



CIC NEWS

***Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church***

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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, Cornelius, NC 28031 704-892-0120 email: swheeler@communityinchrist.net www.communityinchrist.net



***Looking to try something new in 2016?
Look inside for all the different ministries
And retreat opportunities!***

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.....

Happy New Year! I've always been a strategic thinker with my mind on the future, so I love new years and the idea of setting goals and thinking about what is to come. But I am also cognizant that we live in a world that constantly tells us we need to strive to be better which comes with stress and a constant feeling of inadequacy. So how do we reconcile the pursuit of the ideal without succumbing to despair at our inability to finally arrive? Our faith helps us here.

First we start with the notion that our identity is secure in Christ. We are baptized, we are loved, we are saved. Henri Nowen writes in his book Life of the Beloved, "We are the Beloved. We are intimately loved long before our parents, teachers, spouses, children and friends loved or wounded us. That's the truth of our lives. That's the truth I want you to claim for yourself. That's the truth spoken by the voice that says, "You are my Beloved" When we think about the future and how we want to be different, how we want to be better, we start from a strong foundation of already being loved. I think Nadia Bolz Webber is the one who said 'you cannot be loved any more than you are right now.' In other words God loves you fully right now. You are perfectly loved and do not need to do anything to get that love. In fact there is nothing you can do to acquire more of God's love because you already have all of it right now. We Lutherans call that grace! If you are looking for a theological term you would do well to study our doctrine of justification by grace through faith. You are saved by Jesus' work on the cross, a work that fully reveals God's love for you.

So what then of goal setting, of striving to make ourselves and our world better. We do this from a place of strength and gratitude for all that has already been given. Not only are we fully loved already, but we have been given the Holy Spirit to pursue the mission of God in this world. That mission is broad and exciting and we all only ever pursue a fraction of it. But it might be trying to be a healthier version of ourselves, because our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Or it might be trying to grow our congregation's health as we pursue God's desire for all people to know their worth in Christ. Or it might be working to feed the hungry, or teach our children the faith, or create stronger communities of mutual support, or heal friendships or strengthen marriages. All of that is in line with what God has revealed that he wants for our world. Each year is an opportunity to ask God what He would have you or us pursue at this time. We can't do it all, but we can do amazing things because of the One who empowers us.

So make your resolutions and go for them with all the zeal you can muster. Let God be your guide as you partner with Him to realize His dream for you and our world!

As for Community in Christ we have some exciting days ahead of us. This year we will be intensifying our focus on youth and children's ministry. As part of the Lilly Grant we received to renew me (Sabbatical) - we also have funds to renew the congregation. We've developed a group of people called "The mountain team" who will lead us in some exciting initiatives in the new year to evaluate and improve our efforts to mentor our young people in the Christian faith as a whole congregation. We will also begin a search for a new full time children's and youth ministry director to begin in September and help us implement the strategy for ministry that we develop throughout the year. I'm excited about these efforts because I believe that when we put children at the center of our ministry as Jesus did when he said 'let the children come to me' all of us are blessed from the youngest to the oldest.

Prayers for

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

Friends and relatives of members

Vickie Waggoner (Lauren Kowsky's mother), Philip & Gwen Siegrist (Susan Thomas's parents), Ginny Kandrack (friend of Dottie Glace), Paul Madsen, Wayne Lacaut & Rick Madsen (family & friend of Al & Jan Madsen), Michael Arendt (John Iversen's brother-in-law), Norma Freeze & Jit Romah (friend's of Ron Major), Connie Keller (Noelle Bernesser's sister), Dennis Doyle (Jackie Champion's step-father), Ruth Sampsell (Lucy Price's sister), Von Haverlah (friend of Lucy Price), Sherry Shipman (Robert Maxwell's sister), Randy Salzman (Gary Salzman's brother), Phyllis Sain (friend of Ron Major), Faolan Doty (Susan Conlon's nephew), Mary Alice Huwe (Connie White's mother), Eric Raboin (Norm Raboin's brother), Chelsi Terwey (Connie White's cousin), Melody Huwe (Connie White's sister-in-law), Brian McClaski (friend of Connie White), Tina Von Dohlen (Renate Von Dohlen's daughter), Jane & Brian Gegel (friends of John & Joan Bundrick), Abby Andrews (friend of Gary Salzman), Don Perine (Suzanne Shaffer's father), Lonnie Barnes (friend of Ben & Jean Agner), Terri Long (church neighbor), Bill & Helen Powers (friends of John & Joan Bundrick), Wes Southern (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Parker Cowherd (Allison & Jon Cowherd's son/Carl & Debra Yost's grandson), David Thurman (friend of Ron Major)

Please call the office at 704-892-0120 or email swheeler@communityinchrist.net

Those Grieving the death of loved ones.

John Muhlback on the death of his mother

Lloyd Somers on the death of his mother

Penny Zimmerman on the death of her grandfather



JOB ASSISTANCE MINISTRY SUPPORT

MONDAY, JANUARY 11th, will feature "Utilizing Social Media for Your Job Search." Learn how to leverage social media to connect with companies and their key leaders to make strides toward the next step in your career.

The group meets at Community in Christ Lutheran Church in the Spirit Center at 7 pm. To confirm your attendance, please call the church office at 704-892-0120 or email: donnalgood@gmail.com.

Family Life Committee News:

Lucy Price

As all of you are aware, I have completed my 3rd year as chair of the Family Life Committee at CIC. It has been both rewarding and sometimes challenging. All of you have played a huge part in making the events successful. We started having six or seven events three years ago and ended with twelve in 2015. We went from 70-80 people attending our dinners to 150-170 in 2015. Our committee has not changed much over the past two years and we have worked together to make our events as successful as possible. This past year, we became a "well oiled machine."

For me the first year was almost a blur since I went into it not having any idea what was expected. However, with help from others and especially my mentor, Joan, we got through it. Mostly for me it was trial and error with a lot of phone calls to Joan and a lot of help from everyone. I took over purchasing kitchen and paper items which worked well in keeping the supplies available. I was able to obtain a credit card and we also opened a Sam's account.

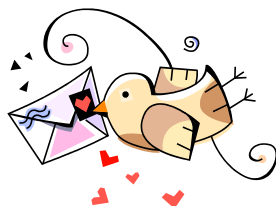
In addition to the events, we saw our kitchen get remodeled and a new commercial dishwasher installed. I also received the okay to purchase 20 new tablecloths for our round tables. When Bob Edsell moved, Roger and Martha stepped in and set up the Fellowship Hall without missing a beat. Stephanie also pitched in and set up for our Soup & Salad Suppers. So many others that are not on this email were ready to help if asked. It has indeed been a "many hands" project and I hope will continue that way. As our congregation grows, I look forward to seeing the changes that will be made to improve what we have done and to others joining the Family Life Committee. Deb Myers and Carol Moser have already volunteered to be part of the FLC and will be great additions this year.

As most of you also know, Kate Hansen will be the new chairperson. She has been fantastic to work with over the past couple of years and I am confident she will do a great job. Since Kate does work, she may need some help from others and I hope everyone will be ready to step in. Please let her know if you want to continue to serve on the Family Life Committee. I will not officially be on the committee but will be available to substitute, if needed.

Thanks for EVERYTHING and continued Blessings as you go forward.

Welcome Kate Hansen, new Family Life Chair!

To volunteer for this committee email Kate at hans2883@gmail.com or call 612-812-7578.



CIC Card Ministry

CIC's Card Ministry is a hands-on group that prayerfully creates cards that serve as a physical reminder of God's unconditional love, support and presence in our lives. The cards are made for staff members, lay pastors or others to send to CIC attendees and members experiencing times of difficulty or celebration, so that the recipient knows that he/she is cared for. We also make cards for the Prayer Shawl and Evangelism ministries. Another new addition to our ministry is making cards for congregants to use, like the Christmas cards that we provided in the last months. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center, and on the third Thursday afternoon at 3 pm in the Spirit Center. January's meetings will be on Jan. 12 and 26 in the evenings, and on Jan. 21 at 3 pm. We invite all who are interested to join us!! Please contact Anne Randolph at 704-596-3168, or arand86@bellsouth.net.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry is an inter-generational group that 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 are then blessed and given out to church members and friends. The January meeting dates are Sunday, the 10th & 24th from 6:30-7:70 pm and Wednesday, the 13th at 1:30 pm in the CIC Adult Classroom.

Hi Travis,

Apparently some members of your church hooked up with some members of my church and they worked together to make a few dozen prayer shawls. They are quite lovely, warm and packaged with prayerful notes. The recipients of the shawls were our homeless neighbors at Room in the Inn. I just wanted you to know we are grateful for this organic partnership in ministry.

In faith,

Mark Forbes

Rector, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Mooresville

If you would like to join the group, donate materials, or sponsor a prayer shawl, contact Kathy Dutton at 716-536-0059 or mamabissy@gmail.com or Diane Elsass at 704-756-6717 or elsassd@bellsouth.net.



Preschool News

Do you like to read to small children? How about joining our team of readers for the preschool? We would love to have you join us! Readers come on Thursday mornings at 10 am and read to either the 3 or 4 year old classes. Sharon picks a variety of books for you to choose from. It is one of the highlights of the children's week. Contact Sharon Fuller, preschool director if you are interested.

It is time to re-link your VIC card if you haven't already. The preschool number is **5638**. You must re-link and you can link up to five schools.

Sharon Fuller
Preschool Director



Community In Christ will be partnering with A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church on Jan. 15th and Feb. 12th. There is a sign-up genius page with a food needs list on Facebook. We need your help in providing breakfast for 12 (24 servings). Bring all food in disposable containers, if necessary wrapped in tinfoil not plastic. All breakfast items can be dropped off at CIC between Sunday and 12:30 pm on Thursday for delivery.

We will be partnering with Mt. Zion Methodist Church on March 29th. There is a sign-up genius page with a food needs list on Facebook. We need your help in providing dinner for 14 people (28 servings), breakfast for 12 (24 servings) and lunch for 10. When signing up for side dishes please coordinate with main dish so that the meals compliment each other. Bring all food in disposable containers, if necessary wrapped in tinfoil not plastic. All cold/non heated breakfast and lunch items (such as bagels, yogurts, fruit, drinks) can be dropped off at CIC between Sunday and 2 pm on Tuesday for delivery. Hot dinner items need to be delivered directly to Mt. Zion (19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031) by 5:00 pm Tuesday, hot and ready to serve.

Contact either Jill Brooks at 704-724-5861 or jlkb-rooks@gmail.com or Peter Cuocolo at pcuocolo@charlottespecial events.com.



Music News

Here it is...the beginning of a new year...always a good time to reflect on the “old” one! What a wonderful year we at CIC experienced, and how exciting it is to think that the Lord has plans for our future. I want to personally thank all the diligent servants for their many contributions to the ministry programs at CIC. Music ministry is no exception – I thank all our singers who participated in the hosting of our community-wide Thanksgiving Service, our wonderful little singers who presented the Children’s Christmas Pageant, the men who gave their time and talent toward the Living Last Supper, those who participated in the community patriotic show, our Jubilation singers, and all our excellent vocalists, musicians, and technicians who help to lead worship each Sunday morning. Of course, there is a big “thank you” to our wonderful church staff, which is led by our loving and caring pastor. It is a joy to be part of this wonderful family in Christ, and I thank our Heavenly Father for bringing me to CIC.

May you and yours experience God’s many blessings this New Year!

Soli Deo Gloria (to God alone be the glory),
Sandy

Resuming In January:

Children’s Choir—Sunday, the 10th, at 3 pm

Adult Choir—Thursday, the 7th, at 7 pm

Jubilation Choir—TBA in February

Resuming in February:

Handbell Choir—February 3

This choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm and is led by Sarah Stertzbach. Please contact her at 614-361-2597 with any questions or if you would like to become part of this group.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday School at 9:30 am

This class meets in the adult Sunday school room near the fellowship hall. They are studying hymns – the faith that we sing as we praise God in worship. Please join us as we learn the history of the hymns, their Biblical origins and how they impact our faith journey. It is led by Martha Staley.

Sunday School at 11 am

This class also meets in the adult Sunday school room near the fellowship hall. This group discusses the morning sermon and how it applies to our daily lives. It is led by Tim Nohr.

Monday Evening Denver Bible Study

This group meets on the first and third Monday of every month at the home of Dottie Glace at 7 pm.

Small group is a time of sharing our lives with each other, discussing the scripture that Pastor preached on the Sunday prior, and spending some time in prayer.

Anyone is welcome to join us. For more information contact Donna Hayes at donna.m.hayes@bankofamerica.com.

WELCA

(Women of the Evangelical Church in America)

This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month in the adult Sunday school room near the fellowship hall at 7:30 pm. Laverne Waskielis is the president of this group

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This class meets in the adult Sunday school room near the fellowship hall at 10:30 am. This group studies the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading. Don’t be surprised if some of the discussion from this group ends up in the sermon! Pastor Travis leads this class.

Wednesday Morning Book Study

This group meets in the adult Sunday school room near the fellowship hall. This is the CIC³ Chicks women’s group. Currently they are Discussing Anne Lamott's “*Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace*.” This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am.



WELCA

“Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA” all women in the congregation are members. There is no entry or membership fees. All women are invited to attend any or all events. The CIC group meets the second Monday in January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November at 7:30 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room. At these meetings we have our business meetings, proceeded with Bible study lead by a volunteer study leader, ending with refreshments provided by a volunteer hostess. January’s Study leader is Sondra Sigmon and Hostess is M. Stella Ryan.

During the months of June, July and August we meet on the Second Monday at 6:30pm at a local restaurant (selected by the group in May) for fellowship and fun. In December we have an annual Christmas Party, held in the fellowship hall. Attending members provide an appetizer or dessert to share.

Current President is Laverne Waskielis and can be reached at 704-576-8675 or ltwaskielis@msn.com if you have any questions about our group.

- ♦ The North Carolina Synodical Women’s Organization’s 2015-2016 theme is: “I am” Created – Called – Empowered
- ♦ **Angels & Sparrows:** We will continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow’s Soup Kitchen in Huntersville in 2016. Our dates to work will be on any month that has a fifth Monday. The dates for 2016 are February 29th, May 30th, August 29th, and October 31st. Volunteer sign-ups are held at the monthly meeting before the work dates.
- ♦ We will be host to Mecklenburg/Union 2016 “SPRING GATERING” at a date to be determined.
- ♦ Our Group also sponsored “A Christmas Angel Tree.” We provided items to the East Lincoln Christian Ministries. We are pleased this past December we provided gifts to over 50 Angel requests plus an additional 10 Angel request for 25.00 donations that were used for food for the elderly..

Other upcoming events:

- ♦ One-day retreat on Saturday February 13th at several locations, further information will be available at the January meeting.
- ♦ 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!

Wednesday Morning Book Study - Discussing Anne Lamott's Small Victories: “*Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace.*” We meet every other Wednesday starting Jan.

13th from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. We will read Mom, Part One on Jan. 13th and Mom, Part Two on Jan. 27th. Child care is available. Contact Jill Brooks at jlkbrooks@gmail.com.



Happy Times Seniors:

Remember to RSVP by January 10th for our luncheon on Wednesday, January 13th in the fellowship hall. We will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. with the Wills and Trusts presentation by a local attorney. This will be followed by a complimentary lunch made possible with funds granted to us through the “Thrivent Action Teams” program. Thank you, Thrivent Financial!! After lunch we will discuss plans for 2016.

Please note that both the legal presentation and luncheon are open to all CIC members, family and visitors. You don’t have to be a member of Happy Times to attend! For food and preparation purposes, we need a headcount and request that you RSVP on a sign-up sheet located on the Welcome Desk in the narthex or the one posted on the Happy Times Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall. You may also RSVP by contacting Doris per her information listed below.

Now for a brief review of Happy Times events in 2015:

Our Christmas party/luncheon buffet was well attended by 40 individuals including several of our CIC staff members. The preschool children were delightful as they performed for us to kick-off the event.

Our luncheons included four educational presentations on the following topics: Fraud Awareness; Preparing for Long Term Care (sponsored by Thrivent); CIC’s Senior Reassurance Program; and “Laughter for the Health of It”.

Our travels included an October trip to the West Jefferson mountain home of Lewis and Sondra Sigmon for a delicious cookout and to view the beautiful autumn foliage at its peak. In June we had a delightful summer cruise on Lake Norman aboard the Catawba Queen, and we attended “Chicago, the Musical” presented by the Davidson Community Players in the Duke Family Performance Hall on the Davidson College campus.

Thank you to all our Happy Times members who helped plan, arrange, carry out and participate in our various luncheons and activities. The generosity of our seniors should also be noted. Our members donated over \$400 which was applied to Target gift cards for the benefit of the Norton twins, and \$100 was given in our Christmas free-will offering for a charitable cause. Thank you, Happy Times seniors! Also, a memorial has been given to CIC in memory of our good friend and Happy Times member, Jim Hayes.

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 INVITING MINISTRIES NEWS

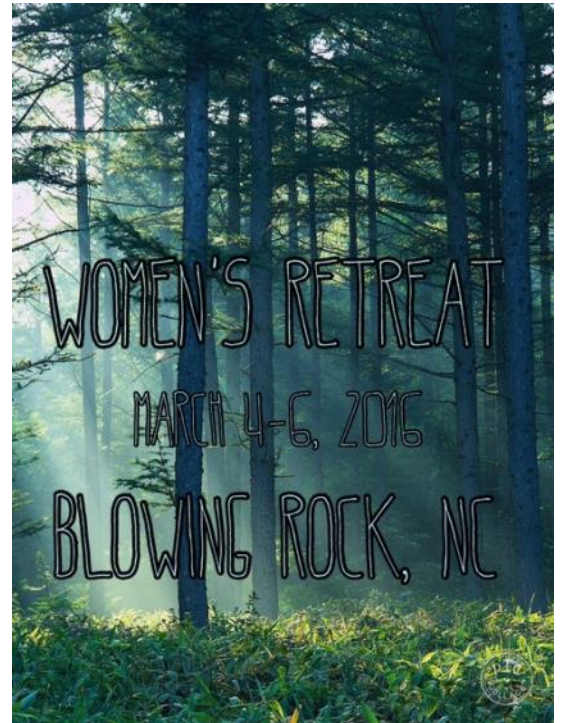


Winter New Members Classes January 24-February 7

If you have been worshipping with us at Community in Christ and are ready to take the next steps to make CIC your new church home, we invite you to attend our Winter Session New Members Class! We will meet in the Spirit Center following the 11:00am service on January 24 and 31 and February 7. You will learn more about our history and ministries as well as the Lutheran faith. We hope you will join us! Child-care is available as needed. Questions and RSVP to susan@communityinchrist.net.

Women of CIC - Join us March 4-6 in Blowing Rock for the Annual CIC Women's Retreat

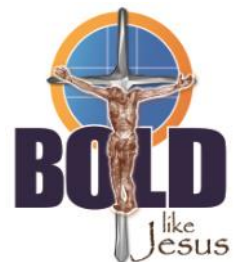
In 2016 we will embark on our third annual women's retreat. We've established a wonderful foundation and forged many new friendships that cross generations and backgrounds. We return from our weekends full in spirit and enriched in our faith. Then often, over the course of the year, the traffic patterns of our daily lives distract us from our personal relationship with God. This Spring let's come together again and take this uninterrupted time to examine Jesus' love and mercy for each of us and how He continually finds us right where we are. Reverend Linda McHenry will serve as our spiritual leader. We will once again spend the weekend at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Details about breakout sessions will be available in the coming months. Deposits due January 5. Registration link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6426684134/>



North Carolina ELCA Bold Like Jesus Conference January 21-23!

How can you be Bold like Jesus? Listen curiously, build relationships deeply, tell the Gospel confidently, commit to a bold step in your community. Bold like Jesus brings together Lutherans, Episcopalians, and Moravians from across North Carolina to explore what it means to be Bold like Jesus in a complex and changing world.

Join us January 21-23 at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. Registration is \$50 until 1/7 and then \$65. The conference is open to all church leaders and members: Registration: <https://boldlikejesus.wordpress.com/registration/>



The Montagnard Mission

2016 brings both focus and progress to our programs at the Montagnard Mission, and we invite all members of CIC to become part of these positive trends. Faith, education, and community support are the shared lights which lead us, and if you are interested in any of these your time will be well spent in this ministry.

Volunteers are critical to *all* our activities. Consider these possibilities:

Monday nights: tutor children kindergarten through high school at A Mighty Fortress Lutheran, 19 minutes from CIC. We work on homework, projects and English literacy with children whose schools are uniformly among the lowest rated in the Charlotte Mecklenburg system. If you have just an hour and a half once a week to commit to a student, you can be part of a serious effort to build on their success, both at school and as they grow into their futures. No experience needed, just a heart for children and a willingness to serve.

Contact: Lauren Millner, (704) 517-8041.

Sunday nights: Our youth worship service draws teens and young adults, and they come hungry! The evening begins with a shared meal and fellowship, and this can be costly to provide for growing numbers. If you have a “need to feed”, please consider contributing either designated pantry items or cash donations to help us provide food for body and spirit.

Contact: Kim Cornellier (704) 453-1689.

Saturday mornings: as students who have completed high school move on to community college educations, there is a need for individual tutoring. Through a Facebook reservation system, students who need help with papers, homework and projects notify tutors who arrange to meet at CPCC’s main library. Working space is reserved for this purpose, and students are motivated to succeed at this coursework.

Contact: Melinda DeCusati (704) 953-9063.

Ongoing community support: throughout the year, we assist the community through programs to meet basic needs. Our annual vision care program helps connect children with eye exams and glasses, and we hope to expand into a dental program in 2016. Volunteers to help process paperwork and chaperone participants lets us use our volunteer time wisely. The semi-annual food collection and distribution events fill gaps in nutrition for working families, and requires volunteers to administer and arrange to get these items into needy homes. We also work to liaise with local schools and increase awareness of what they have to offer families with school-age kids, and volunteers serve this purpose well as advocates for non-English speaking parents.

Like more information? Have questions? Please contact Susan Conlon (704) 905-9401.

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*

cic Kids!

January 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.

Thanks to Jill Brooks and Karla Lever for leading this ministry during our transition. We need more teachers, please consider helping.

Sunday School - Starts back Jan. 10th. For all Pre-K through 5th graders. Contact Jill Brooks at 704-724-5861 or jllbrooks@gmail.com and Karla Lever at levercounseling@gmail.com for more information or to register your child.

Thank You JoEllen!



We are so grateful for the ministry JoEllen Butler provided for our "littles" as she called them. She led Sunday School, VBS, milestone ministries and blessed our staff for 2 years. We'll miss her on staff, but glad she's still around. Thank you JoEllen, your passion, faith and creativity blessed us all!

Forming Faith with the Youngest



Add faith to your bedtime ritual. Trace the cross on your child's forehead and say the words "the Lord bless you and keep you." As they get older teach them to do the same to you. If you've ever been blessed by a toddler saying 'bess you keep you' then you know the power of this simple act. As the child learns to speak ask them to share a good thing and a bad thing from the day. In my family we call this sharing 'happys and sads' and during certain seasons we add 'mads'. Then pray for your child and invite them to pray too.

My wife and I have been doing this for six years now with our oldest and he insists on it every night. Some nights, honestly, I want to skip it because I'm tired and just want them to go to sleep. But often I learn something new about how my child is experiencing the world, or get to listen in as he adds a prayer for someone that melts my heart. The time only takes 5 minutes, but it is such a gift and the faith of my kids and then our faith as parents are strengthened. —Pastor Travis

CIC Youth

January Calendar

January 10th– Youth Group 5:00pm

January 17th– Youth Group 5:00pm

January 24th– Youth Group 5:00pm

January 31st– Youth Group 5:00pm

February 7th– No Youth Group,
Souper Bowl Sunday during wor-
ship

February 9th– Shrove Tuesday
7pm

Help Wanted: Director of Youth and Children's ministries

Do you know anyone who has a passion for forming young people to follow Jesus? CIC is hiring a full time director of Youth and Children's ministries. We are looking for a person who is creative, organized, energetic and loves youth of all ages. We will provide full health benefits, salary to start around 30K depending on experience. Application can be found at communityinchrist.net. Contact Pastor Travis for more information.

2016 Mission Trip to Haiti!

All current 9th-12th grade students are invited to join the Youth Summer Mission trip to...Haiti!

We will be working with Lifetree Adventures again this year to spend the week of June 18-25, 2016 in Leogane, Haiti. Registration information can be found on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Pastor Travis know ASAP if you are planning on attending.

Winter Retreat at Lutherock!

February 12-15

\$150 for non-skiers

Middle and High school Students

Join us for a long president's day weekend up in the mountains for some fun in the snow, fellowship and worship. Registration forms available in the narthex at church.

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:

Pastortravis@communityinchrist.net
704-999-2284 (cell)



CIC Youth Winter Retreat

@ LutherRock

February 12-15

For Middle & High School Students

Registration Form

Name _____

Shirt Size _____

Youth Registration fee= _____ @ \$150.00 = \$ _____

Adult Registration Fee = _____ @ \$90.00 = \$ _____

Adult (13 and up) Lift Tickets Needed= _____ @\$50 per ticket = \$ _____

Junior (12 and under) Lift Tickets Needed= _____ @\$45 per ticket = \$ _____

Total ski rentals= _____ @\$20 per rental = \$ _____

Total ski lessons= _____ @ \$15 = \$ _____

Total snowboard rentals= _____ @ \$30 per rental = \$ _____

Total snowboard lessons= _____ @ \$15 = \$ _____

Total lunch tickets needed= _____ @ \$9 per ticket = \$ _____

Total for everything is \$ _____

Make Check payable to Community in Christ Lutheran Church. Return this form and check to the church attn.: Debbie Davidson no later than January 24.

Information:

Who: Open to middle school and high school students. Adult leaders so far are Debbie Davidson, Marci Winegrad, & Todd Lineberger

What: A winter retreat at Lutherrock. You can ski or snowboard if you'd like, or hang out at camp for hiking and tubing and playing in the snow. We'll worship and play games and grow in our faith and friendship.

Where: Camp Lutherrock at 84 Camp Luther Rd Newland, NC 28657 Phone: (828) 733-5868

When: Friday-Monday president's day weekend, Feb 12-15. We'll leave from the church at 6:00 pm on Friday and return on Monday around 11:00 am.

Why: Retreats help us form Christian community with each other. We go to play and pray together and return a stronger youth group committed to doing life with each other.

Packing List: Linens are provided at the Crows nest. You will want to make sure to bring layers of clothing as the weather is always changing on the mountain! You will also want to bring the following items: comfortable walking shoes/snow boots, a flashlight, Bible, layers of winter clothing, gloves, hat, sunglasses or ski goggles, ski pants, and any personal items you wish to pack.

Checklist:

- Completed Registration Form
- Completed Liability Waiver Form (available in the church office, narthex or can be emailed to you, contact the church office)
- Paid
- Completed Ski/Snowboard Rental Form (if skiing/snowboarding)
- Turned everything in by January 24th.



Suzanne Walker	Jan 2	Blake DiBenedictis	Jan 13
Max Anderson	Jan 2	Karen Snyder	Jan 15
Sophia Raboin	Jan 2	Ryan Hartman	Jan 15
Andrea Gulzow	Jan 3	Roger Staley	Jan 16
Martha Staley	Jan 4	Camden Hutchinson	Jan 16
Susan Kullstam	Jan 4	Debbie Vail	Jan 17
Aiden Stertzbach	Jan 4	Diana Elsass	Jan 19
Troy Lowden	Jan 5	Cara Matocha	Jan 19
Madelyn Arnett	Jan 5	Christy Hutchinson	Jan 19
Malinda Dameron	Jan 8	Jennifer Block	Jan 21
Jennifer Bushinski	Jan 8	Abigail Bjork	Jan 21
Richard Dameron	Jan 9	Karsyn Dameron	Jan 22
Karen Raboin	Jan 10	Norma Merrell	Jan 23
Kyle Tessier	Jan 10	Joan Iversen	Jan 23
Jonathan McNeilis	Jan 11	Justin Scott	Jan 23
Cheryl Vergata	Jan 12	Elizabeth Moore	Jan 24
Lynette Scott	Jan 12	Austin Dameron	Jan 25
Jane Nohr	Jan 12	Austin Blackwell	Jan 26
Veronica Westendorff	Jan 12	Janice Burk	Jan 27
Valerie Deabreu	Jan 13		



<i>Roger & Martha Staley</i>	<i>January 4</i>
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<i>Lee & Marilyn Tillman</i>	<i>January 29</i>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm-A.A.	2 10am—A.A. 5:30pm-A.A. dinner & speaker
3 9am-Coffee 9:30am-Worship 11am-Worship	4 9am-Preschool 9:30am-Stroller Strides 5:30pm- Montagnard Tutoring 7pm-A.A.	5 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A.	6 9am-Preschool 9:30am-Stroller Strides 6:30pm-A.A.	7 9am-Preschool 7pm-Adult Choir	8 9:30am-Stroller Strides 7pm-A.A.	9 9:30am-Stroller Strides 10am-A.A. 2pm-Soccer Clinic 6:30pm-A.A./ Alanon
10 9am-Coffee 9:15am-Children's S.S. 9:30am-Worship/Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship/Adult S.S. 12pm-Council Meeting 3pm-Children's Choir 5pm-H.S. Youth Group 6:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry	11 9am-Preschool 9:30am-Stroller Strides 5:30pm- Montagnard Tutoring 6pm-GS Troop 1261 7pm-A.A. 7pm-J.A.M.S. 7pm-Mountain Team Meeting 7pm-Denver Bible Study 7:30pm- WELCA	12 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 11:45am-Lay Pastor Meeting 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-Card Ministry	13 9am-Preschool 9:30am-Stroller Strides 11:30am-Happy Times Annual Mtg @ CIC 6pm-W.O.W. 6:30pm-A.A. 6:45pm-Small Groups	14 9am-Preschool 6:30pm- Montagnard Coun- cil Mtg 7pm-Adult Choir	15 9:30am-Stroller Strides 7pm-A.A.	16 9:30am-Stroller Strides 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./ Alanon
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January Service Blocks

ALTAR GUILD

9:30AM Shirley McNeilis
11:00AM

USHER

9:30AM
10 Tim Nohr, the Jones Family
17 Tim Nohr, Bob Liljefors, Beth Jaszewski, the Jones Family, Lars Kullstaam
24 Tim Nohr, the Jones Family, Lars Kullstam
Bob Liljefors
31 Tim Nohr, the Jones Family, Bob Liljefors

11:00AM
10 Carol Moser, Donna Hayes, Beth Carroll
17 Carol Moser, Beth Carroll
24 Carol Moser, Donna Hayes
31 Carol Moser

COFFEE CART

10:30AM
10 Laura Anderson
17 Susan & Lars Kullstam
24 Shirley & William McNeilis
31 Josephine & Willie Melling

BREAD BAKER

10 Stephanie Wheeler
17 Beth Carroll
24 Jean Agner
31 Diana Elsass

COUNTERS

10 Chris Spano & Gretchen Hoelscher
17 Chris Spano
24
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COMMUNION ASSISTANT

9:30AM
10 Debbie Davidson, Beth Jaszewski, Rod & Norma Short, Jon & Penny Zimmerman, Pam Spano
17 Lars & Susan Kullstam, Eileen Wissell, Lloyd Somers, Rick & Jackie Lowden, Valerie Deabreu
24 Lars & Susan Kullstam, Eileen Wissell, Lloyd Somers, Rick & Jackie Lowden, Valerie Deabreu
31 Luther Beaver, Shari & Kylee Gomilla, Bob Liljefors, Jeff, Gary & Sharon Kautz
11:00AM
10 Fred Classey, Bill Hillegass, Cyndi Ball
17 Brenda & Irene Motrie, Martha Staley
24 Brenda & Irene Motrie, Martha Staley
31 Diana Elsass, Bill McGuire, Donna Hayes

Greeter

9:30AM	11:00AM
10 Eileen Wissell	Lucy Price
17 Eileen Wissell	Louise Walker
24 Eileen Wissell	Mack Haywood
31 Eileen Wissell	Mack Haywood

ACOLYTE

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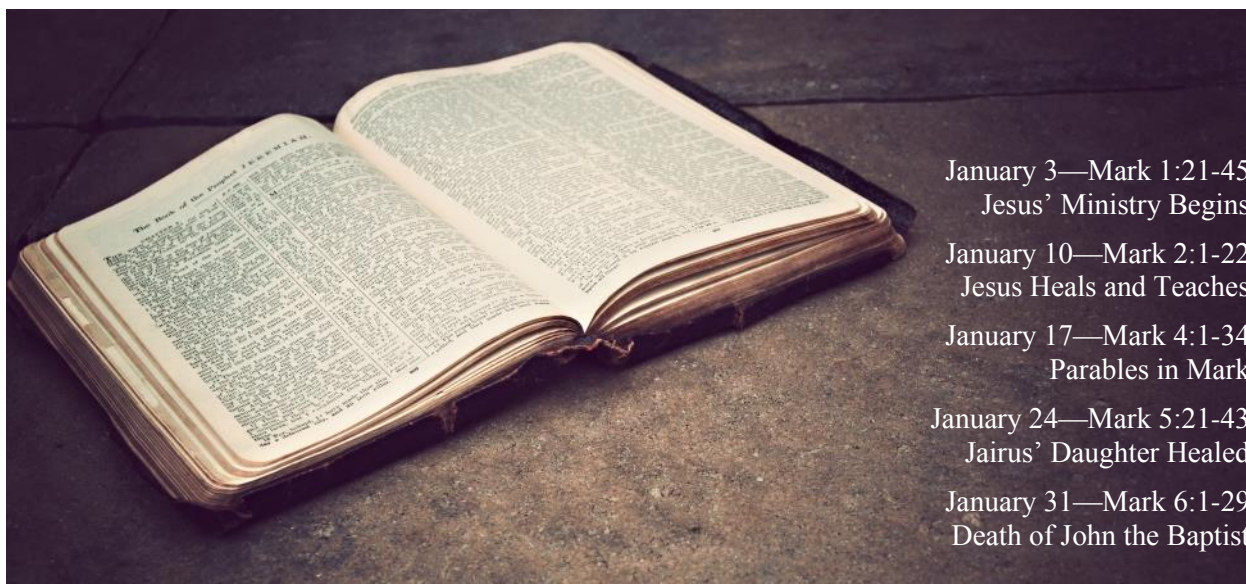
9:30AM	11:00AM
10 Max Anderson	
17 Matt Flanders	
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Sound Board/Power Point

9:30AM	11:00AM
10 Davis Hutchinson	
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