



***Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church***

CIC NEWS

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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,
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Holy Week & Easter

***Palm Sunday
(the day Jesus entered Jerusalem)
9:30 & 11:00 am***

***Maundy Thursday (Stripping of the Altar)
Worship 7pm***

***Good Friday Worship (Remembering the Crucifixion)
Noon & 7 pm***

***Easter Sunday Services (Celebrating Resurrection)
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 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. 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 AM. Children's Sunday school is at 9:15 am. An open invitation is extended to everyone to share our joy of Christian fellowship in worship and life.



From the Pastor's Desk.....

Whenever any leader of the congregation is commissioned for their role, whether it's council, Sunday school, paid staff or any other position they are read these words from Jesus to his disciples;

"You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all"

We read these words of Jesus to remind ourselves that the call to serve in the church is not a call to power or prestige, but a call of humble service. I want you to know that you have working among you amazing servants who are living examples of Jesus invitation to servant leadership.

I spent three days at Camp Lutherock with members of the CIC council. These are volunteers who donate three years of their lives to the leadership of our congregation. They willingly gave up a weekend in February to come and discern together the future of our congregation. As they worked I saw no desire for power or prestige. They simply want the best for the congregation. They worked to be good stewards of your donations. They worked to help us live out our mission to follow Jesus and help others to do the same. They worked to learn about how a congregation of our size is best led and resourced. They worked to strengthen their relationships with each other, with the congregation and with God. They did this work without complaint and with joy at the privilege of serving you. I hope you'll notice and give them your thanks and appreciation.

They are not alone. This congregation is full of servant leaders who humbly follow Jesus call to serve and put others first. Sunday School teachers, WOW guides, small group leaders, committee members and group organizers. They don't always get noticed or thanked, but they don't serve for the attention. They serve for Jesus' sake. Our staff should be included as well in this list. Although they get paid, they didn't get into this line of work for the money. They too show up to serve God and you. I thank God for all who serve in the congregation.

They too are not alone. Jesus words continue from what I quoted above. He says *"for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."*

You see, as we finish up the season of Lent this month and enter into Holy Week and Easter, We remember that our Lord and Savior also came to serve. Let that sink in for a minute. Our savior came to serve us. He came to wash our feet, to heal our wounds, to forgive our sins, to teach us the eternal truths of God's love. Jesus comes to serve. I believe He is still serving. We are still being served by Jesus. You are being served.

It's a circle of service, the church. It started with the cross and continues in so many ways through your hands and words. So thank you, each one of you, for serving. May our service not stop with each other, but extend to all the world, in Jesus name.

-Pastor Travis

Prayers for

Members: John Rummage, Nina Olszewski, Judy Miller, Debbie Blackwell, Vernon Hedrick, Sandy Mueller, David Vail, Ed Barger

Friends and relatives of members

Prayers for friend's & relatives of members: Norma Freeze & Jit Romah (friend's of Ron Major), Randy Salzman (Gary Salzman's brother), Terri Long (church neighbor), Parker Cowherd (Allison & Jon Cowherd's son/Carl & Debra Yost's grandson), Natalie Ray Limper (sibling of preschool student, Sharon Fuller), Vi Noble (friend of Sandy Roger's), Joan Preston (Jill Tessier's mother), Bill & Helen Powers and Brian & Jane Gegel (friends of John & Joan Bundrick), The Hoffman Family (friends of Irene Motrie), Channing Gordon (Barbara Eaker's step-father), Jim Elsass (Don & Dianna Elsass's son)

Please re-submit prayer request for the new year.

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.

Thank you.

Please submit all prayer requests to the office at swheeler@communityinchrist.net or 704-892-0120



Lay Pastor News

Lay pastors assist Pastor Travis in regular visitation of those unable to come to worship because of surgery or illness. If you'd like a visit or know someone who does, please let Beth Carroll or Pastor Travis know so we can coordinate care.

The Lay Pastors meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:45 am. They discuss the needs of the congregation, pray over those on the prayer list, send cards to those on the prayer list and discuss who will visit anyone who would like or needs a visit. They are trained to provide communion if requested and are happy to do it.

The lay pastors are participating in a Mental Health First Aid workshop. This will be during our regular meeting times the second Tuesday of the month for the next 4 months. We would like to open it to interested members of the congregation. The workshop will be the following days:

3/8/16 - 4/12/16 - 5/10/16 - 6/14/16

All are in the Spirit Center at 11:30 to 1:30

The Lay Pastor Team members are: Beth Carroll, Barbara Eaker, Gary Kautz, Karla Lever, Ron Major, Josephine Melling, Irene Motrie, Karen Raboin, Bath Rathke, Stella Ryan, Norma Short, and Janet Shuping

Contact Beth Carroll at 704-953-6013 or etc35f@gmail.com with any concerns or questions.

Via De Cristo

www.wncvdc.org



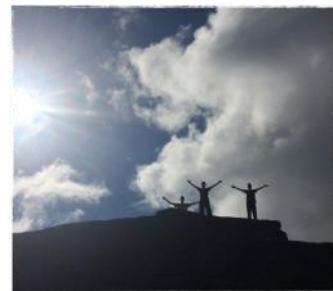
Via de Cristo, "The Way of Christ" is a three-day weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's Grace.

Lay team members and pastors give a series of talks to help the pilgrims better understand how to live out our faith wherever we are. The weekend includes times of worship, lots of singing, good food and the chance to make new Christian friends – along with several surprises!

The retreat – held at Camp Dogwood in Sherrills Ford, NC - begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. The cost is \$175. Contact Martha Staley at 828-244-5577 or mdstaley1@hotmail.com or Penny Zimmerman at penzimm@carolina.rr.com or 704-995-1294 for more information and application forms.

APR 14-17 – Men's Weekend #73

MAY 19-22 – Mixed Weekend #42 (Men and women)



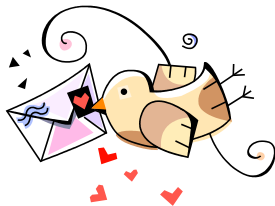
Discerning The Voice Of God'
by Priscilla Shirer.

Faith Study Begins
Monday, March 7th, 7-8:30 pm:

Join us at the home of Penny Zimmerman for a casual yet engaging 7 week study on how to recognize when God speaks to you. Each session includes video and discussion. You are encouraged to purchase the Bible study workbook available through Amazon or Lifeway (\$12.99, ISBN 978-1-4158-3662-0.)

We will meet every other Monday: March 7th, 21st; April 4th, 18th; May 2nd, 16th; June 6th.

Location: 6037 Latta Springs Circle Huntersville, NC.
Questions or RSVP to-
penzimm@carolina.rr.com or 704-995-1294.



CIC Card Ministry

The Card Ministry plans three classes in March -- on Tuesday evenings March 8 and March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center, and an afternoon class on March 17 at 3:30. Please include us on your calendars! And if you are going to the Women's Retreat, there will be a card-making class offered on Saturday. The card that you make will be for you to take home and give to a deserving person!!

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Randolph at 704-596-3168 or arand86@bellsouth.net. We had two new members in January and are just waiting for YOU!!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry Wants YOU!

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry is expanding its outreach efforts and we could sure use your help! 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. We meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6:30pm and every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm in the CIC Adult Classroom. Meeting times don't work for you? No problem! You can still be a contributing member of this ministry!!

March Meeting Dates:

Sundays: March 13 and 20th

Wednesdays: March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into shawls and other crafts that serve as a physical reminder of God's unconditional love, support, and presence in our lives. The shawls/craft items are blessed and given to CIC members, friends, and others experiencing times of difficulty (e.g., loss, illness, deployment) or celebration (e.g., birth of a child), so that the recipient will know that he/she is loved.

For more information contact Kathy Dutton at 704-360-2743 or mamabissy@gmail.com or Diana Elsass at 704-756-6717 or dianaelsass@gmail.com.



Preschool News

2016 Summer Camp Information
Summer Camp Sessions
\$120 per session

Session #1-May 23-26 — 9am-1pm: "Commotion in the Ocean" Our campers will travel under the sea to discover the ocean's many wonders. We will learn about sharks, sea turtles, dolphins and other sea creatures. Campers will have jellyfish races, paint with squid ink, and have a whale of a good time! \$60 registration, \$60 balance due May 12th

Session #2-August 8-11—9am-1pm: "Super Messy Science" Our young scientists will be introduced to the awesome world of science in a fun and exciting way. Each day the campers will learn about age-appropriate science concepts through experiments, outdoor activities and hands-on exploration. \$60 registration fee, \$60 Balance due July 21st

An easy fund raiser for the school is to link your Harris Teeter Vic Card, our # is **5638**.

If you would like to read to the children, please contact Sharon. The children love when people come to visit and read to them!

Sharon Fuller, Preschool Director
704-892-0120 or sfuller9564@gmail.com



Room In The Inn will deliver its last meal March 29th. There are still plenty of slots open. You can sign up at SignUpGenius.com (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49a4a92ca75-cicroom1>) or contact Jill Brooks at jilkb Brooks@gmail.com or 704.724.5861. Peter Cuocolo and I thank everyone for their help in preparing meals for the homeless residents!

Contact either Jill Brooks at 704-724-5861 or jilkb Brooks@gmail.com or Peter Cuocolo at pcuocolo@charlottespecial events.com. Thank you!



JOB ASSISTANCE MINISTRY SUPPORT

MONDAY, March 14th, will focus on "Successful Resumes and Cover Letters." The session will share techniques to catch an employer's attention with your resume. Participants will learn about accomplishment-based resumes, successful formats, and stand-out cover letters.

The group meets at Community in Christ in the Chapel at 7 pm on the second Monday of every month. To confirm your attendance, please call the church office at 704-892-0120 or contact Donna Good at donnalgood@gmail.com or 704-214-9376.



WELCA

“Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA” all women in the congregation are members. There is no entry or membership fee. All women are invited to attend any or all events. The CIC group will meet on March 14th in the Adult Sunday School Room. At this meeting we will have our business meeting, followed by Bible study. March’s study leader is Bertie Steely followed by refreshments, the provider is open.

Officers for 2016 are: Laverne Waskielis, President, Sharon Kautz, Secretary, and Deb Myers Treasurer.

- We will continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow’s Soup Kitchen in Huntersville. Our next date to work will be Monday, May 30th. Volunteer sign-ups will be held at the monthly meeting
- We will be host to Mecklenburg/Union 2016 “SPRING GATERING” on Saturday April 16th. Registration will begin at 9am, followed by a program, meeting and ending with a lunch, Registration fee is \$7.00.
- CIC will be hosting “World Day of Prayer Service” Friday March 4th at 10AM
- WELCA will be providing Supper on Wednesday March 16th for the Lenten Suppers
- Upcoming events: Spring Retreat at Kure Beach on March 11th – 13th theme “The prayer of Jesus”
Annual Gathering June 24th – 26th at Lenoir Rhyne University



CIC³ Chicks

A women’s ministry focused on faith, fellowship, and fun!

The Chicks provide a social support network for the women of CIC. We support each other and build each other up so that we are able to serve in our many roles throughout various groups at CIC and in our personal lives without burning out or feeling overwhelmed. We help each other find a sense of security, belonging, and community and we help and support one another when needed so that each of us can give our best. The Chicks gather for social

events regularly and for book/Bible studies every other Wednesday morning, as well as supporting our church families through meal trains when a need arises.

The Wednesday morning book study is reading The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss by James Kemp. We will meet March 9th and 23rd at 9:30 in the Adult Sunday School room. The stories of one of the world's most beloved children's authors are both imaginative and entertaining. But a closer look at Dr. Seuss's stories reveals that many are inspirational as well as instructive. James Kemp has identified his favorite theologian the inimitable Dr. Seuss. In this readily accessible resource, Kemp finds parallels between the actions of: Cats in Hats, Grinches, Snitches, Sneetches, and other Creachas with the lessons found in Scripture. Thus, as the author shares his enthusiasm for the creativity and wisdom of Dr. Seuss, both the meaning and the relevance of many Bible passages come to life. Hope you can join us! Contact Jill Brooks jlkbrosks@gmail.com or 704-724-5861.



Calling all softball players!!! CIC is putting together a co-ed softball team to play this Spring. We'll play on Sunday afternoons, and unfortunately, our first game is Sunday March 20th! You have to be at least 16 years old to play. Our first practice will be Saturday, March 5th, at 14550 Ranson Road - Torrence Elementary School. The time is to be determined. Please let me know if you are interested and can make our practice. Thanks, Willie Hudson. Email - willieh59@gmail.com, Phone - 704-875-9231

The Montagnard Mission

Mission Marks First Anniversary at AMF



We had a great night of worship, food, shared visions for the future-and cake! Thanks so much to Pastor John Petry of *A Mighty Fortress* and Pastor Christina Auch of *Ascension Lutheran*/the NC Synod Outreach team, who shared words of encouragement and lifted us all up. This ministry would not be possible without the support of many people working up front AND behind the scenes. Here's to another great year!

What do the youth have to say about their experiences at the Mission? Keep reading for some inspiring—and inspired- words!

“The MTD mission means a lot for me , its just like a " lighthouse " for the young MTD generation” ... “it's a place of fellowship with others who have the same experienced amazing grace of Jesus Christ.”... “It all comes down to one single reason, God has bring us together because of his love for his people”... “whether you're white, black, red, yellow or green, we're all brother and sister in our amazing Father's eyes” “The Mission is a place where I can strength my belief in Christ and a place where I can learn to be a better person through the Lord”... “Every time I come to the mission I can feel the presence of God within each and everyone us and that presence of God is what I carry throughout the week”.

And from one 17 year old, a poem to close...

*It's true, one can learn and fellowship anywhere,
but here at the mission, it's a total different atmosphere.
The joy of the Lord that overflow this place,*

Upcoming At the Mission...

March 3	Vision care day at Advanced Eye Care in Denver
April 16	Praise team planning retreat in Jefferson NC

You look good on paper! (and pencils, etc.)

Thanks so much for your generous contributions to our tutoring supply stores. Your donations will provide enough to get us through the end of the extended school year.

The Montagnard Mission Council

Bethani Ka
Stella Ryan, *Financial Liaison*
Kim Cornellier, *Secretary*

Beverly Foster, AMF liaison

Gary Salzman
Susan Conlon, *President*
Lauren Millner, *Vice President*



Music News

CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS In Full Swing!

That's right...Children's Choir is back! We meet on Sunday's at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The children are working on songs to be presented in our worship services, so come and help sing praises to our Lord! Spread the word and bring a friend!

Come Join the Music Team at CIC

Do you enjoy singing? Do you play an instrument? If so, why not consider becoming part of the wonderful music ministry at CIC? Our Praise Team, a worship-leading choir that serves at our contemporary service, and our Adult Choir, which sings at the traditional service, both rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and can always use another voice or instrument! And, don't forget our gospel choir – Jubilation! This wonderful group of volunteers from around the community meets each week on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in anticipation of presenting worship concerts at area churches and retirement communities. There are no auditions or fees required in order to participate – just a love of singing God's praises!

For more information on the CIC Music Ministry, contact Sandy Rogers at 704-892-0120 or sandy@communityinchrist.net



Happy Times Seniors

Our next luncheon, hosted by Frances Shealy, is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16th at The Pearl. The menu for our group will be determined closer to the date, but will likely consist of soup, salad and deli sandwiches. Watch for updates in the Sunday worship bulletins. Please RSVP no later than March 13th. Two sign-up sheets are available: one on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex and the other on the Happy Times Bulletin Board in the Karriker Fellowship Hall.

The Pearl is located at 19501 West Catawba Ave., Cornelius, NC 28031. The most convenient way to get to the restaurant is as follows:

- *When coming from the church and traveling east on West Catawba Ave., turn left onto Bethel Church Rd.
- *When coming from the town of Cornelius traveling west on West Catawba Ave., turn right onto Bethel Church Road.
- *Either way, you will pass the entrance to Walgreen's on Bethel Church Rd. and take the next left turn at the Child-care Network's yellow sign. Drive straight ahead a short distance and you will see the building where The Pearl restaurant is located.

Thank you to Emily Cunningham for coming to our February luncheon to inform our group about the GrandBuddies Program, a cross-generational ministry being developed for CIC's children and seniors. Each child will be paired with a volunteer senior/grand to spend a few minutes between Sunday worship services to share common interests, talk about Jesus and what the children are learning in Sunday School, etc. Emily will provide additional information as the program plans progress. Meanwhile, please consider giving a few minutes of your time to get this program started and help the children grow in their faith. Contact Emily at 704-274-9398 or 919-260-6208 or at emilycunning@gmail.com to volunteer or get additional information.

Also, we appreciated Heidi Rixman attending the luncheon as a representative of the church council to gather input specifically from the seniors on topics for discussion at the annual council retreat. Thank you, Heidi!

The only date that remains open on our 2016 calendar to host a luncheon is August 17th. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a host. Happy Times welcomes all who wish to participate. We especially invite new CIC members and visitors. We look forward to your participation in 2016. For additional information about the group please contact Doris and Bill Hillegass at 704-892-0156 or hillegassd@bellsouth.net.



CIC's Online Directory

CIC's Mountain team is pleased to announce a project to provide a secure online membership directory to our congregation members. This online membership directory is similar to our print directory but will feature individual and family photos. Team members will take photos and answer questions between Sunday worship services (10:30 to 11:00) March 13 through April 3rd. If you already have individual and family photos you would like to use for the online directory, please send the digital photos to connectioncic@gmail.com. After we populate the database with photos, we plan to launch our new directory in the Spring.

The Mountain Team

What is The Mountain Team? The mountain team is a group of 20 members of Community in Christ who have been charged with implementing the vision of the Renewal Grant that CIC received from the Lilly Foundation. They are; Susan Kullstam, JoEllen Butler, Stephanie Wheeler, Karla Lever, Emily Cunningham, Phil & Mary Degner, Todd Lineberger, Emily Lineberger, Deb Myers, Gretchen Hoelscher, Allen & Angela Poovey, Mike Wellens, Jim and Lori Garland, Ben and Jean Agner, Jill & Scott Brooks.



What are they doing? The mountain team met in November 2015 and divided themselves into three teams to fully accomplish the vision laid out in the Grant proposal. These teams are the Connection Team, The Consultant Team and the Retreat Team. The connection team was formed out of the desire to foster deeper connections between members of the church. They will be working on a digital pictorial directory and a grand buddy program. The Consultant Team researched consultants to help CIC enhance its ministry to youth and recommended Way to Lead. A general assessment survey is currently being taken by the church and the results will be shared with the mountain team at their March meeting. The Retreat team has secured LutherRock for a September leadership retreat where the congregation's learnings and Pastor's learnings from Sabbatical will be brought together to finalize a new strategy for ministering to our youth and children.

Why are they doing all this? At our 2014 annual meeting CIC adopted a sabbatical policy to give three months sabbatical to our pastor. Pastor Travis indicated a desire to pursue a sabbatical if he could get it funded. Early in 2015 the staff support team worked with Pastor to apply for a Lilly Grant for congregational and pastoral renewal. The theme of the proposal came from Isaiah 2:3 ***"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."*** Pastor will be studying youth and children ministry while on sabbatical reading 20 books on the subject, visiting churches and conducting interviews. The congregation will engage with a consultant to evaluate its current ministry to youth and children and then recommend enhancements. The Mountain symbolizes the place where we seek God's voice. The Mountain team will help the congregation seek God's voice regarding our youth and children's ministries.

What should we expect next? Every member has been asked to complete a survey of 20 questions. We will be working with Way to Lead to interpret those responses and then begin working on ways to enhance our youth and children's ministries. Expect to hear about new initiatives towards that end, like the Grandbuddy program that pairs elementary school children with CIC adults for caring conversation. We will also be hiring a full time director of youth in the coming year and working with them to make adjustments to our ministries.

Whose Paying for all this? Community in Christ received a grant of \$41,791 to enable Pastor Travis Norton to participate in the 2015 national Clergy Renewal program. CIC is one of 144 congregations across the country selected to participate in this competitive grant program, which is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The grant is split in two parts, one for congregational activities and one for pastoral activities.

How can I find out more? You can read the entire grant proposal on our website, <http://www.communityinchrist.org/#!/sabbatical/c3wk>. Updates on both congregational and pastoral activities will be

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January Council Highlights

- ⇒ Evangelism and Preschool will create a welcome table for pre-school families on preschool Sunday.
- ⇒ Christmas Eve offering was \$6000.00 less than previous year.
- ⇒ Property committee got lighting installed in parking lot.
- ⇒ Average weekly worship attendance increased by 5 over previous year.
- ⇒ Evangelism team seeking new members and will work with Director of inviting ministries on new initiatives.
- ⇒ Plans were made for a February council retreat at camp Lutherock .

January council meeting minutes were approved at the February 21st council meeting

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CIC Kids!

March Sunday School

Sunday School meets in the Spirit center each Sunday morning at 9:15am. Join us as we learn about Jesus' baptism and ministry in the weeks ahead.

For all Pre-K through 5th graders. Contact Jill Brooks at 704-724-5861 or jlkb Brooks@gmail.com and Karla Lever at levercounseling@gmail.com for more information or to register your child.

First Communion Classes

When: March 6, 13 2pm-3pm & 20 5pm-6pm

Who: All Second Grade Students
(and older students who haven't had instruction yet)

Why: Because we made a promise at your baptism to bring you to the Lord's supper and train you in the Christian faith

What: We will make bread and taste wine. We'll create our own clay chalice and celebrate a Seder meal together. Pastor Travis will teach us what we believe about Holy Communion.

New Sunday School Committee Starting....

The purpose of this committee is to enhance our Sunday school curriculum by giving our children opportunities to serve, work, and support the church and its ministries while also supporting our Sunday school teachers. If you feel called to work with our children please contact Jill Brooks at 704-724-5861 or jlkb Brooks@gmail.com or Karla Lever at levercounseling@gmail.com. Our first meeting will take place in May.

Grandbuddy Program



- The program is intended to forge caring relationships between CIC's seniors and our youth.
 - Supports ages 4-12
 - Takes place between services on Sunday for 15-20 minutes in the Spirit Center.
- Groups will be divided separating the 4-8 year olds and the 9-12 year olds.
- Younger youth will have an activity table (books, puzzles, etc) to help facilitate interaction and conversation.

CIC Youth

March Calendar

March 6– Youth Director Candidate Anita
Laffoon at Youth Group 5-6:30
March 13– BBQ Fundraiser
March 20– Sedar Meal at 5 pm
March 27– Easter Sunday, no Youth Group

2016 Mission Trip to Haiti!

We have 23 youth and adults going to make a difference in Haiti this summer! Fundraising is already underway, we have a goal of raising \$10,000.00.

BBQ LUNCH YOUTH FUNDRAISER !!!

Sunday, March 13, 2016

10:30am - 12:30pm

CIC Fellowship Hall

\$10 per Plate or \$35 for a Family Pack

- Each Plate includes shredded pork bbq, bun, sauce, baked beans, and slaw.
 - Family pack includes dinner for four.
- Purchase your tickets in advance after either worship service on all Sunday's prior to March 13.
- Pick up your BBQ in the Fellowship Hall after either worship service on Sunday, March 13.
 - Lunches will be packaged to go
- **All proceeds go to the Youth Mission Trip to Haiti this summer.**

YOUTH LINKS

CIC Youth on the Web

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/cicyouth

Instagram: CIC.Youth

Twitter: CICinNCYouth

Website: www.communityinchrist.org

Contact Pastor Travis:

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704-999-2284 (cell)



CIC Giving Garden

I am excited about the coming season at the Giving Garden! With your help we can use our gifts to bless not only our congregation but our community as well.

This year we will be expanding the number of beds planted for donation to the Ada Jenkins center. Increasing the amount of donation space will also increase the number of volunteers needed to get the work done. Please consider volunteering to help grow nutritious, fresh vegetables for our neighbors who are less fortunate. You do not need to have a green thumb to help out. Actually you don't even have to have thumbs! Volunteers for

the donation beds will be able to take a small amount of produce home with them as well. Volunteers will be able to work in the garden as their schedule allows. Garden tasks will be listed on a board in the greenhouse.

Individual beds will also be available for CIC members to rent for personal gardens. An individual bed (5' x 10') will cost \$20 for the growing season. Gardeners will be expected to keep their plots weeded, watered, and clean up at the end of the season. No chemical pesticides are to be used on the plots. There are organic products available at the garden. All the hand tools are provided. As always I (Farmer Jon) will be available for questions.

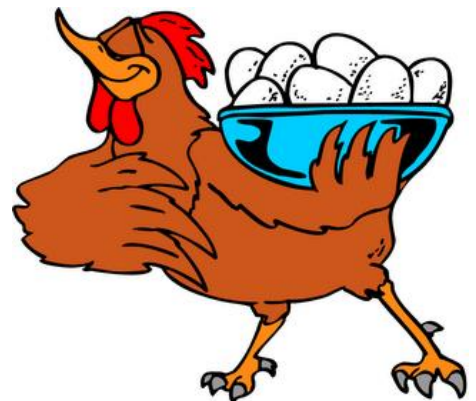
We will also have egg co-op spaces available as well. At the time of this writing Monday & Friday's are open. Co-op members are assigned a day of the week to care for the chickens. Caring for the chickens includes feeding, fresh water, collecting eggs, moving the coops if able, and spending a few minutes visiting. On your assigned day you are allowed to keep up to 6 eggs. The remainder of the eggs go into the fridge in the kitchen. The excess eggs will be available for purchase on Sundays. The price for 1 dozen organic, pastured eggs is \$5.00. The current egg-heads will have the first option to renew their spot and any unfilled spaces will then be opened on a first come basis. Interested but do not have experience with chickens? Don't be afraid, training will be provided. The cost of a membership is \$60/year.

For those of you who are not interested in gardening or chickens there are several ways you can support the Giving Garden. Donations are always appreciated. These donations go to covering the cost of larger purchases such as mulch, tools and equipment. Buying eggs on Sunday helps cover the cost of chicken feed, coop repairs, and equipment. Compost bins are available for \$20 each. The idea is to buy a bin, take it home and fill with kitchen scraps through the week (vegetables and breads only-no meat or bones), bring the bin with you on Sunday and empty it onto the compost pile, cover the fresh scraps with leaves and repeat. Composting kitchen scraps reduces our waste generation and provides the Giving Garden with compost to grow more vegetables. Bring your old newspapers to the greenhouse, they will be used as weed a barrier for the garden plots. If you are interested in any of the Giving Garden activities we would LOVE to have your help.

There will be a garden work day on Saturday, March 26th, beginning at 9 am. Come, meet the chickens, and see what we are all about!

Please contact Jonathan Zimmerman at jonpennyzimm@carolina.rr.com or 704-907-6534, Stephanie Wheeler at the church office 704-892-0120, or Vickie Reeves at 704-450-8292.

Farmer Jon





Jackson Woodrich	March 1	Karl Whittington	March 17
Tony Fuller	March 3	Rachel Flock	March 19
Robert Liljefors	March 5	John Bundrick	March 20
Lauren Popovici	March 5	Philip Degner	March 20
Noelle Bushinski	March 6	Ryan Wichern	March 20
Ryan Herkey	March 6	Ryan Wheeler	March 21
Ron Major	March 7	Stella Ryan	March 22
Peter Cuocolo	March 9	Bob Korning	March 23
Rick Russell	March 9	Chip Rinehardt	March 24
Colin Thomas	March 9	Jeff Dutton	March 24
Janet Drake	March 10	Shannon Newcomb	March 25
Melissa Jones	March 10	Jean Agner	March 26
Anna Roth	March 12	Tim Wirsén	March 27
Christine flock	March 13	Brad Moore	March 28
Kristin Clement	March 13	Davis Hutchinson	March 28
Jackson Amick	March 14	Tim Nohr	March 29
Ross Maxwell	March 16	Gretchen Hoelscher	March 29
Sarah Stertzbach	March 17	Lucy Price	March 30
Michael Wellens	March 17	Donna Good	March 31



<i>Philip & Susan Conlon</i>	<i>March 1</i>
<i>Todd & Audrey Brown</i>	<i>March 7</i>
<i>Ron & Nina Olszewski</i>	<i>March 8</i>
<i>Bill & Doris Hillegass</i>	<i>March 9</i>
<i>Michael & Dina Casalino</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<i>Ed & Linda Barger</i>	<i>March 17</i>
<i>Chuck & Susan Hill</i>	<i>March 20</i>

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am -Preschool 10:30am -Bible Study 6:30pm -O.A.	2 9am -Preschool 9:30am -Stroller Strides 1:30pm -Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm -Hand bells 6pm -Soup Supper 6:30pm -A.A. 7pm -Worship	3 9am -Preschool 7pm -Adult Choir	4 9:30am -Stroller Strides 10am -World Day of Prayer Worship 7pm -A.A.	5 9:30am -Stroller Strides 10am —A.A. 5:30pm -A.A. dinner & speaker
6 9am -Coffee 9:15am -Children's S.S. 9:30am -Worship/Adult S.S. 10:30am -Coffee 11am -Worship/Adult S.S. 2pm -1st Communion Class 3pm -Children's Choir 5pm -H.S. Youth Group 5pm -Jubilation Choir	7 9am -Preschool 9:30am -Stroller Strides 5:30pm – Montagnard Tutoring 7pm -N.M. Choir 7pm -A.A.	8 9am -Preschool 10:30am -Bible Study 11:45am -Lay Pastor Meeting 6:30pm -O.A. 6:30pm -Card Ministry	9 9am -Preschool 9:30am -Stroller Strides 9:30am -CIC ³ Chicks Book Study 1:30pm -Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm -Soup Supper 6pm -Hand Bells 6:30pm -A.A. 7pm -Worship 8pm -Mtn Team Meeting	10 9am -Preschool 7pm -Adult Choir	11 9:30am -Stroller Strides 7pm -A.A.	12 8am -A.A. 9:30am -Stroller Strides 6:30pm -A.A./Alanon
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27 8am -Easter Worship 9am -Coffee 9:30am -Easter Worship 10:30am -Coffee 11am -Easter Worship	28 9:30am -Stroller Strides 5:30pm – Montagnard Tutoring 7pm -A.A. 7pm -N.M. Choir	29 10:30am -Bible Study 6:30pm -O.A.	30 9:30am -Stroller Strides 1:30pm -Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm -Hand bells	31		

March Service Blocks

ALTAR GUILD

9:30AM Alicia Pugleise - March 6 & 13
11:00AM Shirley McNeilis - March 6 & 13

USHER

9:30AM
6 Tim Nohr, The Jones Family, Bob Liljefors
13 Tim Nohr, The Jones Family, Bob Liljefors, Ron Major
20 Tim Nohr, The Jones Family
27 **8am**— Gary Samuelson, Steve Mortenson
9:30am-Tim Nohr, Jones Family, Carol Moser

11:00AM
6 John Iversen
13 John Iversen
20 John Iversen, Carol Moser
27 John Iversen,

COFFEE CART

10:30AM
6 Chip Rinehardt
13 Gary Samuelson
20 Roger & Martha Staley
27 Cheryl Vergata

BREAD BAKER

6 Karen Pettit
13 Stephanie Wheeler
20 Beth Carroll
27 various

COUNTERS

6 Robert Maxwell & Scott Brooks
13 Donna Good & Colleen Karpovitz
20
27 Colleen Karpovitz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

9:30AM
6 Luther Beaver, Shari & Kylee Gomilla, Jeff, Gary & Sharon Kautz, Bob Liljefors
13 Luther Beaver, Shari & Kylee Gomilla, Jeff, Gary & Sharon Kautz, Bob Liljefors
20 Debbie Davidson, Beth Jaszewski, Rod & Norma Short, Jon & Penny Zimmerman, Pam Spano
27 **8am**-Debbie Davidson, Pam Spano, Jon & Penny Zimmerman
9:30AM-Beth Jaszewski, Rod & Norma Short

11:00AM
6 Norma Merrell, Carol Moser, Bertie Steely
13 Norma Merrell, Carol Moser, Bertie Steely
20 Fred Classey, Bill Hillegass, Cyndi Ball
27 Fred Classey, Bill Hillegass, Cyndi Ball

Greeter

	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
6	Eileen Wissell	
13		
20	Eileen Wissell	Louise Walker
27	Eileen Wissell	

ACOLYTE

	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
6		Drew DiBenedictis
13	Jackson Bjork	
20		
27		

Crucifer

	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
6	Foster Hutchinson	
13	Ryan Wichern	
20		
27	Evan Rixman	

Volunteers are needed to make the worship services run smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering or getting more information here is a list of contacts:

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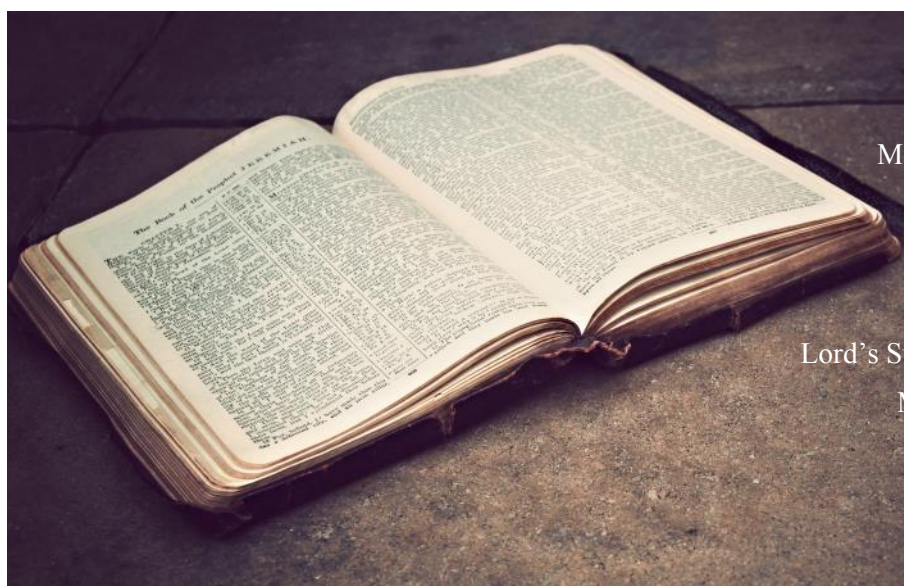


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Narrative Lectionary Preaching Texts for March



March 6—Mark 12:28-44
Great Commandment

March 13—Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
End of the Age

March 20—Mark 11:1-11
Triumphal Entry

March 24—Mark 14:22-42
Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane

March 25—Matthew 21:1-13
Crucifixion

March 27—Mark 16:1-8
Resurrection

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