



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

June 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 June

9 a.m.—Parking Lot Worship

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

[Facebook Link](#)

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[Regathering Information](#)



Welcome Rev. Jennifer Shimota

On Sunday, June 13th, at both our 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, we welcome the Rev. Jennifer Shimota as our worship leader. After having served a congregation in the NC Synod, Pastor Jennifer currently serves as the Coordinator of Seminary Enrollment at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. Please welcome Pastor Jennifer!



Sunday Worship & Weekday Worship Opportunities:

- In June 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. .



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).

Office & Staff Information

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

Pastor Lisa – pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net

Pastor Michael – pastormichael@communityinchrist.net

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Sandy Barefoot, Director of Music Ministries – sandy@communityinchrist.net

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From the Pastors.....

There is much hope and excitement as the world has made significant strides towards living together safely thanks to the strong work of people loving their neighbors and the gift of science. And, yet, we still live a continuing global pandemic where worldwide Covid continues to rage and here in the U.S. an entire generation of the body of Christ is yet to be eligible for vaccination--we are not to the finish line quite yet. However, we are encouraged that the light at the end of the tunnel continues to grow closer, and we are even more encouraged by the light of Christ that continues to shine through each of you in being a community that lives out Jesus' mission in the world no matter what the world ends up throwing at them.

In response to updated guidance in the middle of May, our Worship Regathering Plan has been amended. Be sure to read through the updated plan prior to attending a worship service. Please continue to be mindful of one another's comfort levels as we gather. We each have varying risk levels, household dynamics, and preferences.

We envision that the next year will continue to be one of incremental change as we continue to learn more and live as a community with varying risk and security levels. We have endured a lot as a family of faith. What exactly lies ahead for all of us remains a bit of a mystery. And yet, we are poised to lean into this "new normal" with a steadfastness and hopefulness that has been reinforced by God's faithfulness from this past year. It is exciting to begin to dream what ministry possibilities await us. And as we dream, and plan, and work together, we trust you will continue to live out your call to love God and one another as Christ loves you. We are grateful for all of you and your desire to be with one another safely. Thank you for following the gathering protocols in these evolving times.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Michael & Pastor Lisa

CIC Regathering Information (amended, 5.23.21)

Before Coming to Worship:

•Worship Services

- ⇒ 9 a.m. – Outdoors in the church parking lot
- ⇒ 10:30 a.m. – Sanctuary
- ⇒ The liturgy at both services will be the same and blended in style.
- ⇒ Preregistration is no longer required as capacity is not limited.

•On the day of worship, if you answer yes to any of the following questions, please stay home:

- ⇒ Have you had any of the following new/unexplained symptoms in the past 24 hours: temperature of 100.0F or higher, cough, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, upset stomach?
- ⇒ Do you live with anyone who has received a positive COVID-19 test result within the past 14 days?
- ⇒ Do you live with anyone who has any of these symptoms or has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting on a test result?
- ⇒ *If you are in any way feeling unwell, please stay at home.

Arriving at Worship:

9 a.m. Outdoors

- ⇒ While masks are not required outdoors, please continue to have a mask handy so that we can remain respectful of one another's boundaries as well as caring for those who are ineligible for vaccination or are immunocompromised.
- ⇒ You may park and sit in or at your vehicle or park in the rear of the lot and bring your chair forward to sit in the blocked off front section.
- ⇒ *****In the case of inclement weather, the 9 a.m. service will move indoors with masks and distancing required for all participants.** An announcement will be made through email and social media prior to the start of worship if this change will be necessary. If you are not comfortable worshipping indoors, please join the livestream at 10:30 a.m. If you are fully vaccinated and prefer not to wear a mask during worship, please attend the 10:30 a.m. service when this inclement weather plan is implemented

10:30 a.m. Indoors

- ⇒ Following the CDC's guidance that fully vaccinated individuals can safely do most activities without wearing a mask or the need to social distance from others, fully vaccinated individuals may be present without wearing a mask during the duration of worship. Unvaccinated individuals, immunocompromised individuals, and those who continue to feel more comfortable wearing their masks should continue to wear masks. In addition, capacity at the service is no longer limited. Please be respectful of one another's comfort levels both for masking and spacing.
- ⇒ The chairs are positioned in long rows and are no longer broken up for family units. You may sit wherever you would like while being mindful of other family units' comfort levels.
- ⇒ There will be no nursery available.

During Worship:**9 a.m. Outdoors**

- ⇒ If you are at a distance from others not in your family unit, you are welcome to sing along with hymns.

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

- ⇒ The safety of congregational singing is still being evaluated. While we await the research and data, there will be no congregational singing. You are welcome to hum or sing the song at a whisper. Our musicians will raise our praises on our behalf.
- ⇒ The liturgy will be altered to limit communal speaking.
- ⇒ Sanctuary doors will remain open throughout before, during, and after worship.

Both

- ⇒ The passing of the peace is to be done by virtue of no physical touch (eye contact and slight bow, extension of the peace sign, etc).
- ⇒ Offering plates will only be touched by ushers/assistants.
- ⇒ Holy Communion will be distributed in pre-packaged containers. Worshippers will have communion brought to them.

After Worship:**9 a.m. Outdoors**

- ⇒ Continue to be mindful of traffic while people are outside of vehicles.

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

- ⇒ You may exit out any doors.
- ⇒ Rows will no longer be dismissed by ushers.
- ⇒ The pastors will position themselves outdoors to greet parishioners.
- ⇒ If you test positive for Covid-19 within 48 hours of attending worship, please contact the church office.

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- ⇒ No fellowship hour or coffee time will be taking place.

Additional Safety Precautions Taken Indoors:

- ⇒ Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
- ⇒ Removable screens are in place in the sanctuary doors to increase air flow.
- ⇒ The plexiglass for the speakers and musicians has been removed.

CIC cares about the wholistic well-being of every person who walks through its doors. The church is striving to keep the people who gather within our facilities as safe as possible. Anyone who gathers at CIC in person assumes all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. In attending worship services, you acknowledge your understanding of that risk as well as your necessary role in following protocols that are intended to keep our spaces as safe as possible for everyone in attendance.



Annual Meeting Highlights

We had a wonderful (& warm!) Annual Meeting on May 23rd. The following are just a few highlights...

- ⇒ We celebrated the many ministries which happened in and through CIC during a very challenging year.
- ⇒ We gave thanks for the numerous, faithful volunteers who have made those ministries happen.
- ⇒ We passed a new budget that includes estimated revenues of \$718,398 and expenses of \$718,391.
- ⇒ We voted Dean Miller, Natasha Nadeau, and Adam English onto CIC's Church Council.
- ⇒ We recognized and extended our gratitude towards Colleen Karpovitz as she concludes her role as the Director of Finance on June 30th.
- ⇒ We began to hope and dream of what ministry possibilities lie ahead for CIC in the coming year!

Meet the new Council Members:



Dean Miller



Natasha Nadeau



Adm English

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, Betty Classey, Don Snyder, Kathy Miller

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)

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.....

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.

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 will be meeting twice in June to make cards, enjoy fellowship socially distanced from one another and would love for you to join us! We'll meet on **Tuesday, June 8th at 2:00 PM** and **Tuesday, June 29th 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 or 940-300-2290.*

A variety of cards including Father's Day and graduation cards are available to the congregation in the card rack on Sunday mornings or during the week through the church office. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and donations.

CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into hand crafted shawls, scarves, hats, blankets and prayer cloths for those in need. If you like to knit or crochet, or would like to learn how, please join us! The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability. Join us and share in this ministry! Just contact Kathy Dutton (see email address below) and she will add your name to the member/email list.

In May, our group crafted a number of baby blankets and 10 fleece blankets for CIC's graduating high school seniors, in addition to several hat/scarf sets for next winter season! (In fact, since February we have crafted more than 60 hat/scarf sets in preparation for next season!).

In June 2021, we will continue to focus on making hat/scarf sets for those in need, as well as baby blankets and shawls. We will continue to meet in person in the CIC Spirit Center on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! If you are interested in coming to the in-person meetings, please contact Kathy Dutton and she will send you the necessary information. Of course, you can also participate in this important ministry at home by crafting items, and bringing them to CIC.

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

Angels & Sparrows News!

Thank You!

Thank you for donating Individual Chip Packs & Granola Bars during the month of May! In total 895 packs of chips and 743 granola bars were collected!

June Collection: Pudding Cups & Fruit Cups

To help keep Angels & Sparrows Summer Lunch program well stocked, this month we will be filling the grocery cart with Pudding Cups & Fruit Cups each Sunday! Items can also be dropped off at the office during the week.

June Baking!

Like to bake? Want a group or family service project for June? Angels and Sparrows needs your help! They need about 100 dozen desserts each week to include in the daily lunches, and **CIC has committed to provide 25 dozen desserts (or more!) each week** of June. See full description and instructions on the Sign Up Genius by *clicking this [link!](#)*

WELCA

NOTICE: TO ALL WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION

Not all women realize, if you are a member of the Congregation you are automatically a member of WELCA. WELCA has been inactive 14 months. The board members feel we need to start activities soon.

There will be an informational meeting on THURSDAY JUNE 17th AT 6:30 p.m. in Spirit Center. We will welcome all suggestion for the activities for the remainder of the year.

- Involvement with Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen
- Angel tree
- Giving Tree
- Choice of restaurants – for our summer break
- To add additional restaurants during the year
- Christmas Party
- Study subjects
- Recruiting members to attend.

At this time no refreshments are allowed to be serve but we are hoping this will change before the 17th

COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, OR MAYBE WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER US.

Sincerely

Laverne Waskielis, Martha Smith, Sharon Kautz

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



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Please pray for the North Carolina Synod gathering in Assembly June 3rd-5th for its first-ever online synod assembly! We will gather this year under the theme of *Strength for the Journey* anchoring ourselves with the story of the paralytic being lowered through a roof (Mark 2:1-12) and celebrating Collaboration: one of the four elements of our synod's purpose. It will still be a full assembly with worship, resolutions to consider, the election of members to synod council, the election of voting members to the next ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the election of a bishop, sharing stories of ministry, and much more! ELCA Vice President Bill Horne will be one of our special guests. Larry & Barbara Eaker, Pastor Lisa, and Pastor Michael will represent CIC at the Assembly. You are welcome to join in the public portions of the Assembly that will be found on the synod's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).



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.)



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



REGISTER TODAY FOR VBS!

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!

Register at communityinchrist.org
or pick up a registration sheet in the Narthex

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



Please consider how you can help!

Pray – for the VBS planning, volunteers, children and families attending!

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

Volunteer - Would you like to help turn CIC into a railway trip through the Rookies? *Join the VBS Decorating Team.* Do you 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 see what VBS is all about? *Become a Crew or Jr. Crew Leader*

Invite – Invite your child, grandchild, neighbors and friends to attend VBS.

If interested in helping with VBS or for more information contact:
Kathy Shugarman, shugs02@gmail.com, 940-300-2290



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

Child's Name _____ Child's gender _____

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

Name of parent(s) _____

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

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Primary phone _____ Secondary phone _____

Home email address _____

Emergency contact _____

Emergency phone _____

Special Needs, Allergies, Medical Conditions

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

Their phone number(s) _____

Relationship to child _____

From the Finance Team

Community in Christ Ministry Plan	Jul20-Jun21 Budget	Jul20-Apr21 Actual	% of Budget
Revenue			
Revenue	\$532,500	\$417,311	78%
<i>Operating Budget offerings</i>			
Other Revenue	\$181,466	\$157,081	87%
<i>Facility Usage, Preschool tuition and fees, Bank interest</i>			
Total Revenues	\$713,966	\$574,392	80%
Expenses			
Worship	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,107	87%
<i>altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>			
Witness	\$ 1,870	\$ 849	45%
<i>offering envelopes, family life, evangelism, giving garden</i>			
Serve	\$ 53,250	\$ 40,901	77%
<i>synod benevolence</i>			
Administration	\$ 40,007	\$ 39,573	99%
<i>computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>			
Mortgage	\$ 92,196	\$ 77,330	84%
<i>principal and interest on mortgage</i>			
Property	\$ 53,818	\$ 48,864	91%
<i>building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>			
Staff	\$447,943	\$357,261	80%
<i>salaries, taxes, and benefits for four full-time and two part-time employees; staff development (partially offset by designated giving in 2016-2017)</i>			
Music Ministries	\$ 3,060	\$ 2,040	67%
<i>guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fees</i>			
Youth Ministries	\$ 6,525	\$ 1,696	26%
<i>youth mission trips, retreats, activities; 2017-2018 and 2018-2019: also includes Sunday school, campfirmation</i>			
Preschool	\$ 13,865	\$ 9,435	68%
<i>activities, supplies, maintenance</i>			
Total Expenses	\$714,959	\$580,057	81%
Budget Deficit		\$ (5,665)	

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.

Office Update

Please note that Pastor Lisa and Pastor Michael will be out of the office the afternoon of June 6th through June 13th and will begin responding to emails beginning June 14th.

Please note that the church office will be closed all day on Wednesday, June 9th.

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Worship Times

6 am Parking Lot Church

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

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

Are you getting our E-Mails?

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