



**Community  
In Christ  
Lutheran Church**

# CIC NEWS

**October 2024**

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](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net) [www.communityinchrist.org](http://www.communityinchrist.org)

## Upcoming Worship Calendar!



**Sunday, October 6th:** We welcome Pastor Sara Cutter one more time this year as she returns to lead both the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship services while the pastors are away!

**Sunday, October 13th:** We gather at 9 a.m. Contemporary (livestream) & 11 a.m. Traditional worship here at CIC while we pray for the faith-enrichment of those away on the Men's Retreat.

*You are invited  
to join us in  
celebrating the* **25<sup>th</sup>** *year of the*  
**Community in Christ**  
**Weekday Preschool!**  
**Who: Everyone!**  
**Where: Community in Christ Lutheran Church**  
**When: Sunday, October 20th**  
**10am worship with preschool recognitions**  
**11am Food Trucks, Activities, Fun!**  
  
Raffle items will be set up in the breezeway with the hope of raising \$2,500 for preschool scholarship this 25th year! Check it out!

**Sunday, October 20th!** We join in ONE worship service at 10 a.m. as we celebrate the 25th year of the CIC Weekday Preschool! Preschool staff and families are invited to attend as we lift up this important ministry and kids will sing in worship.

Following worship, everyone is invited to stay afterwards to celebrate with Food Trucks, children's activities, and touring the preschool!

Additionally, there will be 2 raffle items located underneath the breezeway. The raffle supports the goal of raising \$2500 for preschool scholarships in celebration of the 25th year, helping to make preschool accessible to more families!

If you are able, please consider parking in the Raymond James parking lot across the street or in the back 40 this day.

**Reformation Celebration**  
 **Sunday, October 27**   
*Worship is ONE service at 10am!*  
**10am** - One worship service on-site and online with Affirmation of Baptism  
**11am** - free-will offering Brat & Hot Dog meal  
**11:45am (approx.)** - Trunk-or-Treat

**Sunday, October 27th:** We join in ONE worship service at 10 a.m. which includes the Affirmation of Baptism of three of our youth. Following worship, we'll gather for a free-will offering Reformation Celebration meal as well as Trunk or Treat.

Stay tuned for more information in Take Two emails and Sunday announcements!

# From the Pastors.....

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. ~Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Our “Wonky Fall.” That’s what we declared the Fall of 2024 practically a year ago ... and we didn’t even know then how wonky it would actually get.

First in place, Pastor Michael has been asked for several years now to return to his internship congregation, Bethany Lutheran Church in Boone, for their homecoming Sunday. It has always fallen on Reformation Sunday, so he has had to decline given the ministry happenings occurring here at CIC. Then, last Fall, they came back with, “What if we changed it to October 20th next year? Could you come?” He was delighted to say yes! A week later, the 2024 Men’s Retreat was scheduled for the Sunday of October 13th. This is when we started calling it the “Wonky Fall” since Pastor Michael would be gone for 2 Sundays in a row in the middle of October.

In early May, Pastor Lisa’s childhood congregation approached her asking her to return “home” for a Sunday to preach as part of their Fall of celebrating their 60th Anniversary. She looked at the “Wonky Fall,” and the beginning of the program year, and went “huh” for a bit. But, then we decided that lifting up their role in building her as a leader in the church is definitely worth adding to the wonkiness. If you’re keeping track, that’s a 3rd Sunday.

Through it all, we’d had our eyes on the weekend of October 6th. Pastor Michael has a big birthday the next day ... and his dream was to go to a home Ohio State football game on October 5th. The stars aligned when the football schedule finally came out. We are grateful for Pastor Sara’s ability to return that Sunday and also for her love of Ohio State. If you’re keeping track, that’s a 4th Sunday ... but only the first the impacts both of our presence.

The Wonky Fall! Usually, once the program year begins, it’s the straight-lined sprint toward Christmas. But, this year, we’re embracing the wonky. We even got to add to it with a family medical emergency in the mix! (A 5th Sunday impacted!) As people who mark their weeks by Sundays, it has been quite the change and adjustment ... and it has also been a blaring reminder that God’s timing, Kairos, and our normal timing, Chronos, are not always the same thing.

Kairos is mentioned 86 times in the New Testament many times referencing God’s work in Jesus as either happening or that it is not yet the right time. Kairos is a time of rightness. It can’t be hurried, delayed, or scheduled. It can be thought of like the process of fruit ripening. You can’t hurry it up to meet your schedule and you can’t tell it that time is up and it needs to be done.

Kairos reminds us that not everything can be predicted, not everything can be scheduled, and not everything happens in the sequence that makes the most sense to our chronological or practical mindsets. The straight-lined sprint to Christmas has pit stops this year filled with God’s presence, God’s peace, God’s healing, and God’s celebration! The calendar looks different than it has other years and yet it is so ripe with the fruits of God’s presence that our baskets are full with plenty to share.

We are grateful to live in this “Wonky Fall” with you, to embrace Kairos in all of our midst, and to share in team ministry that allows for confident “yeses” responding to God’s call that we can’t always predict! Thanks be to God for God’s movement in all of our lives in scheduled and unscheduled ways!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Lisa and Pastor Michael



## **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.



## Office & Staff Information

- ⇒ The pastors will be out of the office half a day on Wednesday, October 2nd, and all day on Thursday and Friday, October 3rd-4th. Pastor Lisa will return to the office on October 7th and Pastor Michael will return to the office on October 8th.
  - ⇒ The pastors will be at Lutheridge October 14th-15th for the NC Synod's Rostered Leaders' Fall Convocation.
- ⇒ Please note that Office Administrator Stephanie Wheeler's will be out of the office for two weeks at the end of this month into the beginning of next. Her last pre-vacation day in the office will be Friday, October 25th, and she will return to the office on Monday, November 11th. Please plan ahead to talk with Stephanie before October 25th.

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

Pastor Lisa – [\*\*pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net\*\*](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)

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Preschool Director, Sharon Fuller—[\*\*sfuller9564@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:sfuller9564@gmail.com)

## God's Work Our Hands Day of Service - September 8th

A big THANK YOU! to all the CIC members who participated in this year's "God's Work. Our Hands." Service project! CIC Members of all ages joined together to collect, sort, and pack 20 "Clean Up Kits" and 20 "Children's Comfort Kits" for Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas.

It all started in August, when the CIC grocery cart "items of the month" were tags listing needed items that would complete the Clean Up Buckets. Members of CIC were generous in buying those items throughout the month and returning them before the project date. After hearing Pastor Ruth Ann Sipe, who is one of the Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas Disaster Coordinators, speak during worship and at the beginning of the packing, the congregation worked to sort, pack, and load the kits into vehicles to head to storage areas in the NC Synod as they await the unfortunate day when they will be needed. A Thrivent Action Team card was used to purchase the contents of the "Children's Comfort Care Kits." The children made quick work of assembly containers that will surely bring smiles to others' faces when the day comes. Clean-up was a breeze, too, thanks to some CIC members who put away all the tables and chairs! What a great day of doing God's work with our hands!

Thank you to our behind-the-scenes crew who created tags, sorted received donations, set up tables, and set out the supplies!  
Thank you to everyone for donating supplies, helping pack, and aiding in the loading!





## Ways to Give of Tithes and Offerings at CIC:

### 1. Online/Direct Withdrawal

- Go to [www.communityinchrist.org](http://www.communityinchrist.org) & click on the “donate now” button in the upper right-hand corner.
- Select “Create Profile”
- Provide your email address
- 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!

**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](mailto:financedirector@communityinchrist.net).

**Office Communication:** Please be in touch with Stephanie in the church office ([swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto: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.**



### Prayers

**Prayers for Members:** Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, Janet Shuping, Betty Classey, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps, Shirley McNeilis, Blaire Hart, Warren Hamby, Laverne Waskielis, Anne Randolph, John Iverson, Ron Major, Ron Raper, Deb Myers, Karen Frank, Bill Rockwood, Brenda Tripathi, Woody Barefoot, Carl Yost, Scott Wood, Rosalind Greenberg, Judi LaBuda, Bob Shugarman, Mary Anne Merkel, Dane Horna

**Prayers for friends & relatives of members:** Carl Morris (Carla Haley’s father), Charlotte Lucas (friends of Ed & Susan Bauer), Jodi (Judi Labuda’s goddaughter), Melissa (friend of Karen Zicco), Sheka Holland (friend of Nancy Black), Patsy (Amanda Platt’s mother), Mary & Edison Speck (Liann Musano’s parents), Vic Black (Nancy Black’s husband), Pastor Sarah Mayer Platt (friend & classmate of Pastor Lisa & Pastor Michael), George Burton (Kathy Shugarman’s father), Ed Lewis (August Short’s Father-in-law), Justin Becker (Grace Becker’s son), Kate (Michelle Bartleson’s daughter), Bob Rockwood (Bill Rockwood’s brother), Michael Wooters (Susan Kullstam’s father), Craig & family (family friends of Mary Lou Blevins), Rapha Espinoza (Suzi Hinrichs nephew), Paul Avino (friend of Stephanie Wheeler), Bev & Jeff (family members of Mary Lou Blevins), Kay Beery (Pastor Michael’s Mom)

*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](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net).*

## New Members September 2024

**Mary Lou Blevins**, I've lived in Cornelius for 6 years and have been visiting CIC for a little over a year. I'm a South Jersey native, but after 38 years in Roanoke VA will always consider myself a Virginian. I'm retired with 2 grown children, a son in law and soon to be daughter in law. I'm involved with the 5:11's and Tuesday morning Bible study here at CIC. In my spare time I enjoy volunteering at Lake Norman Humane Shelter, bird watching and my online Spanish class.



**Pat Dickerson**, I was raised in Columbia SC, graduated from, University of SC and am a Gamecocks fan. I worked for BCBS of SC for 35 years and am now retired. I love to volunteer with outreach and am a trained Stephen's Minister. I have 3 boys, many grand children and some great grand children. I love to travel and hang out with them.



**Janice Quinn Freyberg** I live in Cornelius, a snowbird from Milwaukee, via the Chicago area, Indianapolis, and County Limerick, Ireland. I was raised Roman Catholic, married and raised my four children in that faith. In 1989, I remarried a lifelong Lutheran in Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI. We were faithful participants until our move to Ireland in 2003, where the only churches are Roman Catholic, so we had no church home. Years later, upon return to Cornelius, my husband Don and I promised each other we would come Community in Christ. However, with my husband's illnesses, it didn't happen. I lost him last February, and the next Sunday I was here—in honor of him, our intentions, and the need for a spiritual home. I hope to participate in the church life. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received.



Hi- we're the **Leslie's (Derek, Julia and Aria)**. We have been married for 5 years and have lived in Cornelius for over 3 years. Derek works at Wells Fargo in the Legal department, and Julia enjoys being a stay at home mom to Aria, who is loving her best toddler life. We look forward to being a part of CIC!



**Della Overcash** Hello! I have recently relocated back to the area after living in Statesville for 32 years. I am originally from Chicago (Go Cubs!), moved to Cornelius as a child where I grew up before going to college. I have two beautiful grown children, Brittany and Cody who live in Charlotte. I have been in healthcare as an RN since 1989 spending most of my career in Critical Care/Sleep Medicine and Clinical Research. I am currently the Director of Nursing for Homewatch Caregivers of Lake Norman and Charlotte as well as teach at Mitchell Community College. I have truly enjoyed visiting CIC over the past few months and look forward to joining this congregation as well as being very excited to see what God has in store for me here at CIC.



**We are Dave and Amanda Platt** and moved to the Charlotte area in 2007 from South Bend, IN and are originally born and raised in Valparaiso, IN. We moved to Huntersville in 2014 because we liked the neighborhoods, restaurants and Birkdale area.

We found CIC because we wanted to attend a Lutheran church closer to where we live. We moved to the Charlotte area after visiting several times my younger brother Dave had his hopes set to work at Bank of America with his underwriting background and did get an underwriting job in the private bank. Recently, he has moved into a new position in the private bank working as a Real Estate Specialist which he enjoys much more. I came down and worked as a RN with Carolinas Healthcare in the Sanger Cardiology main office and continued there till I was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis in 2013. After a time of rest and trying to get back into the office to work, I realized that my doctor's advice was correct that I needed to end my rigorous career. So, now I manage our home, our energetic Yorkie mix, Mikey and take better care of myself managing this illness. We enjoy walks, hanging with friends, cooking new recipes, family games, and traveling when we can.

**Bruce R. Reed**, Retired US Army, retired Physical Therapist, but what I am most proud of: newly minted grandfather. Grew up on a farm in southeast PA, (near the birthplace of Daniel Boone). Graduated from Kutztown State College in 1975 with a degree in secondary education with a social studies concentration then enlisted in the US Army. Was an infantry soldier for 3 years then reenlisted to pursue training in Physical Therapy. Graduated from PT School in 1984 then remained on active duty till retirement in 1996. Returned to PA and worked at Reading Hospital till 2014. The next 6 years worked part time at nursing homes till retirement in 2020. Family: wife Linda and 2 adult daughters; Valerie is a Foreign Service Officer (spends most of her time overseas), and Jennifer who is an attorney at a local law firm. Moved to NC in 2023. Interests: reading (especially history), yard work, travel (especially to visit Valerie at her overseas locations), and spending time with Jennifer and family (especially her daughter Margaret).



**Philip, Meghan, and Oliver Wahlman (22 months):** We moved to Charlotte in January 2018 after completing our Masters in Accountancy degrees at Wake Forest University, where we met. Phil and I were married in October 2019 at Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, NC. A few years later, Oliver joined our family and added an immense amount of chaos and love to our lives. He keeps us busy! Professionally, we are both CPAs and are currently employed in the Accounting/Finance space with public companies in Charlotte. In our spare time, our family likes to garden, play golf, and spend time with family/friends. We also have two fur babies; a cat (Sophie) and a Bernese Mountain Dog (Lucy), whom Oliver likes to think is a horse.



**Pastor Carl and Debra Yost:** Carl and Debra are originally from North Carolina. Carl's hometown is Hickory and Debra's family hometown is Lexington. Carl is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University (B.A.) and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (M.Div.) Debra is a graduate of Appalachian State University (B.A.) and University of Tennessee (MSW). They met at Lutheridge as camp counselors. Carl was ordained by the Lutheran Church in America in 1983. He and Debra have served congregations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Nebraska. Carl served as Pastor at Community in Christ 2001-2011. Carl retired in 2017 and they moved back to their home in Northstone of Huntersville. They enjoy reading, taking walks, frequent trips to the NC mountains, SC beaches, European tours/cruises, visiting friends and above all spending time with their kids and grandkids. Carl is also a retired military Chaplain. "We are blessed to return to CIC to renew acquaintances with friends and create new friendships with this fantastic faith community under the leadership of Pastor Michael and Pastor Lisa. The name of Community in Christ says it all!"

## Golf Outing

Thank you, again, to all of the organizers, volunteers, raffle donors, and participants in the 2024 Golf Outing! Nearly \$16,000 was raised that will help support CIC's youth ministry! These resources will enable us to do a range of faith-enriching activities for our youth.





## Group Ministry News.....

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

**Coffee Cart:** Host's needed! If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Carol Moser at [cbmoser@aol.com](mailto:cbmoser@aol.com).

**October Grocery Cart:** During October we will be collecting canned and dry goods needed to support the Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the CIC Men's Group on November 24, 2024 in the CIC Fellowship Hall. The dinner will provide a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner for individuals/families enrolled in the Angels & Sparrows Pathways Program and other similar educational programs in the local area. These programs provide food security, educational opportunities, connections, and/or resources to vulnerable adults and children so they can reach their potential and rise out of poverty. To prepare for this dinner, the CIC Men's Group needs donations of: *Del Monte Cut Green Beans (14.5 oz), Stove Top Turkey Stuffing Mix (6 servings per box), Ocean Spray Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce (14 oz. cans), McCormick Turkey Gravy (12 oz cartons)*. When you're out shopping this month, please consider purchasing some of the items and adding them to the grocery cart at CIC. And watch us reach our goal for each! Your generosity to the grocery cart collections is greatly appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors!

**Thanksgiving Sunday:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 24th for the Second Annual Thanksgiving Sunday. Based on our experience last year, we have adjusted a few things. Once again we will be working with the Pathway Group at Angels and Sparrows. We have also added two other groups that are living in a nutritionally deprived environment. We are hoping to have the same phenomenal response from CIC as we did last year. If you have any questions please contact Paul Miller at [p.k.miller1@gmail.com](mailto:p.k.miller1@gmail.com)

**Happy Times Seniors:** Our Happy Times seniors have a special treat on Wednesday, October 16th, at 11:30 am. Pat & Scott Wood will host a picnic at Latta Plantation, Shelter #2 at the end of the road, by the water. They will provide drinks and dessert. Bring your own lunch. The grill will be ready for anyone who needs it. We're excited about the new venue, and it will be rain or shine since we'll have a roof over us but we'll pray for good weather! Latta Nature Preserve, 5226 Sample Road continue until the road ends (Shelter #2), Huntersville, NC, US 28078. Please RSVP to Ron Major [HunterRon35@hotmail.com](mailto:HunterRon35@hotmail.com) or (704) 622-0517.

**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 October we will focus on crafting hats/scarf sets to replenish our supplies for the upcoming winter season. Already this season, we have donated more than 50 hand-crafted hats and scarf sets to agencies serving those in need including the Dwelling, and the Montagnard Tutoring Program. A big thank you for all those who continue to contribute their time and effort to this effort! 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. Questions? Contact Kathy Dutton [mamabissy@gmail.com](mailto:mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elsass [dianaelsass@gmail.com](mailto:dianaelsass@gmail.com).

**Card Ministry News:** The CIC card ministry 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 to join us help make these cards. We will be meeting only once in October to make cards and enjoy fellowship with one another. We'll be meeting **Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Spirit Center. Please enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Need more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at 940-300-2290 or [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone who continues to support the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and purchasing cards from the rack.

**Quilting Ministry:** The Quilt Ministry will meet Thursday, October 10th & 24th at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom #1. We will be preparing the quilts for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. You are welcome to join us even if you don't sew. 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.

### One Blood's Big Red Bus is returning to CIC's parking lot:

Sunday, October 20th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointments are available for Whole Blood and Double Red donations. Sign up here:



## Men's Retreat



Do you need some time for spiritual renewal or just some time to escape the stress of everyday life? The men will be heading to Lutherock again on October 11, 12 and 13 for the Men's Retreat. The spiritual part of the weekend will be led by Pastor Marcus Miller. We will be using the book "Help, Thanks, Wow" by Anne Lamont to guide us through the weekend. The book focuses on prayer. We will also have time for fellowship and relaxation. The cost will be \$150 per person and we are limited to 25 men. As has been in the past, food will be prepared by teams. This has worked out very well in the past. Once we have the list of men going we will begin to put the teams together. Those that have been to this weekend in the past have felt it to be rejuvenating and just an enjoyable weekend. Please sign up on the CIC website or the Church Center Directory under Home and Sign-ups.



<https://community-in-christ-lutheran-church-430595.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2473426>

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Miller at [p.k.miller1@gmail.com](mailto:p.k.miller1@gmail.com).

## The 5:11s (women's group):

All women of CIC are welcome to The 5:11s. Based upon 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Jlbrooks@gmail.com) or [vikingtk@hotmail.com](mailto:vikingtk@hotmail.com).

- ⇒ The 2025 Women's Retreat will take place on March 14-16 at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina. We are delighted that Dr. Jacqueline Bussie will be our guest speaker.
- ⇒ The 5:11s will be doing a book study on both of Dr. Bussie's books, "Outlaw Christian" this Fall, and then "Love Without Limits" in the winter in preparation. (Dr. Bussie will sign your book if you plan to attend the retreat)! We've partnered with Main Street Books in Davidson to order in bulk. The cost is \$10 per book. Keep an eye out for our book study start date. We are waiting for our book orders to come in early October. We meet on Mondays from 9:30 – 11 a.m. in the lounge.
- ⇒ Friendsgiving will once again be hosted by Susan Kullstam. Keep an eye out for date and time in November. Thanks Susan!
- ⇒ We are still collecting pill bottles and will add eyeglass frames collection as well. A collection box will soon be available for these.
- ⇒ Our next meeting will take place on October 13th in the Fellowship Hall between services.

Join Community in Christ Lutheran Church  
and Huntersville UMC

### JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE

April 26 - May 3, 2025



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## Journeys of Paul in Greece

CIC is co-hosting a trip following some of Paul's footsteps, Journeys of Paul in Greece, through "Educational Opportunities Tours" (EO Tours) in partnership with Huntersville United Methodist Church (HUMC). We have our own registration process through CIC, but we will be travel companions with HUMC.

The trip departs on April 26, 2025, for 8 days, traveling through Neapolis, Amphipolis, Philippi, Veria, Thessaloniki, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Acropolis, and Athens. An optional Greek Isle Cruise Extension making the trip a total of 11 days also travels to Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini.

If you are interested in learning more and registering, use the following link: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/pa25042625a62347#eotours>





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

### **CIC Weekday Preschool Registration**

- \*\*Non-refundable registration fee of \$85.00 per child is due at time of enrollment. \*\*
- Tuition for 2024/2025: \$295.00 for 2-year-old and 3-year-old students and \$340.00 for 4-year-old, PK and TK students. Tuition is due on the 1st of the month. **We currently have openings in the 4 yr. old PK class and TK class.**
- CIC Preschool is not equipped to teach children with special needs.
- All children must be toilet trained by the first day of class.
- Scholarships are available for eligible families. Please see director for details.
- We offer a 10% discount on tuition for families with multiple preschool children.
- For more information visit our website, <https://www.communityinchrist.org/preschool-cornelius-lake-norman-nc> or click on the QR code.



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## Sunday School

On Sundays, October 6th and 13th, all Sunday School ages will begin together at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with music!

On Sunday, **October 20th**, all Sunday School ages will begin at **9 a.m.** in the sanctuary with music!

Classes will dismiss from there to head to their classrooms; PreK/K in the parlor, 1st-3rd in Room 1, 4th-5th in the Spirit Center.

There is no Sunday School on Sunday, October 27th, but all children are invited to participate in Trunk-or-Treat at our Reformation Celebration following worship! Wear a costume to worship or bring it to change into!

Parents: If you haven't filled out a new Registration Form for the Fall, please do so at this Church Center link:

**SAVE THE DATE!:** Agapé Day Camp is returning to CIC June 16-20 for rising 1st through rising 8th graders in the summer of 2025! More details will be available the first of next year!



## Confirmation:

### **6th—8th graders:**

Sunday, October 13th, 6:30-8 p.m. Class at the church

Sunday, October 20th, 6:30-8 p.m. Class at church

Sunday, October 27th – Come celebrate the 9th graders as they affirm their faith during worship at 10 a.m.! Make a Truck or Treat contribution to support the younger youth!

***Parents, please remember to sign up for class volunteering***

**9th graders:** Confirmation Sunday practice will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7 p.m. at the church. Continue to work on your Faith Statement papers. Remember Confirmation Sunday is October 27th!

## Senior High

We're heading to the White Water Center on September 29th! We'll depart from church around 11:30am and return between 7:30-8pm. Please contact Pastor Michael if you are interested in attending:  
[pastormichael@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastormichael@communityinchrist.net).

## Trunk-or-Treat

**Join us for a Trunk-or-Treat event at around Noon-ish. on Sunday, October 27th!**

**WHO:** Really, everyone!!! All are welcome to decorate their trunks in a People of the Bible or Bible Story Theme. (And KIDS ... either wear your costume to worship that day if your parents say it is okay or change into it after worship and lunch to enjoy this fun activity and see the Bible Stories come alive!)

**WHAT:** Participate in a People of the Bible (Jesus, John the Baptist, The Good Samaritan, Moses, Mary, etc) or Bible Story Themed trunk decorating (Creation, David & Goliath, Jonah and the Whale, The Nativity, Jesus is the Good Shepherd, The Last Supper, The Day of Pentecost, etc).

**WHERE:** The CIC Parking Lot, weather permitting

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 27th, beginning around Noon

**HOW:** 1. It's okay if multiple cars have the same theme! 2. Cars can also work together to tell a bigger story ... just be sure we know you need to park near one another. In consideration of allergies, please think about handing out non-food kinds of treats (think: playdoh, stickers, glow sticks, Halloween rings, etc). If you'd like to include a small treat, some candies that are more allergy friendly include: Lollipops, Push Pops, Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, Starbursts, Swedish Fish, Laffy Taffy, Air Heads, Dum Dums, Smarties, and Nerds.

**RESPOND:** Register on the Church Center so that we are sure we have trunks! Or click on the link!

Please be in touch with Pastor Lisa if you have any questions ([pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)).



## Finance Page

We are two months into the new fiscal year and things are still moving slowly. August financial gifts brought in \$37.8k, YTD \$72.6k. We are 3% behind the Budget at this point, which is not abnormal for the summer months. However, we do encourage Members to utilize remote giving options when away from CIC. Preschool wrapped up Summer Camps with a total of \$10.2k in camp tuition revenue. YTD they are at \$10.7k. September will bring the start of the regular school year. We have 45 students enrolled, 5 fewer than we budgeted for, so we expect to fall a bit short of the Budget goal. Please share with friends and neighbors that we have spots open in the older classes, 4s, PK and TK. Other Revenues (bank interest, facility use fees, Thrivent Choice) stands at \$1.1k YTD. Total Revenues YTD are \$84.3k.

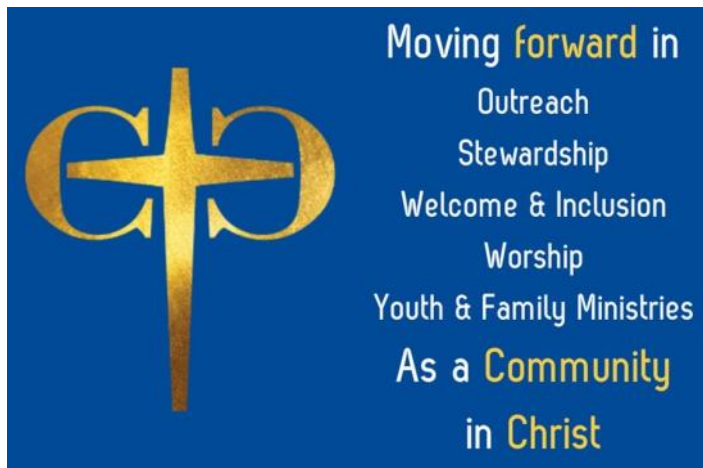
Expenses this month included Pastor Substitute fees, pre-registration for our Pastors' retreat, annual fee for Carbonite computer backup, annual subscription for Sundays & Seasons liturgical readings and online hymnal, semi-annual AC inspection and maintenance, regular lawn care, and mulch for the playground. Total Expenses for the month were \$55.1k, YTD \$110.6k. Additionally, we used \$9.7k of Capital/Emergency funds to pay for parking lot resurfacing.

We ended August with a Deficit of \$11.7, YTD Deficit is \$26.2k. This is similar to where we were at this point last year, so we are not despairing, but we hope things improve as the year goes on. ~ Madalyn Wilkinson, Finance Director

<b>Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan</b>	<b>July 24-June 25 Budget</b>	<b>August 2024 Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Member Contributions</b>	\$522,000	\$72,598	14%
<b>Preschool Revenue</b> <i>Preschool tuition and fees</i>	168,415	10,675	6%
<b>Other Revenue</b> <i>Bank interest, Facility usage, credit card rewards</i>	23,910	1,075	4%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>714,325</b>	<b>84,348</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Worship</b> <i>Altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	5,250	1,070	20%
<b>Witness</b> <i>Offering envelopes, new member activities</i>	1,890	80	4%
<b>Synod benevolence</b>	52,200	8,673	17%
<b>Administration</b> <i>Computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>	44,239	8,695	20%
<b>Mortgage</b> <i>Principal and interest on mortgage</i>	69,348	11,558	17%
<b>Property</b> <i>Building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	57,022	8,825	15%
<b>Staff</b> <i>Salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i>	342,961	55,024	16%
<b>Music Ministries</b> <i>Guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fee, handbells, AV maintenance</i>	5,000	996	20%
<b>Youth Ministries</b> <i>Youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i>	3,150	425	13%
<b>Preschool</b> <i>Staff salaries and benefits, activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	132,833	15,240	11%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>713,893</b>	<b>110,586</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$432</b>	<b>(\$26,238)</b>	



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## Sunday Worship Times

- 9 a.m. Contemporary worship and livestream
- 10 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship
- 11 a.m. Traditional Worship

**\*\*Worship in ONE Service at 10 a.m. on 10/20 & 10/27. See inside for more details**

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### 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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