



CIC NEWS

**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

January, 2017

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



Introducing.....Our New Youth Director!

**Meet.....
Telvin "Deandre" Dukes**

We are excited to announce the addition of Telvin "Deandre" Dukes to our staff. Deandre will serve as the full time director of youth and children ministries. He will oversee programs in the church for those in the first third of life. This position grows our ministry capacity from a 10 hour children's director and 20 hour youth director to a 40 hour children and youth minister. We believe this will allow us to serve our youth and families better and give us the stability and capacity we need to grow these ministries. I'm thankful that we have many volunteers and leaders in these ministries already that will give Deandre a team of people to work with to help nurture our young people in faith. It's important to say that adding a staff person doesn't mean we reduce our need for volunteers, but rather it means our volunteers will get the support and leadership they need to be even more successful. Deandre can be reached at deandre@communityinchrist.net.

Deandre will begin serving the weekend of January 22. Let's make sure to welcome him with the energy and enthusiasm CIC is known for! He's coming into a big role and it will take time to figure it all out and bring his unique gifts and passions to play as well. The key to his success will be the support of the congregation, getting to know youth and their families and a willingness to follow his lead into new ideas and ways of doing things.

Think about how you can welcome him and give him every chance to thrive at CIC. We've been searching and praying for a year to fill this position. I believe we've found the exact right person for the job and am excited to see how the Holy Spirit leads our new staff to lead the congregation in our mission to make disciples of all nations teaching them to obey all that Jesus has commanded us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Pastor Travis

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.....

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

God doesn't dwell on our past. He forgives our sin, wipes it away and welcomes us to live in the present with Him. He tells us not to worry about the future, it has enough cares of its own. God is the God of the living, of the present, of the now. He is the one who makes all things new. I pray this new year can be a year of dwelling in Christ and letting go of the burdens of the past and the worries of the future. I pray that we can be fully present with God, with our families and with one another.

I'm excited about 2017 for Community in Christ. I felt like I was gone a lot last year with new babies to welcome into our home and then on sabbatical. Both very good things, but even good things comes with a downside. I'm excited to be fully present with the congregation as we implement some of the great learnings about youth and children ministries from last year and turn our focus to learning about Adult faith formation and Outreach this year. I'm curious too, as to how the Spirit will lead us in terms of a potential Capital Campaign. Debt Reduction? Improving the Spirit Center? Up fitting the Fellowship Hall? Who knows what God has in store for us? Our job is to listen and follow in full trust and faith.

Whatever we do in 2017 we do for the sake of the mission to which God has called us. A mission to be the church in the Lake Norman Area. A mission to gather around word and sacrament, to proclaim the gospel through worship. To Study and Witness and Serve in Jesus name.

I'm convinced that the world needs the church now more than ever, especially here in Suburbia. We need community. We need a place where we are known and loved and where we can join up with our neighbors to do good work in the world. We need a place where we can be honest about short comings and get help from one another to do better, to be better and then offer that same help to others. We need a place where we can learn about God's vision for the world and then get to work being part of something bigger than ourselves. We need a place where we can hear again the good news of God's love revealed fully to us in the person of Jesus.

2017 is a special year for Lutherans. This year will mark the 500th anniversary of the reformation started by Martin Luther. It's a year to return to our roots as a people who put Scripture, Faith in Jesus, The Cross and Salvation by Grace at the forefront of who we are. We return to our core beliefs and let them guide us into this new age.

Blessed New year!

-Pastor Travis

Prayers for

Members: David Vail,

Friends and relatives of members

Dave Riedel (Stephanie Wheeler's Uncle)

Please re-submit prayer requests 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 to.

Thank you.

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

Our heartfelt Christian sympathy goes out to Kay Sides on the death of her husband, Ron, and her mother, Kathleen Fesperman. Kathleen died a few days before Christmas and Ron died on December 26. Please keep Kay and her daughter, Leslie, in your prayers that they may feel the healing comfort of our Lord in this very trying time.



Altar Flowers Ministry LEADER NEEDED:

An organizer is needed for the Altar Flowers Ministry, not to make the floral arrangements but to direct the store's floral department as to what is to be made and to coordinate the volunteers to pick up the arrangements. All this is to keep the price at \$50. A committee can be formed to pick up the flowers on Friday or Saturday and put them in the church. Taking turns will not be too much work. All we do is for the Glory of God! If you can help, call the church office or Sondra Sigmon at 704-607-7479.



Dear Pastor Norton,

On behalf of Lutheran Services Carolina (LSC), thank you for Community in Christ Lutheran Church's generous in-kind gift of candy and clothing on December 13, 2016 to support Mountain Ridge. This gift was valued by you at \$180.00. As a result of your compassion, LSC is able to bring healing and hope to adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Over the years, Mountain Ridge has served dozens of adults in need of specialized care and treatment. Many of these individuals are placed into the care of the LSC because their families simply do not have the resources needed to care for them properly. At Mountain Ridge, LSC provides 24-hour care and support in a safe and comfortable environment that truly looks and feels more like a home than a facility. Your contribution makes it possible for LSC to continue to provide this specialized care and support that is so greatly needed.

You may be aware the LSC also offers an array of other services to support children and families across North and South Carolina and seniors in North Carolina. Because of generous donors like you, LSC is able to provide a safety net for individuals and families who often have nowhere else to turn.

We are exceptionally grateful to you for your gifts, which allow us to serve today and to prepare for the future. Thank you again for your support.

*Yours in Christ,
Ted W. Goins, Jr.
President*



CIC Card Ministry

The CIC Card Ministry, which makes cards for lay pastors and pastors to send to people who have illnesses, deaths, birthdays, or other big events in their lives, is looking for more people to help create lovely cards for our church.

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center. In January we will meet on the 10th and the 24th. Please join us -- you don't have to be crafty, just love to join in the fun and joy of stamping and taping!!

Contact Anne Randolph with any questions at 704-596-3168 or arand86@bellsouth.net.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn how - please join us! The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability!

This ministry meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 4:00 pm in the CIC Adult Classroom, and every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm in the CIC small classroom near the Spirit Center (former sanctuary). 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 (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elssas (dianaelsass@gmail.com).

January Meeting Dates:
Sundays: January 8 and January 22
Wed: January 4, 11, 18, 25



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
sfuller9564@gmail.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 our Christmas cantata and sang for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, our wonderful little singers who served as our "Advent Angels" each Sunday morning of Advent, 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



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 will meet on Monday January 9th at 7 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room. At these meetings we will discuss our business and have bible/book study. January’s study leader is Stella Ryan followed by refreshments provided by Sharon Kautz.

We will be using the book “God’s Bucket List” for our studies in 2017. From the book by Teresa Tomeo, we will examine what God wants for each of us: mercy, fruitfulness, fellowship and peace, just to name a few, and explain what the Christian faith teaches about these gifts and how we can begin to achieve and cross out one by one, the items on that heavenly list.

PLEASE NOTE: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2017 OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL START AT 7PM
Officers for 2017 are: Laverne Waskielis, President, Sharon Kautz, Secretary, and Deb Myers Treasurer.

ANGEL’S AND SPARROW’S: We will continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow’s Soup Kitchen in 2017. Our dates to work will be on any month that has a fifth Monday. The dates for 2017 are January 30th, May 29th, July 31st, and October 30st. Volunteer sign-ups are held at the monthly meeting before the work dates.

ANGEL TREE: This past Christmas Angel Tree has again provided items to the East Lincoln Christian Ministries and in addition to Mountain Ridge Group Home from Lutheran Services Carolina. We would like to thank the congregation for their generous participation. 50 Angel gifts were donated plus 10 additional monetary Angels to be used to provide food gifts. These gifts were given to the Christian Ministries. We also provided 6 wrapped gifts to the residents of the Group Home.

ONE DAY RETREAT: Information will be given out regarding the One Day Retreat at several locations on Saturday February 11th . The topic of the retreat is “Encourage.” How do we find the courage to be Christ to our neighbor, to shine God’s light of hope into the shadow times.

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



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. 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.

Book Study: Watch for details in the bulletin. We will be choosing a new book soon for 2017.

As we discussed at our laughter filled Christmas party, Emily Cunningham will continue leading unless someone would like to take a turn. Scheduled events will be planned two months in advance. Members are encouraged to share event ideas and take a turn planning which can be as simple as organizing an outing. January is busy and council has a their retreat so our first event will be in February. Planning is underway by Susan Kullstam so watch for details. The women’s retreat is scheduled for March. Please consider joining us in Blowing Rock!

Watch the bulletin or Facebook for upcoming events. Have an idea that you’d like to organize, please contact Emily Cunningham @ emilycunning@gmail.com.



Happy Times Seniors:

Thirty-four attendees enjoyed our Christmas party with a catered buffet dinner at The Pearl on December 14th. Thank you to everyone who participated, including Doris and Bill Hillegass for hosting the event, Anne Randolph for displaying greeting cards handcrafted by the Card Ministry, Lewis Sigmon for leading the Christmas carol sing-along, and Joan Garn for her assistance.

The annual planning meeting for 2017 is Wednesday, January 18th at 11:30 am in the Karriker Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own bag-lunch to this event. Be prepared to discuss ideas and recommendations for luncheons, activities and new leadership for 2017.

Happy Times welcomes people of all ages, and we especially invite our new CIC members and visitors to join us. Annual dues are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please contact Doris & Bill at hille-gassd@bellsouth.net or call 704-892-0156.

The North Carolina Synod and Florida-Bahamas Synod presents:

Holy Land Pilgrimage - January 9-21, 2018

Please join Bishops Timothy M. Smith and Robert Schaefer and seminarians on a tour of the Holy Land. This is not your average tourists' look at the Holy Land. Participants have the option to do the background reading required for students who are traveling for credit, and the group will have an opportunity to talk with pastors and other leaders who can speak to modern life in Israel and Palestine from a number of perspectives.

A brochure and more information can be found at the synod website at nclutheran.org under the Events tab. You can also email Pastor Beth Kearney at bkearney@nclutheran.org. She has taken this journey three times and would love to go again.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Coming to CIC:

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning January 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We are looking into the possibility of offering childcare. The link to register is: <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1031714> and the cost for materials is \$93.00 plus shipping for a total of \$102.30. The class runs for 9 weeks. Contact Colleen Karpovitz with any questions at 401-862-0173 or ckarpovitz@cox.net.

CIC INVITING MINISTRIES NEWS



Winter New Members Classes Begin January 15!

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 11:00 am service on January 15, 22 and 29. You will learn more about our history and ministries as well as the Lutheran faith. We hope you will join us! Childcare is available as needed. Questions and RSVP to susan@communityinchrist.net.

Women of CIC - Join us March 10-12 in Blowing Rock for the Annual CIC Women's Retreat!

In 2017 we will embark on our fourth 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 again this Spring, and we have reserved space at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. Details about breakout sessions and registration will be available this month!

The Montagnard Mission

Thank You!

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to Project Stocking Stuffer! Each tutoring student received a hat and gloves plus a gift bag filled with Christmas treats including toys, games and age-appropriate surprises –and so much more! Generous donors also supplied us with resources to purchase warm blankets and give iday meal. As you see below, smiling you made this happen. The talented whelmed the tutoring and worship sweet surprise.



each family a gift card to pay for a hol-faces were the order of the day...and bakers from A Mighty Fortress over-programs with delicious cookies for a



This Month at the Mission

- ⇒ **1/2 No Tutoring**
- ⇒ **1/15 Worship Guest Speaker**
- ⇒ **1/16 No Tutoring (MLK holiday)**

Guest Speaker

Every quarter, we bring in a guest speaker whose perspective or experience enlightens and educates the group. This month, we welcome Mike Powers, adult discipleship pastor at Hickory Grove Baptist Church. Pr. Mike has also served many years there as high school pastor. He has a B.A. in Communications, North Carolina State University, Master of Divinity, South-eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently pursuing Doctor of Ministry in Executive Leadership from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Pr. Mike will help us explore ways to bring Bible study into our daily lives in an intentional, committed way.

The Montagnard Mission Council

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

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

Beverly Foster, *AMF liaison*

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.

Sunday School - Starts back Jan. 8th. For all Pre-K through 5th graders. Contact Jill Brooks at 704-724-5861 or jlkbrooks@gmail.com and Karla Lever at levercounseling@gmail.com for more information or to register your child.

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) 4th & 5th Graders

All 4th-5th grade students are invited to a ministry on Wednesday nights call JAM. It stands for Jesus and Me and is a special time just for you to play games, eat a meal together and learn more about Jesus. Come, invite your friends and JAM with us! We start at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. You're welcome to come to worship at 7 pm following JAM. Let Karla Lever know if you have any questions.



Forming Faith with the Youngest



Add faith to your dinner time ritual. Did you know that every week-day a new devotion is posted to the church website called Table Talk? It includes a prayer, scripture and a question. The devotion is designed to add a short faith conversation to your dinnertime. You can also be added to an e-mail list to have the devotion sent to you everyday right around dinner time as a reminder.

My family has been doing this for a couple of months now. We roll the prayer dice that was given away at church. We all hold hands. My youngest son loves the hand holding part and is learning to say "amen." My oldest son usually reads the prayer and then either Victoria or I read the scripture and ask the question. Sometimes we have to help our kids understand the scripture a bit and so we talk about it. Then we ask the question and go around and everyone shares their thoughts. Last week the scripture was about Mary and Elizabeth when Elizabeth's baby jumped for joy in her womb. The question was 'what do you do when you are filled with joy?' Immediately my son stood up on his chair and threw his hands in the air! Then we talked about the joy that Jesus brings. It's a simple way to talk about the faith with our kids on a daily basis.

-Pastor Travis

CIC Youth

Greetings and a Happy New Years Community in Christ Lutheran Church!

I am beyond eager to begin fulfilling Matthew 28 with you. I have dedicated the last 10 years of my life to volunteering, working and serving in the church to equip others to be the hands and feet of Christ. The last 6 years have been simply amazing. I have traveled portions of the world and seen God in many unique ways. The more I see Him in these unique ways the more I hunger for him and pursue Him even more. I sit in expectation of seeing how God is working and will work within Community in Christ. I want to thank you for providing me this opportunity to serve you and most importantly entrusting me with the spiritual growth of your children. I am confident my experience and training will help me better serve you and your students and hopefully set the course for a bright future for the generations of students to come through CIC. This can only be accomplished by our shared relationships and work in ministry together and I look forward to working with you.

A little about myself, I love Coffee. I absolutely love Coffee. Gummy worms/bears are my favorite candy and yes I eat them before bed lol. I love crazy socks and I also enjoy running and reading. Andy Griffin, Robin Williams and Raymond Romano are my favorite actors. I was Born March 20th, 1992 I am a native of Atlanta Georgia, a 2015 alumni of Toccoa Falls College, located in Toccoa, Georgia. While in college I served several summer camps, local boys and girls club and a local elementary school. My love for the mind and reason behind why people do what they do lead me to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling and Psychology with a minor in Biblical Studies.

Serving youth and seeing so many broken families lead me to develop a huge passion for working with children and youth but more so the family as a whole. Because of my love for the family as a whole, I am currently pursuing my Masters of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling with Liberty University. I have dedicated my work and ministry to serving and leading youth to pursue intentional and meaningful relationships with Christ and those who make up their immediate community. I look forward to being a part of that intentional growth with your children. I am convinced nothing is more rewarding than seeing students personalize their individual walks with Christ and I am sure you can agree.

I look forward meeting each of you in the coming weeks and I request your prayers as I continue with the process of transition.

Blessings and Grace,

Deandre Dukes

January Calendar

January 8th– Youth Group 5:00pm

January 15th– Youth Group 5:00pm

January 22th– Youth Group 5:00pm

January 29th– Ski Retreat No Youth group.

February 5th– No Youth Group, Souper Bowl
Sunday

February 12th– 5:00pm Youth.

New Year's Brunch

All high school students are invited to a new year's brunch at 11:00am in the Fellowship hall. We'll discuss the youth director position and possibly more ... :)

We'll also discuss the plans for the 2017 Summer Mission Trip!

Worship at 10am that day and then brunch at 11. Come!

From the Finance Committee:

What a great way to start off the year! These figures are through December 28th, so they are subject to increase.

Budget: 74,865.00
 Actual: 76,467.63
 Difference: +1,602.63

Below are the final 2015-16 Budget figures. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. As you can see, many ministries ended the year with a surplus. Thank you for being good stewards of the budget. Speaking of stewards, thank you to the Stewardship Committee for another great year. 101 families turned in pledge cards with a total pledge amount of \$348,131.00. Great job!

Community in Christ							
2016 Summary Ministry Plan							
For the 12 months ended November 30, 2016							
Description	YTD Nov - Actual			YTD Nov - Budget			General Budget Fav (Unfav)
	Total	Covered by Designated Giving	Covered by General Budget	Total	Covered by Designated Giving	Covered by General Budget	
Contributions/Incoming Funds							
General Contributions (Weekly Offerings)	\$507,893	\$0	\$507,893	\$510,704		\$510,704	(\$2,811)
Designated Giving Used for Expenses	\$56,504	\$56,504	\$0	\$46,026	\$46,026	\$0	\$0
Other Incoming Funds	\$7,270	\$0	\$7,270	\$3,840		\$3,840	\$3,430
MMKT Interest Income	\$549	\$0	\$549	\$420		\$420	\$129
Total Contributions/Incoming Funds	\$572,216	\$56,504	\$515,712	\$560,990	\$46,026	\$514,964	\$748
Cash Expenditures by Area							
Worship	\$3,786	\$767	\$3,019	\$7,860	\$2,160	\$5,700	\$2,681
Witness	\$6,062	\$1,796	\$4,266	\$12,515	\$5,381	\$7,134	\$2,868
Study	\$5,548	\$1,777	\$3,770	\$9,125	\$858	\$8,267	\$4,497
Serve	\$27,395	\$235	\$27,160	\$37,843	\$9,150	\$28,693	\$1,533
Support - General Admin / Finance	\$99,580	\$0	\$99,580	\$100,225		\$100,225	\$645
Support - Property	\$51,677	\$0	\$51,677	\$54,197		\$54,197	\$2,520
Support - Pastor & Staff	\$271,018	\$1,895	\$269,123	268,316	\$0	\$268,316	(\$807)
Montagnard Mission	\$9,906	\$9,235	\$671	\$15,251	\$5,251	\$10,000	\$9,329
Music Ministries	\$5,459	\$0	\$5,459	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$2,541
Youth Ministries	\$40,849	\$40,799	\$50	\$33,000	\$22,000	\$11,000	\$10,950
Total Expenses	\$521,281	\$56,504	\$464,777	\$546,332	\$44,800	\$501,532	\$36,756
Net Income (Loss)	\$50,935	\$0	\$50,936	\$14,658	\$1,226	\$13,432	\$37,504
Net Income	\$37,504.00						
Payment of Mortgage Principal	\$33,168.00						
Ending Cash Surplus	\$4,336.00						

Sign Up to Serve in 2017



Team: A group that provides ministry for the congregation

Committee: A group that provides a ministry for the benefit of the council

Please look through this list and contact the leader if you would like to lend a hand or help organize or take on the leadership role. We welcome all comers.

Adult Faith Formation Team: Pastor Travis Norton pastortravis@communityinchrist.net

New team aimed at coordinating existing and new efforts for adult faith formation

Evangelism Team: Susan Kullstam susan@communityinchrist.net

Assist the director of inviting ministries with welcoming visitors.

Pre-School Team: Jill Brooks jlkbrooks@gmail.com

Meets quarterly with pre-school director to oversee our pre-school, making staffing and financial decisions.

Staff Support Committee: M Stella Ryan daysinator@gmail.com

Provides recommendations to council for staff concerns, provides annual review for staff and pastor, researches and makes recommendations for salaries, assists in hiring and firing process.

Finance Committee: Colleen Karpovitz ckarpovitz@cox.net

Provides financial guidance to the council. Creates financial policies.

Family Life Team: Kate Hartman hans2883@gmail.com

Organizes and facilitates events and congregational meals like soup suppers, Oktoberfest and special events.

Lay Pastor Team: Beth Carroll etc35f@gmail.com

Distributes communion to homebound and hospitalized members, Works with Card Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry to distribute items. Oversees prayer list and ministry.

Sunday School Team: Jill Brooks jlkbrooks@gmail.com

Plans Sunday School year and formulates/coordinates the themes and curriculum for the various ages.

Youth Team: Debbie Davidson debbiedavidson@mindspring.com

Plans the youth ministry calendar, determines mission trips, fundraising and study focus. Oversees youth finances.

Montagnard Mission Council: Susan Conlon conlonfamily1@windstream.net

Provides leadership to the Montagnard Mission Post and Montagnard tutoring program.

Property Team: Kevin Anderson brizz1239@gmail.com

Organize regular clean-up days, respond to maintenance needs.

Altar Guild: Shirley McNeilis sirleymcneilis@yahoo.com

Prepare the Altar for Sunday services, prepare sanctuary for seasonal worship services and funerals.

Men's Ministry: Lars Kullstam lkulls@me.com

Looking for help with leadership to coordinate annual retreat, regular meetings and service projects.

Welca/CiC³: Laverne Waskielis (Welca) ltwaskielis@msn.com CiC³ is looking for a new leader

Welca is Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and includes monthly Monday night bible study and fellowship activities. Service projects include the Angel Tree and serving meals at the Angels and Sparrows soup kitchen on a quarterly basis. CiC³ is the Community in Christ Christian Chicks who hold a bi-weekly Christian book study and monthly gatherings for fellowshiping.

Happy Time Seniors: Doris Hillegass HillegassD@bellsouth.net

Seniors gather monthly for lunch and fellowship at local restaurants.

Outreach Team: Donna Good donna.good@wellsfargo.com

Coordinates God's Work Our Hands Day of Service, helps facilitate ongoing and discern new outreach efforts.

Music Ministries: Sandy Rogers sandy@communityinchrist.net

Leads 9:30 service Praise Team, 11:00 service Choir, Wednesday Night Praise Team and Children's Choir

Worship Assistants: Grace Becker amazinggrace901@hotmail.com

Coordinates ushers, greeters and communion assistants for both 9:30 and 11:00 services



Suzanne Walker	Jan 2	Blake DiBenedictis	Jan 13
Max Anderson	Jan 2	Karen Snyder	Jan 15
Andrea Gulzow	Jan 3	Ryan Hartman	Jan 15
Susan Kullstam	Jan 4	Camden Hutchinson	Jan 16
Aiden Stertzbach	Jan 4	Debbie Vail	Jan 17
Troy Lowden	Jan 5	Diana Elsass	Jan 19
Madelyn Arnett	Jan 5	Christy Hutchinson	Jan 19
Rebecca Shingleton	Jan 6	John Kvantas	Jan 20
Malinda Dameron	Jan 8	Jennifer Block	Jan 21
Jennifer Qasim	Jan 8	Karsyn Dameron	Jan 22
Richard Dameron	Jan 9	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		



*Gregg & Maia Bottemiller
Lee & Marilyn Tillman*

*January 5
January 29*

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am-Coffee 10am-Worship	2 7pm-A.A.	3 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A.	4 9am-Preschool 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry	5 9am-Preschool 6:30pm-O.A.	6 7pm-A.A.	7 10am—A.A. 5:30pm-A.A. dinner & speaker
8 9am-Coffee 9:15am-Children's S.S. 9:30am-Worship/Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship 4pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 9am-Preschool 5:30pm— Montagnard Tutoring 7pm-WELCA 7pm-A.A. 7pm-North Meck Choir	10 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6pm-100 Norman Place HOA meeting 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-Card	11 9am-Preschool 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm-A.A.	12 9am-Preschool 6:30pm-O.A. 7pm-Adult Choir	13 7pm-A.A.	14 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./ Alanon
15 9am-Coffee 9:15am-Children's S.S. 9:30am-Worship/Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship/Adult S.S.	16 9am-Preschool 7pm-A.A. 7pm-Denver Bible Study	17 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 11:45am-Lay Pastor Meeting 6:30pm-O.A.	18 9am-Preschool 11:30am-Happy Times Annual Mtg @ CIC 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm-W.O.W. 6:30pm-A.A. 6:45pm-Small Groups	19 9am-Preschool 7pm-Adult Choir	20 7pm-A.A.	21 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./ Alanon
22 9am-Coffee 9:15am-Children's S.S. 9:30am-Worship/Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship/Adult S.S. 4pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry	23 5:30pm- Montagnard Tutoring 7pm-A.A.	24 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A. 6:30pm-Card Ministry	25 9am-Preschool 1:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm-W.O.W. 6:30pm-A.A. 6:45pm-Small Groups	26 9am-Preschool 7pm-Adult Choir	27 7pm-A.A.	28 10am-A.A. 6:30pm-A.A./ Alanon
29 9am-Coffee 9:15am-Children's S.S. 9:30am-Worship/Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship/Adult S.S. 12pm-New Member Class 3pm-Children's Choir 5pm-H.S. Youth Group	30 5:30pm— Montagnard Tutoring 7pm-Property Committee Mtg 7pm-A.A.	31 9am-Preschool 6:30pm-O.A.				

January Service Blocks

ALTAR GUILD

9:30AM Jean Agner/Kathy Dutton
11:00AM Beth Carroll - Jan 8 & 15
 Shirley McNeilis - Jan 22 & 29

USHER

9:30AM
1 Tim Nohr, Gary Samuelson - **1 service 10 am**
8 Tim Nohr, Gary Samuelson
15 Tim Nohr, Gary Samuelson
22 Tim Nohr, Gary Samuelson
29 Tim Nohr, Gary Samuelson

11:00AM

1
8
15
22 Beth Carroll
29 Beth Carroll

COFFEE CART

10:30AM
1 Barbara Eaker **9:30 am only 1 service at 10 am**
8 Ron & Shari Gomilla
15 Pamela Guthmiller-Larson
22 Gary & Sharon Kautz
29 Lars & Susan Kullstam

BREAD BAKER

1 various
8 Stephanie Wheeler
15 Jean Agner
22 Diana Elsass
29 Cyndi Ball

COUNTERS

1
8
15
22
29

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

9:30AM

1
8 Shari & Ryan Gomilla, Jeff, Gary & Sharon Kautz,
 Bob Liljefors, Debbie Davidson
15 Shari & Ryan Gomilla, Jeff, Gary & Sharon Kautz,
 Bob Liljefors, Debbie Davidson
22 Beth Jaszewski, Norma & Rod Short, Pam Spano,
 Jon & Penny Zimmerman, Barbara Eaker
29 Beth Jaszewski, Norma & Rod Short, Pam Spano,
 Jon & Penny Zimmerman, Barbara Eaker

11:00AM

1
8 Beth Carroll, Joan Garn, Norma Merrell
15 Beth Carroll, Joan Garn, Norma Merrell
22 Carol Moser, Bertie Steely, Fred Classey
29 Carol Moser, Bertie Steely, Fred Classey

Greeter

9:30AM

11:00AM

1
8 Eileen Wissell
15 Eileen Wissell
22 Eileen Wissell
29 Eileen Wissell

ACOLYTE

9:30AM

11:00AM

1
8
15
22
29

Crucifer

9:30AM

11:00AM

1
8
15
22
29

US Postage Paid
 Non-Profit Organization
 Cornelius, NC 28031
 Permit #5

Community In Christ Lutheran Church

7621 Norman Island Drive
 Cornelius, NC 28031
 1-77, Exit 25 2 miles west on HWY 73
 (704) 892-0120 e-mail:
 swheeler@communityinchrist.net



Church Council

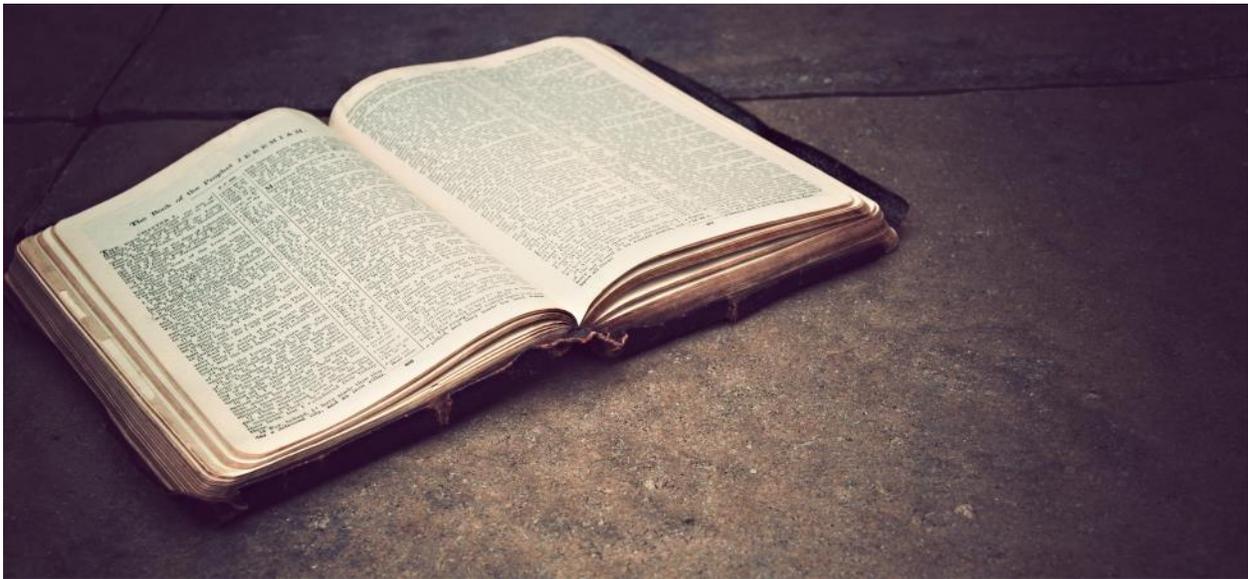
Scott Brooks (VP)
 Robert Maxwell (Secretary)
 Kevin Anderson
 Heidi Rixman
 Bill McGuire
 Marci Winegrad
 Connie White
 Mark Myers
 Kathy Shugartman

Team Leaders

Youth
 Evangelism (Bill McGuire)
 Family Life (Kate Hansen)
 Finance (Colleen Karovitz)
 Technology (Scott Brooks)
 Outreach
 Property (Kevin Anderson)
 Stewardship (Marci Winegrad)
 Support Staff (Heidi Rixman)
 Worship & Music
 Legal Counsel (Tim Nohr)
 Health Ministry (Penny Zimmerman)
 WELCA (Laverne Waskieles)
 Small Groups

Staff

Pastor, Rev. Travis Norton (pastortravis@communityinchrist.net)
 Church Secretary, Stephanie Wheeler (swheeler@communityinchrist.net)
 Music Director, Sandy Rogers (sandy@communityinchrist.net)
 Preschool Director, Sharon Fuller (Shuller9564@gmail.com)
 Director of Inviting Ministries,
 Susan Kullistam (susan@communityinchrist.net)



If you have information you want in the bulletin, please have it *in writing in the Church Office no later than 10:00 AM* on Thursdays. For information to be in the newsletter, please submit it to the church office *in writing no later than 1:00 PM* on the 20th of the month prior to publication. Please contact Stephanie at: 704-892-0120 or swheeler@communityinchrist.net

Are you getting our E-Mails?

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