



**Community  
In Christ  
Lutheran Church**

# CIC NEWS

December 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)



## Advent Begins Sunday, December 1st

Please join us for midweek Advent worship services on December 4th, 11th and 18th. We'll have a soup supper at 6 pm with worship beginning at 7 pm. The midweek services will follow the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and focus on the theme: The Women of the Nativity Story.

To sign-up to bring a soup for the suppers please visit :  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BA8AF2FA46-advent1>

**Children's Christmas Program**  
December 15 during both worship services

**Blue Christmas Service**  
Monday, December 16 at 7 pm

**Christmas Eve Services**  
4 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm

**One Service**  
Sunday, December 29 at 10 am



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 9:00 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Nursery is available during Sunday Worship. We have a Wednesday evening worship at 7 pm. Communion is served at all services. Adult and Children's Sunday School is at 10 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.....*

Before town Christmas tree lightings existed, before shopping center Christmas kick-offs were a thing, before downtown parades marched through the street, before office Christmas parties had to be spread out over two months, before coordinating family Christmases was a necessity, people gathered together to prepare room for Jesus in many and various ways. Some came from near and some from far while others had central roles and others stood on the periphery, but in Jesus' coming into the world, they all contributed to preparing space for his story to take on earthly life and live among us.

We are familiar with gathering together in preparation for Christmas. We do it in many and various ways starting in mid-November. As we gather as a congregation during the season of Advent, our prayer is to reengage with preparing room for Jesus in the season. Our celebratory gatherings and traditions are very important, but Christmas is much more than a holiday. We're reminded each year at this time to prepare for Jesus and we need that reminding every year.

### **During the season of Advent,**

- We gather on Wednesdays December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for food and conversation in the Fellowship Hall and at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer worship to experience Jesus' story through women of the nativity who prepared for his arrival.
- We gather on Sundays December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to experience Jesus' story through the eyes of those preparing for his coming into the world.
- We gather on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to experience Jesus' story through our children as they proclaim the good news of Jesus coming into the world to us through their Sunday School Christmas Program. We gather again at 7 p.m. for the cantata *Agnus Dei* proclaiming Jesus' story as the Lamb of God.
- We gather on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for a Blue Christmas worship service naming Jesus' coming as the light of the world in a season that may be storied with darkness for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.
- We gather on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to bring Jesus' story out to people in the community through the gift of carolers of all ages.

**On Christmas Eve,** we gather for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m. to hear again the story of Emmanuel, God with us.

**On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>,** as we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, we gather for ONE service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

This Advent season, we invite you to make preparations to gather in Jesus' love and presence in many and various ways. It is a busy, busy season for sure, but we have many upcoming opportunities for you to interrupt that busyness to breathe in the preparation and anticipation of what Jesus in our lives fully means. Hear the stories of people's preparations in ages past and see what that does for your preparations this season. Join us in gathering together preparing room for Jesus in many and various ways at some of these upcoming events.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Lisa and Pastor Michael

## Prayers

**Prayers for Members:** Carla Beaver, Bill Roth, Gary Salzman, Willie Hudson, Suzette Iskander, Beth Jaszewski, Gregg Bottemiller, Dane Frances, Don Elsass

**Prayers for friends & relatives of members:** Gary Seifert (friend of the Flocks), Marie Gustke (Norma Short's mother), Grant Geis (Ongoing CIC prayer support) Tim Gather (son-in-law of Eileen Wissell), Essam Iskander (Suzette Iskander's brother), Michael Holland (Diana Elsass' son-in-law), Meg Connell & family (friends of Sara Casiday), Tina Von Dohlen (Renata Von Dohlen's daughter), Trina (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Anonymous (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Whitaker Raymer (friend of Carol Moser), Jim Gilmore & Nancy Wilson (friends of Frances Horna), Jeffrey Musano (Liann Musano's husband), Jayden (friend of Laurie Street), Toni (Great niece of Deborah & Phil Lowe), Greg Shaffner (son of Debi Medino), Eric Peter (friend of John Iversen), Angela Milbrath (friend of Connie Huwe), Edison Speck (Liann Musano's father), Anna (friend of Jeff & Kathy Dutton), John Langan (Bill Langan's father), Delaney Elizabeth McGowen (Mike Wellens' cousin), Dot Swing (Steve Swing's mother), Brook (friend of Paul & Kathy Miller), Nita Gardner (Maia Bottemiller's mother), Rosemary Lee (Julianne Peebles' mother)

*Prayers for all active duty military personnel and their families, 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](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 contact 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.

### Women's Christmas Party Friday, December 13, 7 pm.



Shari Gomilla will be hosting the event again this year. The theme this year will be an ornament exchange that will be carried out in the white elephant style! Please bring an appetizer to share. Shari's address is: 10321 Tallent Lane, Huntersville. RSVP to Shari Gomilla ([srgomilla@bellsouth.net](mailto:srgomilla@bellsouth.net)) or to Carol Swing ([carol@communityinchrist.net](mailto:carol@communityinchrist.net)).

### Christmas Caroling



**Joy to the World!**

On Sunday, December 22, 2019 we will once again have our Community In Christ Christmas Caroling! We will meet at Community In Christ at 4:30 pm and Tim Nohr will be instructing us on the caroling destination. Last year we had 54 people sharing in this wonderful event. Help spread some Christmas Cheer to others. Please plan on joining us again this year!



### Baptism Celebration December 22, 2019

Community in Christ will have a Baptism Celebration on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at both services. If you need additional information please contact Carol Swing at [Carol@communityinchrist.net](mailto:Carol@communityinchrist.net)

### Blue Christmas Monday

December 16 at 7 pm.



As Christians, this time of year is filled with the anticipation of the celebration of Christ's birth, though for those who are missing loved ones, this season of light is often filled with darkness. And so we gather together, to mourn the loss together and to celebrate the Light of the World, whose light overcomes the darkness of our hearts.



### **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 December, we will concentrate our efforts on crafting more hat and scarf sets for those in need, and distributing them as the weather turns cold. The hats and scarf sets will go to foster children in group homes, as well as the homeless/people-in-need served by Room in the Inn and Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen.

**December meeting dates: Wednesdays 4, 11 & 18. at 1:30 pm in Classroom #1.** Note that we will not be meeting the week of Christmas!

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).



### **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.

### **Order your Christmas Poinsettia!**

Order forms are available in the narthex and will be in the bulletin also. The price per plant this year will be \$7.50 and will be available to take home after service on Christmas Eve.



### **CIC Card Ministry**

Join the CIC card ministry Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Spirit Center for a Christmas Celebration. We will make some gift tags and cards as well as enjoy some goodies and each other's company. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. No experience necessary! All are welcome!

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.

Watch for our Christmas cards, gift card holders and gift bags & tags to be available in the Narthex through December 22<sup>nd</sup> or while supplies last.

If you have questions or need more info, please contact Kathy Sugarman at [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com), 940-300-2290.



### **December Grocery Cart**

Fill our Grocery Cart with Oatmeal!

Thank you CIC for your continued support of the Bags of Hope – Food for Kids – Hope for Families program. In December we will be collecting OATMEAL (individual wrapped packets of oatmeal, any flavor), to help bring Hope to children and families with food insecurities. While shopping this month please consider purchasing some oatmeal for the grocery in the narthex. Let's continue to be generous and make a difference in our community.



**All are invited to a Montagnard Christmas Party** in CIC's Fellowship Hall on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. There will be traditional American and Montagnard food, special music by the Montagnard Children's choir, as well as games to enjoy. If you're able, you can bring a dish to share. If you have any questions,

please contact PK Ksor, who is hosting the event, at: [phuokksor@gmail.com](mailto:phuokksor@gmail.com).

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School Information: 12/1 – No Sunday School, 12/8 – 10 a.m. Sunday School, 12/15 – Sunday School Christmas Program during both worship services with a Christmas party between services, 12/22 and 12/29 – No Sunday School.

### **Confirmation & High School Youth**

**LYO Sign-Ups are now available:** LYO is an awesome event with close to 500 youth from across North Carolina participating in times of worship, study, and fellowship. All 6th-12th grade students may attend this gathering at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro. Please return the sign-up sheet to one of the pastors by December 20th. The cost is \$142 for the event. The dates are February 21st (after school) through February 23rd. More info is available here: <https://lutheranyouth.org/event/lyo-assembly-2020/>

**8th Grade Families Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for June 21-27, 2020 for Campfirmation at Lutheridge. It is the expectation that all 8th grade students attend. CIC covers all of the costs of attending camp.

**Confirmation Information:** During the season of Advent, confirmation students attend midweek meals and services. The meal begins at 6 p.m. with small groups meeting for discussion beginning at 6:15 p.m. Worship begins at 7.

**SR High Event:** On December 19th, we have the chance to work at the Operation Christmas Child processing center in Charlotte to assist in sending OCC gifts across the world. Our scheduled time to volunteer is from: 7-10pm. We'll be eating dinner beforehand. If you're interested in attending, please let Pastor Michael know ASAP: [pastormichael@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastormichael@communityinchrist.net)



### **Preschool News**

The preschool Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 19, at 12 pm. The school will be on break until Monday, January 6. We wish you all a very blessed Christmas season.

An easy way to help out the preschool is by using your VIC Card at Harris Teeter. Ask the cashier to link your card to **5638**. You can link up to five schools! It's an easy way to support the preschool here as well as your children's and/or grandchildren's schools.

For questions about the preschool, to register for preschool or to request a tour, contact Sharon Fuller, Preschool Director, at 704-892-0120 or email at [sfuller9564@gmail.com](mailto:sfuller9564@gmail.com).

### **Montagnard Tutoring**

Anyone interested in tutoring or helping with college applications and financial aid please contact Lauren Millner. [Laurenmillnef@roadrunner.com](mailto:Laurenmillnef@roadrunner.com) or 704-517-841.

### **Christmas Music Programs**

#### *The Legend of the Christmas Pig*

On Sunday morning, December 15, our Sunday School children will present their Christmas pageant! "The Legend of the Christmas Pig," an original play written by Marci Langan, tells a story of the barnyard animals at the birth of the Baby Jesus and how they learned that God's love includes everyone. The children will present their message at both morning services, and they are looking forward to performing for you!

#### *Agnus Dei*

On Sunday evening, December 15, at 7:00 pm the combined choirs of CIC, First Baptist Church Huntersville, and Huntersville United Methodist will present the cantata "Agnus Dei." This beautiful one-hour cantata tells the story of God's love made incarnate through the birth of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a free event, so please invite your friends and family to join us as we reflect on this wonderful time of year.



## Happy Times Group

Our Happy Times Christmas party will once again be hosted by Laverene Waskielis, with Sharon Kautz co-hosting, with Barbara Eaker taking care of the decorations. We will meet on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, at JOEY'S FINE FOODS located at 7913 Natalie Commons Drive, Denver, N. C. 28037 (Tel 704-489-4100). This is the same location as last Christmas. We will have a large private room, complete with two video fireplaces. Great service, delicious food buffet-style, and even better great fellowship. This will be our largest attended event. Please sign up on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Sign up sheet is in the Narthex on the counter. Ron Major 704-622-0517 / HunterRon35@hotmail.com. Everyone is welcome.....



As women with busy lives, there is always time to worship our Lord Jesus Christ and serve the needs of our church and our local communities. WELCA meets the second Monday of the month. Some months we choose a local restaurant to gather for fellowship at 6:30 pm. Alternate months we meet at CIC at 7:00 pm. We begin with a business meeting, followed by a Bible study and conclude our evening with fellowship, dessert and coffee. All women members of CIC are automatically members. WE WELCOME YOU.

In December our monthly gathering will be our annual Christmas Party on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center. Again, this year we will be playing BINGO since everyone enjoyed the games last year. We are requesting guests bring a desert or an appetizer to share. We will also be reveling our "Secret Prayer Sisters".

In January the Study leader, Sue Hill, will continue our discussion the article in Gather Magazine "Listen! God is calling". The Hostess will be Sharon Kautz. Come be a part of our Lutheran women's heritage.

**ANGELS AND SPARROWS:** We continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow's Soup Kitchen. Our dates to work will be on any month that has a fifth Monday. The remaining date for 2019 is December 30<sup>th</sup>. Our dates to work in 2020 are March 30<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, and November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like further information on volunteering please contact Laverne Waskielis @704-576-8675. The number of volunteers in our crew is 11.

We continue to collect the aluminum can pull tabs for the "Ronald McDonald House" in Charlotte. You will find the collection bucket in the Narthex. This is a continuing ministry. We received a very nice "thank you" from the organization. The note is on display on the WELCA board in the fellowship hall.

An ongoing campaign we support and encourage all to participate in is: "**THURSDAYS' IN BLACK**" This is an ecumenical campaign supported by the Women of the ELCA, the campaign is simple but profound.

- Wear black on Thursday
- Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence.
- Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence.

In doing so you will be speaking out against violence and ensuring "that women and men, boys and girls are safe from violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies. For more information, visit the website [www.oikoumene.org/thursdays-in-black](http://www.oikoumene.org/thursdays-in-black)

**ANGEL TREE:** This year's Christmas Angel Tree will again provide items to the East Lincoln Christian Ministries. The gifts were due unwrapped under the tree no later Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

A second group of Angels were placed on the tree. Four Angels are for residents of Mountain Ridge Group Home and 15 Angels for the TBI Home from Lutheran Services – Carolina. These Gifts should be wrapped a placed under the tree no later than Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Laverne at 7040-576-8675.

### Men's Ministry

**Tuesday, 12/10 5:45-6:30 am** Men's Aspen group: Get your devotional on and fellowship with your CIC Brothers! 9832 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 (Exit 23).

**Tuesday, 12/17 7-9 :30 pm** Men's Ministry Monthly Fellowship cordially invites the ladies of CIC to the Charlotte Checkers hockey game. Tickets cost ~\$20. Bring a friend and/or neighbors. Please RVSP on the Sign-up genius by Sunday 12/8 so Jeff Moen jeffrey.moen@electrolux.com can get a head count. Puck drops @ 7pm at the Bojangles Coliseum vs. Hartford Wolf Pack.

### Property Team News

The Property Team meets once a month on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm. These meetings are generally a "working" meeting, taking care of little things around the property. We discuss items while working. Anyone is welcome to become a part of the team!

December will be spent getting the facility ready for the Advent and Christmas season.

For questions about the Property Team contact Stephanie Wheeler in the office. Next meeting TBA at 7 pm.

### VBS Needs Unwanted Artificial Christmas Trees!

If you are planning on discarding an artificial Christmas tree please consider holding on to it until the summer. They will be a great addition to our VBS programming this summer!

### Community In Christ Council Meeting November 17, 2019

Jeff called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. Present: Pastors Lisa and Michael, Justin, Jeff, Susan, Patricia, Mark, Kathy, Colleen, Shari.

Finance report: Colleen presented the financials. Highlights:

- Weekly offerings are low compared with last year.
- Discussed ideas on communicating the congregations on financials, including the status of the capital campaign.
- We are at 27% of contributions, we should be at 33%.
- Expenses are down.

Pastors 2020 Focus Areas of Ministry:

- Question regarding advertising Christmas services in the local newspapers. Pastors to ask Stephanie to follow up.
- Moved from 30, 60, 90 days format to goals/to-do items.
- Council members will individually review the pastor's report.

Security update:

- Re-keying in the next weeks.
- Tom negotiated the price down 10%. We will mention their business in the church bulletin as part of the price reduction.

December/ January Service schedule:

- Pastors are taking their vacation during the first week of January 2020.
- There will be two services, as usual.
- Pastors are arranging back-up pastor for Sunday January 5th.

New members approval:

- Shari motions to approve the new members as listed below. Jeff seconds. All in favor. Motion approved.
- William & Emily Rockwood, Bob & Laurie O'Connor, Ed & Susan Bauer, Cory & Madalyn Wilkinson (Katherine & Caroline), Rosalind Greenberg, Mary Beth Ball, Brian & Karen Barefoot (Kendyll), Phil & Deborah Lowe, Jordan Lowe, Scott & Julianne Ottinger (Wesley & Grayson), Paul & Kim Handrock (Hannah & Katherine), Debbie Medino, Katie Hamm (Anton, Ellie & Vivie), John & Sue Dawson, Katie Zager, Jason & Kelli Husn (Leila & Nora)

Future Council Meeting schedule: Jeff proposed to cancel the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and reconvene on January 12<sup>th</sup> (all in favor, no motion needed). Next meetings will take place on February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 2:01 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia S. Maruna, Acting Secretary

## **New Members -Welcome!**

*Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to learn more about our new members!*

**Brian & Karen Barefoot (Kendyll):** Brian and Karen are originally from Pennsylvania and moved to North Carolina in 2011. They both are teachers in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District. Brian teaches third grade and Karen teaches seventh grade. In 2017, they welcome their beautiful daughter, Kendyll. They also have a dog named Jay who completes their family! As a family, we love to play outside, watch football and spend time with friends and family.

**Ed & Susan Bauer:** Ed and Susan moved to Cornelius from Lexington Virginia this past June. They are both retired from pharmaceutical companies in NJ. They enjoy playing golf, Pickleball, boating, travel and reading. Between them they have five children and seven grandchildren. They spend the winter months in Marco Island, Florida.

**John & Sue Dawson:** John and Sue Dawson are high school sweethearts who moved to the area from Wisconsin in 2018. John is a health actuary with Charlotte-based Healthstat, Inc. Sue works long hours taking care of John, Olivia (their dog) and Bo (their cat). John and Sue are the proud parents of three grown children—twin boys (Jesse and Joshua) and a daughter (Christina).

**Rosalind Greenberg & Mary Beth Ball:** Rosalind and Mary Beth have recently relocated to Cornelius from Washington State. They attended Faith Lutheran Church in Redmond Washington.

**Katie Hamm (Antoine, Eleanor & Viveca):** Katie and Nicholas Hamm live in Cornelius and enjoy spending time outdoors at parks and hiking. They are big hockey and college football fans. Anton is a great big brother to his twin sisters Vivie and Ella! Life is busy in the Hamm household with three very active kiddos.

**Paul and Kim Handrock (Hannah and Kathryn):** The Handrocks moved to Huntersville in June 2018 due to a job transfer for Paul. They moved from Zionsville, Indiana where they were members of Christ Lutheran Church. Paul is an engineer for Carrier Corporation on Old Statesville Rd. In his occasional spare time, Paul rings for the Bells of Lake Norman Community Handbell Choir, enjoys doing handy projects, participates with the Hough Marching Band pit crew, and reads. He has enjoyed getting to know the men's group and participating with the Habitat project and the High School youth. Kim is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and is just getting started volunteering for the Lake Norman Community Health Center as a Pediatric Provider. Kim is also a ringer with the Bells of Lake Norman Community Handbell Choir. She is also a member of the North Mecklenberg Women's Club, Hough Orchestra Patrons board, and is a Girl Scout Brownie Leader. Kim has enjoyed playing bells with the handbell choir at CIC. Hannah is a Sophomore at Hough High School. She is a member of the color guard for the Hough High School Marching Band. She is also a violinist in the Hough High School Orchestra and a Girl Scout Senior. She enjoys writing, art, singing and reading in her very little free time. She is enjoying getting to know the High School youth at CIC and participating in VBS and music. Kathryn is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Huntersville Elementary School. She is a Girl Scout Brownie, a member of the HES chorus, and Conservation club. She loves to sing and be creative. She has enjoyed participating in First Communion and the Children's choir at CIC.

**Jason & Kelli Husn (Leila & Nora):** Jason, Kelly, Leila, and Nora Husn live in Birkdale and have been in the Charlotte area for 13 years. Jason works for Architech Sports and Physical Therapy as an Operations Manager and Strength Coach. Kelly is a Healthcare Administrator for BAYADA Home Health Care. Leila is in third grade at Grand Oak Elementary and loves gymnastics and being creative. Nora is in the three-year-old class at CIC Preschool and loves everything that big sister loves. Leila also attended preschool at CIC! The Husn Family is so excited to officially join the CIC family and to become a part of this wonderful community!

**Debbie Medino:** I moved here from Cleveland, Ohio in 2002 due to my husband's job transfer. I work at Dyer, Raines & Associates LLP, an accounting firm in the South park area. I am married with three grown children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I love to read (mysteries mostly), meditation and the Carolina Panthers!! I am looking forward to participating in different groups and events at CIC!



**Phil & Deborah Lowe and Jordan Lowe:** Philip, Deborah, and Jordan Lowe moved to Denver, NC, in 2018 from Huntington, New York, on Long Island. We were members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wyandanch, New York, for almost 30 years, where we served in many capacities. Philip and Deborah are both retired educators; Philip, a former Guidance Counselor in a middle school and Deborah, a former Professor/Counselor in the Department of Student Personnel Services at Nassau Community College. Both worked with students of all ages for almost 40 years. Outside of his job, Phil coached football, boys' and girls' basketball, and girls' track for many years. He was an Assistant Scout Master for our local Boy Scout troop. With his love of sports, he is currently coaching football at East Lincoln High School in Denver. Retirement has also led Phil to find a passion for hiking which he tries to do when he can. He is also an animal lover, which is why our dog Avi is his constant companion. In addition to Deborah's work duties, she taught an online career exploration course and a college success course at the college. She is a member of several organizations where she participates in serving local, national, and international communities. She currently co-chairs a book club at the development where they live. Philip and Deborah's son Jordan joined them with the move to NC. Jordan is currently attending Lenoir-Rhyne University, working on a master's degree in School Counseling. He loves sports, likes to cook, and enjoys being with friends and family. The Lowe family looks forward to being a part of Community in Christ Lutheran Church.

**Bob & Laurie O'Connor:** Bob and I grew up in the Northeast and we met at Union College where we both majored in Mechanical Engineering. We married in 1981 and have two children Kevin (34, who lives in Morrisville, NC) and Chris (35) who lives in Huntersville with his wife Tiffany, and two kids—Grayson and Brooks. O3 is due in mid-November. Bob spent his 38-year career with Dupont and we've lived in a variety of places. We ended up in the Triangle in 1999. Decided to move from Wake Forest over the summer to be closer to the grandkids. In his spare time Bob likes to golf and ride bikes. Laurie likes to swim, bike, run, do triathlons and lots of crazy race type things.

**Scott Ottinger & Julianne Peebles (Wesley & Grayson):** We are the Ottinger family, Scott, Julianne, Wes, and Gray. Scott grew up in Fort Mill, South Carolina and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute Of America in Hyde Park New York and Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. He is the Executive Sous Chef of Catering at UNC Charlotte and enjoys working on cars, cooking and spending time with the family. Julianne was born in Florida, raised mostly in Savannah Georgia and attended Gordon College in Georgia. She is currently a stay at home mom, and community care taker. She enjoys hiking, art, and family. Scott & Julianne met at Roper Hospital in Mt. Pleasant where they both worked. After the birth of Wes, their journey led them to Cornelius, North Carolina and CIC. They were blessed with their new addition Grayson and are excited to be a part of the Community in Christ family.

**William & Emily Rockwood:** We have recently moved here from Mechanicsburg Pa where we both have lived for some time. We are both retired and share woodworking as a hobby. We have a blended family of 7 children and 9 grandchildren. Two of our children and 4 grandchildren are here in Cornelius which explains are choice of retirement location. Our other children live in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Texas.

**Cory & Madalyn Wilkinson (Katherine & Caroline):** Meet the Wilkinsons: Cory, Madalyn, Katherine (7), Caroline (4). Cory & Madalyn were married and moved to Huntersville (from Cornelius) in 2010. Cory is in marketing for a cabinetry company and Madalyn is a CPA, currently staying at home with the children. Katherine attends 2nd grade at Lake Norman Charter School, and Caroline will join her there next year. The family's free time is spent with outdoor activities, running, soccer, skiing, cheerleading, Y-Guides, volunteering, and singing. The welcoming close-knit community spirit is what is so attractive to us about CIC, and after a year of being visitors we have decided to become members.

**Katie Zager:** Katie has recently moved to Cornelius from South Charlotte. Katie has recently become engaged and her Fiancé, Matt are busy making wedding plans. Katie played softball with CIC this year and both Katie and Matt are looking forward to playing again in 2020.

**From the Finance Team**

<b>Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan</b>	<b>Jul19-Jun20 Budget</b>	<b>Jul-Oct19 Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Revenue</b> <i>Operating Budget offerings</i>	\$ 585,359	\$ 159,587	27%
<b>Other Revenue</b> <i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>	\$ 179,806	\$ 63,337	35%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ <b>765,165</b>	\$ <b>222,924</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Worship</b> <i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	\$ 3,500	\$ 376	11%
<b>Witness</b> <i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,592	58%
<b>Serve</b> <i>synod benevolence</i>	\$ 58,536	\$ 16,430	28%
<b>Administration</b> <i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>	\$ 47,239	\$ 14,087	30%
<b>Mortgage</b> <i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>	\$ 92,196	\$ 30,732	33%
<b>Property</b> <i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	\$ 56,574	\$ 16,189	29%
<b>Staff</b> <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>	\$ 471,237	\$ 142,769	30%
<b>Montagnard Mission</b> <i>salary for one part-time employee, stipends, activities (expenses are offset by grants and designated giving)</i>	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%
<b>Music Ministries</b> <i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>	\$ 5,235	\$ 1,603	31%
<b>Youth Ministries</b> <i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018 - 2019: also includes Sunday school, campfirmation</i>	\$ 12,150	\$ 1,037	9%
<b>Preschool</b> <i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	\$ 12,241	\$ 5,604	46%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ <b>765,158</b>	\$ <b>230,420</b>	<b>30%</b>

**Budget Surplus**

\$ **(7,496)**

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8am-Choir Rehearsal 9am-Worship 10am-Adult Sunday School (no children's) Fellowship hour 11am-Worship 4pm-Cantata Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9:05am-Preschool 6pm-A.A.	<b>3</b> 9:05am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A.	<b>4</b> 9:05am-Preschool 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm-Advent Soup Supper 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-Advent Worship	<b>5</b> 9:05am-Preschool 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A. book study 7pm-Adult Choir	<b>6</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>7</b> 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>8</b> 8am-Choir Rehearsal 9am-Worship 10am-Sunday School/ Fellowship hour 11am-Worship 2:45pm-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4pm-Cantata Rehearsal 6pm-Montagnard Christmas Party	<b>9</b> 9:05am-Preschool 6:30pm-WELCA Christmas Party 7pm-A.A.	<b>10</b> 9:05am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 11:45am-Lay Pastor Mtg 2pm-Card Ministry 6pm-NMCC Rehearsal 6:30pm-O.A.	<b>11</b> 9:05am-Preschool 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm-Advent Soup Supper 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-Advent Worship	<b>12</b> 9:05am-Preschool 6pm-NMCC Concert 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A. book study	<b>13</b> 7pm-A.A. 7pm-Women's Christmas Party at the home of Shari Gomilla	<b>14</b> 10am-A.A. 10am-Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal 11am-G.S.A. 1:30pm-Contata Rehearsal 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>15</b> 8am-Choir Rehearsal 9am-Worship 10am-Children's SS Christmas Party 10am-Adult Sunday School/ Fellowship hour 11am-Worship 7pm-Christmas Cantata	<b>16</b> 9:05am-Preschool 7pm-A.A. 7pm-Blue Christmas Service	<b>17</b> 9:05am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O. A.	<b>18</b> 9:05am-Preschool 11:30am-Happy Times @ Joey's Fine Food 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm-Advent Soup Supper 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-Advent Worship	<b>19</b> 9:05am-Preschool 12pm-Preschool Christmas Program 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A. Book Study Meeting 7pm-Finance Meeting 7pm-Sr. High Youth to volunteer at Operation Christmas Child 7pm-Adult Choir	<b>20</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>21</b> 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>22</b> 8am-Choir Rehearsal 9am-Worship 10am-Sunday School/ Fellowship hour 11am-Worship 4:30pm-Christmas Caroling	<b>23</b> 7pm-A.A.	<b>24</b> 4pm-Worship 6:30pm-O.A. 7pm-Worship 9pm-Worship	<b>25</b> 6:30pm-A.A.  <i>Office Closed In celebration of Christmas</i>	<b>26</b> 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-A.A.  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>27</b> 7pm-A.A.  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>28</b> 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./Alanon
<b>29</b> 10am-Worship	<b>30</b> 7pm-A.A.  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>31</b> 6:30pm-O.A.  <i>Office Closed</i>				
<i>The Pastors will be on vacation from December 30 through Jan 6, 2020</i>						

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## Worship Times

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 10 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Hour  
 11 a.m. Traditional Worship

### Wednesday Evening Advent Worship:

6 pm Soup Supper followed by  
 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship

### Christmas Eve Worship Times:

4 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm

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