



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

May 2021

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



Worship In May

May 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th - 9 a.m. Worship – Outdoor Parking Lot; 10:30 a.m. Worship – Indoor Sanctuary

ONE SERVICE - May 23rd 10 a.m. Worship – Outdoor Parking Lot; Pentecost Sunday, Graduate Recognition Sunday, followed by Annual Meeting

- WEAR RED!! In the church year, the Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Given the nature of the occasion as the closing of the most joyous season of the church, the Day of Pentecost deserves to be celebrated more enthusiastically than often is the case. The church's witness to the presence and power of Christ's Spirit should never be obscured.
- As a way to celebrate this festive day, everyone is invited to WEAR RED to worship on Sunday, May 23rd. Red is often worn to worship on the Day of Pentecost recalling the red flames of the Holy Spirit. As we see the parking lot full of red, we are reminded visually of the Spirit being ever-present among us.

[Facebook Link](#)

[YouTube Link](#)

Regathering Information

Blessing Of The Graduates



On May 23rd, we will be celebrating CIC's 2021 High School graduates. Please be sure to join us at our ONE Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. outdoors in the church parking lot, as our family of faith extends our congratulations, prayers, and God's blessings to them as they transition into a new phase of life.

From the Pastors.....

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send. Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross.

-God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind, ELW 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind is one of our favorite hymns to sing on Pentecost. It has a feel and movement within it that makes you want to belt it out with gusto. The tricky thing about the song, as is the case with so many songs that are fun to sing, is that while you are boldly singing it, it is easy to not really pay attention to the lyrics—which is always a mistake (whether we are singing a hit pop song in the car by ourselves or a hymn in church).

For this particular song, the lyrics are all good, faithful, theologically sound statements. It is just, do we *really* mean them when we sing them?

- Do we *really* want the Spirit to appear as on Pentecost?
- Do we *really* want to be driven out of our comforts (past the walls around us)?
- Do we *really* want to be swept up in service (service that is specifically *costly*)?
- Do we *really* want to be present with Christ to bear the cross?

These are all challenging, sacrificial kinds of desires. So, perhaps phrasing our questions around *wanting* to experience those items is not the right angle of approach. Maybe, a better way to frame our point is to emphasize how these lyrics, while not necessarily fun or enjoyable in and of themselves, do go along with our commitment to follow Christ. Living the life of a disciple *is* challenging and sacrificial. And yet, it is through such things where we can clearly witness and experience God's power at work.

In addition, what these questions of ours fail to emphasize are the ways in which all these lyrics *have already* been manifesting themselves over the past year!

- God's spirit *has been* blowing around this world in powerful ways—how else can we explain how we have made it to this point together!
- We, as a community, *have* literally been driven out of the comforts of our walls!
- We *have* been swept up into costly service—out of love of our neighbors and care of ourselves, we have altered our lives in countless ways!
- We *have* carried crosses and experienced various deaths—with Christ's presence and help we have also begun to experience the reality of resurrection.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind is a great hymn. As it will soon reappear on Pentecost, which happens to be the date of CIC's Annual Meeting, be sure to take note of the lyrics when it is sung. Reflect on how you and all of us have been living the song out over the past year...and begin to ponder how the lyrics might express themselves in the upcoming weeks and months.

This life of faith that we have committed ourselves to *is* challenging and sacrificial. As such, we likely do not always feel like living it with as much gusto as we probably should, but as difficult as it is at times, those are the kinds of situations, places, and people where God's love is most powerfully seen and felt. Whatever this upcoming year may bring, whether we can literally sing or not, let us continue to be bold in following our crucified and risen Savior.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Michael & Pastor Lisa

Office & Staff Information

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments. If coming by the office, please observe social distancing spacing and all current guidelines.

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

Colleen Karpovitz, Director Church Finance – ckarpovitz@cox.net



Sunday Worship & Weekday Worship Opportunities:

May 2, 9, 16 & 30 there will be a 9 a.m. Drive-in Worship and 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship. Livestreaming of Sunday worship continues via Facebook and YouTube @ 10:30a.m. May 23 will be one service at 10 a.m. followed by the annual meeting.

- **Service of Holy Communion**—Join us on Wednesdays, May 12th and 19th for a brief service of Holy Communion in the sanctuary at 12 p.m. The service will contain the reading of scripture, prayers, instrumental music, and the communion liturgy. The service is approximately 15 minutes. Communion distribution is in prepackaged containers. You are seated a minimum of 6 feet from anyone not in your family unit and you must wear a mask while inside the building. Please refer to our worship gathering information on the church website. Look to weekly Take Twos for additional and up-to-date gathering information as the dates approach.



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 righthand 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).



Annual Meeting

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, May 23rd, immediately following our ONE outdoor worship service that begins at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the parking lot. Please look to upcoming congregational emails and announcements for additional information about the meeting.

Council Nominees



Dean Miller and his wife, Lee Ann, relocated to Cornelius in late 2019 following Dean's retirement. They have 2 adult daughters, one living in Chicago and the other in Alexandria, Virginia. Dean is originally from Ohio and a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) with a degree in accounting. Dean has lived in various places including Connecticut; London, England; Waxhaw, NC; New Jersey; and Minnesota. Dean was a financial executive with several global insurance companies. Dean was previously the Treasurer for St John's Lutheran Church in New Jersey and has extensive church financial expertise. When not golfing, Dean enjoys traveling and watching Ohio State football.



Natasha Nadeau grew up in Commerce, Texas. She attended The University of Texas at Austin and served in the US Army for 13 years, first as a finance specialist and then following college, an Army aviator. She was stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and Ft. Polk, Louisiana. She has worked abroad in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. After her time in the Army, she returned to Austin where she worked in the Austin Energy IT Project Management Office, later meeting and marrying Chris. Following Chris' Army retirement and the birth of her son, Wyatt, her family moved to New Orleans where her twin daughters Simonne and Talya were born. Her family permanently set up roots in Davidson, North Carolina in 2015. She is currently homeschooling her three children and supporting Chris' efforts to grow their family logistics business. She enjoys traveling and camping, exploring parks, hiking trails, museums, and visits to historical sites. Community of Christ Lutheran Church is beloved by Natasha and her family. Her children were baptized at CIC and attended CIC Preschool. She enjoys helping with the children's

Sunday School and the fellowship of the women's Aspen Group. She admires the talents and outreach of the church staff and congregation, and is humbled to serve CIC in this capacity.



Adam English along with his wife Kady, and children Bradley and Hannah, have been members of Community in Christ for three years since moving to the area in 2018. In his time with the congregation, Adam has enjoyed participating in the Men's Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and children's holiday plays. Prior to joining CIC, the Englishes lived in Orlando, Florida, where Adam served as a member of the Council for our neighborhood ELCA congregation as well as various neighborhood association boards. He was even a youth council member of his hometown church back in high school. Adam looks forward to serving CIC in this new role joining with the already strong group of leaders and adding to it with his experience and perspective from past service.

Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan	July20-June21 Budget	July21-June22 Proposed Budget
Revenue		
Contributions <i>offerings</i>	\$ 532,500	\$ 532,500
Other Revenue <i>preschool tuition and fees, facility usage, bank interest</i>	\$ 181,466	\$ 185,898
Total Revenues	\$ 713,966	\$ 718,398
Expenses		
Worship <i>altar supplies, flowers, substitute pastor</i>	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,425
Witness <i>offering envelopes, family life, inviting ministries, lay pastors</i>	\$ 1,770	\$ 1,770
Study <i>adult education</i>	\$ 100	\$ 100
Serve <i>synod benevolence (10% of contributions)</i>	\$ 53,250	\$ 53,250
Music Ministries <i>music, copyright fees, guest musicians, audio & video maintenance, instrument maintenance</i>	\$ 3,060	\$ 4,409
Youth Ministries <i>Sunday school, youth mission trips, campfirmation, programs, activities</i>	\$ 6,525	\$ 9,525
Support - Administration <i>computer support/software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, mileage reimbursement, electronic offering fees</i>	\$ 40,007	\$ 41,337
Support - Property <i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, alarms systems, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning, cleaning supplies</i>	\$ 53,818	\$ 55,234
Support - Staff <i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for two pastors, two full-time staff, and two part-time staff; staff development , background checks</i>	\$ 319,177	\$ 323,008
Preschool <i>salaries and taxes for staff, insurance, activities, classroom supplies, maintenance, electronic tuition fees</i>	\$ 142,632	\$ 146,909
Mortgage <i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>	\$ 92,196	\$ 80,424
Total Expenses	\$ 714,960	\$ 718,391
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (994)	\$ 7

Prayers

Prayers for Members: Carla Beaver, Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, DiBenedictis family, Jim Carney, Martin Cuthbertson, Joan Garn, Renate Von Dohlen, Lee Tillman, Janet Shuping, Dane Horna, Jan Hamilton, Bill Rockwood, Bob O'Connor, Steve Swing, Susan Hill, Kiera Clement, Betty Classey, Don Snyder

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); Colleen Kugler (Karen Frank's sister-in-law); Ann Donahue (Bill Langan's sister)

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 swheeler@communityinchrist.net or 704-892-0120.

Group Ministry & Adult Education News.....

Card Ministry News

*Want to help the CIC card ministry create cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives? We are planning to meet twice in May to make cards, enjoy fellowship socially distanced from one another and would love for you to join us! We'll be meeting **Tuesday, May 11th at 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30 pm** in the **Spirit Center**. 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 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 purchasing cards.

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!

In May 2021, we will continue to focus on making hat/scarf sets for those in need. While this winter is behind us, we need to generate a supply for the beginning of the next winter season! In addition, the other focus for May will be on making baby blankets for Baptisms, etc. More baby blanket yarn is on the way!

We will continue to meet in person in the CIC Spirit Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! If you have any questions, or would like more information, contact Kathy Dutton (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elsass (dianaelsass@gmail.com).

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School continues with a study of Ephesians using the video series by Prof. N.T. Wright. If you are interested in attending the class or have questions, please contact Mark Myers. (mark.myers82@gmail.com). **There will be no class on May 23rd.

Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study

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

Angels & Sparrows News!

The final tally for the month of April, of CANNED TUNA and CANNED CHICKEN collected for Angels & Sparrows Soup Kitchen is ... 288 cans of Tuna (86.3 lbs), 153 cans of Chicken (119 lbs), and 22 cans of Spam (17.5 lbs) WOW! Thank you for your continued support of Angels & Sparrows' needs!

During the month of May, we will be collecting 2 requested items to help Angels & Sparrows prepare for their Summer Bag Lunch Program. Please fill the grocery cart with Individual Chip Packs and Granola Bars beginning May 2nd!



Preschool News:

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 a tour contact Sharon Fuller at 704-892-0120 ext 104 or (sfuller9564@gmail.com.)

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School: Children's Sunday School meets for the final two times of the school year on Sunday, May 2nd and 16th between worship services from approximately 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. under the breezeway!



Agape Day Camp

Like the lyrics of one of our all-time favorite camp songs, Psalm 150, "Praise the Lord with ALL CREATION" our summer theme is about God's creation- big and small!

Our theme verse this summer is Mark 16:15 "Jesus said to them, go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." We will explore what it could look like if we all work together to share good news and love with everything that God created.

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS OF ELEMENTARY-AGED YOUTH: Agapé Kure Beach Ministries counselors are traveling to us running camp right here at CIC from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon through Thurs and 9 a.m. to Noon on Fri, June 21-25, for youth entering grades 1 to 6 in the 2021-2022 school year. Cost is \$145 and can be paid on the church website or in a check written out to CIC with "Agape Day Camp" in the memo line. The registration form and camp's current Covid policy can be found on the church website ([click here](#)) or by contacting the church office. Register today and invite a friend! Please contact Pastor Lisa, (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net), with questions. Registration closes June 6th or once we reach 32 campers.

EVERYONE: There are 3 ways that you can help us prepare for our week of Day Camp:

1 – Pray

2 – Are you headed out of a town the week of June 21-25? Do you have an additional property? Pastor Lisa is looking for a housing option for the counselors while they are here as their summer Covid protocols do not allow them to stay with hosts this year. Want to talk about it some more? Contact Pastor Lisa at pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net.

3 – Bring in items needed for the week's craft projects by June 6th that are either:

A – Items from your home: 15 oz or larger aluminum cans (cleaned & paper peeled); magazines; newspaper; broken crayons

B – From the Sign-Up Genius found at this [link](#): Items can be placed in a marked bin in the narthex on Sunday or brought into the church office during the week



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

**Parents welcome to attend with their children
for a Family VBS experience!**

Due to COVID protocols space is limited...Register Today!

**Register at communityinchrist.org
or pick up a registration form in the Church Narthex or Office**

Please Consider:

- * keeping our VBS in your prayers
- * sponsoring a child attending VBS
- * volunteering to help lead a station or be a group leader



ALL ABOARD

Volunteers needed for VBS

Would you like to help turn CIC into a railway trip
through the Rookies?

Join the VBS Decorating Team

Like to share the love of Jesus through stories, games, crafts, or science projects?

Become a Station Leader

Love to be hands on with the children
and travel to all the stations?

Become a Crew or Jr. Crew Leader

If interested in helping with VBS this year please contact:
Kathy Shugarman, shugs02@gmail.com, 940-300-2290

Thank You Colleen!

We thank Colleen for her many years of service at CIC in the role of Director of Finance. Colleen's time as the Director of Finance has involved significant oversight in the development of new policies and procedures, and Colleen was integral in securing CIC's mortgage for the sanctuary and the PPP loan during the pandemic. Please join us in extending our gratitude for all that she has done!

Join us in worship on Sunday, May 23rd, as we give thanks for Colleen at the conclusion of our Annual Meeting as she wraps up her service as CIC's Director of Finance. If you are unable to extend your gratitude to Colleen in person on the 23rd, please send a note to the office in advance. (7621 Norman Island Dr., Cornelius, NC 28031)

From the Finance Team

Community in Christ Ministry Plan	Jul20-Jun21 Budget	Jul20-Mar21 Actual	% of Budget
Revenue			
Revenue	\$532,500	\$368,797	69%
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>			
Other Revenue	\$181,466	\$141,794	78%
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>			
Total Revenues	\$713,966	\$510,591	72%
Expenses			
Worship	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,958	81%
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>			
Witness	\$ 1,870	\$ 849	45%
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>			
Serve	\$ 53,250	\$ 37,042	70%
<i>synod benevolence</i>			
Administration	\$ 40,007	\$ 36,380	91%
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>			
Mortgage	\$ 92,196	\$ 69,647	76%
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>			
Property	\$ 53,818	\$ 44,244	82%
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>			
Staff	\$447,943	\$320,184	71%
<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	\$ 1,990	65%
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>			
Youth Ministries	\$ 6,525	\$ 1,625	25%
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018-2019: also includes Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i>			
Preschool	\$ 13,865	\$ 8,425	61%
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>			
Total Expenses	\$714,959	\$522,344	73%
Budget Deficit		\$ (11,753)	

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.

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Worship Times

9 am Parking Lot Church

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary
 Livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube

Registration Required for both services and is available on the church website.

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