



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

November 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 November

8 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Spirit Center & Zoom)

9 a.m. – Worship Outdoors (Parking Lot)

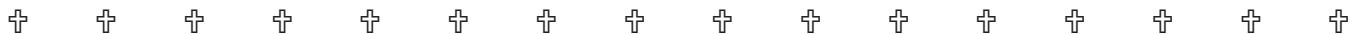
**9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School (Spirit Center, Fellowship Hall);
Coffee Cart (breezeway)**

10:30 a.m. – Worship Indoors (Sanctuary & Livestream)

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[Regathering Information](#)



Daylight Saving Time ENDS, November 7th!

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

All Saints Sunday, November 7th

On All Saints Sunday we, as the church, remember those from our congregation who have passed away since the last All Saints Day. It’s also a time we remember many of our loved ones. Join us in worship and prayer as we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have been examples for us of God’s love at work in the world. Entering the Church Triumphant from our family of faith since last All Saints Day are: Larry Blackwell, Bob Koring, Karen Kaiser, and Bertie Steely.



Advent Begins Sunday, November 28th!

Be on the lookout for new Advent devotionals from Augsburg Fortress & Illustrated Ministry. These resources will be available at CIC in the weeks preceding the 28th.



From the Pastors.....

Thanksgiving

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Our church year is coming to a close. Now that the red paraments have come out and we celebrated Reformation Sunday, the beginning of the end has arrived and it's a fast moving train to get there. The first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday. After that, one more "ordinary" Sunday sneaks in before we quickly arrive at Christ the King Sunday, the church's version of New Year's Eve. The red paraments start the Paraments Olympics – Red, White, Green, White, Blue – and we may very well feel like we're training for something with the pace that we keep!

The closing out of the church year is probably a good parallel to most people's lives this time of year. That's where most people are in the month of November ... on a fast moving train at the beginning of the end of the year. If we blink, we might miss it. So, on top of the blur the month can be, let's remember that it is also some other things. **It is a time of thanksgiving** as we acknowledge all in this life that we have from God. It is **a time of reflection** as we recall our life together over the past year: thinking of the work we've accomplished, the work left undone, and the work that lies ahead in the new year. It is **a time of remembrance** of both those who accompany us on our journey and those whose journeys have come to an end and who are now at rest. **It is a time of urgency** as we recognize how quickly life happens and how important it is to be prepared so that nothing is lost.

It's a time. It's a busy time. It's a time for many things ... just look at the rest of the newsletter and you'll see that loud and clear. Let's make this November a time for thanksgiving. Yes, thanksgiving. That's not a typo. We might be living fast. We might be living steam rolling through the beginning of the end of the year. But let's live thankfully. In the midst of all of it, practice thanksgiving. Thankslive the important relationships in your life. Thankslive the past relationships that have formed who you are. Thankslive the many opportunities you have around you and thankslive the opportunity to say no if they become overbearing. It's easy to sit around a table with close friends and family, put out a message on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or have some fun on TikTok, or however you will be communicating this end of year season about counting your blessings, but counting only gets us so far. Thanksgiving, living thankfully, showing thankfulness, is a true measure of our thanksgiving.

In the midst of the beginning of the end of the year and all that it entails, two things will not change: God will be with us wherever we go, providing us with what we need to be God's faithful people and the things out there to be thankful for will continue to be great even in the midst of the whirlwind.

In our thanksgiving this month, let us remember to be thankful for God who is always with us in our work or in our play and who blesses us daily with so many graces gifting us with one another and so many companions to ride this train well!

Stay well and God's Peace be with you,
Pastor Michael & Pastor Lisa



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 Madalyn Wilkinson at financedirector@communityinchrist.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

Office Updates:

- ⇒ Office Administrator, Stephanie Wheeler, is out of the office Thursday, Nov. 11th through Wednesday, November 17th.
- ⇒ Office is closed Thursday, Nov. 25th and Friday, Nov. 26th.

Director of Inviting Ministries: CIC is seeking a new Director of Inviting Ministries. The DIM is entrusted to embody and foster a sense of Christian hospitality and inclusion within CIC’s family of faith. This part-time position involves a range of interpersonal and technological skills that will aid in people feeling welcome and a part of the congregation. If you are interested in learning more about the position or applying, please contact the church office at swheeler@communityinchrist.net or 704-892-0120.

Prayers

Prayers for Members: Carla Beaver, Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, DiBenedictis family, Jim Carney, Joan Garn, Renate Von Dohlen, Lee Tillman, Janet Shuping, Dane Horna, Jan Hamilton, Susan Hill, Betty Classey, Don Snyder, Louanne Schweitzer, Pat Hamby, Luther Beaver, Anne Randolph, Chuck Decker, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps

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); Fred Hasben, Gary Finlay & Reagan Fair (Deborah Lowe's cousins); Dennis Kuk (Kathy Dutton's brother); Dana Heidelberger (friend of Pat & Scott Wood); Family of preschool teacher Melissa Martucci; Jordan Becker (Grace Becker's son); Elizabeth Short (sister-in-law of Rod & Norma Short); Eric Johnston (extended family of Pastor Lisa)

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.



Things to take note of:



Altar Guild Ministry: Interested in joining The Altar Guild? There will be an instructional, training meeting on, Sunday, November 7th at 12 p.m. Let the church office know if you would like to attend—swheeler@communityinchrist.net.

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.

Adult Sunday School: is meeting in the Spirit Center and on Zoom at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings for a video study of Ephesians by N.T. Wright. Contact Mark Myers with questions: mark.myers82@gmail.com.

Help Wanted!: The Coffee Cart is looking for hosts! Contact Carol Moser to learn more or sign-up at cbmoser@aol.com.

Building Updates:

⇒ The water mitigation proposal voted on at the Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 24th, passed with a vote of 63-2. Thank you Dean Miller, Paul Handrock, Tony Chamra, Scott Wood, Stephanie Wheeler, and Pastor Michael, the sub-committee members who spent many months working together and meeting with companies and the city to develop this plan. The work is currently estimated to begin in late December.

⇒ Take a look in the sanctuary! New A/V equipment has been installed to continue to enhance our worship life in a digital age. Permanent cameras affixed to the walls have been hung. We appreciate your patience as our A/V volunteers learn how to fully operate this new set up, settings are adjusted, and all become comfortable. We offer our sincerest gratitude to Bob Shugarman who has loaned CIC his personal equipment since March of 2020 in order for us to worship together in evolving ways throughout the pandemic. We look forward to seeing the many pictures he will take with his cameras now back at home. Thank you, Bob!



Group Ministry News.....

WELCA

If you are a Female member of the Congregation, you are automatically a member of WELCA.



LAKWOOD CARE CENTER – Denver, the toiletries were delivered on Saturday October 30th. We were not able to visit with the residents, but the staff was very excited with the gift bags. The gifts bags included 2 pairs of crew socks, tissues, a notebook, a bar of soap, a full-size shampoo and a full-size moisturizer. Also delivered was a tub full of many miscellaneous needed items, plus some soft drinks. Thank you to the congregation for their support plus the funding from Thrivent.

The NC SWO Annual Gathering was cancelled due to a lack of numbers to reach a quorum for the election of new state officers. The election of state officers will be held via an on-line meeting on November 6th.

Monthly Meeting: Our November 8th meeting will be a social gathering, we will meet at Duckworths Restaurant in Huntersville at 6:30 p.m.

The monthly meeting for December will be on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Our study material is “*Bible Women, All Their Words And Why They Matter*” by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. The study leader and hostess for the evening is open. The yearly Christmas party has been changed to a New Year’s Party on Monday, January 10th.

Angel Tree – will be available no later than November 10th, the East Lincoln Christian Ministries is collecting gift information. Follow up information will appear in the Sunday bulletins and in CIC Take Two.

Happy Times Group



Happy Times Seniors will meet Wednesday, November 17th at Killington’s Restaurant & Pub (located at 10010 Rose Commons Drive, Huntersville, Nc 28078) at 11:30 a.m. Gary & Sharon Kautz will be the hosts. 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.

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. The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability.

We will continue to meet in person in the CIC Spirit Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 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).

Card Ministry News



Help the CIC card ministry create cards that serve as physical reminders of God’s love, support and presence in our lives. No experience needed!

We are planning to meet once in November on Tuesday, November 16th, at 2 p.m. to make cards and enjoy fellowship with one another. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center.

A variety of cards are available to the congregation in the card rack on Sunday mornings or during the week through the church office. Christmas Cards are available beginning November 14th! Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry! Contact: Kathy Shugarman at shugs02@gmail.com or 940-300-2290.



Preschool, Sunday School & Youth News:

Preschool Registration for the 2021/2022 School Year

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. There are currently spots open for the 3 year old and TK class.

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

Children's Sunday School



Sunday School Schedule:

- ⇒ Nov. 7th, 14th, and 21st – approximately 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – PreK through 1st Graders meet in the Spirit Center; 2nd through 5th Grades meet in the Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ NO Class on Sunday, Nov. 28th
- ⇒ Wear your masks the whole time you are indoors for your class time!
- ⇒ Parents are welcome to hang back with their kids to be an extra set of hands if they would like.
- ⇒ If you are interested in rotating into the Sunday School teaching schedule, please contact Pastor Lisa (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)



Confirmation Schedule:

- ⇒ November 7th & 21st at 6 p.m.
- ⇒ All gatherings begin in the Breezeway area with a meal. Bring a mask for indoor instruction and activities.

Senior High:

- ⇒ The SR High will be gathering on November 14th from 6-7:30 p.m. This will be a dinner and GAME Night opportunity for all of our high-school students and friends! Please let Pastor Michael know if you are able to attend.

From the Finance Team

September brought us to the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year 2021-22. We saw weaker Member Contributions this month compared to the past two months, and as such our Revenues were flat. As far as Expenses go, we made the final payment for the Electrical Panel fix (added surge protectors) and we hope that this will be a lasting improvement to the fire security system. We are also incurring fees for the processing of Employee Retention Credit filings. The timing of when this matter will be completed is not known at this time, but we expect it to be at some point in the Spring of 2022. Year to date, as of 9/30/21 we still have a \$21.6k operating surplus. In other matters, we have sent remaining "UP" funds to the Synod and we started making purchases towards the AV system upgrade from "IN" funds. Both those items were paid out of Designated Accounts, and did not impact our operating results.

~Madalyn Wilkinson, Director of Finance.


Community in Christ Ministry Plan	Jul20-Jun22 Budget	Sep 21 Actual	% of Budget
Revenue			
Revenue	\$532,500	\$122,909	23%
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>			
Other Revenue	\$185,898	\$ 64,738	35%
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>			
Total Revenues	\$718,398	\$ 187,647	26%
Expenses			
Worship	\$ 2,425	\$ 1,203	50%
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>			
Witness	\$ 1,870	\$ 180	10%
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>			
Serve	\$ 53,250	\$ 13,046	24%
<i>synod benevolence</i>			
Administration	\$ 41,337	\$ 12,377	30%
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>			
Mortgage	\$ 80,424	\$ 20,106	25%
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>			
Property	\$ 55,234	\$ 17,171	31%
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>			
Staff	\$323,008	\$ 75,509	23%
<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	\$ 4,409	\$ 1,777	40%
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>			
Youth Ministries	\$ 9,525	\$ 643	7%
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018-2019: also includes Sunday school, camp/firmation</i>			
Preschool	\$146,909	\$ 24,073	16%
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>			
Total Expenses	\$718,391	\$166,085	23%
Budget Surplus		\$ 21,561	

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

Please note that announcements for the bulletin, newsletter and facebook pages are for church related items only. Anything non-related to the church will be deleted. Thank you for adhering to this policy. Submissions for the bulletin must be received in writing to the church office by Thursdays at 10 am. Submissions for the newsletter must be received in writing to the church office by the 20th of the month.

Are you getting our E-Mails?

Each week we send out an e-mail to the congregation sharing what's going on and what's coming up. If you have not been receiving these e-mails, please let us know. Write your e-mail down in the black book and put a note by it asking us to include you in our weekly e-mails. You can also sign up for e-mails at our website.
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Congratulations Confirmands of 2021



Jacob Patrick Canady

Parents: Jon & Carmen Canady

Baptism Location and Date: Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Augustine, FL, November 11, 2007

Confirmation Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6—Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

Faith Paper Quote: *"After I am confirmed I will look to God for guidance and wisdom to help me make good decisions. I will look to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves. I will lift up those who are examples of Christianity. I will look inward often to challenge myself to do better."*



Audrey Kate Kleinschmidt

Parents: Jason & Tina Kleinschmidt

Baptism Location and Date: Community In Christ, Cornelius, NC, November 9, 2008

Baptismal Sponsors: Katherine Gibb and Scott Franks

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14—Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Faith Paper Quote: *"In our personal and public lives, we are called to struggle for justice. Despite our greatest conceptions of justice, God's justice is deeper and purer than ours. Nonetheless, we are called to love our neighbor as we love ourselves."*



Jonathan Jason McNeilis

Parents: Jason & Jamie McNeilis

Baptism Location and Date: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, WI, May 2007

Baptismal Sponsors: Laurie & Brian Greenlees

Confirmation Verse: Romans 12:9-13—Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Faith Paper Quote: *"I believe that people should know about Jesus Christ and I would love to be the one to tell them about it through conversation and prayer. We can all plant seeds in others over time in hopes that they will one day respond to their invitation into God's family."*



Cade Allen Poovey

Parents: Allen & Angela Poovey

Baptism Location and Date: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC, August 6, 2007

Baptismal Sponsors: Andrea & Jack Zedek, Heather Poovey

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9—I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Faith Paper Quote: *"If you don't share your faith or the Word of God nothing will change and not many new people will learn about God and his glory. If people aren't exposed to God's works then the world will stay the same but if you use your voice and tell others about God and your faith then you can convey his word to other people so they can learn about him and how they could live their lives.."*