



**Community  
In Christ  
Lutheran Church**

# CIC NEWS

**February 2022**

Serving the Lake Norman area since 1977

A newsletter published for the members and friends of Community In Christ Lutheran Church, 7621 Norman Island Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031 704-892-0120 email: [swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net) [www.communityinchrist.org](http://www.communityinchrist.org)



## **Sundays in February:**

WORSHIP TIMES & LOCATIONS

**9 a.m. SANCTUARY & Livestream**

**11 a.m. Sanctuary**

For the month of February, our Sunday schedule will remain as two services taking place at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Coffee Cart and Sunday School between the services. For the month of February, the liturgy will remain the same at both services. While indoors, all participants are asked to wear masks covering their nose and going underneath their chin for the duration of the service. Doors will remain open for increased ventilation. Hand sanitizing stations are available. The livestream will take place at 9 a.m. and will be viewable anytime afterwards.

We thank you for your continued participation in helping us keep everyone of all ages as safe as possible while we are gathering. If you are at all feeling unwell on a Sunday morning, please worship with us on the livestream.

[Facebook Link](#)

[YouTube Link](#)

[Regathering Information](#)

## *From the Pastors.....*

*In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.*  
~Mark 1:35

It took 3 winters in North Carolina, but the Beerys finally got to experience a long-awaited snowfall. Two of the Beerys were far more excited about this than the others. Regardless, we all thoroughly enjoyed the time spent sledding, building snowmen, creating forts, drinking hot chocolate, and watching movies under comfy blankets. That recent experience reminded us of an old Scandinavian saying that we came to know quite well while in northern Minnesota:

*If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life but still the same amount of snow.*

A few quick takeaways from that proverb...

- \* It is easier to find joy in the snow when little kids are around to play with.
- \* It is easier to find joy in the snow when you know it will melt in a few days versus last for months, and months, and months, and...
- \* The proverb, while accurate, is not really about snow, though. It is more about our perspective and attitude—we can control those far more easily than whatever circumstance in which we may find ourselves.

The circumstances we have been immersed in over the last 2 years have been far from desirable. The realities of pain and loss weigh heavy on us from the pandemic, and as we all find ourselves trying to tread water during yet another COVID wave, feelings of joy can seem illusive.

In times like these, we are reminded of how Jesus, when placed in extremely difficult circumstances, would take opportunities to be by himself to pray. Those moments provided Jesus with occasions to recenter, refocus, and ground his perspective in God's promises before continuing on in his ministry.

To be sure, 20 minutes of prayer, or study, or worship, or acts of service will not necessarily transform feelings of malaise into joy instantaneously. That time focused on God can, however, *strengthen* our faith in God's presence and love which can then *help* us to more clearly see and experience joy in whatever circumstances we encounter.

This endless snowfall we find ourselves in doesn't seem to be concluding any time soon. Feelings of resentment, anger, sadness, fear, indifference...they are unquestionably a part of the piles we keep accumulating. Such feelings do not have to be the defining elements of the season though, because God is here, God is with us, and that means so, too, is life, and love, and joy.

We should always strive to carve out opportunities to be with God, to recenter, refocus, and ground our perspective in God's promises. In moments when we are feeling overwhelmed, this discipline becomes even more important. As our metaphorical snowfall continues, may you be blessed to find moments of joy no matter how deep piles become.

Stay well and 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](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)

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Finance - Madalyn Wilkinson—[financedirector@communityinchrist.net](mailto:financedirector@communityinchrist.net)



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

#### **1. Online/Direct Withdrawal**

A. Go to [www.communityinchrist.org](http://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](mailto:financedirector@communityinchrist.net).

## Souper Bowl of Caring



For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. Since 1990, over \$170 million has been reported donated to local food charities across all fifty states with over 300,000 unique groups participating.

On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, a special offering will be collected as we'll be participating in Souper Bowl of Caring for Angels & Sparrows in Huntersville. Whether you will be cheering for either of the two teams (not yet determined at the time of publication) or the commercials, this is a cause we can all support! (We encourage check donations this year in an effort to reduce the surfaces our counters will need to touch and the time they will need to spend near one another counting. An online option will be available the week of the event. Thank you!)

## Prayers

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

**Prayers for friends & relatives of members:** Gary Finlay Jr. (Deborah Lowe's cousin); Dagmar Kuzman (friend of Ed Bauer); Dana Heidelberger (friend of Pat & Scott Wood); Linda Wallace (Melissa Martucci's mother)

*We pray for Amberley Orlowski, Daughter of Bryan and Kristi Orlowski whom we welcomed into the body of Christ and the mission we share through the gift of baptism.*

*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 704-892-020 or [swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net).**



## Things to take note of:



**Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study:** Join the weekly Bible Study that meets in the narthex on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Usher and A/V Teams:** Are you interested in learning more about being a worship usher or about what role you could play on the A/V team? Both groups are looking for more volunteers to add to the rotation. Contact Pastor Michael, [pastormichael@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastormichael@communityinchrist.net), if you'd like to learn more!

**Volunteers Needed for Altar Guild:** Let the church office know if you are interested in becoming an Altar Guild volunteer. Contact Stephanie Wheeler at [swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net).

## Property Update:

The water mitigation plan approved this past Fall has been completed! While we are awaiting the install of new gutters, the mitigation plan proposed by Hyatt Landscaping is complete including the installation of an underground sump pump and additional drains and pipes. We look forward to how this work will protect the building for years to come!



## Group Ministry News.....

### WELCA



If you are a Female member of the Congregation, you are automatically a member of WELCA. We hold Monthly meetings at the church on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. Our current study material is *"Bible Women, All Their Words And Why They Matter"* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman.

The February meeting has been cancelled, The March meeting will be evaluated at a later date. Our New Years Party scheduled for January had to be postponed until refreshments are allowed to be served inside our facilities. For additional information or questions please contact Laverne Waskielis at 704-576-8675.

### Happy Time Luncheon



Join us for the annual planning meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16th, at the House of Taipei in Huntersville. Please bring activity ideas for the group! Questions? Contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or [HunterRon35@hotmail.com](mailto:HunterRon35@hotmail.com).

### 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 at [mamabissy@gmail.com](mailto:mamabissy@gmail.com)

In February, we will continue to focus on making hat/scarf sets for those in need. We have already given away at total of 100 hat/scarf sets to Angels and Sparrows, Levine-Davis Hospice, East Lincoln Christian Mission (Angel Tree), and Room in the Inn! And the cold, winter months are just starting...!!!

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

### Card Ministry News



The CIC card ministry creates cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. We'd love for you to join the card ministry team! No experience necessary!

We will meet twice in February: Tuesday, February 8th at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Need more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at [shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com) or 940-300-2290. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and purchasing cards.

### February Grocery Cart Collection



In February we will **"Spice Things Up"** for Angels and Sparrows. We will be collecting these flavorful items needed by the Angels and Sparrows kitchen. When you're grocery shopping this month, please consider adding a few of these items to your cart and bringing them to our grocery cart at Community In Christ. **McCormick Italian Seasoning** ( 6.25 oz. bottles preferred), **Ground Dry Mustard, Paprika, Salsa and Rotel.** **Other commonly used spices would also be helpful: basil, oregano, garlic powder/salt, etc.**

Thank you for continuing to support the Outreach Team's efforts to support our larger community with your donations to the grocery cart each month!



## **Preschool, Sunday School & Youth News:**

### **Preschool Registration for the 2022/2023 School Year Is Open!**

- ⇒ Tuition for 2022/2023: \$270.00 for 2-year-old and 3-year-old students and \$305.00 for 4-year-old, PK and TK students.
- ⇒ There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$75 due at the time of enrollment.
- ⇒ Child must be classroom age by August 31st, 2022 or by December 31st, 2022 for the TK class
- ⇒ To schedule a tour contact Sharon Fuller at 704-892-0120 ext 104 or ([sfuller9564@gmail.com](mailto:sfuller9564@gmail.com).)
- ⇒ Visit our website for the link to the registration form—Communityinchrist.org click Youth tab - click Weekday Preschool. Link to registration form [here](#).

### **Children's Sunday School**



Children's Sunday School meets between services every Sunday in February!

- February 6<sup>th</sup> – PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Spirit Center; 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship Hall
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Spirit Center; 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship Hall
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Spirit Center; 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship Hall
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Spirit Center; 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday School Schedule:**

### **First Communion Instruction:**

If your 2<sup>nd</sup> grader or older would like to receive First Communion instruction this year during the season of Lent, with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday (April 14<sup>th</sup>), please email Pastor Lisa ([pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)).

### **Confirmation calendar:**

- Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 6 p.m. beginning in the breezeway
- Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 6 p.m. beginning in the breezeway



Please remember to dress appropriately for being outdoors for the meal and bring your masks for the indoor portions of our time together. The acolyte & crucifer sign-up is available in your email. Worship notes are found at the welcome desk in the narthex.

### **Spring Book Drive February 6 – February 27**



The Sunday School Students did an excellent job decorating our Book Drive donation boxes. The boxes are in the narthex. There is one near the entrance and another near the nursery. Please consider “spring cleaning” your bookshelves to help make this a successful project.

Our Little Free Library located at The Ada Jenkins Center needs gently used children's books. We would welcome board books, picture books, books for early readers, and chapter books of interest for developing first – fifth grade developing readers. If you have young adult and adult books you would like to donate, we will accept them, but our need is for books for younger children. Donated books will also be shared in the little library located in the CIC parking lot. For more information, please contact Suzi Hinrichs (630) 841-7124 or [suzihinrichs@gmail.com](mailto:suzihinrichs@gmail.com)

# Vacation Bible School

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Vacation Bible School 2022**  
**July 31 – August 4**

**Watch for more details and registration after Easter**

**Help Wanted: *Co-Director***: to plan and implement VBS with Kathy Shugarman

***Station Leaders***: to lead stations during VBS

***Crew Leaders***: travel with children to VBS stations

**If interested in learning more,  
please contact Kathy Shugarman or Pastor Lisa**  
**[shugs02@gmail.com](mailto:shugs02@gmail.com) or [pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)**



## **Agapé Day Camp**

Agapé Day Camp is coming to CIC, June 20-24! Agapé Kure Beach Ministries counselors travel to bring outdoor ministries to us. The camp runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon through Thurs and 9 a.m. to Noon on Fri, June 21-25, at CIC and is for youth entering grades 1 to 5 in the 2022-2023 school year. Cost is \$150 and can be paid on the church website or in a check written out to CIC with "Agapé Day Camp" in the memo line.

This year's theme is: Boundless! The camp will explore boundless Goodness, Love, Welcome, Forgiveness and Generosity that God has for all of us! More information will be available throughout the Spring.

Contact Pastor Lisa with questions or for a registration form, [pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net). Invite a friend!

# Summer Day Camp Registration Form

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering \_\_\_\_\_ (must be 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)



Name of Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

## Profile Information

The following information is helpful to our camp staff in getting to know campers better and more quickly:

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pet(s)Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (names and ages): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests or Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

My child most easily relates to [ ] males [ ] females. My child is: [ ] out-going [ ] quiet and shy in groups.

Concerns, allergies, or anything that the Day Camp staff should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

To be answered by camper: "The #1 thing I hope we do at Day Camp is... \_\_\_\_\_."

## Permission (This section must be signed in order for your child to attend camp)

\_\_\_\_\_ HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND DAY CAMP.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ please print Parent/Guardian name here \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you **DO NOT** give permission for Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries to use pictures of your child for promotional purposes (camp brochure, web site, staff recruiting display, etc.)

**For Church Use:**  
Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ online; \_\_\_\_\_ check

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Return completed form to  
Pastor Lisa.



## From the Finance Team

December was a strong month for CIC. Our Member Contributions for the month were \$60k, which puts us at \$257.8k at the halfway point of the Fiscal Year (48% of budgeted amount). The only expense of note to report was the payment of \$10k of ERC processing fees. All required forms have now been filed with the IRS and we await resolution (expected timing 6-9 months). We have ended the year with an operating surplus of \$19,820. Looking to the month ahead, work has started on the flooding remediation project. As a reminder, this project is fully covered by the Emergency Restricted Fund and will not impact our operating results.

~Madalyn Wilkinson, Director of Finance.


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

- If you read the newsletter online and prefer that it no longer be mailed to your physical address.
- If you have switched to giving primarily through digital means and no longer have a need for physical envelopes.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRATION DATE IF YOU ARE SET UP FOR AUTO DEDUCTION ON OUR WEBSITE.**

<b>Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan</b>	<b>Jul21-Jun22 Budget</b>	<b>Dec21 Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<i>Revenue</i>			
<b>Revenue</b>	\$ 532,500	\$ 257,792	48%
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	\$ 185,898	\$ 115,762	62%
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest, PPP loan</i>			
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 718,398</b>	<b>\$ 373,555</b>	<b>52%</b>
<i>Expenses</i>			
<b>Worship</b>	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,837	117%
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>			
<b>Witness</b>	\$ 1,870	\$ 432	23%
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>			
<b>Serve</b>	\$ 53,250	\$ 24,012	45%
<i>Synod benevolence</i>			
<b>Administration</b>	\$ 41,337	\$ 39,412	95%
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fee, ERC processing fees</i>			
<b>Mortgage</b>	\$ 80,424	\$ 40,212	50%
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>			
<b>Property</b>	\$ 55,234	\$ 28,376	51%
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>			
<b>Staff</b>	\$ 323,008	\$ 150,746	47%
<i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and two part-time employees; staff development</i>			
<b>Music Ministries</b>	\$ 4,409	\$ 2,720	62%
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>			
<b>Youth Ministries</b>	\$ 9,525	\$ 1,252	13%
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, campfirmation</i>			
<b>Preschool</b>	\$ 146,909	\$ 63,737	43%
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 718,391</b>	<b>\$ 353,735</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Budget Surplus</b>			
		<b>\$ 19,820</b>	

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

## Worship Times

9 a.m. & 11 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](http://www.communityinchrist.org)

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