



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

March 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 www.communityinchrist.org

Sunday Worship in March:

- 9 a.m.**—Contemporary (livestream)
- 10 a.m.**—Sunday School & Coffee Cart
- 11 a.m.**—Traditional

Wednesdays in Lent:

- 6 p.m.** Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 p.m.** Lenten Worship (Sanctuary)

[Facebook Link](#)

[YouTube Link](#)



Called Congregational Meeting Notice:

The NC Department of Transportation first announced a widening of N.C. 73 in 2018. Right of way acquisition has just recently begun for the project. Thankfully, CIC is not losing a significant amount of our property (0.063 acres is being acquired as right of way and 0.087 acres will be a permanent utility easement). However, in order to move forward with the acquisition, and in compliance with CIC's constitution (C12.05.b), a congregational vote of simple majority is needed to grant the Church Council the authority to act in this situation. That meeting will be held on March 17 at 10:15am in the sanctuary. Construction is estimated to begin in Summer 2026. For additional information about the project click on the QR code.



Daylight Savings Time begins March 10th!

Spring Forward!



- 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 call the office for help.



From the Pastors.....

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ~ John 1:1-2

Our confirmation students have been studying the Bible and focusing on some of the more common characters like Abraham & Sarah, Moses, David, Ruth, etc., this year. As we do so, we simultaneously discuss *why* we read scripture and reflect on these ancient stories. There are a lot of ways one can answer the “why” question, but a succinct response that we typically circle back to is that we read scripture to learn about God and to learn about God’s people (and, by virtue of our baptism, we are included within God’s people). It is by learning about God and God’s people that we can develop an understanding of who God is, what God has called us to do, and how God’s people have tried to be faithful (which is *always* far from perfect).

The challenge for the class and for all of us who strive to follow Jesus is to take what content we read in scripture and apply it to our lives and the world. How does God’s covenant within Noah and the Ark, or Joseph’s forgiveness towards his brothers, or Ruth’s faithfulness matter today? Well, as that passage from John describes, there has not been a time that Jesus has not existed and through Jesus all things came into being. As such, God is woven throughout all of creation. Scripture, then, helps to provide a lens through which we can see and interpret God in the world.

To aid the students in making this connection, they have a special Lenten project. During this season, instead of attending classes, each day they are given a theme based on assigned passages of scripture (the same scriptures that the adult Lenten devotions follow). Their objective and task is to “see” the theme in their day-to-day lives and then they post it within the confirmation group’s Church Center page. Some of the themes are: covenant, celebrate, remember, everlasting...

The creativity the students have displayed thus far is awesome. Far more than that, we pray they are developing the discipline of seeing God and God’s promises in the world, because God is most certainly there. The promises of forgiveness and new life that we will joyously proclaim on Easter morning are not just words written in a dusty old book. Those gifts are being lived out and experienced within people and creation every day. May the students (and all of us!) have eyes of faith to be able to see it and, just as importantly, may the promises of God be made visible *through* us so that others can get a glimpse of God’s glory.

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



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

Finance, Madalyn Wilkinson—financedirector@communityinchrist.net

Music, Sherry Malia—musicdirector@communityinchrist.net

Lent Worship Calendar

Wednesdays in Lent

6 pm Meal & 7 pm Worship each week (*livestreamed*)

~The free-will offering for the meal each week supports the National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans.

~ March 6

~ March 13

~ March 20

Maundy Thursday - March 28th

~7 pm Worship with First Communion (*livestreamed*)

Good Friday - March 29th

~Noon & 7 pm (*livestreamed*)

During the season of Lent, you will notice some variation in our Sunday morning worship together:

- The paraments are the color purple, a color representing repentance and solemnity.
- The Cantic of Praise is omitted from our liturgy. We will move directly from the Kyrie to the Prayer of the Day omitting the song of joyous glory as a way of practicing quiet contemplation.
 - The Gospel Acclamation is the setting for Lent.
- During Holy Communion, the Great Thanksgiving and Preface will always be spoken as a sign of solemnity.
- We refrain from saying the word *Alleluia* as we “fast” from this word which means, “Praise the Lord.”

Holy Week & Easter at Community in Christ Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 2024

7pm

livestreamed

Good Friday, March 29th, 2024

Noon & 7pm

(7pm livestreamed)

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Worship: 9am & 11am

(9am livestreamed)

Children's Egg Hunt: 10:30am



Lenten Devotionals are Available in the Narthex! Please pick one up for yourself or take to family and friends!

Ways to Give of Tithes and Offerings at CIC:

1. Online/Direct Withdrawal

- Go to 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! Undesignated 2023 Choice Dollars can be designated until the end of March 2024! Be sure to check your accounts!

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.

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



We're grateful for your generosity in supporting Angels & Sparrows Community Table through the Souper Bowl of Caring.

San Francisco 49ers: \$1,490.60
Kansas City Chiefs: \$842.99
Taylor Swift: \$441.25
Commercials: \$316.02
Undesignated Online gifts: \$190
For a total of \$3280.86



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Bell Choir News:

Dear CIC Family, We would like to thank you for your prayers for safe travel during and preparation for the retreat to Lutheridge. Everyone agreed it was an amazing experience. We spent many hours during the weekend of February 16-18 practicing six pieces along with six other choirs in the Intermediate track. We practiced, attended workshops on advanced meter and handbell techniques, sight read, laughed, and played in praise to God. On Sunday following our worship service we listened to the Advanced track bell choirs who had prepared a set of different music. We then reciprocated by playing our pieces for them. It was a wonderful way to end the weekend. During worship on Sunday, we were reminded that while the countless hours of practice for a short-lived performance might feel ethereal, it is made eternal with love. Our prayer is that our musical offerings on Sunday continue to fill you with love and put a song on your heart that lives within you. We look forward to sharing some of the music and new techniques we have learned with you. In the coming weeks we will share out the links to our concert once they are posted. Again, thank you for all the prayers, support, and generosity to help make it possible! With love, CIC Handbell Ministry

Bell Choirs Rehearsal Schedule

March 7, 14, 21: 6 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m. Agape Bell Choir (Both in Spirit Center)

A Note from Your Music Team:

I'd like to send a big Thank You to Ashley and the whole handbell choir for allowing me to join them on their recent handbell retreat weekend held at Lutheridge! We had a wonderful weekend of fellowship, food, laughter, and lots and lots of handbell playing! We are blessed to have such a good handbell choir here at CIC. Your choir is busy preparing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and, of course, Easter. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. This would be a great time to give choir a try! We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings immediately following our Wednesday Lenten service. The children are also working on some new songs and will be presenting special music very soon! Shalom to you - Sherry

"Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

Prayers

Prayers for Members: Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, Janet Shuping, Betty Classey, Pat Hamby, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps, Shirley McNeilis, Blaire Hart, Warren Hamby, Laverne Waskielis, Janice Kaufmann, Sandy Barefoot, Anne Randolph, John Iverson, Liann Musano, Ron Major, Ron Raper, Deb Myers, Karen Frank, Bill Rockwood, Brenda Tripathi, Chuck Hill, Don & Diana Elsass, Woody Barefoot, Linda Snyder, Samuelson Family, Gomilla Family, Blackwell Family

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Pastor Carl Yost (Congregation friend), Michelle Smith (Deborah Lowe's niece), Bob Blackwelder (Carol Moser's brother), Joyce Kelly (Stella Ryan's sister), Carl Morris (Carla Haley's father), Tom Fox (friend of Ed & Susan Bauer), Jodi (Judi Labuda's goddaughter)

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we commend to almighty God, Mildred Edwards, who died on January 28th and Joan Garn who died on February 26th. Please keep the families of Mildred and Joan in your prayers.

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 send also 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.

Group Ministry News.....

Save the Dates! April 21 One Blood Big Red Bus returns to CIC. June 2nd Annual Meeting. June 21 CIC at Kannapolis Cannon Ballers!

Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study: Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex. There will be NO Bible Study on Tuesday, April 2nd.

March Grocery Cart: During the month of March we will be partnering with the CIC preschool in collecting *boxes of individual oatmeal packages* for the Bags of Hope Program. Bags of Hope is a non-profit ministry providing weekend food provisions to school children in the Lake Norman area who experience food insecurity. To find out more about this program check out: www.bagsofhopelkn.com. When you're doing your grocery shopping this month consider picking up a few of these items and adding them to the grocery cart at CIC. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our grocery cart collections each month. Your generosity is making a difference!

Calling all softball players!!! It is that time of the year. Come cheer on the CIC team!!!! It is without a doubt that we have the best cheering section in the league!!!! We are still looking for players to replace those that retired. Please see Paul Miller (p.k.miller1@gmail.com) or Pastor Michael/Pastor Lisa if you are interested. Here is the schedule for this year. All games are played at North Meck Park. **March 10th**—3 p.m. Field #1, **March 17th**—3 p.m. Field #2, **March 24th**—2 p.m.—Field #1, **March 31st** no games Easter, **April 7th**—3 p.m. Field #2, **April 14th** (Double header) 2 & 3 p.m. Field #2. Tournament Schedule to follow, based on rainouts. Field condition phone number for possible rainouts: 704-766-2250.

Men's Group Meeting - March 14th at Ron Gomilla's House at 7 p.m. If you need the address, see Ron or Paul Miller.

Happy Times Seniors: Will meet Wednesday, March 20th, at 11:30 at Jacks Corner Tap in Cornelius. RSVP Ron Major (704) 622-0517 HunterRon35@hotmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The final figures are in – the CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry gifted more than 75 hand-crafted prayer shawls, hat/scarf sets, and blankets in 2023! This represents an estimated 1400+ volunteer hours of work! A special “thank you” to all those who contributed their talents, time, and financial support to this ministry. We are looking forward to another successful year in 2024! 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. We meet at CIC on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! 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) or Diana Elsass (dianaelsass@gmail.com).

Card Ministry News: Why not join the CIC card ministry team, where we create cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. All are welcome and no experience is needed! We'll be meeting Tuesday, March 12th at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Would you like more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at 940-300-2290 or 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, March 7 & 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom #1. 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.

Preschool: The CIC Preschool currently has openings for 3 students in the PK class and 2 students in the TK class (age 5). There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$85.00 per child is due at time of enrollment. Tuition for 2023/2024: \$325 for 4-year-old students. To schedule a tour contact Sharon Fuller at 704-892-0120 ext 104 or sfuller9564@gmail.com.

CIC Checkers Game! CIC has section 120 reserved for families to attend the Checkers game on Tuesday, March 12th at 7 p.m. Click on the link or QR code for information: [CIC Checkers Game](#)



March Madness Basketball Bracket info: It's almost March Madness Time! If you're the least bit interested in college basketball, you're strongly encouraged to participate in CIC's NCAA Men's & Women's Basketball Bracket Challenge. What is a “bracket challenge?”— In mid-March, tournament brackets will be created by a selection committee. Within those brackets, you will then pick who you think will win every potential match-up (and don't worry, your guess is as good as anyone's...in fact, most of our brackets will be more accurate than the analysts on ESPN). It really is as simple as that. Your strategy for picking a winner can be based on seedings, team preferences, mascots, the flipping of a coin... As the tournament goes along, we'll rank who has made the most accurate picks. The challenge is just for fun as well as for bragging rights. The intent is to have a simple and enjoyable activity that EVERYONE can participate in. Stay posted for the bracket details as we get closer to the release of the brackets!



Women's Retreat 2024—May 3-5

We are excited to share that we've finalized the date and location for our annual Spring Women's Retreat. Join us May 3-5 at Camp Agape for a time of fellowship, devotion and exploration! Camp Agape is located approximately 15 minutes from downtown Fuquay-Varina, NC and 2 1/2 hours from Community in Christ.

The camp offers 624 acres of rolling hills, cascading streams and forest, with 12 miles of hiking trails and access to the views of the Cape Fear River. We will have a number of activities on offer for the weekend including hiking, brewery/downtown Fuquay-Varina outing, campfire and group devotions and activities. We will also participate in an on-site service project helping out on the grounds/facilities of Camp Agape.

Registration will open the last week of February/First week of March. The total cost for the weekend is \$200 which includes food and lodging. We will organize carpools leaving from CIC for those who are interested.



Please register and submit \$100 deposit by Easter Sunday March 31 so that we can provide headcount and down payment to the camp. Register today on the Church Center App!

Questions? Contact Susan Kullstam (skulls01@me.com) or Pastor Lisa (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net).

Camp Agape: <https://agapekurebeach.org/> 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC

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

All women of CIC are welcome to The 5:11s. Based upon 1st Thessalonians 5:11, we are a women's group that "encourages one another and builds one another up, just as you are doing." We meet on the third Sunday of the month between services to discuss ways we can continue to encourage and build each other up and support our church. Contact Jill Brooks at Jlbrooks@gmail.com with any questions.

- The next meeting is on March 17th in the Fellowship Hall between services. We will gather to sort and compile care packages for our college students (Angel Aunts). Finals are coming up and we would like to send care boxes to our college students letting them know how much we miss them and look forward to seeing them this summer at church. We are asking for donations of granola bars, ramen packets, stress relievers/fidget toys, gum, etc, and small recyclable shipping boxes to mail the items.
- The 5:11's is conducting a community drive for medicine bottles in support of the non-profit Matthew25 Ministries. We are accepting all clean (washed and dried) medicine bottles with labels removed. Just bring them to church and we will do the rest. The pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment. Look for the donation box in the narthex.
- A morning book study will start in March. We will be reading Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans. Start date will be announced soon.



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

CIC Weekday Preschool Registration

Priority registration is open for currently enrolled students, siblings, and church members.

- ****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, with September's tuition due on May 1st, 2024.
- 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.



CIC Preschool Camps—Registration Open!

- **Session #1-June 3-6 (9:05 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.):** “Under the Sea” Our campers will dive under the sea to discover the ocean’s many wonders. We will learn about sharks, sea turtles, dolphins, and many other sea creatures. We will have jellyfish races, paint with squid ink, and have a whale of a good time! \$80 non-refundable registration fee. \$80 balance due May 21st
- **Session #2-June 24-27 (9:05 a.m.-1:00 p.m.):** “Into the Wild” Let’s go on a safari to learn all about the beautiful and sometimes strange animals in the world. We will sample animal-themed crafts, books, games and more! \$80 non-refundable registration fee. \$80 Balance due June 11th
- **Session #3-July 15-18 (9:05 a.m. -1:00 p.m.):** “Out of this World” Our campers will travel into space and explore astronauts, spaceships, the solar system, and constellations! We’ll have hands on fun with space mazes, galaxy Oobleck, homemade rockets and moon walks. \$80 non-refundable registration fee. \$80 Balance due July 2nd
- **Session #4-August 5-8 (9:05 a.m.-1:00 p.m.):** “Magical Adventures”-Bring your imagination to our magical land of knights, princesses, dragons, and unicorns. We will construct castles, make princess crowns, knight shields and more, while having fun in the enchanted kingdom! \$80 non-refundable registration fee. \$80 Balance due July 23rd

Summer fun facts:

- Each camp session is \$160 with a \$80 non-refundable registration fee that will hold your child’s spot in the camp. This fee will be applied to the total camp cost and the balance of \$80 for each camp is due 2 weeks prior to that camp.
- All students who fit in the age ranges of 2-5 years old are eligible to attend our summer camps, including children who do not currently attend CIC Preschool.
- Enrollment is first come first served, until camps are filled.
- Summer camp sessions will have an 8x1 child to teacher ratio.
- All children should wear comfortable play clothes and bring a snack, reusable water bottle and a lunch each day.
- A completed registration form and registration fee(s) payable by check ~OR~debit/credit card online at www.communityinchrist.org is required for each child.
- CIC Preschool reserves the right to cancel any camp and return registration fee due to low enrollment.

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School meets between services the first four Sundays in March!

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th - The Sunday School hour begins with music in the sanctuary then transitions to 2nd-5th grade in Classroom 1 and PreK-1st grade in the Spirit Center.

On Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday, join in the Easter Egg Hunt fun at 10:30am!

Parents: *The younger class (prek-1st) is requesting that at least one parent hang back each week to be an extra set of eyes and hands each week. Please check in with the class each week to see if this is covered!

**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!

First Communion Instruction: First Communion Education Classes for registered youth and parents will place on Sundays, March 3rd and March 24th, starting at 12:15 p.m. First Communion will take place during worship on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, at 7 p.m.

Confirmation

The Lenten Confirmation project The Lenten Confirmation project continues! Please read through your project information and keep posting where you see connections to God's promises out in the world! If you have questions, please get in touch with Pastor Michael. *Worship notes are found at the welcome desk in the narthex.*

Senior High/Youth Gathering

Thank You!!! Nearly \$1400 was raised from the Shrove Pancake meal in support of those attending the National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. We appreciate your continued support and prayers as work continues to prepare the group for this faith-enriching experience.



College Care Packages: Hey parents of college age students! CIC's Women's Group, the 5:11s would like to send care packages to students this spring. If you would like your student(s) to receive one, please submit your student's mailing address to the office by March 15th. swheeler@communityinchrist.net



CAMP FIRELIGHT -- A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD

July 28 -August 1
6:00- 8:00 PM

More details and Registration Information will be in the April Newsletter

Save the date for this amazing adventure
Please contact Suzi Hinrichs or Pastor Lisa with questions
suzihinrichs@gmail.com or pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net

Summer Camps

Our North Carolina Synod Outdoor Ministries are registering for their summer camps! Check out what each camp has to offer this summer through their links:

- Summer Camp - Agape Kure Beach (<https://agapekurebeach.org/summer-camp/>)
- Lutheran Summer Camps | Lutheridge In North Carolina (<https://lutheridge.org/summer-camps/>)
- Lutheran Summer Camps | Lutherock In North Carolina (<https://lutherock.org/summer-camps/>)



Golfing Opportunity: Like to check out different North Carolina golf courses or have friends in the Triangle area? Check out Campe Agape's April 8th golf fundraiser event at Lochmere Golf Club in Cary! <https://agapekurebeach.org/special-events/golf/>



**Synod Gathering 2024 is scheduled for Thursday May 30 - Saturday, June 1
at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory.**

Lay people, pastors, and deacons from across the synod will gather to develop community, grow in faith, and grow skills for building God's church. All are invited! You are invited! See more here: <https://nclutheran.org/event/synod-gathering-2024/>

Finance Team

January financial gifts brought in \$32.2k, YTD we are at \$279.5k, 4% behind the Budget. Preschool Revenues brought in \$16.2k, which included monthly tuition, scholarships and registration fees, as enrollment is now underway for the next school year. We also had \$1.5k of Other Revenues, from facility use, bank interest, credit card rewards, and Thrivent Choice dollars. Spending this month included Worship-Devotionals: \$380. Computer/Software: \$855 (includes renewal of annual subscription to Google Nest and McAfee protection). Insurance: \$3,940 (quarterly installment payment). Utilities -Electric: \$2.5k (heating during cold weather). Payroll service: \$360 (includes processing and delivery of W2s). Building-Exterminating: \$125 (quarterly pest control service). Music-Guest Musicians: \$300 . Youth-VBS: \$225 (purchase of VBS curriculum). We ended the month with a YTD deficit of \$22.4k. Looking ahead we are going to see a spend of approx \$9k on AC repairs in the office building.
~Madalyn Wilkinson, Director of Finance.

| Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan | July 23-June 24 Budget | January 2024 Actual | % of Budget |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Revenues</i> | | | |
| Member Contributions | \$530,000 | \$279,537 | 53% |
| Other Revenue <i>Facility usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest, credit card rewards</i> | 204,900 | 100,100 | 49% |
| Total Revenues | 734,900 | 379,637 | 52% |
| <i>Expenses</i> | | | |
| Worship <i>Altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i> | 5,300 | 3,017 | 57% |
| Witness <i>Offering envelopes, new member activities</i> | 2,260 | 744 | 33% |
| Synod benevolence | 53,000 | 28,059 | 53% |
| Administration <i>Computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i> | 46,443 | 29,402 | 63% |
| Mortgage <i>Principal and interest on mortgage</i> | 69,348 | 40,453 | 58% |
| Property <i>Building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i> | 59,227 | 29,061 | 49% |
| Staff <i>Salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i> | 333,817 | 188,473 | 56% |
| Music Ministries <i>Guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fee, handbells, AV maintenance</i> | 4,615 | 2,729 | 59% |
| Youth Ministries <i>Youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i> | 8,150 | 943 | 12% |
| Preschool <i>Staff salaries and benefits, activities, supplies, maintenance</i> | 151,499 | 79,200 | 52% |
| Total Expenses | 733,659 | 402,081 | 55% |
| Surplus | \$1,241 | (\$22,444) | |


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Moving forward in
 Outreach
 Stewardship
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 Worship
 Youth & Family Ministries
As a Community
 in Christ

Sunday Worship Times

9 a.m. (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
10 a.m. Sunday School (Spirit Center)
10 a.m. Coffee Time (Narthex)
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m.

Livestreamed on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

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