



# Newsletter

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

## June Sunday Worship

Worship with us each Sunday at **9:00am.**

June 4 — Acts 2:1-21

9:00 am Traditional Worship with Communion

June 11 — Matthew 28:16-20

9:00 am Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band

June 18 — Matthew 9:35-10:8

9:00 am Traditional Worship with Communion

June 25 — Matthew 10:24-39

9:00 am Non-Traditional Worship with The Nitty Gritty Church Band

*Coffee Fellowship every Sunday at 10:00 am*

## Special Evening Worship Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm

We will have a special worship—lots of music, food and fellowship to celebrate with our Vacation Bible School children. Watch Sunday announcements for more details.

## Christiania's 2017 Confirmands

Congratulations to the following young people who Affirmed their Baptism on Sunday, May 21, 2017:



Jacob Bares  
Abriel Hanson  
Hayden Jensen  
William Kanfield  
Emily Matiak  
Margaret Nielsen  
Maxwell Parker

Nathan Rowan  
Grace Seurer  
Ireland Stanley  
Andrew Tarara  
Zachary VeVea  
Kristina Walker  
Kaylee Wilkins

**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 June, July and August. You are welcome to join us for one or all of those Sundays. The only rehearsals will be directly before each service (rehearsals at 8:00am; services at 9:00am). If you are interested, please email or contact Matt for music and practice records.



## Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 4, 2017 10:00 A.M.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (immediately following the worship service). The purpose of this meeting is to approve the expenditure of approximately \$50,000 for additional roof repair. According to our Constitution expenditures exceeding 10% of our annual budget need congregational approval.

## *Message from Pastor Rebecca*

It was a dark and stormy night . . . actually it was wildly wet with the darkness broken by great flashes of lightening that lit the sky as rain thundered on the roof dimmed only by a brief interlude of hail. At one point one young person said, "it's raining inside." So a bucket was strategically placed and one by one the young people came forward to speak their Statements of Faith to the folks gathered to support them as they had supported them in Christ from the time of their baptisms and will continue to do into their future. By the time you read these words, Christiania's 14 Confirmation students will have stepped forward into the adult membership of the congregation, received their beautiful prayer stoles and their Affirmation of Baptism blessings.

On that wild, wet night the Confirmation students gathered in Christiania's Fellowship Hall built in 1960 through gifts of thanksgiving given by those who treasure our history and understand that all we possess are gifts of God's love and that it matters to have a place to gather. Jesus was ever calling his followers to gather for their own selves sake, for the children and for strangers who come in from the storms to be blessed with welcome.

Welcome is as necessary response to God's love as is giving back to God what God has first given us. Both are commands in Scripture and learned blessings, for as we give so we receive. Both are based on loving Christ and one another and assuring there is a secure place to gather and appreciate, to bless and be blessed and to incorporate an ever changing, growing community who shelter in God through the welcome of Jesus and the support of the Holy Spirit.

Those gathered recognized anew that each person among us comes from different backgrounds, has different responses and understandings of the Gospel and that each goes into the world experiencing different adventures. That's why the acceptance, forgiveness and the powerful peace of God are so important. But for that evening, beyond the sound and winds outside, these gathered in safety, expressed their faith, received cake and accolades for their accomplishments and so were individually noticed, communally blessed and welcomed by the body of Christ.

Isn't that what church is about, to be individually appreciated, to be refreshed by the community, to receive the assurance of God's presence and peace from this body and so be prepared to go back out into the world. As we gather and are appreciated, let us ever keep our eyes open for those looking for a word of welcome. When stormy situations threaten to overwhelm us, there are people here who will understand. As we listen to and encourage one another, let us ever remember our children and listen closely to their concerns and ideas.

In Matthew 10:40 Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." There is a world of wonderful in our hallways to be appreciated and welcomed into our conversations with each other and with God. May God's blessings and best rest with each of us and particularly with our 14 newly Affirmed members.

In Christ and in anticipation,  
Interim Pastor Rebecca

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## **Executive Council President's Message - Bruce Mohn**

Holy cow, it is June already. We are entering the summer season of worship!

Congratulations to the 2017 confirmation class and their parents. I am glad I was there to hear their diverse statements of faith.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> we welcomed new members to our church. One new member is a long time neighbor of mine, plus three young families that have ties to Christiania from growing up here.

At the state of the church address on May 7, Tia Burnham and Maren Zaffke, superintendents of Sunday school, gave an informational talk on how the school year was successful with the help of fifteen teachers and seventy students learning with a new curriculum that was enjoyed by all. Joe Jorgensen, who is the interim Children, Youth and Family Leader along with Kim Robertson, a long time participant in our youth programs, covered confirmation and other youth activities. Confirmation is for students in sixth through ninth grade and over fifty youth participated this year. Our youth programs provide educational learning plus time to socialize with young members of faith.

With the help of Rachel Fausch, we covered a spread sheet that showed the giving for the first four months of the year comparing this year's giving with all of the years back to 2012. This year there was a great response from members' giving for these months. The income was about \$167,000 with expenditures of \$171,000.

This is a very positive outcome for a church going through a transition of leadership.

The last item was an update on the church roof needing repair. We had a diagram of the roof and showed the part that needs replacing. Due to the cost exceeding our total budget by 10%, we need to have a special meeting to approve this capital expenditure. We will have this meeting following the church service on Sunday, June 4. During the summer months we will have one service starting at 9:00.

Items covered at the May executive council meeting:

1. A line of credit was secured for the church roof repair
2. Discussion with Interim Pastor Rebecca on the Mission Exploratory Team (MET) This team of members seek to define future direction and priorities for the mission and ministry of the congregation.

As our summer season is starting, it will be nice to have one service to stay connected with each other. Enjoy a motorcycle ride with church members or sign up and participate in Vacation Bible School. Both are fun things to do in June.

Once again, thank you for your financial support and your involvement to support Christiania, making it a welcoming place for new members and young adults to grow in their faith.

# **Thank You**

The 2016-2017 Wednesday night meal program has ended. Thank you to all who participated – to the people who came out to eat, to the cooks, and to the people who helped clean up. Many thanks to my cooks, because without you, we couldn't do this! Mike Erickson, Kersten Richter & family, Karen Erickson, Alan Ritchie, Juli Skillman, Sara Srosty, Bertie Mohling, Louise Anderson & Jane Ward, Dona Jo Braun, Cheryl Schindeldecker, Sharon Buckley, Lucy Hurrel, Stacy Feilen, and Tia & Tony Burnham. Special thanks also to David Anderson for being our dishwasher!

We served 716 meals, and brought in a net revenue \$1,263.86, which goes into our General Fund.

See you in the fall,

Rachel Fausch & Family

## **Christania Lutheran Church**

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### **Office Hours**

Please call the office for available office hours

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### **Christania Staff**

Rebecca Thurman	Interim Pastor
Joe Jorgensen	Interim CYF Leader
Matt Steinbron	Worship/Music Coordinator
Karen Frame	Interim Office Manager
Harold Martin	Custodian
Rachel Fausch	Treasurer

### **Other Contacts**

Bruce Mohn	Council President
Cheryl Schindeldecker	Altar Guild
Debbie Lundein	Bells Director
Joe Jorgensen	Chorister Choir Director
Linda Otto	Church Women (CLCW)
Bob Monio	Usher Co-Coordinator
Daryl Rieck	Usher Co-Coordinator
Juli Skillman	Care Team Coordinator

## **Prayers for our Congregation**

Please remember the following in your prayers –



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

Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover  
Hailey Franks, friend of the Jeff Martin family  
Nora, great niece of Jeff & Linda Otto  
Paul, friend of Doc & Geeg Aaker  
Rick Martin, brother of Jeff Martin  
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

## **Baptisms at Christania**

Blessings to the following children who were baptized into Christania on Sunday, May 14:

Leonard Charles Novak, son of Jason & Amanda Novak

Lillian Grace Fitterer, daughter of Joe Fitterer & Rachel Ratzlaff

Levi Scott Bolton, son of Jared Bolton & Ashley Benedict

**Mark your Calendar:  
Classic Car/Tractor Sunday  
August 6, 2017**

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2017

**SPRING OUTDOOR CLEAN UP** – What a beautiful day we had for outdoor yard work. Charles von Fischer and Barb Bachman planted flowers in new pots and around the front sign. The lawn was being mowed (thank you LeRoy). Brad and Greg had pulled the old bushes from the east side the week before so we could move the truckload of dirt on the east side. We spread a truck load of mulch, pulled weeds and ate pizza. Thank you to Brad, Warren, Scott, Cal, Greg, LeRoy, Lisa, Cooper, Bertie, Harold, Barb, Charles. Thank you Sharon for delivering treats. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

**SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE** – We still have September and October to fill. Thank you to all of you beautiful generous people who continue to volunteer to keep our flowers watered, weeds pulled and our church looking terrific all summer. Please contact Jeanne at [nashhoffmann@hotmail.com](mailto:nashhoffmann@hotmail.com) if you can help fill the remaining gaps.

**ROOF REPAIR** – A Congregational meeting is scheduled for June 4 to request approval to spend approximately \$50,000 for repair of another part of our roof. These repairs are needed in 2017. If approved, a capital campaign will start soon to raise funds for this repair.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE UPDATE** – The quote from Owatonna Monument to repair approximately 20 headstones at the East and West cemeteries was \$8,600. We had \$7,400 in our maintenance account. Two members of the Cemetery Committee donated \$450 each to repair two stones. Thank you guys!!!. This brought our funds to \$8,300. We decided to complete all repairs at the West Cemetery (5 stones for \$2,700)), to keep \$1,800 in the maintenance account and to fix the worst of the stones at the East Cemetery with the remaining \$3,800. This is the first time any substantial funds have been spent on grave stone repairs. As funds are received, the balance of the stones at the East Cemetery will be repaired.

**LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES** – Jeanne and Pastor Rebecca met recently to compare notes and further refine the draft lockdown procedures. The more we talked about situations and solutions the more complicated the plan became. Our intent is to create a simple plan to address our biggest concerns. The draft plan was sent to the Scott County Sheriff's office and they provided comments.

**LOOKING FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN HELP** – We need someone with the skills to recreate a map of the footprint of our church. We are working with a very old rendition. We need this map for our Emergency Plan and our Lockdown Procedures. If you have these skills, please contact Jeanne at [nashhoffmann@hotmail.com](mailto:nashhoffmann@hotmail.com).

**WINDOWS AND ADA COMPLIANT LOCKING HANDLES** – These materials should be arriving any day. At the last Executive Council meeting, they approved the additional expense (from Capital Campaign) of \$1,172 to purchase ADA compliant locking handles on all doors in our church. That should make every room a potential safe zone. The installation looks like a June project; we will be looking for volunteers with carpenter skills. Please contact Jeanne at [nashhoffmann@hotmail.com](mailto:nashhoffmann@hotmail.com) if you can help us. And a final thank you again to LeRoy Clausen for mowing the church property every week. What a blessing you are!!

Blessings from your Property Committee: Brad Smith, Warren Peterson, Steve Anderson, Jeanne Nash Hoffmann and Lee Braun, Executive Council liaison.

## Motorcycle Sunday

Join us on Sunday, June 4, for our Annual Christiania Motorcycle ride. We'll leave from church after the Worship Service and Special Congregational Meeting (probably between 10:45-11:00). In case of inclement weather, the ride will be on June 11. Questions, talk with Greg Silus.



**Church Phone: 952/461-2283**

**June,**

# June Ministries

## Offering Counters

June 4	Cheryl Schindeldecker, Judy Lantto
June 11	Cheryl Schindeldecker, Judy Lantto
June 18	Lori Peterson, Cathy Breyer
June 25	Lori Peterson, Cathy Breyer

## Communion Assistants

June 4	9:00	Sharon Buckley
June 18	9:00	

## Greeters

June 4	Will & Marietta Storlie
June 11	Tim Swedin, Allison Skluzacek
June 18	Jerry & Audrey Wicklund
June 25	Wally & Sharyn Murto

## Lectors

June 4	9:00	Joe Jorgensen
June 11	9:00	Denise Kanfield
June 18	9:00	
June 25	9:00	

## Executive Council

President:	Bruce Mohn
Vice-President:	Denise Kanfield
Secretary:	Greg Silus
At-Large Members:	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

<u>CYF</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Kersten & Dan Richter	Adam Fausch
Tia Johnson,	Lonna Selkirk
Jodi & Tim Emmons	Tia Smith
Sara McGregor	
Kim Robertson	
Maren Zaffke	
<u>Congregational Life</u>	<u>Property</u>
Dona Jo Braun	Jeanne Nash Hoffmann
Eunice Estrem	Steve Anderson
Sherri Mohn	Warren Peterson
Mariann Storlie	Brad Smith
<u>Mission</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
Sharon Buckley	
Lori Peterson	
Scott Tempel	
Kaylee Wilkins	
	<u>Worship</u>
	Vonny Laddusaw
	Robin Martin
	Madalyn Petersen
	Ken Zaffke

## Celebrating our Heritage and Senior Members

On Saturday, July 22, from 11am to 1pm 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, if you would like, share your history and 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). Additional information will be included in the July Newsletter. We wanted to get information out early so members could mark their calendars to save the date. We hope to see you at the celebration!

The quilt that was made by Christiania members (and others) for the Camp Onomia Quilt Auction was on display in the Fellowship Hall during the month of May. It will be delivered to Camp Onomia soon for their auction in September.

**Thank you** to all who helped with this project:

The piecers: Arlene Jacobson, Bonnie Lindquist  
Lois Haglund, Yvonne Laddusaw  
Jacki Donovan, Kathy Rieck

Those who did handsewing on the binding  
(Members and Friends of Christiania):

Judy Hanson, Bonnie Lindquist,  
Diane Braun, Jeanette Hooper  
Delores Valek, Jackie Faber  
Ileen Waldron, Janice Geissler



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

**Church Food Shelf Bags** – 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 (located in the main entrance). Use this at the grocery store for your groceries and other items you pick up for the food shelf and bring to church.

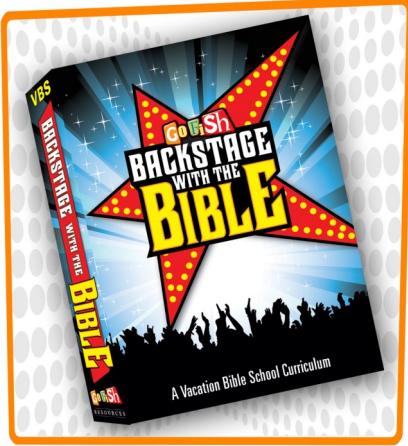
**Easter Sunday Envelope Designated Donations** – Our final total for Easter Sunday/Lent offering designated donations was \$8,481.77. \$1,200.00 was given to each food shelf (Dakota, Rice and Scott Counties). The balance was designated to the following: \$1,800 to Camp Onomia, \$2,081.77 to our Iringa/Ihemi Partnership and \$1,000 to uplift the CYF summer mission trip. Thank you so much!

**May – “Hygiene Item Drive”** – Thank you for your generous donations of Hygiene items for the Lewis House in Hastings. Sharon Buckley and Kaylee Wilkins brought an overflowing tub full of items to the shelter that will help many people who arrive at the shelter with no personal items.

**Loaves and Fishes** – Thank you to those who donated their time and energy to serve a delicious Pizza meal on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington at Loaves and Fishes. You are an outstanding group!

If you have a mission idea or helping theme project you would like to see our church get involved in, please talk to one of our Mission Ministry Team Members. Thank you!

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



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

**“Backstage with the Bible”**

**Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30**

**9:00am to 3:00pm**

**(Special Worship Service  
Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 P.M.)**

**For children completed  
Kindergarten—Grade 5**

**Cost is \$15 per student (\$25 family maximum)**

**Scholarships are available; contact the church office**

**Registration forms are available on the website, on the Information Desk, and in this newsletter (printed below). Please register early!**

## **2017 Registration form for Vacation Bible School: June 26-June 30 (9am to 3pm)**

Child's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's grade(s) completed 2016/17 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home, Work, or Cell?) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to be photographed. Pictures will be used throughout the church and on the website.

Cost \$15/student; \$25/family maximum

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_



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**Summer Worship Schedule**

**Sunday:**

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

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DATED MATERIAL

June Food Shelf  
Donations  
“Juicy June”

Canned, bottled  
Boxed juices



**Mark Your Calendars**

Classic Car/  
Tractor  
Sunday  
August 6



**Book Discussion Group**

The book we read in May was “OLEANDER GIRL” written by Chitra Banerjee Divalaruni. It was about an Indian girl who was orphaned at birth. It included family secrets, race problems and a courageous search. We invite you to join us on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:30 for discussion. Bring a bag lunch, coffee is furnished.

June 28th     ANOTHER SURPRISE BOOKBAG

Deadline for the **July-August 2017** edition  
of the Christiania Newsletter is **June 18**.

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



**Feed My Starving Children**

**Service Opportunity**

**Saturday, June 3**

**11:30am—1:30pm**

**Come join us!**

