



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

March 2025

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.org

Worship Update

Sundays in March:

- 9 a.m. Worship (Contemporary & Livestreamed)
- 10 a.m. Sunday School (begins in Narthex), Coffee Cart (Narthex)
- 11 a.m. Worship (Traditional)



****If you would like ashes for at-home use to follow along with the 7 p.m. livestream, please contact the church office on Monday and Tuesday, March 3rd & 4th, to make a request and schedule pick up.*

During the season of Lent, you will notice some variation in our Sunday morning worship together:

- The paraments are the color purple, a color representing repentance and solemnity.
- The Cantic of Praise is omitted from our liturgy. We will move directly from the Kyrie to the Prayer of the Day omitting the song of joyous glory as a way of practicing quiet contemplation.
 - The Gospel Acclamation is the setting for Lent.
- During Holy Communion, the Great Thanksgiving and Preface will always be spoken as a sign of solemnity.
 - We refrain from saying the word Alleluia as we “fast” from this word which means, “Praise the Lord.”

Beginning Wednesday, March 12th, our 5 Midweek Lenten services that follow Ash Wednesday will be a Taizé worship service including an abbreviated communion liturgy. Taizé (pronounced “teh-ZAY”) worship is a meditative form of worship centering us on Christ’s presence with us. It originates from a religious community in southern France founded by Brother Roger in 1940.

From the Pastors.....

In Martin Luther's "The Freedom of the Christian (1520)," he made some significant theological defenses of the extreme views he had caused in his time from asserting that our good works are not part of salvation but are, instead, a result of it. In helping those who would hear him be able to more fully understand the intent behind good works, he wrote, "We do not serve others with an eye toward making them obligated to us. Nor do we distinguish between friends and enemies or anticipate their thankfulness or ingratitude."

Martin Luther didn't just come up with that out of nowhere. He studied scripture and prayed and studied some more. More important than what Martin Luther had to say about how we live our lives is the way the one Martin Luther had faith in told us to live our lives. "34When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? 37He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38This is the greatest and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:34-39)

In our baptismal promises, we commit to "caring for others and the world God made." When we do that, it can look like good works. These good works are serving others not with an eye toward making them obligated to us, but are, instead, acts of the greatest two commandments: loving God and loving neighbor.

During the season of Lent, we are going to intentionally have the opportunity to live out this faith of caring for others and the world God made as we gather each week. Our midweek worship services will remind us of the commandment to "Love Your Neighbor" which is rooted in the deeply seeded command to "Love Your God."

We have invited six of our ministry partners to come share with us how they care for others and the world God made and how we can and do actively engage in the love they share in various ways. In addition to these ministry partners sharing in worship, we will also participate in providing tangible care for them to take with them when they head back out into the world. The financial gifts received from each week's free-will offering at the Wednesday night meal will also be added together to support outreach ministries. Due to the newsletter needing to be printed a little earlier this month, we can't share the entire list of ministry partners yet so please stay tuned to weekly updates in bulletins, announcements, and on social media. ***But, here's a sampling:***

- On Sunday, March 2nd, Heidi Rixman will give Temple Talks at both services. Heidi is a member of CIC and the Chief Development Officer at Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC). On January 24th, the government issued a stop work order for the Refugee Resettlement Reception and Placement Program, halting essential services to legal refugees during their critical first 90 days in the U.S. We will learn more about LSC's ministry and needs during these temple talks. The free-will offering from the Shrove Pancake meal this day will support LSC and tables will be set up during the meal to pack Hygiene Kits for LSC's New Americans Program.
- On Wednesday, March 19th, Jessika Tucker and Brandi Jones from Angels & Sparrows Community Table will join us to share with us the many ways Angels & Sparrows nurtures the bodies and minds of individuals and families in our local community through food and education services. Jessika is the Executive Director of Angels & Sparrows and Brandi is the Director of Education Programs. While together, we will sort and package up snacks for their tutoring program.
- On Wednesday, April 2nd, Pastor Ray and Pastor Ruth Ann Sipe from Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas (LDR) will join us to share ways in which they have been and continue to be present in the recovery, restoration, and rebuilding in Western North Carolina. They will share additional information on other ways they continue to both support and coordinate support to meet particular needs of people across the Carolinas. While together, we will help them complete assembly and preparation of a large mailing that they are working on.
- One Blood's Big Red Bus will be returning one of the Wednesday evenings. On that night, a One Blood representative will be present with us to share the importance of blood donation, who receives blood donations, how the process works, and who is eligible to donate. Once the date is confirmed, a sign-up will be available for anyone who would like to donate that night and walk-ins may also be available depending on space.
- Two more local agencies have been contacted, and we will share their information once their presence is finalized!

In loving God and loving our neighbor, every act of service is to the glory of God. It is never about the "result" or even knowing the "result" but is about the desire to give, to reach out, to make a contribution, to be even just a small part of getting out there caring for others and the world God made. We do hope that you will pray for all of these agencies, listen to these representatives with ears to truly understand the ministry they provide, and, if something speaks to you, ask the leaders how you can be involved in their ongoing efforts! All of our good work put together contributes to the love God is doing and continues to do through ours and others' hands.

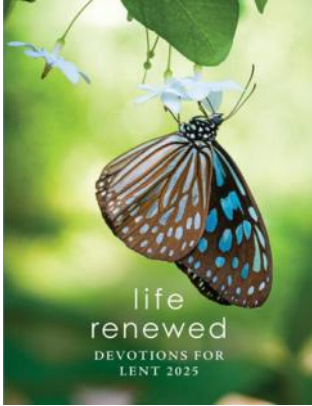
God's Peace Be With You,
Pastor Michael & Pastor Lisa

A Note from your music team:



“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” – Psalm 100:2

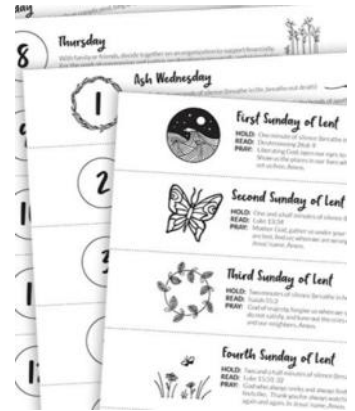
Ash Wednesday is just a few days away, beginning our period of reflection, repentance, spiritual growth, and preparation for Easter. Many Christians give up something during Lent while others choose to add something new into their daily routines. However you choose to spend your Lenten journey, I pray that it is meaningful and enriches your life. I am ready to start this 40-day journey and am very grateful that Easter is on the other side!



Lenten Devotionals are still available in the Narthex! Please pick one up for yourself or take to family and friends!

Easter Flowers:

Orders for Easter Flowers will begin March 30th. The cost will be \$10 per plant. Order forms will be available in the bulletins, narthex and office. Payment can be made through the offering plate or online through the CIC donation page on the website. Keep watch for details.



Office & Staff Information

⇒ Office Administrator, Stephanie Wheeler, is out of the office through Sunday, March 9th. She will return to the office on Monday, March 10th.

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

Pastor Lisa – pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net

Pastor Michael – pastormichael@communityinchrist.net

Stephanie Wheeler, Church Administrator (Notary services available) – swheeler@communityinchrist.net

Finance, Madalyn Wilkinson – financedirector@communityinchrist.net

Music, Sherry Malia – musicdirector@communityinchrist.net

Preschool Director, Sharon Fuller – sfuller9564@gmail.com



Have you joined CIC's new online photo directory yet?

The directory is through a program called Church Center, which is also an app.

Follow the QR code to get started.

If you need assistance, reach out to the church office for help.



Ways to Give of Tithes and Offerings at CIC:



1. Online/Direct Withdrawal

- A. Go to www.communityinchrist.org & click on the “donate now” button in the upper right-hand corner.
- B. Select “Create Profile”
- C. Provide your email address
- D. Create your profile and provide the various pieces of information. Once your profile is created, you can select what types of giving you would like sign-up for.

**When considering this option, please note that church incurs an additional service charge for debit and credit card fees.*

2. Mail In: We have a locked mailbox at CIC that is checked frequently. CIC’s address is 7621 Norman Island Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031

3. Offering Plate: The ushers provide an opportunity for you to place your offering in the offering plate during worship.

4. Are you a Thrivent Financial member? You may be eligible to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to enrolled non-profits that you care about – including our church! Feel free to contact your Thrivent agent to check your eligibility! We appreciate your support of CIC’s ministry through Choice Dollars! **Undesignated 2024 Choice Dollars can be designated until the end of March 2025! Be sure to check your accounts!**

Stock Account—Have you ever thought about giving the gift of stocks, mutual funds, or IRAs? CIC has a resource available through Thrivent Financial to transfer these funds to the church into a charitable, tax-free gift account. If you would like to learn more about this possibility or have questions please contact Gary Samuelson (704-506-3234) and/or Madalyn Wilkinson at financedirector@communityinchrist.net.

Office Communication: Please be in touch with Stephanie in the church office (swheeler@communityinchrist.net) about the following:

- If you read the newsletter online and prefer that it no longer be mailed to your physical address.
- If you have switched to giving primarily through digital means and no longer have a need for physical envelopes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRATION DATE IF YOU ARE SET UP FOR AUTO DEDUCTION ON OUR WEBSITE.



Are you a Thrivent Financial member? You may be eligible to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to enrolled non-profits that you care about – including our church! Feel free to contact your Thrivent agent to check your eligibility! Undesignated 2024 Choice Dollars can be directed through the end of March! We appreciate your support of CIC’s ministry



Prayers

Prayers for Members: Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, Janet Shuping, Betty Classey, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps, Shirley McNeilis, Blaire Hart, Warren Hamby, Anne Randolph, John Iversen, Ron Major, Ron Raper, Deb Myers, Karen Frank, Bill Rockwood, Brenda Tripathi, Woody Barefoot, Carl Yost, Rosalind Greenberg, Judi LaBuda, Bob Shugarman, Mary Anne Merkel, Dane Horna, Mary Beth Ball, J.J. McNeilis, Gary Kautz, Don Elsass, Linda Snyder, Alice Ritter, Kareem Saral, Pat Wood

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Jon Hearn (friend of Jim and Robin Konieczny), Scott Babcock (friend of Bob Shugarman), Barbara Elsass (family of Diana Elsass), Nancy Short (Rod Short’s mother), Dorothy Hoefflinger (Friend of Ed Bauer), Matt Woodell (Carol Moser’s cousin’s son-in-law), Joyce Kelly (Stelly Ryan’s sister), Donna, Craig, Bev & Jeff (friend’s of Mary Lou Blevins), Edison & Mary Speck (Liann Musano’s parents), Dave Frank (Andy Frank’s brother)

Prayers for all active duty military personnel and their families, healthcare workers, first responders and public servants (Community In Christ thanks you and continues to pray for you)

The Lay Pastors meet monthly to pray for all people on the list. They also send out cards letting them know they have been prayed for. Please provide addresses to send the cards. Please submit all prayer requests to the office: 704-892-020 or swheeler@communityinchrist.net.

Group Ministry News.....

YOUNG TALENT SHOWCASE: Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 23! CIC will be hosting a young talent showcase. Come enjoy an afternoon of music performed by promising young musicians from my piano studio, Linda Dumizo's flute and piano studio, and CIC young musicians. Linda and I will also be playing a flute/piano duet. Performance opportunities are so important for young artists, so come and show your encouragement. The showcase begins at 3:00 pm and a reception will follow. I hope to see you there - Sherry

Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study: Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex.

March Grocery Cart: During the month of March, we will be collecting items for the kitchen at Angels and Sparrows Community Table. Did you know that Angels and Sparrows serves over 1,300,000 meals a year? Angels and Sparrows is a non-profit whose mission is to "empower families to reach their potential by providing access to food security and educational opportunities that lead to a fresh start." To find out more about Angel and Sparrows check out: angelsandsparrows.org
This month we will be collecting these needed items: ***beef broth (cartons preferred), canned carrots, cream of mushroom soup.*** When you're doing your shopping this month please consider picking up a few of these items and adding them to the grocery cart at CIC. Thank you for your continued support to our grocery cart collections. Your generosity is making a difference!

Happy Times Seniors: We will meet this month on Wednesday, March 19th, at 11:30 a.m. at Killington's Restaurant & Bar in Huntersville. Please join us! For more information contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or hunterron35@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry crafts prayer shawls, hats/scarf sets, blankets, and prayer clothes for those in need. If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn how - please join us! We could certainly use your help. No experience necessary!!!! The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability. Just contact Kathy Dutton (see email address below) and she will add your name to the group email list and keep you informed. In March we will focus on crafting hats/scarf sets to replenish our supplies for the upcoming winter season. We meet in person at CIC on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the CIC Parlor, the room with the comfy furniture near the Spirit Center. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! Of course, you can also participate in this important ministry at home by crafting items, and bringing them to CIC. If you have any questions, or would like more information, contact Kathy Dutton mamabissy@gmail.com or Diana Elsass dianaelsass@gmail.com.

Card Ministry News: The CIC Card Ministry team creates cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. All are welcome and no experience is needed! We will meet twice in March to make cards and enjoy fellowship with one another. We'll be meeting Tuesday, March 11th, at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom #1. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Need more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at 940-300-2290 or shugs02@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and purchase and sending out our cards.

Quilting Ministry: The quilt ministry will meet on Thursdays, March 13th & 27th, at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom #1. Visitors are welcome. We welcome anyone who can iron, cut or help to tie quilts. Come check us out. Everyone is welcome! Please call Barbara Eaker @ (704) 451-5922 with any questions or suggestions.

The 5:11s (women's group): All women of CIC are welcome to The 5:11s. Based upon 1st Thessalonians 5:11, we are a women's group that "encourages one another and builds one another up, just as you are doing." Contact Jill Brooks or Tracy Lyon with any questions at Jlbrooks@gmail.com or vikingtk@hotmail.com.

⇒ **Women's Retreat's Retreat, March 14-16, 2025:** We are excited that author, public speaker, professor, and all-around wonderful human being (and Lutheran!), Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, will be our keynote speaker and conversation partner at this year's Women's Retreat. Please try to read "Outlaw Christian" and "Love Without Limits" before the retreat. We will gather at Camp Agape March 14-16, 2025. Cost is \$200 per person. Register on Church Center and pay CIC on the "Donate Now" button or by check with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

⇒ Camp Agape is located approximately 15 minutes from downtown Fuquay-Varina, NC and 2 1/2 hours from Community in Christ. Questions? Contact Susan Kullstam skulls01@me.com or Pastor Lisa pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net. Camp Agape: [https://agapekurebeach.org/1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC](https://agapekurebeach.org/1369-Tyler-Dewar-Lane,-Fuquay-Varina,-NC)

Employer Dollar Donations



Maybe your company has an incentive program to "Turn Your Volunteer Hours to Money." When volunteering, you may have the opportunity to record those hours at work and your company may reward you with designating money to a charity of your choice including Community in Christ! This option was available for Tracy Lyon to select in 2024 and still there for 2025. Or maybe your company simply offers, as an employee benefit, the opportunity for you to direct dollars that they would like to give to nonprofits their employees care about. Either way, you're encouraged to look for these types of opportunities at your employer. Want to learn more about Tracy's experience designating funds? Reach out to her at 612-805-3977.

Souper Bowl of Caring

We're grateful for your generosity in supporting Angels & Sparrows Community Table through the Souper Bowl of Caring!

Angels & Sparrows empowers families to reach their potential by providing access to food security and educational opportunities that lead to a fresh start. To see what Souper Bowl of Caring's impact was this year, keep an eye on their website tacklehunger.org as more organizations report their donations!

BIG MATCH

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES V COMMERCIALS V KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

UNDESIGNATED - \$360
COMMERCIALS - \$493
KANSAS CITY - \$883
PHILADELPHIA - \$938

TOTAL - \$2674

ANGELS & SPARROWS

SUPER BOWL OF CARING

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ANGELS & SPARROWS!

CIC Softball



It is that time of year!! Softball is right around the corner, with our first game being March 9th. We are looking for any players (16 years old or older anytime in 2025) (male and female) who are interested in a lot of fun and fellowship!! If you want to join your fellow CIC team members, (with the greatest fan base in the league), please let Paul Miller, p.k.miller1@gmail.com or Pastor Michael know. The first practice will be held in a couple of weeks. More information about the practice and games will be coming shortly.

Softball Game Schedule: March 9 at 2 p.m. in Field 2, March 16 at 4 p.m. in Field 1, March 23 (doubleheader) 2 p.m. in Field 1 and 3 p.m. in Field 1, March 30 at 2 p.m. in Field 2, April 6 at 2 p.m. in April 13-25 Tournament. Games are played at North Mecklenburg Park on Old Statesville Road.

It's almost March Madness Time!



If you're the least bit interested in college basketball, you're strongly encouraged to participate in CIC's NCAA Men's & Women's Basketball Bracket Challenge. What is a "bracket challenge?"— In mid-March, tournament brackets will be created by a selection committee. Within those brackets, you will then pick who you think will win every potential match-up (and don't worry, your guess is as good as anyone's...in fact, most of our brackets will be more accurate than the analysts on ESPN). It really is as simple as that. Your strategy for picking a winner can be based on seedings, team preferences, mascots, the flipping of a coin... As the tournament goes along, we'll rank who has made the most accurate picks. The challenge is just for fun as well as for bragging rights. The intent is to have a simple and enjoyable activity that EVERYONE can participate in. Stay posted for the bracket details as we get closer to the release of the brackets!



Everyone is invited to a
WORSHIP CELEBRATION

on the occasion of the
retirement of
The Rev. Dr. Tim Smith
as bishop of the
NC Synod of the ELCA

Saturday, March 29, 2025
2:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 West Innes Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

A brief reception will follow.



Lenten Bible Study
REVELATION
with Bishop Tim Smith
Thursdays, March 13 - April 10 at 7 p.m.

Bishop Tim's Lenten Bible Study

Bishop Tim Smith will offer an online Bible study on the book of Revelation during Lent—specifically, the five Thursdays beginning March 13 and concluding on April 10—from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Don't miss this opportunity to study Revelation with other Lutherans across the synod!

Click on the QR code to register!



Living Lutheran

Living Lutheran Magazine is back in print!

The ELCA has found a way to bring Living Lutheran back to print. Each issue (spring, summer, winter and fall) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community. The cost for one year will be \$19.95 for an individual subscription. If you are interested, go here to sign up for a subscription: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe>

Sunday School

On Sunday, March 2nd, there is NO Sunday School ... but all children and families are invited to head over to the Fellowship Hall between services for the Shrove Pancake breakfast! There will be an activity for youth ... and a prize!

Children's Sunday School meets between services March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th!

First Communion Instruction: If your 2nd grader or older would like to receive First Communion instruction this year during the season of Lent, with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday (April 17th) and you have not already been in contact with Pastor Lisa, please email her ASAP. (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)

Confirmation: The Confirmation students will soon begin their Lenten projects which will highlight a range of Lenten disciples.



If you have more of these plastic eggs than you know what to do with at your house and would like to repurpose them for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, please give them to Pastor Lisa by March 31st!



Agape Day Camp is coming to CIC June 16th-20th!

What is Agapé Day Camp? Agapé Day Camp is run through the summer programming at Agapé † Kure Beach Ministries, an outdoor ministry of the NC Synod. The counselors travel to us to lead the campers in songs, games, Bible Studies, nature activities, crafts, and both Biblically- based as well as silly skits. They bring outdoor ministries to us! The Middle School program is an opportunity for youth to grow and give back to the community. Agape provides team building exercises and challenges while the congregation arranges at least three service-learning opportunities (TBD and likely off-site) throughout the week.



When is Agapé Day Camp? Monday, June 16th through Friday, June 20th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mon-Thurs) and 9 a.m. to Noon (Fri) at Community in Christ. There is an optional, but very fun, program on Thursday evening (the 22nd) where the kids have a chance to show off what they have learned throughout the week and you get to meet the counselors!

Who attends Agapé Day Camp? Children entering grades 1 to 8 in the 2025-2026 school year. Maximum capacity for the camp is 32 campers!

How do I register? Complete the attached form: Summer Day Camp Registration Form/Profile Information. Turn in the Registration Fee. **How?** A check written out to Community in Christ with "Agape Day Camp" in the memo line. Online under the "Agape Day Camp" selection in the "Donate Now" option at www.communityinchrist.org

Amount: 1 child - \$100 for the week/ 2 children from same household - \$190 for the week/ 3 children from same household - \$275 for the week. *The cost of Agape Day Camp is subsidized by CIC's Annual Golf Outing. Submission of the form and the payment completes registration. Paperwork and payment can be turned into the church office or to Pastor Lisa. A Health History Form will be completed at a later date. Find the registration form here!:

Senior High/Youth Gathering

Many of our SR High and Middle School youth will be attending the Synod's LYO Gathering in Greensboro the first weekend of March. This is a traditional event planned and led by SR High students who are part of the Lutheran Youth Outreach Board. Hundreds of Lutherans from across the state will spend the weekend together in fellowship, worship, and study. Look for more information and photos of this faith-enriching experience soon!



CIC



Weekday Preschool

Preschool Director: Sharon Fuller
704-892-0120 ext 104
sfuller9564@gmail.com

Preschool Registration for 2025/2026: Registration is open! **Child must be classroom age by August 31st, 2025, or December 31st, 2025, for TK**

Tuitions for 2025/2026: \$320.00 for 2-year-old classes, \$300 for 3-year-old classes, \$350.00 for 4-year-old & PK class and \$360 for TK class. Tuition is due on the 1st of the month, with September's tuition along with the supply fee of \$55, and is due on May 1st, 2025.

- CIC Preschool is not equipped to teach children with special needs.
- All 3-, 4- & 5-year-old children must be toilet trained by the first day of class.
- Scholarships are available for eligible families. Please see the director for details.
- We offer a 10% discount on tuition for families with multiple preschool children.



*****The CIC Weekday Preschool also has CURRENT openings for the remainder of this school year: *****

One 2 year old, one 3-year-old, four 4-year-olds, three Pre-Ks, four TKs.

Please share with your friends and have them reach out to the preschool today to learn more! Currently enrolled families who refer a new family will receive a \$25 discount on their next month's tuition!

Referrals from non-preschool families receive a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp is now open. Each camp session is \$170 with a \$85 non-refundable registration fee that will hold your child's spot in the camp. This fee will be applied to the total camp cost and the balance of \$85 for each camp is due 2 weeks prior to that camp.

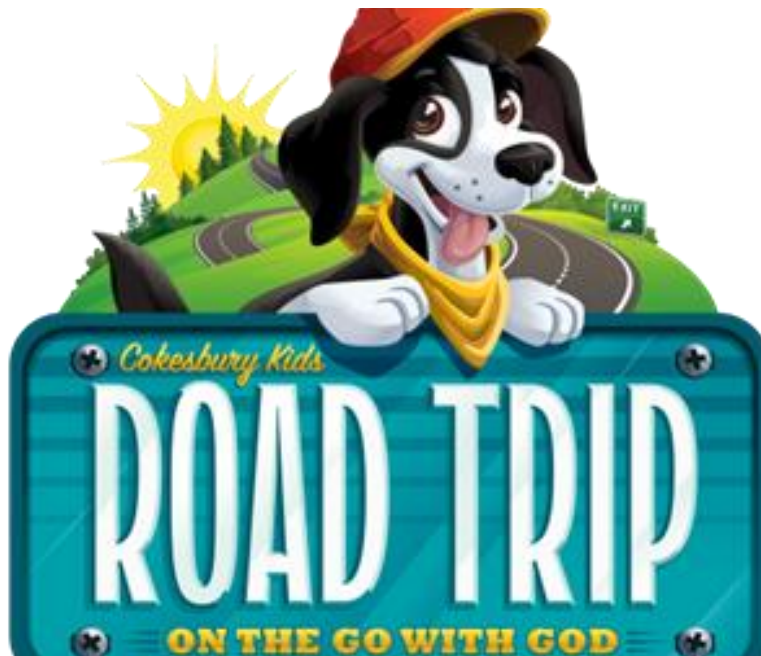
Camp dates & themes are: June 2-5—Beach Blast, June 23-26—Little Explorers, July 14-17—Tiny Picassos and August 4-7—Disney Adventures. All camps run from 9:05 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please call or email Sharon Fuller (sfuller9546@gmail.com) for more details, refer to our website (communityinchrist.org) for an online registration form or follow the QR code above.

Summer camp!

Summer camp registrations are open! Check out the summer schedules for the Lutheran camps in North Carolina and see what works for you! The pastors are always happy to talk camp with you if have any questions! Similarly, all camps are in need of great summer staff! If you know a college-age young adult looking for a meaningful and fun summer job, have them reach out to the camps or refer them to the pastors!

Summer Camp - Agape Kure Beach Lutheran Summer Camps | Lutherock In North Carolina



A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE
ON THE OPEN ROAD
“ON THE GO WITH GOD”
July 27 – July 31
6:00 – 8:00 PM

More details and registration information will be in the April Newsletter
Save the date for this amazing adventure

Please contact Suzi Hinrichs or Kathy Shugarman with questions
suzihinrichs@gmail.com or shugs02@gmail.com

Finance Page

We had another strong month in January. Member gifts brought in \$57.2k (YTD \$323k). With the continued generous response from the Congregation, we are very close to eliminating the deficit gap. Preschool revenues brought in \$14.8k (YTD \$81.2k) which included \$1.7k registration fees for the next school year. Speaking of registration, it is going really well, both for summer camps, and the 2025-26 school year. Please continue to spread the word about our wonderful preschool to friends and neighbors. On the spending side, we made a large tithe to the Synod out of the abundance received over Christmas (\$7.4k). We also paid a \$4.5k quarterly insurance installment, \$1.3k participant fees for the Synod Gathering, \$0.9 computer/software fees, which included annual renewal for Google Nest security system and McAfee anti-virus protection, and \$0.6k for annual fire alarm inspection/maintenance. Electricity was \$2.8k, high due to cold weather in January. In addition to that, we used designated funds to pay \$7.7k for carpet tile install, \$5.5k for roofing repairs and we made a \$1k gift to Lutheran Services Carolinas. Total expenses for the month were \$72.6 (YTD 412.9k). We ended the month with a small surplus of \$0.8k, which brought down the YTD deficit to \$3.3k.~Madalyn Wilkinson, Finance Director

Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan	July 24-June 25 Budget	January 2025 Actual	% of Budget
<i>Revenues</i>			
Member Contributions	\$522,000	\$323,016	62%
Preschool Revenue <i>Preschool tuition and fees</i>	168,415	81,155	48%
Other Revenue <i>Bank interest, Facility usage, credit card rewards</i>	23,910	5,533	23%
Total Revenues	714,325	409,703	57%
<i>Expenses</i>			
Worship <i>Altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	5,250	3,646	69%
Witness <i>Offering envelopes, new member activities</i>	1,890	439	23%
Synod benevolence	52,200	31,772	61%
Administration <i>Computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>	44,239	30,253	68%
Mortgage <i>Principal and interest on mortgage</i>	69,348	40,453	58%
Property <i>Building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	57,022	30,677	54%
Staff <i>Salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i>	342,961	197,518	58%
Music Ministries <i>Guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fee, handbells, AV maintenance</i>	5,000	2,634	53%
Youth Ministries <i>Youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i>	3,150	574	18%
Preschool <i>Staff salaries and benefits, activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	132,833	74,994	56%
Total Expenses	713,893	412,959	58%
Surplus	\$432	(\$3,256)	


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in Christ

Sunday Worship:

9 a.m.—Contemporary & Livestreamed
10 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship and
Children's Sunday School
11 a.m.—Traditional

Wednesday Worship:

March 5—Ash Wednesday noon & 7 p.m.
March 12, 19, & 26—6 p.m. Soup Supper, 7 p.m. Worship

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