



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

July 2021

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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



Worship In July

9 a.m.—Parking Lot Worship

10:30 a.m.—Worship in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed

[Facebook Link](#)

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Regathering Information



Welcome Madalyn!

As we turn the calendar to July, we officially welcome Madalyn Wilkinson in the role of Director of Finance! You were introduced to Madalyn a few months ago and she has been training with Colleen Karpovitz. Please direct questions to Madalyn at financedirector@communityinchrist.net. This position is approximately 5 hours a week. Madalyn's office hours may be fluid for awhile and we will communicate when they become more established. Welcome Madalyn!

From the Pastors.....

¹*O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

²*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

³*For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*

⁴*In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*

⁵*The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.*

⁶*O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

~Psalm 95:1-6

Seeing God's blessings and presence in our lives is more challenging to do at certain times and seasons of life than others. When studying the 95th Psalm, the *New Interpreter's Study Bible* explicitly names how God's reign is here and now even when the circumstances of life may seem to deny that fact. *It is revealing that in Psalm 95 it is not the forces of chaos that resist God's claim (as in Psalm 93), nor is it the wicked or the nations (as in Psalm 94). Rather God's own people resist God's claim.* (pg. 1062) God has gifted us with so much to be thankful for and yet, just like the original hearers of the psalm, we also need to be reminded of the joy that comes from God's reign.

It has been a blessing over the last year to see God's joy spread among our congregation and world in ways most of us never would have imagined or envisioned. Our congregation has been blessed with the time, talents, and resources of many who have helped us love God and love neighbor while continuing to be a community in Christ worshiping Jesus with our whole hearts in evolving ways. CIC has also been blessed with your patience as leadership has regularly been gathering and listening to the ever-changing recommendations surrounding the pandemic to discern how we can best care for one another when we gather together.

We have been singing God's praises in so many ways through the gifts of technology, compassion, flexibility, time, space, and creativity! It has been a joy! It has also been a joy to continue to see life emerge gradually into a new and evolving normal as knowledge, science, and people's actions have come together to move our ability to be together one step at a time.

As we enter into the month of July, we will begin making a joyful noise to the Lord using our voices through congregational singing at the 10:30 a.m. indoor sanctuary service. The *rock of our salvation* has been our source of stability and strength throughout this most unusual and challenging time. And regardless of whether you now choose to attend and sing at any of the services, let us not forget to offer (in some way!) our praise and thanks to our Lord and Maker.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Lisa & Pastor Michael

tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving

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 drive-in 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 Colleen Karpovitz (ckarpovitz@cox.net).

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

Prayers

Prayers for Members: Carla Beaver, Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, DiBenedictis family, Jim Carney, Martin Cuthbertson, Joan Garn, Renate Von Dohlen, Lee Tillman, Dane Horna, Jan Hamilton, Bill Rockwood, Susan Hill, Betty Classey, Don Snyder, Kathy Miller, Louanne Schweitzer

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Margaret Orendorff (Diana Elsass's mother); Evelyn Hagedorn (Laurie Street's mother); Stacey Waddell (Carol Moser's cousin); Carrie Montgomery (Lee Tillman's caregiver); Karen Roode (Bob Liljefor's sister); Ann Donahue (Bill Langan's sister); Peg Wheeler (family of Stephanie Wheeler), Gretchen Hagedorn (Laurie Street's sister); Carmen Harte (Valerie Deabreu's mother); Joanne Menke (Susan Bauer's sister); Joel Wissell (Eileen Wissell's grandson); Kathleen Beam (Eileen Wissell's great-niece); Fred Hasben, Gary Finley & Reagan Fair (Deborah Lowe's cousins)

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

Group Ministry & Adult Education News.....



Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study

Join the weekly Bible Study that meets in the narthex and on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the upcoming lectionary texts. Please contact the church office for the zoom information.

New Member Class



The next CIC New Members' Class will be in August. If you are interested in receiving information about this upcoming class offering, please contact Pastor Lisa at pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net.

Card Ministry News



Card Ministry will be taking a break for the month of July. We hope you'll consider joining us in August. No experience needed!

A variety of cards are available to the congregation in the card rack on Sunday mornings or during the week through the church office. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and donations. *Need more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com or 940-300-2290.*



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 (see email address below) and she will add your name to the member/email list.

In July 2021, we will continue to focus on making hat/scarf sets for those in need, as well as baby blankets and shawls. Our supplies of yarn and fleece are in! 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! 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.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, contact Kathy Dutton (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elsass (dianaelsass@gmail.com).



WELCA

Not all women realize, if you are a member of the Congregation, you are automatically a member of WELCA. We had an informational meeting on Thursday June 17th, with 8 attendees. Many things are still uncertain, we will continue to address each situation as they are presented.

We will resume our summer social outings (dinner out)

- Monday July 12th @ 6:30PM – Outback Steak House
- Monday August 9th @ 6:30PM – Carrabba's Italian

PLEASE contact Laverne @ 704-576-8675 (text preferred). NOTE: We are limited in Restaurants able to service us, due to staffing problems they are not taking reservations for large groups.

Lakewood Care Center – Denver: We are in contact with them and are planning a Halloween Event. We plan to collect toiletries and snacks to make up treat bags for the residence.

Monthly Meeting Study Material: Our Group has selected "*Bible Women, All Their Words And Why They Matter*" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. The monthly meetings will resume in September, more information will be announced at a later date.

If you have quest please contact Laverne at 704-576-8675 or ltwaskielis@msn.com



Happy Times Group

Happy Times Seniors will meet Wednesday, July 21st at 11:30 a.m. at Hickory Tavern - Birkdale - 9526 Birkdale Crossing Drive, Huntersville. We have an awesome group, with "new" attendees. Please plan to join us! To RSVP, contact Ron Major at HunterRon35@hotmail.com or (704) 622-0517



Hand bell Choir

Join us to ring the Good News and make a joyful noise! Handbell choir is looking for new members, please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. The choir will meet in the Spirit Center on Thursdays starting on August 26, 2021 - May 12, 2022. No previous music experience is necessary just a willingness to learn.

If you are interested joining the choir, learning to ring or general questions, please complete this survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/22MHQ78>) or contact Ashley Knoy (ashleyknoy@gmail.com)

Stay tuned for August "Back to Bells" session in early August for those that would like to learn more about bells or would like a refresher.

Council Officers

At its meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd, the Council elected Officers for the 2021-2022 term. Serving our congregation in the officer roles are:



Susan Kullstam – President;
Paul Miller – Vice President;
Dean Miller – Treasurer;
Natasha Nadeau – Secretary.

Angels & Sparrows News!



July Collection: Salty Snacks: To help keep Angels & Sparrows Summer Lunch program well stocked, this month we will be filling the grocery cart with Salty Snacks (individually packaged) each Sunday! Think Pretzels, Chips, Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers, etc. Items can also be dropped off at the office during the week.

THANK YOU for your contributions of Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, and Homemade Cookies/Bars throughout the month of June! During the month 336 Pudding Cups, 440 Fruit Cups, and 109 dozen Cookies/Bars were delivered to Angels & Sparrows!



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you to Larry & Barbara Eaker, Pastor Lisa, and Pastor Michael for representing CIC at this year's all-virtual NC Synod Assembly June 3rd – 5th. To view the worships, presentations, and discussions or read through documents, scroll through the Synod Assembly page on the Synod's website to see highlights of the ministry we are doing together as a Synod. (<https://www.nclutheran.org/event/synod-assembly-2021/>)

Office Update

- ⇒ Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th. Office Administrator, Stephanie Wheeler, will be out of the office on Tuesday, July 6th. Pastor Michael will be out of the office on Thursday, July 8th.
- ⇒ Pastor Lisa and Pastor Michael will be out of the office following worship on July 25th through August 2nd. During the week of July 26th through July 30th, Office Administrator, Stephanie Wheeler, will be working half days in the office with the hours of 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Registration for the 2021/2022 school year is now open. Tuition for 2021/2022: \$255.00 for 2-year-old and 3-year-old students and \$290.00 for 4-year-old, PK and TK students.

To schedule at our contact Sharon Fuller at 704-892-0120 ext 104 or (sfuller9564@gmail.com.)



Thank you for supporting Agapé Day Camp at CIC through your prayers; donations of food, supplies, finances; and providing a home! The campers and counselors had a great week building relationships, having fun, and diving into their role in all creation through their theme verse Mark 16:15: *Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."* Be sure to check out their program posted on the CIC Facebook and YouTube pages to hear some of the fun songs they learned during the week and to discover more about their daily themes!



The ELCA's National Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN, July 24-28, 2022 (including travel time, the complete trip dates are likely July 23rd-29th). All rising 8th-12th grade students can attend. Be on the lookout for an informational meeting in early August. This is a *phenomenal* faith-enriching experience that many teenagers only have 1 opportunity to attend. For more information, please e-mail Pastor Michael (pastormichael@communityinchrist.net) and/or you can check out the Gathering's website: <https://elca.org/YouthGathering>



VBS Mission Project Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes



During VBS we will be collecting empty shoe boxes and items to fill the shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. **The congregation is encouraged to join us in our efforts and praying for the children who will be receiving the shoe boxes. We will be collecting items Sunday, July 18 – Sunday July 25, 2021, under the Christmas tree in the narthex.**

Suggested items include but not limited to:

Wow Items – small stuffed animals, uninflated soccer ball with pump, small musical instrument (harmonica, woodwind recorder), a clothing outfit, backpack

Personal Care Items – comb, brush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, adhesive bandages, Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils

Clothing and Accessories - t-shirts, flip flops, hair bows, sunglasses, hats, socks

School and craft supplies – pencils with sharpeners, pens, crayons, markers, note pads, stickers, glue sticks, rulers, scissors

Toys and Activities – puzzles, cars, playing cards, jump rope, yo-yo, marbles, foam ball, doll, flashlight, garden items, fishing items, tool kits



Jesus' power pulls us through.



Rocky Railway VBS is coming to CIC this month!

At Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School, kids will discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. Incredible Bible-learning experiences, sciency-fun, crafts, and games, are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life.



July 18 – 22, 2021

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Pre- School thru 5th grade

Suggested Donation:

\$15 per child/\$35 for families with 3 or more children



*Register today at communityinchrist.org
or pick up a registration sheet in the Narthex
On-line registration closes on July 15th.*

For more information contact
Kathy Shugarman, shugs02@gmail.com 940-300-2290

We are looking for items to be donated or borrowed for VBS. Please check out the display in the Narthex to see if you could help with any of these items. Items will be added weekly as we continue to plan for VBS



Christmas Trees and Luggage for VBS

If you've been saving or have an old Christmas tree or a suitcase that you no longer want, VBS would appreciate them, to help enhance our décor. You can bring them to Church before July 18th. Trees and suitcases will be donated to Good Will, Habitat Re-Store or similar ministry after VBS is over.



VBS Registration Form
(one per child)
Sunday, July 18—Thursday, July 22, 2021
6:00—8:00 PM VBS
Community In Christ Lutheran Church

Child's Name _____ Child's gender _____

Child's age _____ Date of birth _____ Last grade completed _____

Name of parent(s) _____

Will parent(s) be attending for a Family VBS experience? Yes No

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Primary phone _____ Secondary phone _____

Home email address _____

Emergency contact _____

Emergency phone _____

Special Needs, Allergies, Medical Conditions

Person(s) responsible for pick-up after VBS _____

Their phone number(s) _____

Relationship to child _____

From the Finance Team

Community in Christ Ministry Plan	Jul20-Jun21 Budget	Jul20-May21 Actual	% of Budget
Revenue			
Revenue	\$532,500	\$456,367	86%
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>			
Other Revenue	\$181,466	\$198,882	110%
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>			
Total Revenues	\$713,966	\$655,249	92%
Expenses			
Worship	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,737	113%
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>			
Witness	\$ 1,870	\$ 849	45%
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>			
Serve	\$ 53,250	\$ 45,753	86%
<i>synod benevolence</i>			
Administration	\$ 40,007	\$ 42,121	105%
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>			
Mortgage	\$ 92,196	\$ 87,340	95%
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>			
Property	\$ 53,818	\$ 51,425	96%
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>			
Staff	\$447,943	\$392,573	88%
<i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and two part-time employees; staff development (partially offset by designated giving in 2016-2017)</i>			
Music Ministries	\$ 3,060	\$ 2,117	69%
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>			
Youth Ministries	\$ 6,525	\$ 2,122	33%
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018-2019: also includes Sunday school, campfirmation</i>			
Preschool	\$ 13,865	\$ 12,028	87%
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>			
Total Expenses	\$714,959	\$639,065	89%
Budget Deficit		\$ 16,184	

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.

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Worship Times

6 am Parking Lot Church

10:30 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.
www.communityinchrist.org