



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

June 2022

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



Sundays in July

Join us for worship in June at 10 a.m. on Sundays both in the sanctuary and on livestream!
Coffee Cart is serving at 9:30 a.m. and again after worship under the breezeway!

[Facebook Link](#)

[YouTube Link](#)

[Regathering Information](#)



Worship Update



Welcome, Reverend Sara Cutter! Pastor Sara will lead CIC in worship on Sundays, July 10th and August 14th.

The Reverend Sara Cutter lives in Hickory, North Carolina and serves as the Senior Director for Operational Effectiveness in the Christian Community and Leadership Home Area of the ELCA's churchwide organization. In this role, she manages the operations of a variety of ministries engaged with supporting and nurturing ELCA communities and their leaders. Prior to serving in this role, she led three different parishes of varying sizes and locations. In Pastor Sara's earlier professional days she worked as an engineer and during that time earned an MBA. She is married to another pastor, the Reverend Todd Cutter who serves as the University Pastor and Director of Spiritual Life at Lenoir-

Rhyne University. Together they have a delightful daughter (Amelia) and a persnickety dog (Belle). She is an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan and overjoyed that the Bengals FINALLY made it to the Super Bowl this year.

From the Pastors.....

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. Genesis 2:2-3

Happy Summer everyone! And yes, it is still very much Summer. We know the calendar has already turned to July, and July takes us on a downward trajectory towards August which is oh so close to September and the season of Fall. Regardless, right now, at this specific point in time, it is Summer.

Summer, in many ways, is our season of rest. Now, many of you might call us out for saying such a thing because for these 3 months you've got more going on than normal. You're out fiddling in the yard, you're venturing to baseball tournaments, you're attending weddings, you're playing in golf league, you're getting the kiddos to Day Camp, you're cruising around on Lake Norman, you're catching up with neighbors, and you're going to foreign lands like other countries or Ohio to vacation...there's lots of stuff happening during the summer, that's for sure. It's just, even though these summer activities can be busy and tiring, they also have the potential to be restful. They're restful because many of these summer events are different from what we've been doing for the rest of the year.

Summer becomes a necessary change of pace. It can be our seasonal Sabbath from what is done and experienced September-May. Given our geographical location, and the type of weather we regularly experience, we can get doses of this change of pace more often than others. Nevertheless, it is still tempting and common for us to cram as many activities and responsibilities into this 3-month window as possible which can result in this change of pace becoming more negative than positive—a highly unfortunate outcome, particularly considering that Sabbath rest is intended, by God, to help us rejuvenate and connect.

So, if on Monday morning, you're regularly dragging yourself out of bed, exhausted from your hectic schedule, you're not experiencing the Sabbath the way you're intended to. Likewise, if on Monday morning, you're spiritually drained, emotionally and internally struggling with the stressors of life and this world, you're not experiencing the Sabbath the way you're intended to.

The good news is that Summer isn't over yet. We suppose you can consider that to be a warning or an invitation (although we prefer it being an invitation!). That means, if you are exhausted from whatever it is you've been doing, reassess your agenda. Most importantly, if your connectivity to God is feeling lackluster, step things up! That's a crucial part of the gift of Sabbath – to spend time with God. If you can, get to worship in person or participate via livestream. Read scripture, PRAY!, do devotions, listen to hymns or Christian music in the car, volunteer somewhere...

The opportunity to rest and to be both physically and spiritually rejuvenated is here. But to truly experience the gift of Sabbath, one has to intentionally act upon it. God gives us time to rest, it's up to us to actually use the gift...and we definitely need to! Multiple, momentous events are occurring weekly these days: the horrific mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas; the ongoing war in Ukraine; the hearings of the January 6 committee; the decision of the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*; the ongoing pandemic; and all of the personal stressors we face. We need the gift of Sabbath to help us have the strength to work through the emotions and hard conversations that keep coming our way.

Sabbath time can and will be available once Summer has passed and we get into those other seasons. But as you know, lots of things can start filling our schedules during those months that make restful-wholistic-rejuvenation even more difficult. So, don't wait to enjoy the gift of this season—do it now! If you can, unplug from the typical day-to-day demands, take some time away, connect to God and, when Monday(s) rolls around, be as refreshed as possible and ready to continue the work that God has called you to that lies before you.

God's peace be with you,
Pastor Michael & Pastor Lisa

Office Update

- ⇒ The church office is closed on Monday, July 4th.
- ⇒ Office Administrator, Stephanie Wheeler, will be out of the office on Tuesday, July 5th, and Friday, July 8th. She will be working an altered schedule of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, July, 7th, and the week of July 18th through 22nd.
- ⇒ The pastors are out of the office July 9th through July 16th.

Office & Staff Information

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

Pastor Lisa – pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net

Pastor Michael – pastormichael@communityinchrist.net

Stephanie Wheeler, Church Administrator – swheeler@communityinchrist.net

Sandy Barefoot, Director of Music Ministries – sandy@communityinchrist.net

Finance - Madalyn Wilkinson—financedirector@communityinchrist.net



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 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 a contact-free opportunity for you to place your offering in the offering plate during worship.

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.

June 17th was a great (k)Night at the Knights!



Prayers

Prayers for Members: Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, Jim Carney, Joan Garn, Renate Von Dohlen, Lee Tillman, Janet Shuping, Dane Horna, Betty Classey, Don Snyder, Louanne Schweitzer, Pat Hamby, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps, Shirley McNiellis, Blaire Hart, Rosalind Greenberg, Phil Lowe

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Gary Finlay Jr. (Deborah Lowe's cousin); Dana Heidelberger (friend of Pat & Scott Wood); Linda Wallace (Melissa Martucci's mother); Margaret Orendorff (Diana Elsass's mother); Volosin Family (Extended family of Diana Elsass); Canan Saral (pronounced "Jahnan" (mother of Karem Saral); Sam Fair (nephew of Deborah Lowe); Lona LeSchander (friend of Ed & Susan Bauer); Kathy Schreur (Andy & Karen Frank's daughter-in-law's mother); Kathy Edwards (Andy Frank's sister)

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 at 704-892-020 or swheeler@communityinchrist.net.



Things to take note of:



Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study: Join the weekly Bible Study that meets in the narthex on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Help Wanted!: The Coffee Cart is looking for hosts! Contact Carol Moser to learn more or sign-up at cbmoser@aol.com.

Sunday Mornings Can Use Your Help! We are looking to expand all of our teams!:

- **A/V Booth**—Slides, Streaming, Sound
- **Ushers**—Offering, Communion direction
- **Worship Assistants**—Readings, Prayers, Communion Distribution
- **Communion Assistants**—Communion Distribution
- **Altar Guild**—Communion preparation, set up, and clean up, Changing of paraments

If you are interested in learning more about any of these ways to serve on a Sunday morning or are ready to be added to the rotation, please contact Pastor Michael or Pastor Lisa.

New Members Class, August 21st following worship: Are you interested in learning more about the congregation? Are you ready to join CIC? Please reach out to Pastor Michael and Pastor Lisa (pastormichael@communityinchrist.net and pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net) to talk more about upcoming New Member Class opportunities. The next New Member Class will take place following worship on Sunday, August 21st following worship. The Welcoming of New Members in worship will take place on Sunday, September 11th.

New Volunteer Opportunity At Angels & Sparrows: Angels & Sparrows is proud to partner with Read a Book, Earn a Book, a nonprofit that will allow us to bring literacy in a fun and engaging way to the children participating in our *Pathway* Tutoring and Education program. The program provides brand-new books from all genres and for all age groups to children in the program and provides them with an opportunity to explore new worlds by reading with a companion. The books they read, as well as the number, is tracked so that they can see their accomplishments. After each book is read, they can take it home to re-read for themselves or to someone else. The program will take place each Tuesday and Thursday evening between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., beginning July 12th. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to at least one of those days each week so that the kids can bond with their reading companion and feel comfortable asking questions, etc. Our program terms will mirror CPCC's schedule to accommodate the classes the parents' will be taking. If you'd like to help ignite curiosity among our children, please contact Brandi@angelsandsparrows.org. Training will be taking place soon!

Ring, Ring, Ring, calling all handbell ringers and anyone who wants to learn! You are invited to make a joyful noise with us, adult choir starting rehearsals starting on August 21st. Please complete the following survey if interested:

- **Adult Choir:** <https://forms.gle/dfucZfW2vsfwCfJ27>

New for 2022 we are looking to launch different choirs for those under 18 years old

- **Youth and Children Choirs (Under 18):** <https://forms.gle/2SSWBh8vymYffarRA>
- Please email or call Ashley Knoy if you have any questions at ashleyknoy@gmail.com or 704-208-6922.

Group Ministry News.....

WELCA



If you are a Female member of the Congregation, you are automatically a member of WELCA. We will resume Monthly meetings at the church on the second Monday of September at 6:30 p.m.. Our current study material is "BIBLE WOMEN, ALL THEIR WORDS AND WHY THEY MATTER" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman.

- This summer we will be continuing our traditional Social events in lieu of meetings we meet at the following local restaurants for fellowship at 6:30 - **July 11th** – Outback Steak House, **August 8th** – Carrabba's Italian Grill. If you are planning to attend the June 13th dinner please inform Laverne via text at 704-576-8675 or email at ltwaskielis@msn.com.
- Our current Treasurer has resigned so we are looking for a replacements or if someone will take the position of secretary the secretary would take over the Treasurer.
- The Annual Gathering will be held this year: On September 18th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville. The theme will be "RENEWED DAY BY DAY". We are looking forward to reuniting Lenoir-Rhyne University next year.
- Barbara Eaker will be project leader for the making of "Wellness kits", further information to follow.

Happy Time Luncheon



Happy Times seniors July Luncheon will be at H2 Public House, 19906 North Cove Road, in Cornelius at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20th. RSVP to Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or HunterRon35@hotmail.com.

CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry



The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into hand crafted shawls, scarves, hats, blankets and prayer cloths for those in need. 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. Join us and share in this ministry! Just contact Kathy Dutton at mamabissy@gmail.com

In July, we will begin to focus on re-building our supply of hat/scarf sets for those in need. Last year, we donated more than 130 sets to support those served by agencies including Angels & Sparrows, East Lincoln Christian Ministry, Room at the Inn, and the Levine Hospice Center. We will continue to meet in person in the CIC Spirit Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 pm. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! If you are interested in coming to the in-person meetings, please contact Kathy Dutton and she will send you the necessary information. Of course, you can also participate in this important ministry at home by crafting items, and bringing them to CIC.

Card Ministry News



CIC Card Ministry will be taking a break during the month of July. We hope you will consider joining us to create cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives, in August. No experience necessary! If you have any questions about this ministry contact Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com.

Quilting Ministry



This is a new ministry! If you enjoy sewing or want to learn please join us! In July we will meet Thursday the 14th & 28th from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Classroom #1 near the Spirit Center. Questions? Contact Barbara Eaker at 704-483-2060.

July Grocery Cart



July Grocery Cart Collection: This summer Angels and Sparrows will serve over 1000 lunches a week with their Summer Bag Lunch Program for Kids. They are making a concentrated effort to provide healthy snacks in the bag lunches, with whole grain and low/no sugar items. And we can help!

In July we will collect Jif to Go Natural Peanut Butter Cups and Individually packaged Whole Wheat crackers. While you're grocery shopping this month please consider adding these items to your cart and bringing them to the CIC grocery cart. What a difference it will make in the lives of many kids in our community! Thank you to everyone who has already help support the Summer Lunch Bag program with putting items in our cart in the Narthex.

**You are still able to make a gift and pledge to Lutheran Services Carolinas
Be the Light Capital Campaign.**



There are two ways people can make an online gift.

- One time only donations: <https://lscarolinas.net/onetime/> (members need to remember to include CIC in the comment section)
- Three year pledge: [Be the Light Statement of Intent](#) (members will be required to add CIC for form) Forms were mailed to members at the beginning of the campaign and more will be available at the Welcome Desk.

If you haven't had a chance to watch the campaign overview, please take a look at the campaign video link: [LSC's Be the Light campaign - YouTube](#)



Thank you for participating in One Blood's Big Red Bus on June 12th!

The 9 units of blood that were collected that morning have the ability to impact up to 27 people!



NC Synod Gathering - June 2-4 in Hickory

The NC Synod's first ever Synod Gathering took place earlier in June at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory. To read up on what took place during the Gathering, see the links at the following site: [Synod Gathering 2022 Wrap-Up - North Carolina Synod](#) (nclutheran.org)



Preschool, Sunday School & Youth News:

Preschool Registration for the 2022/2023 School Year Is Open!

- ⇒ Tuition for 2022/2023: \$270.00 for 2-year-old and 3-year-old students and \$305.00 for 4-year-old, PK and TK students.
- ⇒ There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$75 due at the time of enrollment.

- ⇒ Child must be classroom age by August 31st, 2022 or by December 31st, 2022 for the TK class
- ⇒ To schedule a tour contact Sharon Fuller at 704-892-0120 ext 104 or sfuller9564@gmail.com.
- ⇒ Visit our website for the link to the registration form—CommunityinChrist.org click Youth tab - click Weekday Preschool. Link to registration form [here](#).



Save the Date! - Family Camp at Camp Agapé

Head to Camp Agapé, located about 45 minutes south of Raleigh, September 2-5 for a weekend of Family Camp! Grow closer to God, in community with your family unit with daily worships and devotions. Enjoy God's beautiful creation with hikes, archery, and swimming. Pastor Lisa & Pastor Michael are the chaplains for the weekend providing family devotions and leading worship. Find more information here: https://agapekurebeach.org/retreats/family_camp/

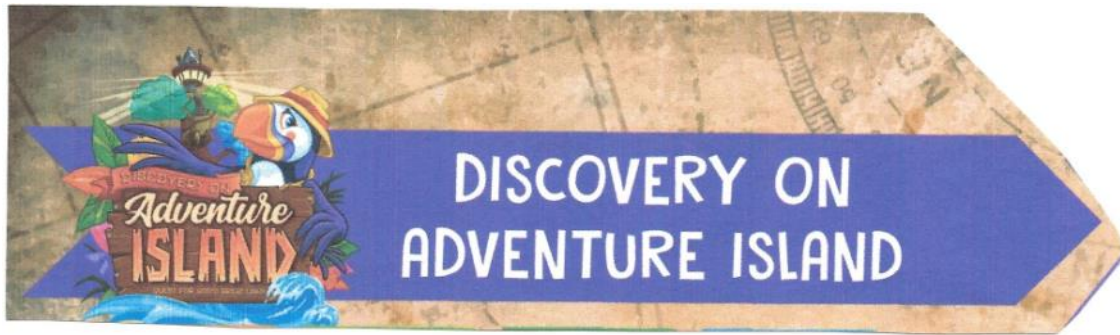


THANK YOU for your generous support of Agapé Day Camp! With your support: 16 children had a fun-filled week learning about Jesus and creation, playing games, singing songs, and eating snacks; 4 counselors had a comfortable home, 60 meals, and a week they are quoted as talking about as "This is a dream day camp."; and the children, counselors, and parents got to enjoy an Ice Cream (Truck) Social after their closing program showing off what they had experienced and learned throughout the week! Thank you!

Save the Date!



CIC will have a golf outing on Monday, August 22nd at NorthStone Country Club in Huntersville! More information will be available soon!



MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR!

July 31- August 4, 6:00-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Registration cost is \$15.00/child with a maximum cost for a family \$30.00.
(Registration Forms available in the narthex or online at communityinchrist.org)

This will be a time for Bible stories, crafts, science, games, missions, building friendships, snacks and SO MUCH MORE!

News from the Adventure Island VBS Corner:

ONLY FOUR WEEKS UNTIL VBS!!!

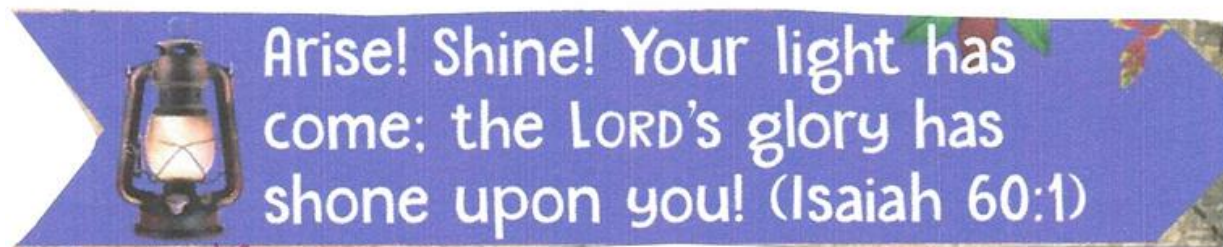


We had a wonderful planning meeting with our volunteers on June 26. We are fortunate to have so many people eager to be a part of this great ministry. WE do have a few vacancies we would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider. WE need Island Guides. You would Greet and Shepherd your group of Explorers safely between stations while building a strong bond with them. WE also need more Station Assistants. You would lend a helping hand to a Station Leader. Additionally, there is a need for Island Volunteers. You would help in any way you can. If you find it difficult to commit to attending all five days, please reach out to either Kathy or Suzi to explore options.

Parents and Grandparents...It's not too late to register children ages 4 - 5th grade to attend Adventure Island Vacation Bible School. WE have so many opportunities for the students to learn about the Light of God, explore what it means to be a light to others, participate in group games, be creative with crafts and investigate some science concepts, AND GET WET! After all it is an Island Adventure. Please pick up a registration form from the VBS Display or register online on the Community In Christ website: communityinchrist.org.

Please check out the VBS Display. You will notice more lanterns have been added. Many of these additional items are requested by the Station Leaders for materials they need for our explorers to enrich their station experience. Thank you to all of you who have already taken lanterns from the display. Your generosity has been noticed.

CONTACT: Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com OR Suzi Hinrichs at suzihinrichs@gmail.com.



Finance Page

May brought in \$45.1k in financial gifts, for a year-to-date total of \$467.5k (4% behind YTD budget). We had no unusual spending this month. We paid for landscaping and pruning around the property (\$830), renewed our bulk postage permit (\$265), made a quarterly copier 'actuals' pmt (\$555) replenished office supplies (\$393). Since there was no regular preschool tuition coming this month, our standalone result is a deficit of \$-10.1k. YTD we are still in a surplus position at \$22,252.

~ Madalyn Wilkinson—Finance Director

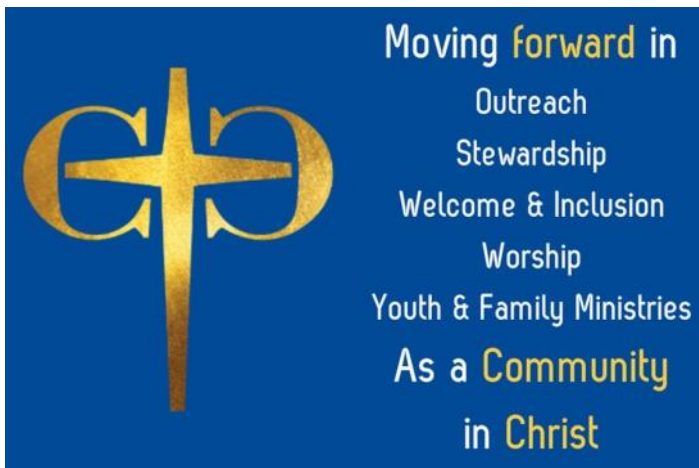
Office Communication Please be in touch with Stephanie in the church office (swheeler@communityinchrist.net) about the following:

- 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.

Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan	Jul21-Jun22 Budget	May22 Actual	% of Budget
<i>Revenue</i>			
Revenue <i>Operating Budget offerings</i>	\$ 532,500	\$ 467,449	88%
Other Revenue <i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest, PPP loan</i>	\$ 185,898	\$ 188,761	102%
Total Revenues	\$ 718,398	\$ 656,209	91%
<i>Expenses</i>			
Worship <i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	\$ 2,425	\$ 3,707	153%
Witness <i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>	\$ 1,870	\$ 1,010	54%
Serve <i>Synod benevolence</i>	\$ 53,250	\$ 46,473	87%
Administration <i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fee, ERC processing fees</i>	\$ 41,337	\$ 40,474	98%
Mortgage <i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>	\$ 80,424	\$ 73,722	92%
Property <i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	\$ 55,234	\$ 53,340	97%
Staff <i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i>	\$ 323,008	\$ 279,714	87%
Music Ministries <i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>	\$ 4,409	\$ 4,004	91%
Youth Ministries <i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i>	\$ 9,525	\$ 2,161	23%
Preschool <i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	\$ 146,909	\$ 129,353	88%
Total Expenses	\$ 718,391	\$ 633,958	88%
Budget Surplus		\$ 22,252	

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Worship Times

10 a.m.—Sanctuary

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Please note that announcements for the bulletin, newsletter and Facebook pages are for church related items only. Anything non-related to the church will be deleted. Thank you for adhering to this policy. Submissions for the bulletin must be received in writing to the church office by Thursdays at 10 am. Submissions for the newsletter must be received in writing to the church office by the 20th of the month.

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.
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