip us with resiliency tools for changes we continue to encounter through our lives. The intentionality of thinking through this time, grieving for what we have lost (people and expectations), contemplating how to move forward, and doing so with people of faith was transformative. We are hoping to start the program in February and are looking for input on the best day/time. If you would be interested in attending, please reach out to Cindy, Linda or Denise and share the best times for you.





## Veterans' Day recognition and ongoing Armed Forces-Memorial-Veterans Planning Team

We recognized the veterans in our congregation at our service on November 14. It was amazing to learn so much about our veterans and to see how many have served. Thank you to each of you! There is a desire to continue to organize recognition around those who serve or served and we are putting together a team. We'll meet for the first time in February. If you are interested in being part of the group, please reach out to Denise Kanfield, Ron Ovans or Jerry Wicklund.



### Executive Council

<b>President:</b>	Bruce Mohn
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Bill Kanfield
<b>Secretary:</b>	Staci Thompson
<b>At Large Members:</b>	Jane Ward
	Lonna Selkirk
	Terry Laschinger
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lisa Schultze
<b>Senior Pastor:</b>	Pastor Jon Rhodes

### Ministry Board

Sharon Buckley  
Joel Ruen  
Lucy Hurrle  
Tania Drexler  
Quentin DuLac  
Pastor Jon Rhodes

### CYF

Quentin DuLac  
Tia Burnham  
Tim Emmons  
Joe Jorgensen  
Needed (Youth)  
Needed (Adult)

### Membership

Anne Schindeldecker  
Kelly Ronn  
Bob Monio

### Congregational Life

Lucy Hurrle  
Julie Booth  
Needed

### Property

Brad Smith  
Dave Mohling  
Scott Tempel  
Jeanne Nash

### Missions

Sharon Buckley  
Scott Tempel  
Daron DuLac  
Cindy Hildreth

### Stewardship

Joel Ruen  
Lori Clausen  
Needed

### Worship

Robin Martin  
Tania Drexler  
Jane Ward  
Joan Eckdahl  
Dr. Matt Steinbron  
Pastor Jon Rhodes

### Safety Team

Greg Silus  
Bob Monio  
Daryl Rieck  
Lori Clausen  
John Mohn  
Scott Tempel

### Evangelism

Needed  
Needed  
Needed

# PRAYER REQUESTS



## **For these of our Congregation:**

Bridget Anderson  
Don Storlie  
Melissa Hanson  
Carol Garant  
Denny Carey  
Mike Groves  
Carri Tuma

Crisa Silverness  
Margaret Corrigan  
Susie Stiehl  
Ken Beske  
Colleen Powell  
Karen Erickson

Sharon Syverson  
Ellie Panek  
Cindy Hildreth  
Jeff Otto  
John Christianson  
Marietta Storlie

Family and friends of Wes Fausch as they grieve his death, especially Chris, Adam and Rachel, Ellie, Charlie and Wyatt Fausch.

## **For friends of our congregation who also need healing:**

Bill Gould — brother-in-law of Don Eide  
The Marshall Family — friends of Alan Ritchie  
Clarice Robertson — mother of Kim Robertson  
Waneta Shriver — mother of Sharon Buckley  
Jeri & Mike Beaver — Friends of many in Sky Harbor Air Park

## **In the Military:**

Max Baker — grandson of Sandy Cross  
Josh Dennehey — son of John Dennehey  
Kenneth Feilen — husband of Stacy Feilen; father of Brooklyn, Max, and Zac  
Billy Hukka — son of Beth Hukka  
Andrew Johnston — nephew of Denise Kanfield  
Matthew Johnston — nephew of Denise Kanfield  
Miguel Nuno — nephew of Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler-Gutierrez  
Brenden Rogers — nephew of Mark & Lori Rogers  
John Rogers — son of Mark & Lori Rogers  
Christian Weidling — nephew of Sherri & Mike Mohn

**If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer chain,  
please contact Carri in the church office.**



Deadline to order your **Poinsettias** to decorate our sanctuary for our Christmas services is December 8. Cost is \$13 and they are available in red, white, and pink. Forms are available at church and on our church website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org). Flowers may be picked up after our 9:00am Christmas Day Service.

**THANK YOU** to all of our church garden volunteers. We donated approximately 1,200 pounds of produce and \$80 to area food shelves this fall. Whether you helped pre-prepare, plant, weed, water or harvest, we couldn't have done this without you!



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### QUILT TYING

The quilters meet on

**Wednesday, December 1 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.



### LUNCH BUNCH -

**Please RSVP to Carol or Sandy**

Lunch Bunch will meet at Olive Garden in Burnsville on

**Wednesday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m.** To

RSVP or if you would like to carpool from church, or if you have questions, please call Carol Garant at 651-334-3286 or Sandy Cross at 952-607-8211. Hope to see you all there!



## Winter Retreat

**February 19-21, 2022**

### Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells

The winter retreat is open to all middle school, high school, and college-age youth and young adults. Parents are also welcome to join us as space allows.

The deadline for signing up for the winter retreat is **December 5**. More information can be found on the Youth Events page of the church website. Contact Tim Emmons or Joe if you have any questions.

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**Women ELCA**

**CHRISTIANIA  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH WOMEN**

**Wednesday, December 15 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. Join us for just the Bible Study or stay for the whole morning.



### Wreaths of Love

The Christiania Foundation will be selling wreaths and stands for placement, by the Foundation, in both the East and West cemeteries.

This is an annual fundraiser for the Foundation's cemetery fund. Wreaths may also be purchased for families to use at other gravesites or at their homes and can be picked up at church. The sale is open now until Sunday, December 5. Thanks for supporting Wreaths of Love and the Foundation.

- Decorated 24" Fresh Balsam Wreath ~ \$30.00
- Cemetery stand ~ \$10.00



**Christiania Christmas Concert**

**December 12, 3:00 p.m.**

You are invited to spend an afternoon listening to our talented music ensembles perform some of their Christmas favorites! Our Christmas concert this year will feature a wide variety of our ensembles, including the Sunday School Choir. There will be room on the program for additional small groups, soloists, and readers, so if you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Matt.

### BOOK CLUB

We will not be meeting in December, but we look forward to resuming our meetings in January. For more information about book club, call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.



# Children, Youth, & Family Updates

## The Annual Youth Holiday Bake Sale is back!

We will collect orders for cookies and pies during the month of November. Cookies will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 5, and pies on December 19. The order form is available on the church website. Thank you for supporting our youth programs! Pie order deadline is Dec. 12.



**Who:** 10th-12th Graders

**What:** Time for faith, fellowship, and fun

**When:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Youth Room



## Middle & High School

### Christmas Party

December 5

All 6th-12th graders are invited to gather at the church on Sunday, December 5 from 2-4 pm. We'll have cider, snacks, games, and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10-\$15 value) to exchange. Feel free to bring a friend. Please sign up ahead of time by going to [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events).



Students in preschool thru grade 5 are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 10 and/or Wednesday evenings at 5 for Sunday School programming. This year we will be using lessons from the Spark Rotation Curriculum. We have divided the year into nine 3-week units.

**The first week of each unit will be a Family Workshop. Parents, grandparents, and/or older siblings are invited and encouraged to join us during this time.** Weeks 2 and 3 of each unit will have students explore each story through other workshops. Here is a look at the units for this month:

- Dec. 1/5: Advent & Christmas-Week 1
- Dec. 8/12: Advent & Christmas-Week 2
- Dec. 15: Advent & Christmas-Week 3
- Dec. 19-31: No Class

## HERE WE STAND CONFIRMATION

6th-9th grade students gather on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00. Our time together will include the Wednesday evening worship service as well as classroom instruction.

Program details can be found on our website: [www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation](http://www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation).

**On December 15, we will go caroling to a few of our homebound members from 7-8 pm. Be sure to dress warm. Parents are invited to join us.**



# Kid's Korner



Hello, my friends!

How do you get ready for Christmas? Do you decorate a tree or your house? Do you bake special cookies and treats? Do you sing carols? These are all great ways to get in the holiday spirit.

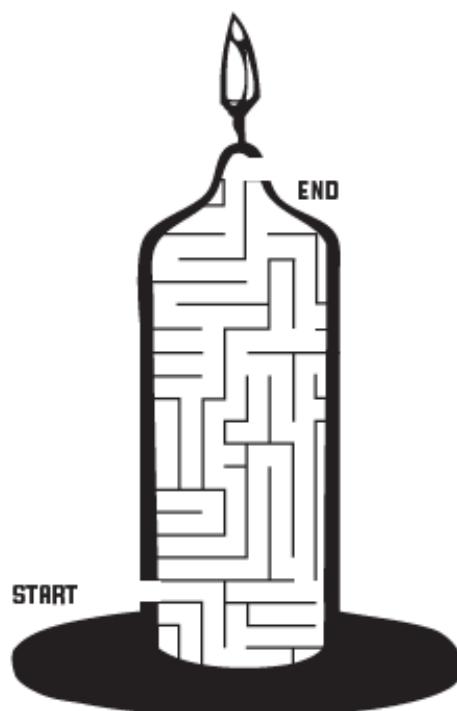
In the church calendar, we are now in the season of Advent. Advent is all about getting ready for Jesus to come. We get ready to celebrate the day when Jesus was born. We also get ready for Jesus to show up in our lives today. One of the most important things we can do to get ready is to pray. You can use the prayer below, or use one of your own. What is another way you can get ready for Jesus during Advent this year?

~Joe Jorgensen, Director of Faith Formation

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to us. Help us to have open eyes, open minds, and open hearts so that we are ready for him to be in our lives today. Amen.

## Work Your Way through Advent

Each week during Advent we will light another candle in the Advent Wreath. Make your way through the Advent Candle maze. Bring your completed maze to church and get a treat from Joe.



## **Christiania Lutheran Church**

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### **Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

### **General Contact Information**

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**Bruce Mohn** Council President

**Alissa Jorgensen** Sunday School Supt.

**Jane Ward** Altar Guild Chair

**Debbie Lundeen** Bells Director

**Linda Otto** Church Women (CLCW) Chair

**Bob Monio** Usher Co-Coordinator

**Daryl Rieck** Usher Co-Coordinator

## **Worship Attendance**

### ***Sunday Worship***

November 7:  
Online: **168** / In person: **98**

November 14:  
Online: **98** / In person: **138**

November 21:  
Online: **126** / In person: **107**

November 28:  
Online: **—\*** / In person: **99**

### ***Midweek Worship***

November 3:  
Online: **26** / In person: **41**

November 10:  
Online: **26** / In person: **43**

November 17:  
Online: **20** / In person: **42**

November 24:  
Online: **—\*** / In person: **84**

\*complete data was not available at time of printing  
^online data is calculated by counting the number of views over a  
7-day period and doubling it

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\*\* Y=YouTube Z=Zoom F=Facebook I=In-person

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Quilters (I) <b>5:00 p.m.:</b> Midweek Sunday School (I) <b>5:00 p.m. NGCB</b> <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Meal <b>6:00 p.m.:</b> Youth Bells (I) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Mid-Week Worship (I/Y) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Confirmation (I) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Adult Bells (I) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Faith Alive (I) <b>7:30 p.m.:</b> Chancel Choir (I)	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study (Z) <b>1:00pm</b> Wes Fausch visitation <b>2:00pm</b> Wes Fausch Memorial Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Advent II</b> <b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Worship with Communion (I/Y) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour (I) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday School (I) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bake Sale Cookie Pick Up <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Advent Bible Study <b>2:00 p.m.:</b> Middle and High School Youth Group	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting (I/Z) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> COVID Response Team Meeting (Z) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study (Z) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Cub Scout Pack Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>11:30 a.m.:</b> Lunch Bunch (I) <b>5:00 p.m.:</b> NGCB <b>5:00 p.m.:</b> Midweek Sunday School (I) <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Meal <b>6:00 p.m.:</b> Youth Bells (I) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Mid-Week Worship with Communion (I/Y) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Confirmation (I) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Adult Bells (I) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Faith Alive (I) <b>7:30 p.m.:</b> Chancel Choir (I)	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study (Z) <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Ministry Board Meeting (Z)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Men's Bible Study (Z)
<b>12</b> <b>Advent III</b> <b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Worship with NGCB/ Kline Baptism (I/Y) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour (I) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Sunday School (I) <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Advent Bible Study <b>3:00 p.m.:</b> Christmas Concert (I)	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting (I/Z) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study (Z) <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Women's Bible Study (I)  <b>6:00 p.m.:</b> Exec. Council Meeting (Z)	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> CLCW <b>5:00 p.m.:</b> Midweek Sunday School (I) <b>5:30 p.m.:</b> Meal <b>6:00 p.m.:</b> Youth Bells (I) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Mid-Week Worship (I/Y) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Confirmation (I) <b>7:00-8:00 p.m.:</b> Caroling	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study (Z) <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Advent IV</b> <b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Worship with Communion (I/Y) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour (I) <b>Bake Sale Pie Pick Up</b> <b>10:30 a.m.:</b> Advent Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting (I/Z) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 a.m.:</b> Bible Study (Z)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>3:00, 4:30 and 9:00 p.m.:</b> Christmas Eve Services	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Christmas Day Worship
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 a.m.:</b> Worship /Weier Baptisms (I/Y) <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Coffee Hour (I)	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 a.m.:</b> Staff Meeting (I/Z) <b>7:00 p.m.:</b> Troop 325 Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 a.m.:</b> Women's Bible Study (I) <b>Study (Z)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 p.m.:</b> Tiger Den Meeting	<b>31</b>	



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### *Christmas Worship at Christiania*

Sunday, December 12: 3:00pm  
Christmas Concert

Friday, December 24: 3:00pm, 4:30pm and 9:00pm  
Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 25: 9:00am  
Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 26: 9:00am  
First Sunday after Christmas

