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DATED MATERIAL

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Look for updates on our homepage (christianialutheranchurch.org), our Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/christianialutheran/) and by congregational email (Constant Contact).



If you find yourself with some spare time in the coming weeks, and are interested in exploring the music of our hymnal, please join me live on Christiania's Facebook page where I will present historical context on familiar and unfamiliar hymns. We will conclude each session by singing the hymns together! (Don't worry, no one else can hear you.) If you are not on Facebook, these videos will be posted on Christiania's website, just like the worship services of the past couple of weeks have been. I might even take hymn requests for future videos in the comments or by email! The scheduled time for each video will be posted on Facebook at least a few days in advance and will likely occur at regular intervals. I can't wait to see you there!

Blessings of peace and health,

Dr. Matt



As we all do our part to "shelter in place" the church office and building will be closed. Staff will continue to serve, our email addresses and phone numbers are listed on the back page.

SPECIAL EDITION **NEWSLETTER**

April 2020

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

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CORONAVIRUS? **CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:**



DEPARTMENT MDH (Minnesota Department of Health): https://www.health.state.mn.us/

General MN Health COVID -19: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html Reference to the size of gatherings: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/communities.html



CDC (Centers for Disease Control): https://www.cdc.gov/

WAYS TO CONNECT



WORSHIP

Wednesday, April: 1: 11:30 a.m. Facebook Live; 7:00 p.m. Zoom (instructions on pages 6 & 7)

Palm & Passion Sunday, April 5: 10:00 a.m. Facebook Live (instructions on page 5)

Youth Group: Sunday, April 5: 6:00 p.m. Zoom Maundy Thursday, April 9: 7:00 p.m. Facebook Live Good Friday, April 10: 7:00 p.m. Facebook Live Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11: 7:00 p.m. Zoom Easter Sunday, April 12: 10:00 a.m. Facebook Live











Worship Sunday, April 19 & 27: 10:00 a.m. Facebook Live

Tuesday Bible Study: 8:00 a.m. Conference Call w/Pastor Jon (instructions below)

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. (Contact Cheryl Bahnsen at bahncl@aol.com for more info.)

Thursday Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. Conference Call w/Pastor Jon

Men's Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month: 8:00 a.m. Zoom w/Pastor Jon

For instructions on joining a study, contact the church office or Pastor Jon.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON RHODES



Christiania friends.

I miss being together. This is a challenging time and I encourage you to stay connected; that together we can be people of Christ's light in a dark world. Since the end of February, we've been engaged in change and the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. We started experimenting with physical distancing like passing the peace Tanzanian-

style, and then not shaking hands or hugging. This has moved quickly: we last worshiped face-to-face March 11 and our initial online worship was March 15.

I am so proud of all of you for how we've navigated as a unified community during these trials. I'm delighted in witnessing your willingness to adapt and try new things. I am thankful for staff and leaders that have exhibited great caring, flexibility, creativity, and patience. I've learned we're truly in good

In this April 2020 edition of Christiania's Monthly Newsletter you'll find details important to our life together. This Special Edition is focused on how we're being church in this time of Corona Virus. We seek to answer important questions and concerns:

How do we connect and continue to be Christ's Church?

How do we Worship/Study/Serve and Give?

How do we receive email and prayers?

Who & How to contact.

I know many of you are hurting in substantial ways. Please know we are heartbroken with you and would be grateful to hear your stories and to hear how we can walk with you. The Apostle Paul suggests that just like hope is found in Jesus' death on the cross, suffering can serve to bring believers to a place of great hope: "...suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us..." (Romans 5:3b-5a)

God loves you and so do !! Pastor Jon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is important that we stay connected with one another during this time when we are not able to meet in person. We are recruiting volunteers to call and send cards to church members on a weekly basis. If you would like to volunteer to help make phone calls, please contact Rob Metz. If you would like to volunteer to help make and



send cards, please contact Becky Ruen. Rob's email is rob.metz@barrcenter.org and his phone number is (763) 656-3062. Becky's email is beckyruen@outlook.com and her phone number is (979) 224-0141.

STRETCH YOUR DONATION

FOOD SHLEVES

Our local food shelves are always in need of donations, and the need is especially great now. Since we are not gathering and dropping off donations, please consider these options:

- 1. Send or drop off your monetary donation to the church, with your check clearly marked for food shelves.
- 2. Make a donation directly to the food shelf of your choice. Christiania supports 360 Communities in Dakota County, Community Action Center in Northfield, and Peace Center in New Prague.

Thank you for your generosity, as able. Food shelves have the ability to stretch our dollars farther by buying in bulk, plus their safe procedures are already in place during these unusual times.

How to connect to Zoom via smartphone for the first time:

The first time you connect your smartphone to Zoom you will need to download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app. Allow 5 minutes for this process.

- 1. Open your device's app store.
- 2. Search for Zoom Cloud Meetings. Look for this icon to be sure you get the correct
- 3. After it is installed, open the app and enter your name and any other information you like.

How to join a Zoom event via smartphone app:

We will use Zoom for meetings, some Bible studies, and occasional worship services.

- 1. Find the link for the Zoom event; this link will be sent via email.
 - a. If you have not already installed the software, you will be prompted to do that now.
 - a. You may also need the meeting code, which can be found with the link.
- 2. You will be asked if you would like to use Device Audio or Dial In. It is recommended that you select Device Audio.
- 3. Once you have made your selection you will be connected to the Zoom event.

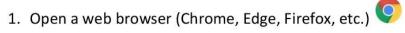
How to join a Zoom event via telephone:

You may choose to participate in meetings and/or worship using your landline telephone or basic phone.

- 1. Find the Zoom event information. For meetings, this will be sent via email. For worship services via Zoom, find the information on the Worship Videos page of our website.
 - a. There will be one or more phone numbers listed. They are typically long-distance numbers so you may be subject to charges depending on your phone plan.
- 2. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number followed by the # sign. (This is usually a 9, 10, or 11-digit number; it will be included in with the Zoom information).
- 3. Follow the audio instructions to join the Zoom event.

How to connect to Zoom via computer for the first time:

The first time you connect your computer to Zoom you will need to download some software. Allow 5 minutes for this process.







- 2. In the address bar, type http://zoom.us/test and press enter. This will test your computer to make sure it can support the program and then prompt you to install the software.
- 3. The first time you connect, it will likely ask for your name and email. (You do NOT need to set up a zoom account to login to a zoom meeting.)

How to join a Zoom event via computer:

We will use Zoom for meetings and some Bible studies.

- 1. Find the link for the Zoom event; this link will be sent via email.
 - a. If you have not already installed the software, you will be prompted to do that now.
 - b. You may also need the meeting code, which can be found with the link.
- 2. Just before you get into the zoom meeting room you are asked about audio and how you are going to *listen in* to the meeting. Below is a typical screen with the options for audio.



- 3. If your computer is equipped with speakers and a microphone, you can click on "join with computer audio."
 - a. You can test your computer audio settings by clicking on "Test speaker and microphone."
- 3. If your computer is not equipped with speakers and a microphone, you may call in on your phone while watching on your computer screen. To do this, click the "Phone Call" tab at the top and it will tell you the phone number to call in.
- 4. Once you have made your selection you will be connected to the Zoom event.

Ways to continue your donations:

- 1. Through Your Bank You can set-up an automatic donations through your bank. Your bank will mail a check from your account directly to Christiania. (You will need to contact your bank to make arrangements.)
- 2. Mail Donations can be mailed directly to Christiania Lutheran Church, 26691 Pillsbury Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044.
- 3. Black Mail Box If you wish to drop off your donation, there is a black mail box located to the right of the main doors.



Home About Us Ministries How Do I Resource

4. Vanco - Is online electronic giving. Start the sign-up process from the front page of our website. Click on "How Do I"



from there you can click on "Online Giving"

next click on "Give To Christiania"



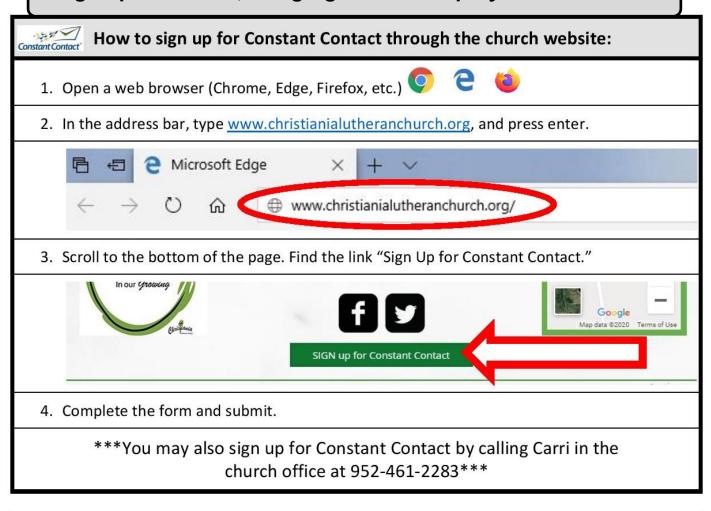
you will be transferred to a new page you will need to "create an online profile" then you can sign-up for a "one time donation or recurring donations."

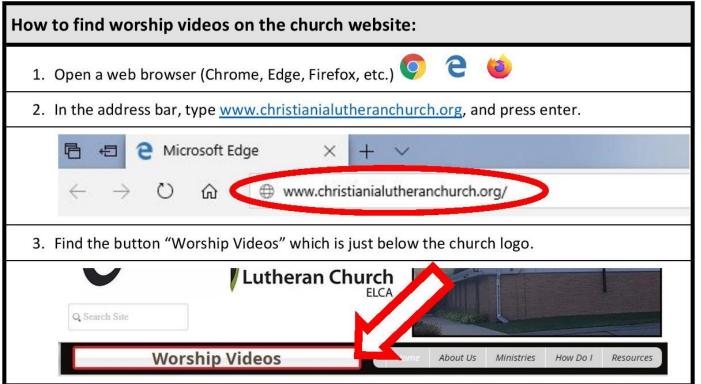


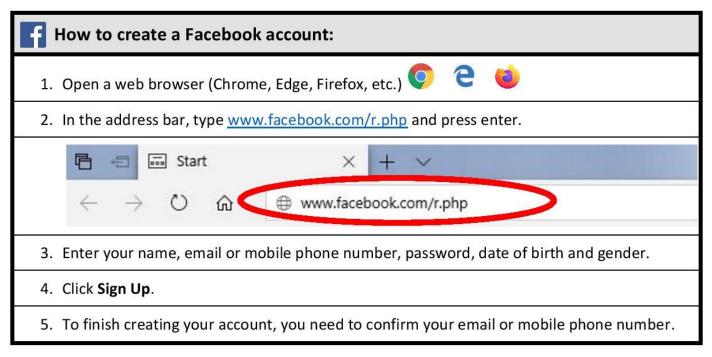
Pastoral Care and help, Baptisms and Funerals

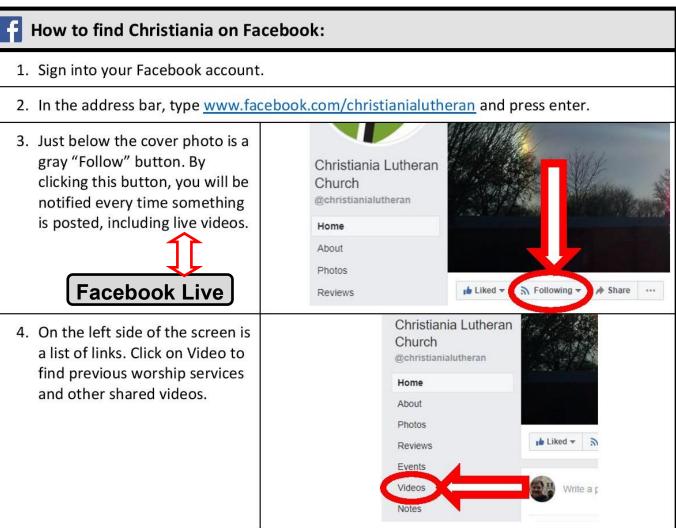
In light of the suspension of face-to-face ministries, please contact Pastor Jon 952.461.2283 for all your pastoral care, help and sacrament needs. At this time we plan to share the Holy Supper when we are able to worship face-to-face.

Sign up to receive, Congregational and prayer chain emails









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