



**Community  
In Christ  
Lutheran Church**

# CIC NEWS

**July 2019**

Serving the Lake Norman area since 1977

A newsletter published for the members and friends of Community In Christ Lutheran Church, 7621 Norman Island Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031 704-892-0120 email: [swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net) [www.communityinchrist.net](http://www.communityinchrist.net)



**Welcome!!!  
Pastors' Lisa and Michael Beery and family!!!**

The Pastors' first day in the office is July 1!

The Pastor's first Sunday will be July 7!

Come and join us in welcoming the arrival of Pastors Michael and Lisa Beery. On Sunday, July 7th, we will celebrate with a brunch directly after the Worship Service. There is an electronic sign up link below and a paper copy will be located in the Narthex on Sunday as well. Please plan to join us for fellowship and an informal meet and greet.

Contact Stephanie Wheeler or Carol Swing with any questions.

Stephanie Wheeler at [swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net)

Carol Swing at [carol@communityinchrist.net](mailto:carol@communityinchrist.net)

Sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094ba8af2fa46-welcome>

Community In Christ is an ELCA Lutheran Church located two miles west of I-77 at Exit 25. Our office hours are 9:30 am-5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

During the school year (September through May) we have worship at 9:30 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. We have a Wednesday evening worship at 7 pm. Communion is served at all services. Adult Sunday School is at 9:00 & 11 am. Children's Sunday school is at 9:30 am. During the summer months (Memorial weekend through the 2nd Sunday of September) we have one service at 10 am with nursery available. An open invitation is extended to everyone to share our joy of Christian fellowship in worship and life.

## ***From the Pastors.....***

Greetings to the Community in Christ Family!

We are both humbled and excited to serve alongside you as your pastors! We concluded our calls in Minnesota on June 9th and have since been busy moving, buying and organizing our home, starting the process of settling in, and having a wonderful time exploring the greater Charlotte area a bit.

We would like to offer our immense thanks to Susan Kullstam, Jeff Moen, CIC's Call Committee, and CIC's Church Council for all of their support and hospitality throughout the entire call process. CIC's leadership is a fantastic representation of the congregation.

We look forward to meeting you in person soon as we officially begin our ministry at CIC on July 1st. We are eager to see what God has in store for all of us!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Lisa & Pastor Michael

### **Prayers for**

***Prayers for Members:*** Carla Beaver, Bill Roth, Gary Salzman, Willie Hudson, Suzette Iskander, Jan Hamilton

***Prayers for friends & relatives of members:*** Gary Seifert (friend of the Flock's), Stephen Garich and the family of Brad Auge (extended family of Laurie Street), Woody Barefoot (Sandy Barefoot's husband), Miller Elizabeth Wiltshire (grandchild of Paul & Kathy Miller), Marie Gustke (Norma Short's mother), Hal & Nita Gardner (Maia Bottemiller's parents), Grant Geis (Ongoing CIC prayer support) Tim Gather (son-in-law of Eileen Wissell), Essam Iskander (Suzette Iskander's brother), Bea & Gary Orendorff (Diana Elsass' sister-in-law & brother), Meg Connell & family (friends of Sara Casiday), Tina Von Dohlen (Renata Von Dohlen's daughter), Gnana Segaran (friend of Laurie Street) Trina (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Anonymous (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Elizabeth Short (Rod & Norma Short's sister-in-law), Melanie Hatchett (friend of Frances & Dane Horna), Colin Case (friend of Pat & Scoot Wood), Whitaker Raymer (friend of Carol Moser), Sarah Hableton (Jeff Dutton's daughter)

*Prayers for all active duty military personnel and their families, first responders and public servants (CIC thanks you and continues to pray for you)*

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

### **Lay Pastors**

We regularly pray for all those requesting prayer, make home visits, and send birthday cards to the congregation. Upon request, we distribute communion.

There are Prayer Request Cards on the counter in the Narthex. Also please look for our Lay Pastor Name tags. We want everyone to know CIC cares about them and wants them to have a sense of belonging. For information ontact Ron Major at (704) 622-0517 or [HunterRon35@hotmail.com](mailto:HunterRon35@hotmail.com).

### **Prayer Team**

During communion there is the opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer. At times you may want to share a prayer with a prayer team member. Two prayer warriors will be located at the back of the sanctuary under the "Prayer" banners.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn how - please join us! The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors. Join us for fun and fellowship! The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into shawls, scarves, hats, and prayer cloths that serve as a reminder of God's love.

In July 2019, we will work to replenish our supplies of prayer shawls and prayer cloths. In addition, we will continue to make hat and scarf sets for those in need so as to have a good supply ready for the 2019-20 winter season.

**July meeting dates: Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.**

We meet at 1:30 pm in the classroom #1.

For more information, contact Kathy Dutton at [mamabissy@gmail.com](mailto:mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elsass at [dianaelsass@gmail.com](mailto:dianaelsass@gmail.com).

### CIC Card Ministry

The CIC Card ministry is a spirited group that prayerfully creates cards that serve as a physical reminder of God's love, support and presence in our lives.

Why not join us for fun, fellowship and card making? No experience required. Our meetings in July will be **Tuesday, July 9th at 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm** in classroom #1.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Kathy Shugarman; [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com), 940-300-2290

### Flower Ministry

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone in someone's life or show Glory to God. The cost is \$50 for 2 vases. You can take the flowers home after services on Sunday if you wish (please return the plastic cup they come in) to enjoy in your home.



### Baptism Sunday

On Sunday, August 18, 2019 Community In Christ will be celebrating the Promise of Baptism during the 10:00 AM worship service. Anyone considering baptism for yourself or your children please contact Carol Swing at [carol@communityinchrist.net](mailto:carol@communityinchrist.net).

### Angels & Sparrows Summer Lunch Program

Thank you for all those who have volunteered to help make sandwiches for the summer lunch program at Angels and Sparrows. All the spots have been filled. We look forward to serving the community in this capacity and thank you for your generosity. We will continue to collect needed items for the lunches throughout the summer in our grocery cart. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please email Pam Spano at [trulyblessed15@hotmail.com](mailto:trulyblessed15@hotmail.com).

### Men's Ministry

**Aspen group Tuesdays:** Bi-Weekly from 5:45 am to 6:15am. Start your day off right! It ain't too early! Get your devotional on and fellowship with your CIC Brothers! Starbucks located at 9832 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 (Exit 23). **Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Men's Ministry Social:** 2019-2020 Planning sessions (TBD: target dates end of July and mid-August. Much like last year we will begin our planning series in July and August for upcoming year. We will take stock of our endeavors, lessons learned, and organize around our Up/In/Out CIC mission. More details forthcoming or reach out Lars Kullstam @ [lkulls@me.com](mailto:lkulls@me.com) in the meantime.

### July Grocery Cart

Help Summer Lunch Program

During the summer months we will be collecting items to help the Angels and Sparrows Summer Lunch Program. *These items will make a difference in the lives of many school aged children this summer!*

In July the items we'll be collecting are **pudding cups, fruit cups and Ziploc sandwich bags**. While your shopping this month please consider picking up a few of these items to place in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

### Save the Date for Preschool Summer Camp!

July 8-11—Make Sense of Your Senses

August 5-8—Music & Movement

Cost is \$130 per session. Half due at sign-up. For more information about the camps or preschool please contact, Sharon Fuller, Preschool Director, at: [sfuller9564@gmail.com](mailto:sfuller9564@gmail.com) or visit our website [communityinchrist.org](http://communityinchrist.org).

## Women's Ministries

**WELCA:** "Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America" all women in the congregation are members. There is no entry or membership fee and all women are invited to attend any or all events.

We will be taking a break from our monthly meetings, they will resume in September. For the summer months, we selected restaurants where we will gather for fellowship. We will meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

**July 08<sup>th</sup>** - Table 31

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** - North Harbor Club

**Angel's & Sparrow's Soup Kitchen:** We continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow's Soup Kitchen in 2019. Our volunteer time is any month that has a fifth Monday. The dates for 2019 are: July 29<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 30<sup>th</sup>.

We received a request from the "Mission of the Good Shepherd" in Belize to pray for some children who are in need of prayer. These children are: Susie Westby, Myrtle Tracy, Ashanti Obrien, Orlando Jackson and Stephanie Logan. Please remember these Children in your prayers.

Please contact Laverne Waskielis @ 704-576-8675 with questions or for more information.

## Happy Times Group

Delores Booth and Bertie Steeley are hosting our group at **Choplin's Restaurant** located at 19700 One Norman Boulevard - Suite C - Cornelius, N. C. (704) 892-4800 on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am. We have a private room, and extra servers will be there that day for our crowd. At night time, their menu is on the high side, but the lunch menu has plates with veggies and a meat, and tea is included for about \$12.00. Also there are salads and burgers, if desired. The chicken salad is excellent, and it is served at this restaurant in a croissant.

Please RSVP to Delores Booth at [souci6078@aol.com](mailto:souci6078@aol.com) or Bertie Steely at [bisteely@aol.com](mailto:bisteely@aol.com).

Happy Times is open to all ages. We especially invite new CIC members and visitors. Come and enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship! For more information about the luncheon or our group, contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or [hunterror35@hotmail.com](mailto:hunterror35@hotmail.com). Everyone is welcome... Join us.



*Dear children, families, and volunteers of Community In Christ Children's Sunday School Class,*

Thank you for your generous donation of \$437.54 to Bags of Hope received on June 4, 2019. People and groups like you make it possible for us to continue to provide weekend food supplies to school children in the Lake Norman area who experience food insecurity. We are so fortunate to have partners like you in our community who care about feeding the hungry as much as we do. Thank you very much!

Respectfully,  
Anne Mitchell  
Program Director, Bags of Hope

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## Music Notes:

### *Agnus Dei*

On Sunday, December 15, at 7:00 pm CIC will be joining with the music ministries of First Baptist Church of Huntersville and Huntersville United Methodist Church to present the beautiful Christmas cantata, "Agnus Dei." This one-time event, which will take place at CIC, will involve three choirs, soloists, and multiple musicians and is open to anyone who would like to participate. CIC rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 8, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the church sanctuary and will continue each Sunday afternoon through December 1. Books and CDs will be available beginning September 8. Please consider participating in this unique bridge that will bind many Christians together in celebrating the birth of our Lord!



Life is wild, but  
God is good.



### **Roar VBS coming to CIC this month!**

At Roar VBS, kids will discover that even though life gets wild, **God is good**. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences! science-fun, crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Pre- School thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Cost is \$15 per child

***Register today at [communityinchrist.org](http://communityinchrist.org)  
or pick up a registration sheet in the Narthex***

For more information contact  
Kathy Shugarman, [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com) 940-300-2290

*We are looking for items to be donated or borrowed for VBS.  
Please check out the display in the Narthex to see if you could help with any  
of these items. Items will be added weekly as we continue to plan for VBS.*



## From the Finance Team

<b>Community in Christ Ministry Plan</b>	<b>Jul18-Jun19 Budget</b>	<b>Jul18-May19 Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Revenue	\$585,359	\$471,887	81%
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>			
Other Revenue	\$166,516	\$166,406	100%
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>			
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$751,875</b>	<b>\$638,294</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Worship	\$3,050	\$4,329	142%
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>			
Witness	\$5,025	\$2,006	40%
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>			
Serve	\$58,536	\$48,204	82%
<i>synod benevolence</i>			
Administration	\$46,728	\$43,722	94%
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>			
Mortgage	\$92,196	\$92,196	100%
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>			
Property	\$57,249	\$56,174	98%
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>			
Staff	\$445,258	\$337,625	76%
<i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and two part-time employees; staff development (partially offset by designated giving in 2016-2017)</i>			
Montagnard Mission	\$3,500	\$-	0%
<i>salary for one part-time employee, stipends, activities (expenses are offset by grants and designated giving)</i>			
Music Ministries	\$7,555	\$4,020	53%
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>			
Youth Ministries	\$19,175	\$9,850	51%
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018-2019: also includes Sunday school, campfirmation</i>			
Preschool	\$13,585	\$15,573	115%
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$751,857</b>	<b>\$613,701</b>	<b>82%</b>

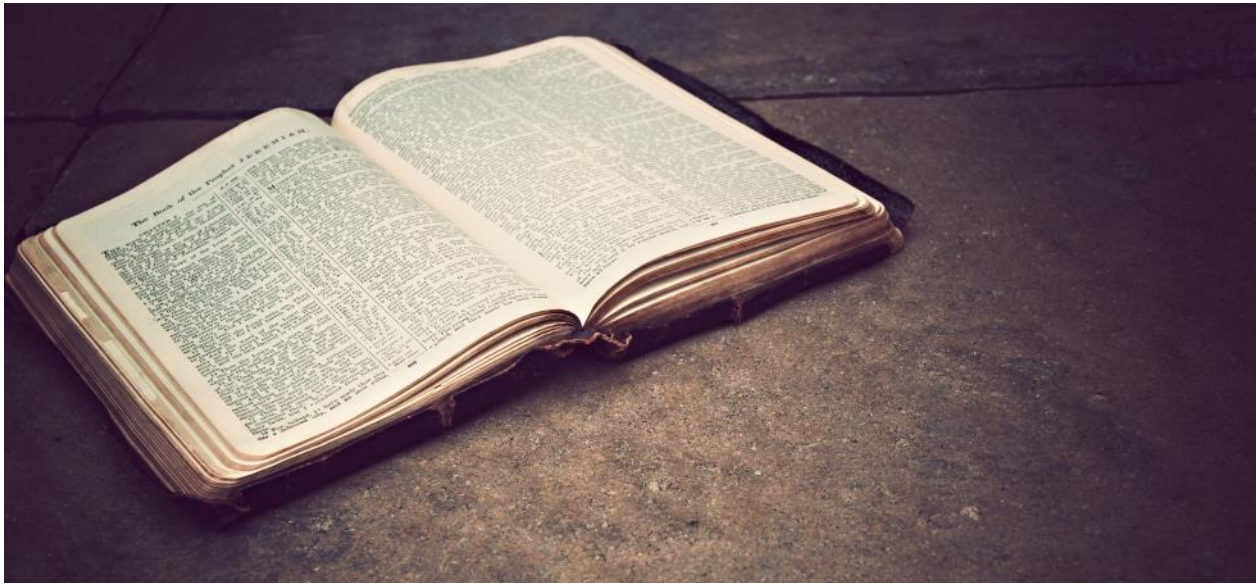
Thank you all for your continued giving through this year of transition. The Finance Committee and Council expected a decline in giving and have been monitoring our spending very closely. We are very pleased that the level of giving has been higher than we anticipated. In addition, Community In Christ has been able to support outside ministries due to your generosity. The latest recipient was Habitat for Humanity. You, the congregation, donated \$2,000.00 during the month of May. The Outreach committee voted to add an additional \$1,000.00 from their prior year OUT funds. In addition, the total amount collected and paid to Mission Investment to reduce our mortgage was \$199,499.21!!! Please keep those pledge payments coming. Every time you make a payment, we reduce our principal mortgage debt.

# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>9:30am</b> -Coffee Time <b>10am</b> -Worship <i>*Every Sunday unless otherwise noted</i>	<b>1</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>2</b> 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A.	<b>3</b> 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm-A.A.	<b>4</b> 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A. Book Study  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>6</b> 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>7</b> 11am-Welocme Brunch for the Beery's	<b>8</b> 9:05am-Preschool Camp 7pm-A.A.	<b>9</b> 9:05am-Preschool Camp 10:30am-Bible Study 11:45am-Lay Pastor Ministry 2pm-Card Minis-try 6:30pm-O.A.	<b>10</b> 9:05am-Preschool Camp 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm-A.A.	<b>11</b> 9:05am-Preschool Camp 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A. book study	<b>12</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>13</b> 10am-A.A. 11am-G.S.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9am-Stretch-N-Grow Camp 7pm-A.A.	<b>16</b> 9am-Stretch-N-Grow Camp 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O. A.	<b>17</b> 9am-Stretch-N-Grow Camp 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm-A.A.	<b>18</b> 9am-Stretch-N-Grow Camp 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A. Book Study	<b>19</b> 9am-Stretch-N-Grow Camp 7pm-A.A.	<b>20</b> 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>23</b> 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-Card Ministry	<b>24</b> 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm-A.A.	<b>25</b> 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A.	<b>26</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>27</b> 8am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>28</b> 6pm-VBS	<b>29</b> 6pm-VBS	<b>30</b> 10:30am-Bible Study 6pm-VBS	<b>31</b> 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm-VBS			



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## Are you getting our E-Mails?

Each week we send out an e-mail to the congregation sharing what's going on and what's coming up. If you have not been receiving these e-mails, please let us know. Write your e-mail down in the black book and put a note by it asking us to include you in our weekly e-mails. You can also sign up for e-mails at our website.  
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