



**Community
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Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

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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 June

Join us for worship in June at 10 a.m. on Sundays both in the sanctuary and on livestream!

Day of Pentecost

On June 5th, WEAR RED!! In the church year, the Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. As a way to celebrate this festive day, everyone is invited to WEAR RED to worship on Sunday, June 5th. Red is often worn to worship on the Day of Pentecost recalling the red flames of the Holy Spirit. As we see the red throughout the sanctuary, we are reminded visually of the Spirit being ever-present among us.

Summer Liturgy

Beginning on Sunday, June 5th, we'll be introducing a new(er) to us worship setting called Bread of Life originally found in the blue With One Voice hymnal. The choir has been learning this setting to help us all join in during the summer months and we will have the music printed as we begin the summer. You'll find that some pieces of the worship setting will be familiar and some pieces of the setting will be new. Some may remember trying this worship setting and some may have heard it elsewhere. We'll strive for making all of it familiar over time. We hope that you'll become comfortable and enjoy this worship setting over the course of the summer before we return to two worship styles, more contemporary and more traditional, in the Fall.

Graduate Recognition

Also on June 5th, we will be celebrating CIC's 2022 High School graduates. Please be sure to join us in worship as our family of faith extends our congratulations, prayers, and God's blessings to them as they transition into a new phase of life.

[Facebook Link](#)

[YouTube Link](#)

[Regathering Information](#)

From the Pastors.....

*Work as if everything depended on work. Pray as if everything depended on prayer.
~William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army*

We have, as many of you probably have also, found the latest rounds of tragic shootings to be both heartbreaking and, at times, immobilizing. In the midst of our grief and tears and anger and confusion and compassion, we've found ourselves hurting about and praying for many things.

Prayer has been a bit of a topic of conversation in the wake of the recent tragedies in Uvalde and Buffalo. Many people, understandably so, push back at those who say things like, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and families..." The sentiment behind the resistance is that, after 20+ years of mass shootings, "thoughts and prayers" are not what is desired—people want action! Some Christians have seen this as a sort of slander against those of us who pray, and they've felt the need to offer a defense of their prayers. While we certainly don't appreciate the critiques of the efficacy of prayer, we believe those offering such defenses are missing the point. And that point is: work and prayer go together.

The quote referenced at the beginning of this article is from William Booth. The statement has had similar manifestations from Christians throughout the centuries—from Saint Augustine, to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Martin Luther King Jr. And that sentiment is: God is not a genie. Praying, therefore, is not just us laying out our wish list and sitting back and letting God take care of everything. Our prayers, as they connect us to God and to one another, are intended to move us, to change us. As Booth, Augustine, Bonhoeffer, and King all articulated in various ways, after we pray, we are then to put the work in to make things happen.

And after the umpteenth mass shooting in our country, it should be clear to everyone that not enough work has been done to prevent them. It's shameful. It's something that we, as a nation, must confess and seek forgiveness for. We should most certainly continue to pray about this...but, we also need to take a long hard look at what we're praying for and what we, as individuals and as a nation, are willing to do to make sure these kinds of senseless acts of violence don't continue. For if a change is going to happen, it's not going to be from a lightning bolt from the sky. Nothing is going to magically get "fixed" overnight. It's going to come from God's people saying "ENOUGH" to this and then putting in the necessary work to keep it from happening again.

To aid us in our efforts, God has gifted us with the Holy Spirit. An event we recognize that began at Pentecost and manifested for us personally in our baptism, God leads and empowers us as we strive to do God's work across this broken world.

Prayer and work go together. And, if you're unclear about how you can be at work to make our children, schools, and communities safer, a good place to start is by praying about it - ask God for clarity in how you can work to be of help. There are real life, tangible actions we can each take, through discernment, to strive for God's peaceable Kingdom here on earth to work toward the day these tragedies are no more. Pray, write, talk, volunteer, research, learn, vote, and repeat. Contact our current elected officials and utilize the next election cycle to make this be a point of emphasis. Support schools, educators, and staff. Let God use your love, voice, and hands to bring peace on earth.

There are lots of factors that go into the violent world we live in. Likewise, there are lots of ways we can be at work to counteract it as we share the peace of Christ with one another. This all begins with thoughts and prayers, but it most certainly doesn't end there.

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

Office Update

- ⇒ Pastor Lisa & Pastor Michael will be attending Synod Gathering in Hickory, June 2-4.
- ⇒ Please note that Music Director, Sandy Barefoot, will be out of the office Friday, June 10th, through Friday, June 24th.
- ⇒ Pastor Michael will be at Lutheridge for Campfirmation the week of June 20th.

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

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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.

Annual Meeting Highlights

- ◆ We celebrated the numerous ways God has been at work in CIC’s various ministries.
- ◆ We gave thanks for all the many gifted individuals and families who contributed to our family of faith.
- ◆ We passed a new budget that includes estimated revenues of \$725,005 and expenses of \$723,668.
- ◆ We elected Carl Yerger, Susan Bauer, and Tracy Lyon to serve on Council. We also extended our gratitude to Susan Kullstam, Paul Handrock, and Debbie Davidson who are concluding their time of faithful service on Council.
- ◆ We began to envision more of what Moving Forward as a COMMUNITY in CHRIST might look like in the coming year.



Susan Bauer



Tracy Lyon



Carl Yerger

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, Linda Snyder, Rosalind Greenberg

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); Bill Royster (friend of Ed Bauer); Lona LeSchander (friend of Ed & Susan Bauer)

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.

Usher and A/V Teams: Are you interested in learning more about being a worship usher or about what role you could play on the A/V team? Both groups are looking for more volunteers to add to the rotation. Contact Pastor Michael, pastormichael@communityinchrist.net, if you'd like to learn more!

Volunteers Needed for Altar Guild: Let the church office know if you are interested in becoming an Altar Guild volunteer. Contact Stephanie Wheeler at swheeler@communityinchrist.net.



New Members: 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.



Big Red Bus: Save the Date! One Blood's Big Red Bus will be returning to CIC on Sunday, June 12th, from 8 am until 12:30 p.m. You can go ahead and save your space on the bus signing up today at the following link: https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1226364



CIC Family (K)night at the Knights Game: CIC is headed to Truist Field to cheer on the Charlotte Knights against the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp on Friday, June 17th at 7 p.m. Stay to enjoy fireworks after the game!

Who: All of CIC (*consider carpooling with those who live near you if you are comfortable*)

Where: Truist Field, Charlotte **When:** Friday, June 17th, 7 p.m.

What: Charlotte Knights vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp **Cost:** \$10 per person

How: Pay for individual/couple/family tickets to the church (checks made out to CIC with "Knights Game" in the memo line or on the Donate Now button on the website) and sign up with on the sheet in the narthex or at the following [link](#) .



Softball – CIC's softball team finished its season on May 22nd earning the #3 spot in the league! It was a great season of fellowship and teamwork and we are grateful for everyone who came out and contributed on the field! CIC may also become known for having the best, loudest, and most loyal fan base! Thank you, Paul Miller, for organizing and managing the weekly teams! The 2023 season will begin next March.

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 - **June 13th** – Hickory Tavern, **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 replacement 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 June Luncheon will be at Killington's Restaurant & Pub in Huntersville at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15th. 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 June, we will continue to focus on building our supplies of prayer shawls, baby blankets, and hat/scarf sets for those in need. 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



Join the members of the CIC card ministry create cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. No experience necessary! We will meet twice in June: Tuesday, June 14th, at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, June 28th, at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Watch for Father's Day and Graduation cards as well as other new cards to be on the rack in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of this ministry. Questions? 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 June we will meet Thursday the 9th & 30th 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.

June Grocery Cart



June 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 June we will collect mini or full size Lara Bars and/or Rx Bars, and Trail Mix snack packs. While you're at the grocery store please consider adding these items to your cart and bringing them to the CIC cart. What a difference it will make in the lives of many kids in our community! Thank you to everyone who brought applesauce and fruit cups in May!

**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***

Connect with the NC Synod Gathering!
Thursday, June 2, Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4

You're invited to participate in elements of Synod Gathering from home or on the go! Daily worship will be livestreamed! See links to social media accounts on ***Facebook.com/NCSynod*** and ***Instagram.com/ncsynod*** and get further information at the event's website: <https://www.nclutheran.org/event/2022-synod-gathering/>

Agapé Day Camp is Coming to CIC, June 20-24!



WHO: Rising 1st through Rising 5th graders

WHAT: Agapé Kure Beach Ministries counselors travel to bring outdoor ministries to us. This year's theme is: Boundless! The camp will explore boundless Goodness, Love, Welcome, Forgiveness and Generosity that God has for all of us! Masks are optional.

WHERE: At CIC

WHEN: June 20-25 (9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon-Thurs; 9 a.m.-Noon Fri); Stay tuned for more information about a possible program on Thursday evening!

HOW: Fill out a registration form found here or on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Pay the \$150 cost by check (made out to CIC with "Agape Day Camp" in memo line) or through the "Donate Now" button on the church website and making the appropriate selections.

Contact Pastor Lisa with questions or for a registration form, pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net. Registration ends June 7th or if we reach the 32 camper capacity. Invite a friend! Tell your grandchildren and neighbors!

Agapé Day Camp Help Wanted!

Want to help support the Agapé Day Camp week and help us get prepared? There are 3 ways that you can help us prepare for our week of Day Camp:

1 – Pray for the staff and campers preparing for the summer!

2 – Feed the counselors dinner! We don't yet know the number of counselors we'll be sent or any dietary needs, but we do know they will need to eat dinner Sunday through Thursday nights while they are here. If you are interested in learning more about bringing a meal for them one of the evenings, please contact Pastor Lisa.

3 – Donate money for breakfast/lunch/snack food for the counselors! Pastor Lisa will be stocking the counselors' host home fridge and counter with food to prepare their own breakfast and sack lunches each day as well as snacks for their planning sessions each evening. If you'd like to help feed these college students during the week in this way, make a donation under the "Donate Now" button on the church website and click on the "Agape Day Camp" tab marking your donation as food or by writing a check made out to CIC and writing "Day Camp Food" in the memo.



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*.

Children's Sunday School



Sunday School Schedule:

June 5th – End of Year Party! All ages meet near the ark at 9 a.m.!



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/



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.

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

Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School registration materials are available for middle school, high school, and adult volunteers on the display in the narthex. Registration materials for children ages 4 through grade 5 are also available on the display or on our website: communityinchrist.net

There will be a planning meeting on June 26 at 11:00 am, following our church service. This meeting is for all who have already volunteered AND those who would like some more information before volunteering. Please plan to attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather more information about this exciting event.

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

*Arise! Shine! Your light has come:
the LORD'S glory has shone upon youth (Isaiah 60:1)*



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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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