



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

May 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 www.communityinchrist.net



May 19, 2019

One Service 10 am

Annual Meeting at 11 am

One item being presented is the revision of the constitution. It is available for your review either by email or hard copy located in the narthex welcome center.

There will be a Q & A session on May 5 after the 11 am service.

Also available is the budget. The summary is printed within. A detailed edition is available at the welcome center in the narthex or via email from the church office.

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. 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. An open invitation is extended to everyone to share our joy of Christian fellowship in worship and life.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

ALLELUIA!! CHRIST IS RISEN.

The Easter season is 50 days. There is much going on in our lives at this time of the year: graduations, vacation planning, outdoor activities, neighborhood gatherings, family reunions and much more. I hope for each of you that you have opportunity during these 50 days to give thanks for your life in Christ and the promise of life forever with God in eternity.

In this season, we hear again familiar accounts of Jesus' appearance to disciples, his encouragement to the disciples (and to us), the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the establishment of the earliest church. We will also read words of encouragement from Revelation that John writes to the congregations he loves and who are under persecution by the authorities. Every text we read in this season is life giving and encouraging for us.

On May 5, we will have a special love offering to support the work of Habitat for Humanity and the build of at least one house that is planned for later in the spring or summer. We read much about the absence of affordable housing in our communities and how this problem is becoming even more acute for those who are seeking housing. Habitat is one way to address this and I encourage your generous participation in the love offering. We will also gather a group later in the season to be a part of the building of the home ... more information to come.

As you continue on the journey to calling and receiving new pastoral leadership at Community in Christ be assured that you and those you call to serve here as pastor are in my prayers. This will be a fine call, there are many opportunities for ministry here, this community needs this congregation, and you have the spirit of the resurrection among you. God bless you all.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!! ALLELUIA!

Marcus Miller, Interim Pastor

Prayers for

Prayers for Members: Lee Tillman, Carla Beaver, Bill Roth, Gary Salzman, Willie Hudson, Suzette Iskander

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), Randy McPherson (friend of Andy & Karen Frank), 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), Margaret Orendorff (Diana Elsass' mother), Jean Schaefer (Lee Tillman's sister-in-law), Meg Connell & family (friends of Sara Casiday), Tina Von Dohlen (Renata Von Dohlen's daughter), Larry & Linda Smith (friends of Connie Huwe), Barbara Williams (friend of Stephanie Wheeler), Gnana Segaran (friend of Laurie Street) Trina (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Anonymous (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Bob Shugarman (Father of Bob Shugarman), Elizabeth Short (Rod & Norma Short's sister-in-law), Melanie Hatchett (friend of Frances & Dane Horna), Colin Case (friend of Pat & Scoot Wood), Whitaker Weymer (friend of Carol Moser)

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 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 please contact Ron Major at (704) 622-0517 or 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.

Pastoral Transition Update:

At our Candidate Call meeting on Sunday, April 28, the congregation of CIC voted to approve call and compensation for our co-pastoral candidates! The news was shared with the pastors on Sunday following the meeting and they have accepted the call to serve as the new pastors of Community in Christ! We are very excited about the next chapter for our church! We need to allow a few days for the pastors to notify their respective current congregations before we can share additional details in a public forum. The Call Committee and Council are grateful to the congregation for supporting this recommendation!

We continue to pray for our candidates and the Community in Christ family as we continue with this process. Please, direct all call process questions to Susan Kullstam or Jeff Moen as we move forward.

jeffrey.moen@electrolux.com or skulls01@me.com.

In Christ,

Scott Brooks, Joan Garn, Susan Kullstam, Karla Lever, Angela Poovey, Scott Wood

Habitat Build

We are partnering with at least ten other congregations in the Lake Norman area in the 2019 Habitat for Humanity project. We join with these other congregations to raise money and to provide volunteers to work on the project. Our minimum goal this year is \$2,000. The outreach committee has designated \$1,000 from their budget and we hope to receive an additional \$1,000 through a Love Offering on May 5. Representatives of the project will be present with us on May 5 at both services to meet you and tell the Habitat story as they outline the project for 2019. We encourage your generous gifts for this important project in the Lake Norman community.

Later in the spring or summer, when the dates for the actual build are set, we will call for volunteers to form a Community in Christ work team to participate in building the home(s). When that time comes, you will hear more about how you can participate in the build crew to work on this project.

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 regardless of age or ability. Join us and share in the crafting 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 May 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.

This ministry meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm in the CIC small classroom near the Spirit Center.

For more information, contact Kathy Dutton (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elsass (dianaelsass@gmail.com).

May meeting dates: Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

An African Adventure will be coming to CIC this Summer!



REGISTER TODAY FOR VBS!

At Roar VBS, kids will discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences! Scieny-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 28th – August 1st

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Pre- School thru 5th grade

Cost is \$15 per child

**Register at communityinchrist.org
or pick up a registration sheet in the Narthex**

Please Consider:

- * inviting your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, children in your neighborhood to join us at VBS
- * sponsoring a child attending VBS
- * volunteer to help lead a station or be a group leader

For more information or if interested in volunteering contact Kathy Shugarman, shugs02@gmail.com 940-300-2290

CIC Card Ministry

Mother's Day cards are here! Check out the rack in the Narthex for this year's beautiful Mother's Day cards! The CIC Card Ministry is a group that prayerfully creates cards that serve as a physical reminder of God's love, support and presence in our lives. Our meetings this month will be Tuesday, May 14, at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 pm. Our meetings take place in classroom #1.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com, 940-300-2290 or Anne Randolph at arand86@bellsouth.net, 704-596-3168.

Our card ministry also reaches out into the community. We make bookmarks for the Free Little Library. On the third Wednesday of each month we go and make cards with the residents staying at the Ronald McDonald House. These cards are then donated to the House for use by the residents and staff.

Sunday School News

The year is coming to a close and we have one last project. As of today the children have raised over \$400.00 for Bags of Hope. Back in September the children voted to determine their charity. Out of four choices childhood hunger was the winner by a landslide. In partnership with CIC preschool a check will be cut in May to the organization. The children have set a goal of reaching \$410.00 before Sunday school comes to a close. Our last class will be May 12th where our Men's Group will be filling in for our hard working mothers on Mother's Day. They will work with your child on a craft. The church moves to one service May 19th and there will be no Sunday school until after Labor Day.

CIC Nursery Update!

We are looking for a dedicated Nursery Attendant who is responsible for caring for children in the church nursery during worship services and other church events, an average of 3.5 hours per week. For a more detailed description and application please contact the church office if you are interested. In the interim we are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery. If you are available to help please let Kaiti know at kreedyl@gmail.com.

Save the Date for Preschool Summer Camp!

June 3-6—It's a Bugs Life

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 or visit our website communityin-christ.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.

The May 13th meeting will be held in the Adult Bible Study Room, across from the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm. We will be selecting restaurants for our summer fellowship. We will meet at 6:30 pm on our normal meeting dates, Monday, June 10th, July 8th and August 12th. Following the short business meeting Diana Elsass will be the study leader, the study will be taken from the recent "Gathering Magazine". We will conclude with refreshment provided by Stella Ryan.

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 29th, September 30th, and December 30th.

Box Tops For Education: We are collecting Box Tops and send them to the Crossnore School and Children's Home. They can be placed on the WELCA board in the Fellowship Hall.

Spring Gathering: The Spring Gathering is scheduled for the Mecklenburg/Union Group on Saturday May 18th at Morning Star Lutheran Church in Matthews. More information will be available at the May meeting.

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

Granola Bars in May

Along with our preschool children & families in May we will be collecting granola bars for the Bags of Hope program. Bags of Hope - Food for Kids - Hope for Families program helps bring hope to children & families of the community with food insecurities. While you're grocery shopping this month please consider picking up a some granola bars – any brand, any flavor to help these families. Place in the grocery cart in the narthex. Your generosity continues to make a difference in lives of many.

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.



Happy Times Group

We have a special treat for our May luncheon. Janet & Bob Edsell will host us at their mountain home! We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Please bring a covered dish for all to enjoy. Our hosts will provide the meat and drinks.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you will carpool, drive independently or ride in the church van. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 13th.

Happy Times is open to all ages and 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 (704) 622 0517 or HunterRon35@hotmail.com

Men's Fellowship Opportunities:

Aspen group Tuesdays -bi-weekly: 5:45-6:15 am. Start your day off right! It ain't too early. Get your devotional on and fellowship with your CIC brothers! 9832 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 (Exit 23), Tuesday, May 14 and 28.

Children's Sunday School volunteers for Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 9:30-10:30 am. Topic: Women in the Bible and we will have craft. Curriculum will be provided. We a few good men. Let Lars Kullstam know if you can help at lkulls@me.com or (704)965-4376.

Men's Ministry Social: Wednesday, May 15, Game time 7 pm. Come join us for the all-American past time! On May 15th, the Charlotte Knights will be taking on the Rochester Red Wings (Minor League Team for the Minnesota Twins) in Uptown Charlotte. The Knights currently have a 12-6 record and are off to a great start this year. Tickets will be around \$20 a seat. Please RSVP by May 12 to Jeff Moen at jeffrey.moen@electrolux.com or Paul Miller at p.k.miller1@gmail.com by May 12th so we can secure tickets and coordinate transportation.

From the Finance Team:

**This is the proposed budget summary that is up for approval at the annual meeting.
A detailed budget is available at the welcome center or via email from the church office.**

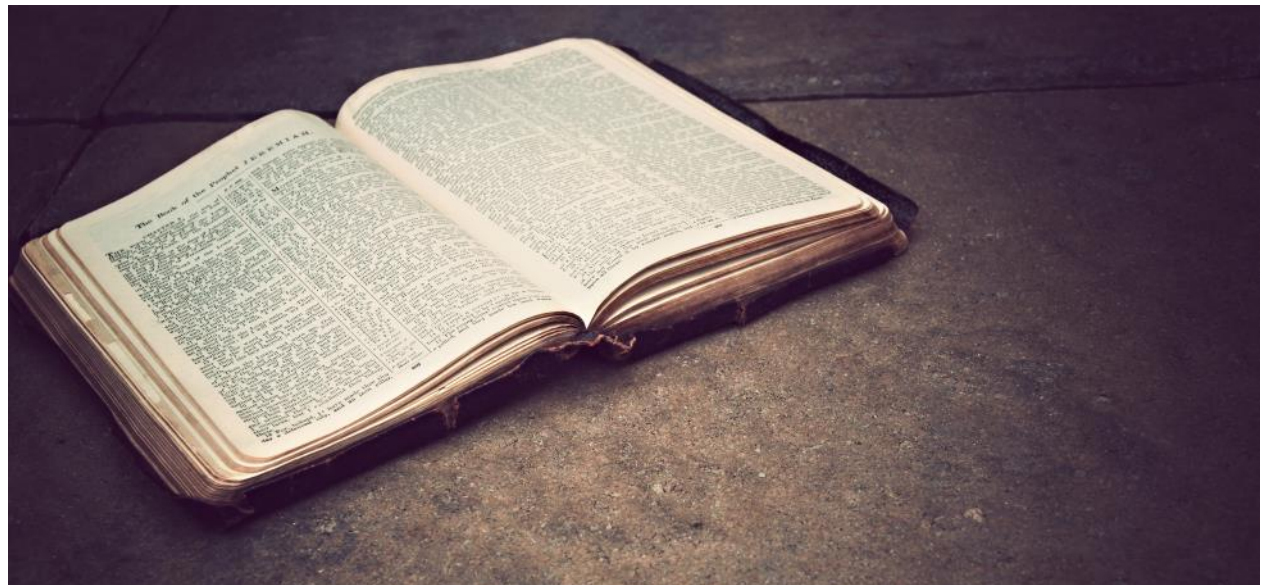
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Ministry Plan	Jul18-Jun19 Budget	Jul19-Jun20 Budget Proposal
<u>Revenue</u>		
Revenue	\$585,359	\$585,359
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>		
Other Revenue	\$166,516	\$179,806
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>		
Total Revenues	\$751,875	\$765,165
<u>Expenses</u>		
Worship	\$ 3,050	\$ 3,500
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>		
Witness	\$ 5,025	\$ 2,750
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>		
Serve	\$ 58,536	\$ 58,536
<i>synod benevolence</i>		
Administration	\$ 46,728	\$ 47,239
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>		
Mortgage	\$ 92,196	\$ 92,192
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>		
Property	\$ 57,249	\$ 56,574
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>		
Staff	\$445,258	\$471,552
<i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and two part-time employees; Preschool salaries; staff development</i>		
Montagnard Mission	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<i>salary for one part-time employee, stipends, activities (expenses are offset by grants and designated giving)</i>		
Music Ministries	\$ 7,555	\$ 5,235
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>		
Youth Ministries	\$ 19,175	\$ 12,150
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018-2019: also includes Sunday school, campfirmation</i>		
Preschool	\$ 13,585	\$ 11,925
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>		
Total Expenses	\$751,857	\$765,153

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am -Coffee Time 9:30am -Worship 9:30am -Children's S.S. 9:30am -Adult S.S. 10:30am -Coffee Time 11am -Worship 11am -Adult S.S. <i>*Every Sunday unless otherwise noted</i>			1 9:05am -Preschool 1:30pm -Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm -A.A.	2 9:05am -Preschool 6:30pm -O.A. 6:30pm -A.A. book study 7pm -Choir	3 7pm -A.A.	4 8:30am -A.A. 6:30pm -A.A./Alanon
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12	13 6:30pm -WELCA 7pm -A.A.	14 10:30am -Bible Study 11:45am -Lay Pastor Ministry 2pm -Card Ministry 6:30pm -O. A.	15 11:30am -Happy Times @ Edsell's Mountain home 1:30pm -Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm -A.A. 7pm -Finance Committee Mtg	16 6:30pm -O.A. 6:30pm -A.A. Book Study 7pm -Prechool Board Mtg	17 7pm -A.A.	18 8:30am -A.A. 6:30pm -A.A./Alanon
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26 10am -Worship	27 7pm -A.A. <i>Office closed in observance of Memorial Day</i>	28 10:30am -Bible Study 6:30pm -O.A. 6:30pm -Card Ministry	29 1:30pm -Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm -A.A.	30 6:30pm -O.A. 6:30pm -A.A.	31 7pm -A.A.	

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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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