



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

November 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 November

- 9 a.m.:** Worship (Contemporary, Live streamed)
- 10 a.m.:** Children's Sunday School (begins with music in the sanctuary),
**No Sunday School on 11/27
- 10 a.m.:** Coffee Cart (Breezeway)
- 11 a.m.:** Worship (Traditional)

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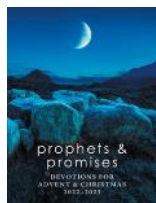


Daylight Saving Time ENDS, November 6th!

Please FALL BACK one hour when you go to bed Saturday night so that we can all get an extra hour of sleep before coming to worship on Sunday!

All Saints Sunday, November 6th

On All Saints Sunday we, as the church, remember those from our congregation who have passed away since the last All Saints Day. It's also a time we remember many of our loved ones. Join us in worship and prayer as we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. Entering the Church Triumphant from our family of faith since last All Saints Day are: Jan Hamilton, Jim Carney and Louanne Schweitzer.



Advent Begins Sunday, November 27th!

Be on the lookout for new Advent devotionals from Augsburg Fortress for adults and for families. These resources will be available at CIC in the weeks preceding the 27th.



Wednesday, November 30 – Midweek Advent Worship Begins

- 6 p.m. – Free-will Offering Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall**
- 7pm – Holden Evening Prayer Worship**

Please join us for dinner on Wednesday nights during Advent! The light meal of soups and sandwiches will be catered in from Harris Teeter! While we won't be looking for home-preparation of food, we will need volunteers each week to be the leaders of set and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie in the church office at (swheeler@communityinchrist.net)

From the Pastors.....

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.”

-1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

They are prolific. Scattered across the prairie in expected and unexpected places. Virtually every single church outside of city limits have them. Sometimes they are nestled into a corner of someone’s farmland. Other times they are right by the highway. Many, but not all, of the cemeteries are named. The early settlers of northern Minnesota communities, like the one we used to live in, largely came from Scandinavian countries and the names are now and then tricky to pronounce (and virtually impossible to spell). Why or how some consonants can be joined together to make a sound we will never know. Regardless, the largest of these numerous cemeteries near our former home, and the one located right in the middle of town, had an extremely simple and easy to pronounce name: Hope.

We can’t tell you how many burials we presided at in Hope Cemetery. It was a lot. And, somewhat routinely, the setting for those burials did not necessarily exude a spirit of hope. We recognize that all cemeteries are seen as being places of death, solemn reminders that the lives of our loved ones and ourselves will all some day come to an end. But the burials at this cemetery were regularly done with feet of snow on top of graves and in negative temperatures. Beginning in late November and going to at least March, the snow would need be plowed away and the ground would need to be thawed out in order to be able to dig the grave. This was a tedious and time-consuming process. And as loved ones gathered at the gravesite in such conditions, they had to be careful not to cry too much or else their eye lashes could freeze together. That type of setting doesn’t naturally exude hope. Maybe the cemetery would have been more appropriately named if it were Sjuksköterska or Kjæreste.

And yet, as we stood by the caskets and peered into the frozen awaiting grave, words of hope came forth. *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again...these ancient words from Paul point to our hope, and it is a hope that comes through death. Because Jesus died, we have hope—hope that no matter what, no matter the heartache, the defeat, the brokenness, the death...whatever painful loss we might be suffering, that loss is not the final conclusion it might seem because Jesus not only died but he ROSE, and the promise is that so, too, shall we. God will, indeed, raise us up from whatever graves we may find ourselves in, even the frozen ones.*

On the first Sunday of November, All Saints Sunday, we emphasize this reality as we remember our loved ones who have already ventured into the mystery of death. Death has physically separated these beloveds from us, but death will not separate them from God...and a time will come when God will gather all of us together into God’s eternal care.

Hope Cemetery can certainly be said to have an ironic name. It is also a perfectly fitting name. Even in death, thanks to Christ, there is always hope.

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

Office Update

- ⇒ Please note that the Fellowship Hall will be used as a polling place on Tuesday, November 8th, and the parking lot will experience heavier traffic that day.
- ⇒ Office Administrator, Stephanie Wheeler, will be out of the office Monday, November 14, through Friday, November 18th.
- ⇒ The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Office & Staff Information

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

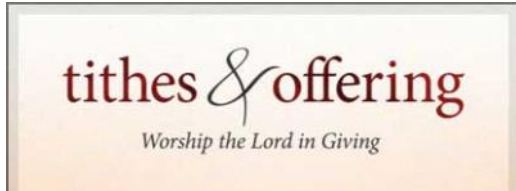
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Ways to Give of Tithes and Offerings at CIC:

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 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.

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.

Director of Music

Our Director of Music opening has been posted. Continue to pray with thanksgiving for Sandy’s years of ministry at CIC and her transition to retirement while also praying for the stirring of the Spirit in a candidate’s heart who is unknown to us at the moment but is known to God. You are welcome, and encouraged, to share the job description within musical networks or with musical people you know.

The search committee comprised of the pastors, Deborah Kimbrough-Lowe, Ashley Knoy, and Linda Muhlbach will provide updates when available though the candidates and interviews will remain confidential for the integrity of the process and in respect for any current positions that the applicants may have. You are welcome to continue to have conversations with any member of the committee about your experiences and ideas.

The job description is found on CIC’s website under the “News” tab: <https://www.communityinchrist.org/jobposting>.

Save the Date! We are bringing back the CIC Women’s Retreat!

We will be heading up to Blowing Rock for a time of reflection, fellowship and worship. Mark your calendars for March 10-12, 2023. Registration and details will follow in the coming weeks.

Women of CIC

Join us for our tradition of Friendsgiving!

Friday November 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Home of Susan Kullstam, 9207 Brentfield Road, Huntersville NC 28078. Sign up to bring an appetizer or side to share! We will have the turkey and gravy covered!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094AA8A82AA0F58-cicwomens>

Contact Susan (704-649-5497) or Marci Langan (760-730-2058) with questions.

Prayers

Congratulations to the Rector Family at the birth of Collyns Sampson Rector! Collyns was welcomed home by parents Joey and Ashley, and big siblings Rhett and Paisley.

Prayers for Members: Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, Joan Garn, Lee Tillman, Janet Shuping, Dane Horna, Betty Classey, Don Snyder, Pat Hamby, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps, Shirley McNielis, Blaire Hart, Rosalind Greenberg, Warren Hamby, Linda Snyder, Jeff Dutton, Deb & Mark Myers, Laurie & Bob O'Connor

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Volosin Family (Extended family of Diana Elsass); Alex Dolazzoko (Lee Tillman's grandson); Dolores Bechtel (Deborah Blackwell's mom); Maj Askew (Rosalind Greenberg's daughter); Carl Yerger (Carl Yerger's father); Carl Morris (Carla Haley's father); Shirley Barton (friend of Bob & Kathy Shugarman); Dave Miller (Paul Miller'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 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**—The ushers will pass the offering plate around during each service, 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.

Hand Bell Choir Schedule: 6 p.m. Carillon Handbell Choir (Sanctuary); **7 p.m.** Agape Handbell Choir (Spirit Center);
Sundays following Sunday School: Joy Handbell Choir Will meet in the Spirit Center

November Grocery Cart Collection

During the month of November we will be collecting items for Angels & Sparrows Christmas Holiday Food Boxes. The items needed for the holiday boxes that we will be collecting are:

Canned Veggies: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Veggies; Mashed Potatoes (dehydrated), Gravy (poultry, envelopes or cans preferred) Au Gratin Potatoes (boxed), Canned Yams, Canned Pineapple, Jellied Cranberry Sauce, Biscuit Mix, Rice (uncooked), Dry black beans, Cake Mix, Frosting, Shelf Stable Pie Shells, Pie Filling

Let's help to make our neighbor's Christmas a little brighter. When your shopping this month please consider picking up some of these items and place them in the CIC grocery cart in the narthex during November. Thank you to everyone that continues to be so generous with filling our cart each month! Angels & Sparrows is a Community Table and Resource Center for families and individuals who need assistance with food, health, education, housing, finances, and more.

Property Team Meeting

The Property Team is starting back up again this month! Join us on Tuesday, November 29th, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. These meetings are working meetings as well as discussion of upcoming maintenance and events the property team helps with. Bring basic tools if you have them—the church has limited tools. Contact Stephanie Wheeler, 704-892-0120 or swheeler@communityinchrist.net with any questions about the property team.

Group Ministry News.....

WELCA



If you are a Female member of the Congregation, you are automatically a member of WELCA. Interest and attendance have been dwindling hence we will temporarily suspend our Monthly meetings effective November 1st. A survey will be forthcoming for ideas and suggestion for the Women's ministry. If there is interest in going out dinner in December either the 5th or the 12th, please text Laverne at 704-576-8675.

Angel Tree: The recipients of our Angel tree gifts will again be *The East Lincoln Christian Ministry*. The Angels will be available on Sunday, November 6th. There will be GIFT and HOME MEAL ANGELS again this year. The gifts should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 27th. Additional information will be available with the Angel Tree.

Happy Times Seniors



Our November "HAPPY TIMES" Luncheon will be on Wednesday, November 16th, at 11:30 at FOX & HOUND (Birkdale) 8711 Lindholm Dr., Huntersville, N C 28078 (With construction advancing, parking is much better now) Questions about the group in general contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or HunterRon35@hotmail.com.

CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn how! - please join us! No experience necessary!!!! 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. 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 (see email address below) and she will add your name to the member/email list.

In November, we will continue to focus on re-building our supply of hat/scarf sets for those in need. This month, we plan to donate about 45 hats/scarf sets to Angels & Sparrows and Lydia's Loft, in preparation for the winter weather. By January-February, we hope to complete and donate another 45 sets to local agencies for distribution to those in need.

We will continue to meet in person in the CIC Spirit Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. 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 group creates cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives.

We are planning to meet twice in November to make cards and enjoy fellowship with one another. We'll be meeting Tuesday, November 8th at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Consider joining the card ministry team, we'd love to have you join us! No experience needed! Need more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com or 940-300-2290.

A variety of cards are available to the congregation in the card rack in the Narthex. Watch for Christmas cards later this month. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and purchasing cards.

Quilting Ministry



This is a new ministry! If you enjoy sewing or want to learn please join us! In November we will meet one time on Thursday, the 17th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Classroom #1 near the Spirit Center. Please bring a bag lunch and a drink. Questions? Contact Barbara Eaker at 704-483-2060.

Preschool, Sunday School & Youth News:

Preschool Tuition for the 2022/2023 School Year



- ⇒ 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](#).

Sunday School

On Sundays, November 6, 13, and 20, all Sunday ages will begin together at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary learning a song with Ms. Sandy! Classes will head from there to head to their classrooms; PreK-1st grade in Spirit Center and 2nd grade-5th grade in Classroom 1 and will dismiss either to Joy Bell Choir Practice or to the ark at 10:50am.

The Sunday School children will sing in worship on Sunday, November 20th! Stay tuned to future communications for more details!

There is no Sunday School on Sunday, November 27th.

Parents: If you haven't filled out a new Registration Form for the Fall, please get one from the classroom. New students may join classes at any time!

We are currently researching Christmas Program ideas. Stay tuned for more information!

Current K-5 families, don't forget to save the date! Agapé Day Camp is returning to CIC June 19-23!

HELP WANTED! We could use a few more people to be part of the lead teacher rotation in the classes. If you're interested in being part of Sunday School teacher rotation for the 2022-2023, please contact Pastor Lisa!

Confirmation & Senior High

6th-8th graders: Sundays, November 13th & 20th, 6-8 p.m. Class at the church. *Parents, please remember to sign up for meal preparation and serving!*

Congratulations Confirmands! *Megan Arnett, Eli Moore and Kayla Zicco*

Senior High: Stay tuned for November event dates. In December we will be assisting at the Operation Christmas Warehouse from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.



"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

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.



Congratulations Confirmands of 2022

Megan Genevieve Arnett

Baptism: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC, July 13, 2008

Parents: Todd Arnett & Christa Arnett

Sponsors: Sara and Tad Dowd

Confirmation Bible Verses:

Jeremiah 29:11: *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

1 Timothy 4:12-15: *12Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. 14Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. 15Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.*

Eli Joseph Moore

Baptism: Community in Christ, Cornelius, NC, 2007

Parents: Brad and Liz Moore

Sponsors: Bob and Carol Moore

Confirmation Bible Verse:

Psalm 27:13-14: *I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.*

Kayla Charmel Zicco

Baptism: Peace Lutheran Church, Lake Zurich, IL, May 2008

Parents: Ryan and Karen Zicco

Sponsors: Meredith Schaefer / Eric Harder

Confirmation Bible Verse:

Joshua 1:9: *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

From the Finance Team

Strong end to the quarter. In September, financial gifts brought in \$48.2k, for a YTD total of \$138.1k. Preschool tuition brought in \$16k. YTD we have sent \$13.2k UP to the Synod (10% of our contributions). The only operating expense of note this month was payment for floor waxing \$3.2k (this is done once every 5 years or so). As of the end of September we show a surplus of \$11.2k. We continue to receive generous contributions towards paying down our mortgage principal. As of 9/30/22 our loan balance is \$712k

~Madalyn Wilkinson, Director of Finance.


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	Jul22-Jun23 Budget	Sep22 Actual	% of Budget
<i>Revenue</i>			
Revenue <i>Operating Budget offerings</i>	\$ 534,000	\$ 138,135	26%
Other Revenue <i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>	\$ 191,005	\$ 44,358	23%
Total Revenues	\$ 725,005	\$ 182,493	25%
<i>Expenses</i>			
Worship <i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	\$ 4,100	\$ 951	23%
Witness <i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>	\$ 2,130	\$ 671	31%
Serve <i>Synod benevolence</i>	\$ 53,400	\$ 13,199	25%
Administration <i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fee, ERC processing fees</i>	\$ 42,020	\$ 10,725	26%
Mortgage <i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>	\$ 80,348	\$ 20,085	25%
Property <i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	\$ 56,093	\$ 15,748	28%
Staff <i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i>	\$ 315,843	\$ 78,065	25%
Music Ministries <i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>	\$ 3,375	\$ 1,340	40%
Youth Ministries <i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, campfirmation</i>	\$ 7,150	\$ 1,676	23%
Preschool <i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	\$ 159,210	\$ 28,794	18%
Total Expenses	\$ 723,668	\$ 171,254	24%
Budget Surplus	\$ 1,337	\$ 11,239	

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Worship Times

9 a.m.—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
 11 a.m.—Sanctuary

Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube

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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