JUNE 2015

# Christiania Newsletter

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

## Piscator Pete Lands a Big Fish Parable

Streams in southeast Minnesota wind through many cow pastures. Not only is it advisable for the trout fisherman to look for good fishing water, but to dance around the natural land mines (cow pies!)

Pete and I were doing a Texas two-step around when another faithful piscator rounded the bend with a grin beaming. He announced to us that he just landed a 21 inch Brook Trout. Those of you who know trout fishing will recognize our reaction, that face that says, "sure and ISIS just announced they are now pacifists!"

Fish stories are historically reputed to be long on facts and short on evidence. Exaggeration is expected and rejection of the story part of the catch and release. Oh sure, and you measured him on what? The logarithmic scale?

Jesus is a great storyteller and his medium is the parable. Often characters, reactions, and contexts exaggerate a happening to make a point. Usually the point has to do with God's justice, mercy, or to point at our own hypocrisy.

I am looking forward to listening and retelling these marvelous parables this summer. David Anderson is on tap to share the first parable – the prodigal son or waiting father, depending on your perspective.

Please join us for a summer of stories!

***Pastor Dave***

## June Sunday Worship

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

June 7—Luke 15:11-32
Parable of the Prodigal Son

8:30 am Traditional with Communion
10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion

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June 14—Matthew 7:24-27
Parable of the House on the Rocks

8:30 am Traditional Worship
10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship

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June 21—Matthew 13:1-23
Parable of the Sower and Soils

8:30 am Traditional with Communion
10:00 am Non-Traditional with Communion

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June 28—Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43
Parable of the Weeds in the Field

8:30 am Traditional Worship
10:00 am Non-Traditional Worship

## Special Evening Worship
## Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 pm

We will have a special worship—lots of music (worship band), food and fellowship to celebrate with our Vacation Bible School children—watch for more details.

# URBAN VENTURES

Over the last two weeks, the Mohn family has prepared the soil and about 6 acres of vegetable beds, including 1 acre of sweet corn they planted with their equipment. Surrounding the farm is about 1 acre of clovers and grasses that will help feed the bees that will live in the hives that will arrive on the farm soon. Volunteers have planted about ¼ of the vegetable beds, mostly broccoli, kale, and cabbage. We're visiting the farm 3-4 times a week to keep planting and appreciate all volunteers.

**Blessing of the Land - May 10**

## Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 14 (between services)
Please join us as we recognize all
2015 Graduates
High School, college, vocational school, etc.

## NEW EMAIL

Effective June 1 church office emails should be directed to: Linda Bauer at lbauer@christianialutheranchurch.org
(kframe@christianialutheranchurch.org will no longer be available).

## Christiania Stewardship Changes the World

We all can't help but feel saddened and even overwhelmed by the recent events in the mountainous country of Nepal where a massive earthquake near the country's capital of Katmandu occurred. Already over 7000 people have been confirmed as killed and thousands have been left without proper infrastructure to deliver the basic necessities of shelter, food and water, and proper medical care for common illnesses that present themselves whenever tragedy strikes. It can leave one with questions of how they can even help.

As a member of Christiania your generous giving helps the ELCA with its efforts to help this area of the world. Through groups such as Lutheran Disaster Response, efforts are already underway to establish shelters and distribute clean water and food. Other groups, such as Lutheran World Relief, also distribute quilts and other emergency supplies that help people remain healthy while the country rebuilds. These organizations work directly with the Nepal government to assure that relief is placed where it needs to be.

In short, your stewardship at Christiania is helping to bring relief and comfort to those in need across the world. For more information please visit ELCA.org on the web.

Through Christ we are Changing the World.

Thank you,

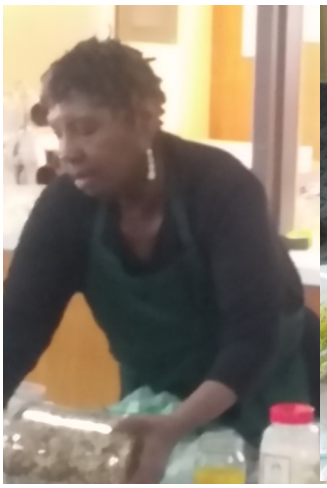
**Your Stewardship Team**

### Mission Commission Update

Your generous Lenten and Easter special offerings totaled $7,681. These donations will be used to meet our budgeted $3,500 for the Iringa/ Ihemi Partnership, $2,000 to Camp Onomia and the balance of $2,181 will be given to the ELCA 2015 Malaria Campaign. Thank you for your continued support of these projects.

Did you know we have volunteers that take our food shelf donations to the area food shelves? If you would like to volunteer for this opportunity as an individual or family, please let us know. For the month of **March, 160 pounds** of items were delivered from Christiania to the food shelves. In **April, another 60 pounds** were delivered. Thank you!

Your Mission Commission Team,
Dave Olson
Lori Peterson
Jane Sansgaard Ward



**The Cooking Event with Caroline Carter was a huge success!!!!**

The reviews were great for this event. Some of the quotes are as follows:

"I like healthy food"
"very interesting"
"Good food. Great ideas"

**Watch for future events**

## Christiania Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
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**Christiania Staff**

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|---|---|
| Dave Mesaros | Senior Pastor |
| Steven Olan | CYF Leader |
| Linda Bauer | Office Manager |
| Harold Martin | Custodian |
| Tom Carlson | Worship/Music Coordinator |

**Other Contacts**

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|---|---|
| Joe Jorgensen | Council President |
| Cheryl Schindeldecker | Altar Guild |
| Debbie Lundeen | Bells Director |
| Joe Jorgensen | Chorister Choir Director |
| Linda Otto | Church Women (CLCW) |
| Bob Monio | Usher Co-Coordinator |
| Daryl Rieck | Usher Co-Coordinator |

Thank you, Christiania family for your prayers, visits, cards and phone calls while I was hospitalized and recuperating. Thank you, Pastor Dave for the hospital visit and phone calls.

Bless you all,
Bob Powell

## Baptism at Christiania

<u>May 3</u>
Ruby Joelle Spors,
daughter of
Brian & Jill Spors

## Welcome to our New Members

Missie Marek & Nate Kane

Leif & Kate Johnson
Ashleigh, Violet

Tia Johnson & Tony Burnham
Madison, Olivia

Bre Silfverston & David Ludowese
Alexander, Cameren

Karin & Donovan Moore,
Brenna, Kaden

Allison Skluzacek
Lilli Swedin

Scott Tempel

## Prayers for our Congregation

**Prayer Concerns:**

Bridget Anderson
Philip Tupa
Bob Powell
Orville Nelson
Ed Constantine
Ruby Hagen

Jeanne Nash Hoffmann (had surgery 5/19)
Eunice Estrem (had surgery 5/20)

David & Karen Frame's brother-in-law, John
Friend of Dave Goodwin, Steve Stewart
Jackie DuLac's step father, Russ Johnson
Friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen, Brian Matthews
Cheryl Bahnsen's dad, Dick
Friend of Lori Clausen, Deb Bement
Friend of Lori Rogers, Annie
Friend of Melanie Kubischta, Sam Carlson
Brian Aasen's mother, Jan
Jacki Donovan's mother, Jolene Wilker
Kelly Ronn's mother, Jean Maki
Friend of Mariann Storlie, Sandy Haggerty
John & Don Storlie's cousin, Diane Storlie
Dwayne Vosejpka's brother, Dan
Rachel Faush's mother, Kathy
Bonnie Petersen, sister-in-law of Gladys Bolton,
Pete and Ron Petersen
Wally Petersen, brother of Gladys Bolton,
Pete and Ron Petersen

# PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thank You!! – We need to thank a few people who save our congregation literally thousands of dollars a year. Thank you Bob Frederickson for always being there when it snows. What would we do without you and your snowplow? And thank you to LeRoy Clausen for your weekly mowing and trimming of our church yard. You two gentlemen are amazing.

2015 Project List – At their May 5, 2015 meeting, after discussions on each item and modifications of some projects, the Council approved the 2015 Project List. A letter to the congregation will be mailed later. Please consider your contributions prayerfully. These projects can only be completed because of your generosity.

Parking Lot Improvements – After receiving the bid and talking through the process with the vendor, we decided to move the repair of the parking lot to our "future" category. The vendor suggested the fabric overlay with asphalt rather than a total replacement. He also suggested that this year we seal the cracks to prevent further damage and do the overlay in 2016 or 2017. The crack sealing is on the project list; a member of the congregation has volunteered to stripe the parking lot.

Landscape Project by Eagle Scouts – We were notified recently that the Boy Scout Troup that was developing the landscape design for Eagle Scout projects was unable to continue with the process. This will be put on hold for 2015.

Urban Ventures Update – This is moving along nicely. Bruce Mohn has been assisting Urban Ventures for their first garden; he also planted a buffer of clover and oats around the perimeter. A Blessing of the Land was conducted between services on Mother's Day.

Parsonage and Farmland Subcommittee – Martha Donahoe resigned from this subcommittee in May. Thank you Martha for your skills and talents. Brian Boehmke resigned this past December. We are searching diligently for two additional members. Please call me (952-215-8705) if you have an interest in serving.

Spring Clean Up – We had a great crowd on Saturday, May 9. You can certainly accomplish a lot with men and their machinery – well, women also. Bruce Mohn was there with Cheryl's Kubota; Steve Anderson and Brad Smith had their skid loaders. We moved a lot of dirt, pulled out dead bushes and cleaned up the shrubs in the front. We will be planning another Saturday to get the back of the church cleaned up, dirt leveled and grass seed planted. Thank you to member Gordon Larsen for the black dirt. Thank you to Dan, Charles, Warren, Brad, Steve, Bruce, Sharon, Harold, Chris, LeRoy and Cooper. (Sure hope I didn't miss anyone.)

Summer Watering Schedule – Thank you to Greg Silus for taking over the responsibility of getting volunteers for the weekly weeding and watering of the flowers around our church.

Replacing the Pews with Chairs in the Chapel – The Décor Advisory Committee is in the process of selecting a color for the chairs. We hope to get these ordered soon.

"Summer" Smell in the Education Wing – It appears that the carbon filters and running the fans is not working as we hoped. The next steps involve looking at air purifiers for this area and the Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned!!

Acoustic Problem in Fellowship – Warren Peterson from Property Committee and Christian Donovan from Council are leading this project. Ron Ovans has volunteered to assist with this project. They hope to interview vendors onsite in the next month.

## Blessings from your Property Committee: Brad, Warren, Steve and Jeanne

**Church Phone: 952/461-2283** **June, 2015**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **31 Karen Frame's Retirement Celebration**<br>8:30 Traditional Worship<br>9:25 Coffee Fellowship<br>9:45 Men's Retreat meeting<br>10:00 Traditional Worship<br>12:00 Karen Frame's Retirement Celebration and Dinner | **1** | **2**<br>7:30am Bible Study<br><br>6:00pm Executive Council | **3**<br>9:30am Quilt Tying | **4**<br><br>6:30 Yoga<br><br>7:30pm Hops at Harry's | **5**<br>**Men's Retreat**<br>Leave for Bay Lake Camp | **6**<br>Men's Retreat |
| **7**<br>8:30 Traditional/Communion<br>9:25 Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 Non-Traditional/Communion<br><br>Men's Retreat Return from Bay Lake Camp | **8** | **9**<br>7:30am Bible Study | **10**<br>11:30am Lunch Bunch Firehouse Grill | **11**<br>6:30 Yoga<br><br>7:30pm Hops at Harry's | **12** | **13** |
| **14**<br>8:30 Traditional Worship (Spirit Singers)<br>9:25 Coffee Fellowship<br>9:30 Graduate Recognition<br>10:00 Non-Traditional Worship (Spirit Singers)<br>**Confirmation Camp June 14 - June19** | **15** | **16**<br>7:30am Bible Study | **17**<br><br>9:30am CLCW Coffee/ Meeting/Bible Study | **18**<br><br>6:30 Yoga<br><br>Wedding Rehearsal<br><br>7:30pm Hops at Harry's<br>**Newsletter Deadline** | **19** | **20**<br>9:00am to 11:00am VBS Training<br><br>4:00pm Thompson Wedding |
| **21 Father's Day**<br>8:30 Traditional/Communion<br>9:25 Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 Non-Traditional/Communion<br>11:00 VBS Kick-off | **22**<br><br>**9am-3pm VBS** | **23**<br>7:30am Bible Study<br>**9am-3pm VBS** | **24**<br><br>**9am-3pm VBS**<br><br>11:30 Book Discussion Group | **25**<br>**9am-3pm VBS**<br>6:30 Yoga<br>7:00pm Special Worship with VBS<br>7:30pm Hops at Harry's | **26** | **27** |
| **28**<br>8:30 Traditional Worship<br>9:25 Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 Non-Traditional Worship | **29** | **30**<br>7:30am Bible Study<br><br>3:00pm Loaves and Fishes | **July 1**<br><br>9:30am Quilt Tying | **2**<br><br>6:30 Yoga | **<u>Altar Duty</u>**<br>Vonny Laddusaw, Cheryl Schindeldecker | **<u>Usher Team Captains</u>**<br>Jack Eckdahl, LeRoy Clausen Dick Swan |

# June Ministries

## Offering Counters

| | |
|---|---|
| June 7 | Janice Geissler, Bonnie Lindquist |
| June 14 | Bonnie Lindquist,<br>Carl & Jeanette Hooper |
| June 21 | Carl & Jeanette Hooper, Eunice Estrem |
| June 28 | Eunice Estrem, Calvin Tonsager |

## Communion Assistants

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| June 7 | 8:30 | Lori Clausen, Mariann Storlie,<br>Indigo Larsen Thompson |
| | 10:00 | |
| June 21 | 8:30 | Joan & Jack Eckdahl, Sharon Syverson |
| | 10:00 | |

## Greeters

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| June 7 | Dick & Tolly Swan |
| June 14 | Dick & Carol Ostlie |
| June 21 | Bruce & Cheryl Mohn |
| June 28 | Bonnie Lindquist & Don Eide |

### Executive Council

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| President: | Joe Jorgensen |
| Vice-President: | Andrew Wilkins |
| Secretary: | Linda Bauer |
| At-Large Members: | Sharon Buckley |
| Alan Richtie | Christian Donovan |
| Open | Lucky Rimpila |
| Treasurer: | Rachel Fausch |
| Pastor: | Pastor Dave Mesaros |

### Ministry Board

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|---|---|
| Cheryl Bahnsen | Sue Jacobson |
| Bruce Mohn | Open |

### Ministry Teams

**Evangelism**
Open

**Membership**
Open

**Missions**
Dave Olson
Lori Peterson
Jane Ward

**Worship**
Vonny Laddusaw
Robin Martin
Ken Zaffke

**Congregational Life**
Joan Eckdahl
Jackie Donovan
Mary Ovans
Madalyn Petersen

**Youth**
Kim Robertson
Denise Kanfield
Kersten Richter
Lori Rogers

**Stewardship**
Scott Firm
Adam Fausch

**Audit Committee**
Alice Storlie
Laura Petersen
Jackie DuLac

**Nominating Committee**
Ron Ovans
Mary Ovans
Jane Ward
David Anderson
Brian Buechele
Mike Erickson

**Property Committee**
Jeanne Nash Hoffmann
Warren Peterson
Brad Smith
Steve Anderson

Pastor Dave hit it spot on with his May 10 sermon on compasson-meaning suffering with. That is exactly how we have been treated with the passing of our dad and brother. You have made us so proud to be a part of this welcoming church!

The Sunday before Bob von Fischer was promoted to heaven, many of you took the time during coffee hour to visit with him and make him feel special. He really did feel like a family member of Christiania in his short 15 months here.

We want to thank the CLCW for always providing, and others for all your prayers, cards, kind thoughts and words, gifts, and comforting embraces. Thank you also to Pastor Dave for his extra time and dedication to lift Bob up in a wonderful "celebration of life" service.

May God continue to richly bless this congregation!

Juli Skillman
on behalf of the von Fischer family

## HOPS at HARRY's

Thursdays in June at 7:30pm
Join us for casual conversations
on a variety of topics.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2015

**Congratulation on the Affirmation of your Baptism**

Allie Lucast, Abby Sjolund, Collin Clarey, Brett Simon, Mady Ceplecha Indigo Larsen Thompson, Jade Seurer, Tia Ruh, Britt Vandenheuvel, Abby Estep, Abby Nielsen, Jackie Estrem, Cortney Fischer, Jordan Johnson, Eli Parker, Mitch Rowan, Hayden Fischer, Gaige Giles, Lucas Hill

## INFORMATION FROM YOUR CYF LEADER

VBS! We are just weeks away from our Vacation Bible School, June 22– 25 with a little meet and greet scheduled for Sunday, June 21 immediately following church service. We will be serving hot dogs and root beer floats. This will give parents and children a little time to get to know the volunteers for the week. Registration forms are at the information desk. If you need special arrangements made outside of the 8:30am and 3:30pm drop off and pick up windows, please do not hesitate to email Steven at steven.a.olan@gmail.com

Confirmation camp: for all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders we are going to Camp Onomia for a special week of camp together! The first 20 to sign up will have half their trip paid for by the Christiania Foundation. Sign up today through the Signup Genius or email Steven at steven.a.olan@gmail.com ASAP!

As we wrap up our program year, I want to extend a huge thank you to all the Sunday school teachers, confirmation mentors, and parents who volunteered for various activities throughout the year. I also want to highlight our Superintendents, Michelle Vosejpka and Kris Geissler as well as the Youth Ministry team: Kim Robertson, Lori Rogers, Denise Kanfield, and Kersten Richter for all of the time and effort they put into making my first program year as smooth as possible.

# Christiania Youth!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015
## PARABLES

## Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

*Join us for Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats, Registration and informational meeting…..*

* Daily Schedule 9:00am to 3:00pm
* Drop off available at 8:30
* Pick up by 3:30
* Bring a Bag Lunch each day
* Snacks provided
* For Children (Completed K through completed 5th grade)

Cost: $20 per child; $30 for family maximum.
$5.00 Discount for Early Registration before June 1st

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name_____ Parent's Name_____

2nd Child_____ 3rd Child_____

Home Address_____ City/Zip_____

Daytime Phone_____Alternate Phone_____

Emergency Contact_____ E/R Contact Phone_____

Does your child(ren) have any allergies:_____ (If so, we require an action plan)

Early registration discount?_____Paid: $_____

Do you attend Christiania?_____ Would you like more information about our church?_____

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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**

## June Food Shelf Donations "Juicy June"

Canned, bottled
Boxed juices

## Mark Your Calendars

Classic Car/
Tractor
Sunday
August 2
9:15 am

Deadline for the **July-August 2015** edition of the Christiania Newsletter is **June 18**.
Email info. to Linda Bauer at lbauer@ChristianiaLutheranChurch.org.

## Book Discussion Group

There are lots of special occasions to celebrate in June. Celebrate with JOY. We invite you to join us at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall on the last Wednesday of the month. Bring a bag lunch—coffee is furnished.

June 24: *The Round House*
(a book bag will be available)
By Louise Erdrich

July 29: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*
By Rachel Joyce

## Men's Retreat Weekend: June 5—June 7

We'll leave from church at 8am Friday and head for Bay Lake Camp near Deerwood, returning about 2pm Sunday. Meeting for those going on the retreat will be Sunday, May 31, between services.