

CIC NEWS

Community In Christ Lutheran Church

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A newsletter published for the members and friends of Community In Christ Lutheran Church, 7621 Norman Island Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031704-892-0120 email: swheeler@communityinchrist.net www.communityinchrist.org



Worship In October

8 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Spirit Center & Zoom) 9 a.m. – Worship Outdoors (Parking Lot)

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (pre-k-1st grade in the Spirit Center, 2nd-5th grade in the Fellowship Hall; Coffee Cart (breezeway)

10:30 a.m. – Worship Indoors (Sanctuary & Livestream)

On Sunday, October 17th, at the OUTDOOR service, we'll have a Blessing of the Animals during worship. Cat and dog, pig and bird, lizard and spider, hamster and fish (in water, please!) ... All are welcome with proper leashing/caging/restraints! We hope to see you and your furry, feathered, fuzzy, and finny companions October 17th during the 9 a.m. outdoor worship service!

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October 31st Reformation Celebration

- ⇒ 10 a.m. Our ONE worship service this day includes the Affirmation of Baptism of 4 of our youth. The service will take place simultaneously in the sanctuary as well as being broadcast on the livestream on TVs set up in the breezeway for outdoor worship.
- ⇒ **11 a.m.** Bring a chair and stay to be served up a Reformation Picnic outdoors. Stay tuned to Take Twos and Sunday Announcements as the date approaches for more detailed information.
- ⇒ 11:45 a.m. (approximately) Participate in Trunk or Treat as vehicle or as a kid enjoying the stories on display! See next page for details!!!



Join us for a Trunk-or-Treat event at around 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 31st!

WHO: Really, everyone!!! All are welcome to decorate their trunks in a People of the Bible or Bible Story Theme. (And KIDS ... either wear your costume to worship that day if your parents say it is okay or change into it after worship and lunch to enjoy this fun activity and see the Bible Stories come alive!)

WHAT: Participate in a People of the Bible (Jesus, John the Baptist, The Good Samaritan, Moses, Mary, etc) or Bible Story Themed trunk decorating (Creation, David & Goliath, Jonah and the Whale, The Nativity, Jesus is the Good Shepherd, The Last Supper, The Day of Pentecost, etc).

WHERE: CIC Parking Lot

WHEN: Sunday, October 31st, beginning around 11:45 a.m.

HOW: 1. It's okay if multiple cars have the same theme! 2. Cars can also work together to tell a bigger story ... just be sure we know you need to park near one another. In consideration of allergies, please think about handing out non-food treats (think: playdoh, stickers, glow sticks, Halloween rings, etc). If you'd like to include a small treat, some candies that are more allergy friendly include: Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, Starbursts, Swedish Fish, Laffy Taffy, Dum Dums, and Nerds.

RESPOND: Register a vehicle for Trunk-or-Treat on the Sign-Up Genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BA8AF2FA46-trunkortreat.

Please be in touch with Pastor Lisa if you have any questions (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net).

From the Pastors.....

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

-Mother Teresa

There's frustration. There's exhaustion. There's loss. There's disgust. There's disappointment. There's disillusionment. There's sadness. There's confusion. There's some fear. There's certainly division... There's a lot that people are thinking and experiencing these days, and much of it is not overtly positive.

To these thoughts and emotions we encourage you to, "Be who God has made you to be." That's how we can continue to respond to all that's going on in the world. Be who God has made us to be. That's where the shift can happen. That's where the tension can begin to release and the divides start to heal. Because when we live as God has called and made us, look at what happens: We offer compassion. We show respect. We listen to one another. We call out injustices. We help the vulnerable. This is what we do because this is who we are.

The recipients of these actions don't have to be worthy by our standards. They don't have to agree with our political opinions or stances on this, that, or the other. They don't have to reciprocate these things back to us. They don't even have to be nice people. Because, as Mother Teresa put it, it's not about *them*. Or, We might tweak that line to say it's not *dependent* on them. It's about us. And, more so, it's about the grace and love of God freely given to us by Jesus.

When we actually live in response to that immense gift, we are indiscriminate in sharing God's grace and love with the world. Our actions then are not contingent on anything or anyone—we do what we do because we recognize all that God has done for us, and that to not share that generous grace and love with others (no matter who they are or what they have or have not done) would be both hypocritical and a failure to grasp the meaning of the cross.

Be who God made you to be. Given the scope of all that has and continues to go on within our lives, this may seem like a vast oversimplification of the problems. But if we are to dig ourselves out of the various "holes" we've found ourselves in, is that possible to do without offering one another forgiveness, respect, and love?

If we make it "about them" we'll probably never create much progress because we'll always find some reason "they" don't deserve it. So, make it about you and the gifts God has given you. If we can routinely *try* to do that, to be people who "do things anyway", change will happen. And I think we can all agree that some healing, unifying, restorative kind of change would be really nice right about now.

Stay well and God's Peace be with you, Pastor Michael & Pastor Lisa



The Congregational Council continues conversation and visioning in our Christ-centered life together strengthening our present to lead us into our future ministry as a community in Christ.



Ways to Give of Tithes and Offerings at CIC:

- 1. Online/Direct Withdrawal
- A. Go to <u>www.communityinchrist.org</u> & click on the "donate now" button in the upper right-hand corner.
- B. Select "Create Profile"
- C. Provide your email address
- D. Create your profile and provide the various pieces of information. Once your profile is created, you can select what types of giving you would like sign-up for.
- *When considering this option, please note that church incurs an additional service charge for credit card fees.
- **2. Mail In:** We have a locked mailbox at CIC that is checked frequently. CIC's address is 7621 Norman Island Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031
- **3. Offering Plate:** The ushers provide a contact-free opportunity for you to place your offering in the offering plate during drive-in worship.

Stock Account—Have you ever thought about giving the gift of stocks, mutual funds, or IRAs? CIC has a resource available through Thrivent Financial to transfer these funds to the church into a charitable, tax-free gift account. If you would like to learn more about this possibility or have questions please contact Gary Samuelson (704-506-3234) and/or Madalyn Wilkinson (financedirector@communityinchrist.net)

Office & Staff Information

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

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<u>Prayers</u>

Prayers for Members: Carla Beaver, Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, DiBenedictis family, Jim Carney, Joan Garn, Renate Von Dohlen, Lee Tillman, Janet Shuping, Dane Horna, Jan Hamilton, Susan Hill, Betty Classey, Don Snyder, Louanne Schweitzer, Pat Hamby, Luther Beaver, Anne Randolph

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Margaret Orendorff (Diana Elsass's mother); Evelyn Hagedorn (Laurie Street's mother); Stacey Waddell (Carol Moser's cousin); Carrie Montgomery (Lee Tillman's caregiver); Karen Roode (Bob Liljefor's sister); Ann Donahue (Bill Langan's sister); Peg Wheeler (family of Stephanie Wheeler), Gretchen Hagedorn (Laurie Street's sister); Carmen Harte (Valerie Deabreu's mother); Fred Hasben, Gary Finlay & Reagan Fair (Deborah Lowe's cousins); Dennis Kuk (Kathy Dutton's brother); Dana Heidelberger (friend of Pat & Scott Wood); Family of preschool teacher Melissa Martucci; Jordan Becker (Grace Becker's son); Stephanie Holt (Anna Roth's granddaughter); Elizabeth Short (sister-in-law of Rod & Norma Short); Eric Johnston (extended family of Pastor Lisa)

Prayers for all active duty military personnel and their families, healthcare workers, first responders and public servants (Community In Christ thanks you and continues to pray for you)

The Lay Pastors meet monthly to pray for all people on the list. They also send out cards letting them know they have been prayed for. Please provide addresses to send the cards. Please submit all prayer requests to the office at swheeler@communityinchrist.net or 704-892-0120.



Things to take note of:



Director of Inviting Ministries: CIC is seeking a new Director of Inviting Ministries. The DIM is entrusted to embody and foster a sense of Christian hospitality and inclusion within CIC's family of faith. This part-time position involves a range of interpersonal and technological skills that will aid in people feeling welcome and a part of the congregation. If you are interested in learning more about the position or applying, please contact the church office 704-892-0120, swheeler@communityinchrist.net

Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study: Join the weekly Bible Study that meets in the narthex and on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the upcoming lectionary texts. Please contact the church office for the zoom information.

Adult Sunday School: is meeting in the Spirit Center and on Zoom at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings for a video study of Ephesians by N.T. Wright. We will meet at our regular time on October 3, 10, 17 & 24. On October 31 we will mee at 9 a.m. Contact Mark Myers with questions: mark.myers82@gmail.com.

Group Ministry News......



Help Wanted!: The Coffee Cart is looking for hosts! Contact Carol Moser to learn more or sign-up at cbmoser@aol.com.

WELCA



If you are a female member of the Congregation, you are automatically a member of WELCA. Our next meeting will be at the church on Monday, October 11th at 6:30 p.m. "Bible Women, All Their Words And Why They Matter" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman, has been selected as our study material. Diana Elsass in the study leader, refreshments will be provided by Joan Garn. We will be selecting a restaurant for our Nov. 8th social meeting. If you have questions contact Laverne Waskielis at 704-576-8675.

WELCA is collecting toiletries for Lakewood Care Center – Denver, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, denture cleaner, moisturizer—through October 24th. Please place donations in the bin in the narthex. The items will be delivered before Halloween. Questions contact Laverne Waskielis at 704-576-8675.

The NC SWO Annual Gathering was cancelled due to a lack of numbers to reach a quorum for the election of new state officers. The election of state officers will be held via an on-line meeting mid-November.

Happy Times Group



Happy Times Seniors will meet Wednesday, October 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Fox & Hound, 8711 Lindholm Drive in Huntersville. We have an awesome group, with "new" attendees. Please plan to join us! To RSVP, contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or **unch** HunterRon35@hotmail.com.

CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry



The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into hand crafted shawls, scarves, hats, blankets and prayer cloths for those in need. The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability. We will continue to meet in person in the CIC Spirit Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-

sharing, and fun! If you are interested in coming to the in-person meetings, please contact Kathy Dutton and she will send you the necessary information. Of course, you can also participate in this important ministry at home by crafting items, and bringing them to CIC. If you have any questions, or would like more information, contact Kathy Dutton (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elsass (dianaelsass@gmail.com).

Card Ministry News



Help the CIC card ministry create cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. No experience needed! We are planning to meet twice in October to make cards and enjoy fellowship with one another. We'll be meeting Tuesday, October 12th, at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. A

variety of cards are available to the congregation in the card rack on Sunday mornings or during the week through the church office. Be on the watch for Christmas Cards in November! Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry! Contact: Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com or 940-300-2290.



God's Work Our Hands Sunday

In worship on Sunday, September 12th, \$10 bills were handed out to each worshiper to turn into food from a wish list for Angels & Sparrows. The original \$1150 in \$10 bills that was distributed in worship multiplied into \$2174.08 of groceries that was 1721 pounds of food! An additional \$414.41 of unused seed money and other offerings was sent to Angels & Sparrows. Another 11 units of blood were donated on One Blood's Big Red Bus for people in their times of need! And 30 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes were assembled. The boxes were prayed over in worship the next weekend to be sent to children around the world. Thank you for participating and extending God's love through your hands and these service opportunities!

The Greater Church



Want to help Afghan allies? Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is currently serving some individuals from Afghanistan who are here under Special Immigrant Visa as supporters of the U.S. they are no longer safe in their own country. If you are interested in giving a gift to support them and other refugees, you may do so at https://lscarolinas.net/donate-to-refugee-services or by sending a check to Lutheran Services Carolinas P.O. Box 947, Salisbury, NC 28145.



Agapé Kure Beach Ministries is again offering Advent-in-a-Box! Each box includes guidebooks with craft instructions, nature activities and ideas for families to do together each week of Advent. This year's box also includes a booklet of daily devotions written by former staff who are working for the church! \$70 includes the cost of shipping, so please enter code Advent2021 for free shipping!

Boxes must be ordered by November 1st to give time for packing and shipping!

Order your box here: https://agapekurebeach.square.site/product/advent-in-a-box/139?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false



If you're looking to getaway to check out the fall colors in the mountains, Lutheridge, near Asheville, is renting private cabins and hotel-style rooms. Look into rentals here: https://lutheridge.org/retreat-rentals



Preschool, Sunday School & Youth News:

Preschool Registration for the 2021/2022 School Year

Tuition for 2021/2022: \$255.00 for 2-year-old and 3-year-old students and \$290.00 for 4-year-old, PK and TK students. There are currently spots open for the 3 year old and TK class.

To schedule at tour contact Sharon Fuller at 704-892-0120 ext 104 or (sfuller9564@gmail.com.)

Youth Sunday School

Sunday School Schedule:

- ⇒ Preschool through 5th grade children are invited to join us for Sunday School the first four weeks of October as we move into 2 groups. The PreK through 1st graders will meet in the Spirit Center and the 2nd through 5th graders will meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ October 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th class will start after the first worship service concludes, approximately 9:45 a.m., and run until 10:15/10:20.
- ⇒ Wear your masks the whole time you are indoors for your class time!
- ⇒ Parents are welcome to hang back with their kids to be an extra set of hands if they would like.
- ⇒ If you are interested in rotating into the Sunday School teaching schedule, please contact Pastor Lisa (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)
- ⇒ On Sunday, October 31st, our Sunday School activity will be Trunk-or-Treat after lunch following our ONE worship service that day at 10 a.m.

Middle & Highschool

Confirmation Schedule:

All gatherings begin in the Breezeway area with a meal. Bring a mask for indoor instruction and activities.

October 31st (Reformation Sunday & Confirmation Day) plan on attending worship and leading/participating in the activities which will follow.

New Members - September 2021



Lisa Peterson: I was born and lived most of my life in Connecticut. I have always been a Lutheran and have been active my church. Have been active in music ministry, belonging to choir and on music and worship committee. I think I will feel at home here.



Thomas & Carolyn Maier: My name is Tom Maier. Up until January 2021 I have lived on Long Island, New York. I have been retired for 3 years now after 44 years in Information Technology split between a Defense Contractor and a major Financial Institution. I was raised in the Catholic Church, but eventually found a home in St. Luke's Lutheran Church in 1982. At St. Luke's I served as a Communion Assistant, on a number of committees and also on Church Council. My wife and I have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Our 2 daughters are married and live in New

Jersey. Our son lives in nearby Huntersville. We've settled in Trilogy Lake Norman and enjoy travelling.



My name is Lynn Maier. Tom and I lived in the same house for 40 years in Farmingdale NY and found our home in St. Luke's Lutheran Church. I taught Sunday School, VBS (about 12 years) and was Youth Council leader for two years. Of course, this was all while our three children grew to know that St. Luke's was their second home. As the kids grew, I became involved with Altar Guild and actually was recruited to lead our Altar Guild group. With my degree in hospital administration, I retired from Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola after 26 years and worked

with the Chief Academic Officer until the hospital was taken over by NYU and I, at that time, became manager of Faculty Records & Appointments for NYU Long Island School of Medicine. We moved to Trilogy in Denver January 2021 and I have joined many groups here.



Sherwood Barefoot Jr.: I grew up in Greensboro, N.C. and was baptized and confirmed in the First Lutheran Church. Over the years I became an Episcopalian for family reasons. I am retired. My career was in medicine. I was trained in general surgery and vascular surgery and was initially in private practice. Later, I was in academia at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas doing trauma surgery and surgical critical care. My hobbies included tennis and downhill skiing. I was chairman of a surgical group in Salt Lake City at one point, and while there, in addition to skiing, I fly fished in the many trout streams and Yellowstone and I lived in the Unita National Forest each year for a week of elk hunting. (The

Robert Redford movie, "Jeremiah Johnson," was filmed there). More recently, I became interested in my great grandfather who fought in the Civil War as I had inherited his Bible given to him by his messmate, pistol, and pictures. He was hospitalized during the war which led to my interest in Civil War medicine. I have given talks to various groups on the war's contributions to modern day medicine. In 2018 I established a website, www.civilwarmedicalhistory.com, which, interestingly has drawn viewers from not only the U.S. and Canada but also from most western European countries, Russia, Australia, Africa, and South America. I am married to Sandy Barefoot, the music director at C.I.C. Lutheran Church.



Warren & Pat Hamby: We met and were married in Colorado Springs in 1961. We will celebrate our 60th anniversary on November 4. We have been blessed with three children, seven grandchildren, two bonus grandsons and especially six great great-grandchildren. Our oldest daughter Annette (Glen) Morrow lives across the street from us and she was the one who encouraged the move from Illinois. We lived in California, where all three children were born, and also in Illinois before the move here. We look forward to membership in Community of Christ.

From the Finance Team

CIC had a good start of the Fiscal Year 2021-22. Member contributions were strong in July and flat in August. We used the last of our PPP money in July (\$17k), and in August, the CIC Preschool had an excellent end to the summer, with full summer camps, and a good start to the school year, with full enrollment. These two items contributed to our YTD surplus (\$29k), otherwise we are essentially breaking even.

We have installed additional fire security equipment to remediate the repeated outages due to lightning strikes experienced last year, and we purchased new tables for our Handbell Choir. Going forward we expect significant expenses towards remediating the flooding issues at the Preschool playground and near the Spirit Center, as well as to update our Audio/Video system.

Regards, Madalyn Wilkinson

Community in Christ Ministry Plan	Jul20-Jun22 Budget	Aug 21 Actual	% of Budget
Revenue			
Revenue	\$532,500	\$ 88,082	17%
Operating Budget offerings			
Other Revenue	\$185,898	\$ 47,186	25%
Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, B			
Total Revenues	\$718,398	\$ 135,269	19%
Expenses			
Worship	\$ 2,425	\$ 834	34%
altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors	· ·		
Witness	\$ 1,870	\$	0%
offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, g			
Serve	\$ 53,250	\$ 8,801	17%
synod benevolence			
Administration	\$ 41,337	\$ 8,713	21%
computer software, copier lease, insurance, i	internet, postage, office supp	olies, telephone, payroll service,	credit card fees
Mortgage	\$ 80,424	\$ 12,481	16%
principal and interest on mortgage			
Property	\$ 55,234	\$ 11,790	21%
building maintenance, janitorial services, uti	lities, lawn care, fire/securi	ty alarms, exterminating, floor/c	arpet cleaning
Staff	\$323,008	\$ 50,275	16%
salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time	and two part-time employe	es; staff development (partially e	offset by desig-
nated giving in 2016-2017)			
Music Ministries	\$ 4,409	\$ 984	22%
guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees			
Youth Ministries	\$ 9,525	\$ 579	6%
youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017	-2018 and 2018-2019: also	includes Sunday school, campfi	rmation
Preschool \$146,909 \$ 11,019 8%			
activities, supplies, maintenance			
Total Expenses	\$718,391	\$105,476	15%
Budget Surplus		\$ 29,792	

Office Communication Please be in touch with Stephanie in the church office (swheeler@communityinchrist.net) about the following:

- If you read the newsletter online and prefer that it no longer be mailed to your physical address.
- If you have switched to giving primarily through digital means and no longer have a need for physical envelopes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRATION DATE IF YOU ARE SET UP FOR AUTO DEDUCTION ON OUR WEBSITE.

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