



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

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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 Update



Sunday Schedule:

Sunday, January 5th, we worship together in ONE service at 10am. We welcome Rev. Dr. Marcus Miller as our worship leader this day!

Sundays, January 12, 19, & 26 :

we return to two services at
9 a.m. Contemporary (livestream) & 11 a.m. (Traditional)
with Sunday School and Fellowship between services.



Pastor Miller was born and raised in Southgate, MI (a Detroit suburb) where his father was a Lutheran pastor and his mother an elementary school teacher. He served in five calls from 1971-2012: teacher of religion and German at Martin Luther High School in Maspeth, New York (1971-73), Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon, NY (1973-79), Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, OH (1979-95), Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA (1995-2006), and President of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC (2006-12) while Pastor Lisa and Pastor Michael were students. From November 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014, he was the Interim Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod upon Bishop Eaton's election as Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. He has served numerous congregational interims in his retirement including here at CIC. Pastor Miller supports and encourages various ministries of social justice and compassion both during his time as a parish pastor and a synod bishop and now in retirement. Pastor Miller and his wife, Katherine, a retired Registered Nurse and Middle School Band Director, live in Huntersville. They have two children and five grandchildren they are happy to share about!



De-Decorating Help:

Please come by on January 8th at 10 a.m. to assist in packaging and storing the Advent and Christmas decorations. Your help is greatly appreciated!

From the Pastors.....

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. -Genesis 1:1-5

The last several weeks have been a whirlwind, as is typical this time of year. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the various ways you contributed to the ministries of CIC! God has been at work through our family of faith, and our greater community is blessed by our collective efforts.

We wanted to take this space to specifically highlight some Outreach Ministries that have occurred over the months of November & December. You've heard about them and assisted with them in various capacities, but it's helpful to have them all in the same spot to get a sense of the impact that has been made.

- **Thanksgiving Meal:** Food was donated, prepared, and served to over 120 of our LKN neighbors at the church on November 24th.
- **Angel Tree:** Over 100 Angels were collected for East Lincoln Christian Ministry, LSC Foster Care Program, LSC New Americans Program, and Family Reunification for Immigrant Youth.
- **Hurricane Relief:** 21 flood buckets and 104 comfort care kits were assembled by the youth. The Quilting Ministry sent 16 quilts to Western Carolina.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Gifted 6 shawls to Hospice, 16 hat/scarf sets and 43 hats to ELCM, as well as 20 hat/scarf sets to the Dwelling.
- **Bags of Hope:** In the grocery cart, we collected items for Bags of Hope which is a non-profit ministry providing weekend food provisions to school children in the Lake Norman area who experience food insecurity.

These are just some of the ways that we have, in the last several weeks, extended the love of God to our neighbors through CIC. And none of these things occurred by accident. Similar to the creation story, where we hear how God strategically and thoughtfully went about the process of forming the world, at CIC we do not haphazardly go about promoting and implementing Outreach projects (we actually try to not to do anything haphazardly).

As was shared at the Annual Meeting last spring, the Church Council has updated the process through which congregational Outreach Projects are approved, promoted, and implemented. This process helps us to be thoughtful in the timing of when projects are done as well as assuring the projects align with CIC's values and mission. The Outreach Plan can be read [HERE](#). If you are interested in doing an outreach project at CIC, that form can be found [HERE](#). After forms are submitted, if there are any questions regarding the timing or the idea in general, a member of the Outreach Committee will be in communication with you to discuss the project and further assist in the submission process. Once approved, the project can move forward with promotion and implementation.

We know this is a new process and it may take some getting used to. Please reach out to either one of us or Kathy Dutton, chair of the Outreach Committee, if you have any questions.

Following this article, we encourage you to read about the Operation Christmas Drop reflection by Suzi Hinrichs. Suzi had the idea for this outreach possibility, went through the process described above, and the ministry experience and results were extremely fruitful.

God can certainly work through chaos (that definitely happens at the church from time to time), but the pattern that was established "in the beginning" had much more of a planned out and thought through approach. As we begin a new year, we're eager to see what God will do as we more fully utilize this ministry plan.

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



Outreach Plan



Outreach Project Form

Office Update

Pastor Lisa and Pastor Michael will return to the office on Tuesday, January 7th.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS DROP #73 IS OFFICIALLY COMPLETE!

Approximately 300 military personnel participated in Operation Christmas Drop #73. Six C 130s dropped 77,300 pounds of supplies to more than 58 sites/islands accumulating 224 flight hours from December 8 – December 14.

More than 3,600 pounds of these supplies were donated by members, family, and friends of Community in Christ Lutheran Church. In total CIC donated \$779 toward the OCD Amazon Christmas list purchasing 42 various items. We also donated \$3600 to purchase nine Santa Boxes, each holding 400 pounds of supplies. Our Vacation Bible School Campers made 50 Christmas Cards and 30 Bookmarks which were also included in our Santa Boxes.

On October 29th I was able to meet the President of the OCD volunteer group. Theresa and I chatted for about 30 minutes. I asked her many questions about the operation. She was overwhelmed by our donation. When she opened the envelope with the check, she looked at me and said, “Are you sure?” I assured her, we were sure.

On January 12th I will have the opportunity to share more information with the congregation during a Temple Talk about OCD #73.

Once again thank you for your generosity!
Suzi Hinrichs VBS 2024 Director



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 debit and credit card fees.*

2. Mail In: We have a locked mailbox at CIC that is checked frequently. CIC’s address is 7621 Norman Island Drive, Cornelius, NC 28031

3. Offering Plate: The ushers provide an opportunity for you to place your offering in the offering plate during worship.

4. Are you a Thrivent Financial member? You may be eligible to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to enrolled non-profits that you care about – including our church! Feel free to contact your Thrivent agent to check your eligibility! We appreciate your support of CIC’s ministry through Choice Dollars!

Stock Account—Have you ever thought about giving the gift of stocks, mutual funds, or IRAs? CIC has a resource available through Thrivent Financial to transfer these funds to the church into a charitable, tax-free gift account. If you would like to learn more about this possibility or have questions please contact Gary Samuelson (704-506-3234) and/or Madalyn Wilkinson at financedirector@communityinchrist.net.

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

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

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



Prayers

Prayers for Members: Gary Salzman, Suzette Iskander, Janet Shuping, Betty Classey, Gregg Bottemiller, Lucy Price, Joyce Phelps, Shirley McNeilis, Blaire Hart, Warren Hamby, Anne Randolph, John Iverson, Ron Major, Ron Raper, Deb Myers, Karen Frank, Bill Rockwood, Brenda Tripathi, Woody Barefoot, Carl Yost, Scott Wood, Rosalind Greenberg, Judi LaBuda, Bob Shugarman, Mary Anne Merkel, Dane Horna, Andy Frank, Chuck Haley, Mary Beth Ball, J.J. McNeilis

Prayers for friends & relatives of members: Carl Morris (Carla Haley’s father), Charlotte Lucas (friends of Ed & Susan Bauer), Jodi (Judi Labuda’s goddaughter), Melissa (friend of Karen Zicco), Sheka Holland (friend of Nancy Black), Patsy (Amanda Platt’s mother), Mary & Edison Speck (Liann Musano’s parents), Vic Black (Nancy Black’s husband), Pastor Sarah Mayer Flatt (friend & classmate of Pastor Lisa & Pastor Michael), George Burton (Kathy Shugarman’s father), Ed Lewis (August Short’s Father-in-law), Justin Becker (Grace Becker’s son), Kate (Michele Bartleson’s daughter), Bob Rockwood (Bill Rockwood’s brother), Michael Wooters (Susan Kullstam’s father), Craig & family (family friends of Mary Lou Blevins), Rapha Espinoza (Suzi Hinrichs nephew), Paul Avino (friend of Stephanie Wheeler), Bev & Jeff (family members of Mary Lou Blevins), Kay Beery (Pastor Michael’s Mom), Tammy Eckley (Previous member), Bill Myers (Mark Myers’ Father), Pastor Lonnie, Shirley Blackorby (Pastor Lisa’s mom), Robert Dukart (father of Blaire Hart), Johnston Family (Pastor Lisa’s extended family), Jon Hearn (friend of Jim and Robin Konieczny), Scott Babcock (friend of Bob Shugarman)

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we extend sympathy to Director of Music, Sherry Malia, after the passing of her mom, Jo Delaria.

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: 704-892-020 or swheeler@communityinchrist.net.

Office & Staff Information

We encourage calling and emailing to schedule appointments.

Pastor Lisa – [*pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net*](mailto:pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net)

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Preschool Director, Sharon Fuller—[*sfuller9564@gmail.com*](mailto:sfuller9564@gmail.com)

Hurricane Helene

Lutherans have been active in Western North Carolina all Fall trying to help those in the area recover and rebuild from Hurricane Helene. If you want regular updates on what our wider church is doing, and seeing glimpses of how you can help, be sure to regularly check the NC Synod's social media accounts and website as well as Lutheran Disaster Response Carolina's Facebook page and blog. Here's just a sampling:

Lutheran Disaster Response was awarded a \$2 million (yes, you read that correctly!) grant from the Emergency and Disaster Response Fund (EDRF) from The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina to support their Bridging Together partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service. For more information about this partnership, visit www.ldrcarolinas.org/bridging-together/

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina also awarded Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) a grant of \$25,000 from its Emergency and Disaster Response Fund to help cover hurricane-related expenses. This grant has helped defray the cost of generator fuel, water deliveries in large tanker trucks while water was unsafe, and portable handwashing stations and toilets. LSC has worked diligently to make sure residents and clients are safe.

Lutheridge has acquired a portable lumber mill to turn fallen trees into usable lumber to rebuild and create new structures and signage all around camp. "The same trees that have stood watch over camp for generations will continue to provide shelter and hope for campers and guests. Thanks be to God!"

Congregations from around the NC Synod, including ours, have provided requested supplies to distribution sites as well as sent volunteers to help places like Lutheridge get to a place of being not only open for retreats but also being hubs for helpers.



One Blood's Big Red Bus

One Blood's Big Red Bus is returning to CIC's parking lot on Sunday, January 26th, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Donors receive a \$20 eGiftCard and a long-sleeved t-shirt. Appointments are available for Whole Blood and Double Red donations. Sign up here:



Thrivent members, we THANK YOU for designating your Thrivent Action Teams for mission and ministry at CIC year after year! In the 2024 calendar year, those dollars totaled over \$12,000 for outreach, education, and congregational enrichment! They supported mission through helping us make purchases for projects for Angels & Sparrows, Lutheran Disaster Response, the Thanksgiving Meal, and Christmas Caroling goodie bags; provided funding for Midweek Meals, Shrove Tuesday, and more; offset costs at the bell retreat, women's retreat, and National Youth Gathering; purchased supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt, Back to School Blessing, Preschool Welcome Bags, Preschool Sunday Fundraiser Raffle, Reformation Celebration, Trunk or Treat, and Christmas Program. If you've never used your Action Teams, talk to one of the pastors or someone who has! It's an easy and helpful way to support the congregation! Again, THANK YOU for the ongoing support at CIC!

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Moving to Hickory, North Carolina

Lutheran Theological Seminary will have its opening service on the Lenoir-Rhyne University Campus on Wednesday, January 15th, at 10am. The opening service will highlight both the arrival of LTSS and the beginning of a new semester and include Holy Communion. The Rev. Todd Cutter, university pastor, director of spiritual life and director of counseling services is a graduate of both Lenoir-Rhyne and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and will preach. Beverly Wallace, director of lifelong learning at the seminary, will preside at Eucharist, and Melanie Dobson, associate professor and the Lefler and Wohltmann Chair in Methodist Studies, will preside over portions of the liturgy.

*For more information and to access the livestream link on the day, please use the following code:

A graphic for a 'Game Night' event. The background is a wooden surface with several black dominoes scattered around. The text is centered on a white background. The words 'GAME' and 'NIGHT' are written in large, bold, black letters. Below them, the text reads: 'In celebration of the memory of Kevin Myers' in a red cursive font, 'Friday, Jan. 24 - 6:30 pm' in a bold black font, 'Fellowship Hall' in a bold black font, and 'Bring a snack, dessert, or drink to share.' in a bold black font. At the bottom, there is a blue italicized note: '*Please refrain from wearing any perfume or cologne.'

**GAME
NIGHT**

In celebration of the memory of Kevin Myers

Friday, Jan. 24 - 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack, dessert, or drink to share.

**Please refrain from wearing any perfume or cologne.*

NC DOT UPDATE

As has been discussed at the last two Congregational Meetings, HWY 73 will be undergoing an expansion project that will result in CIC losing a small portion of our property that is parallel to HWY 73. Our lawyer continues to be in conversation with the agent representing the North Carolina Department of Transportation. No settlement has been reached at this time. Because of Hurricane Helene and some other extenuating circumstances within the court system, the settlement process has been paused. The NCDOT has provided new estimated start dates for the project: Utility relocation is now set to start 4/30/26. Construction set date is 7/18/28. We will continue to provide updates as they become available .

A Note From Your Music Team

As we start 2025, my prayer is that the hope and joy we so abundantly experienced in December goes with us! Although December was a difficult personal month for me with the loss of my beautiful mother, our worship services and the joyous sounds of music brought me such comfort.

I want to take a moment to give heart-felt thanks to the many talented people who are always so willing to help when needed and share their talents with us. Huge thanks to my choir family. You are truly the best people to know and work with. I appreciate your dedication and your flexibility and your friendship. Thank you to Ashley Knoy, handbell director extraordinaire, for bringing us beautiful music with three handbell choirs and also for all the work you so willingly do with the children. Thank you to all the handbell choir members! Your music is such an asset to our services. Thank you to Suzi Hinrichs for so beautifully playing “cello,” “violin,” and “flute” when needed and for always saying “yes!” Thank you to our CIC children who bless us with love and smiles and joy every Sunday. And finally, thank you to this church family for all your encouragement and support. Join me in looking forward to 2025 and all God has in store for us.

With love,
Sherry

Thank You!

I want to thank you all for the kind words, the cards, and mostly the prayers that you directed my way during my mom’s hospice stay and through her passing. I am blessed to have such a loving church family.

Love,
Sherry



Interested in ringing handbells?

Space available in:

Kool Kids Choir (3rd grade and up) Meeting Sunday mornings January and March at 8:20 a.m.
Adult choir rehearsing on Thursday nights 6 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Please contact Ashley Knoy ashleyknoy@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Have you joined CIC's new online photo directory yet?

The directory is through a program called Church Center,
which is also an app.

Follow the QR code to get started.

If you need assistance, reach out to the church office for help.



Join Community in Christ Lutheran Church
and Huntersville UMC

JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE

April 26 - May 3, 2025

EO  Educational Opportunities Tours

www.EO.travel
800-247-0017

Journeys of Paul in Greece

CIC is co-hosting a trip following some of Paul’s footsteps, Journeys of Paul in Greece, through “Educational Opportunities Tours” (EO Tours) in partnership with Huntersville United Methodist Church (HUMC). We have our own registration process through CIC, but we will be travel companions with HUMC.

The trip departs on April 26, 2025, for 8 days, traveling through Neapolis, Amphipolis, Philippi, Veria, Thessaloniki, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, Acropolis, and Athens. An optional Greek Isle Cruise Extension making the trip a total of 11 days also travels to Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. If you are interested in learning more and registering, use the following link:

<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/pa25042625a62347#eotours>

Group Ministry News.....

Tuesday Morning CIC Bible Study: Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex.

January Grocery Cart: We will start off the year by once again partnering with CIC's preschool to collect items for the Bags of Hope program. Bags of Hope is a non-profit ministry that provides weekend food provisions to school children in the Lake Norman area who experience food insecurity. *During January we will be collecting canned soups.* Next time you're grocery shopping consider getting some *cans of soup to add to the CIC grocery. Please consider high-protein, hearty options, not creamed soups.* Thank you for your continued support to our grocery cart collections. Your generosity is making a difference!

Happy Times Seniors: We will meet this month on Wednesday, January 15th at 11:30 a.m. in the Spirit Center at CIC. Please bring a bag lunch. This will be our planning meeting/lunch for activities for the year! Please join us! For more information contact Ron Major at 704-622-0517 or hunterron35@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Happy New Year!!! The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry crafts prayer shawls, hats/scarf sets, blankets, and prayer clothes for those in need. If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn how - please join us! We could certainly use your help. No experience necessary!!!! The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability. Just contact Kathy Dutton (see email address below) and she will add your name to the group email list and keep you informed. In January we will continue to focus on crafting hats/scarf sets to replenish our supplies for the upcoming winter season. We meet in person at CIC on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the CIC Parlor, the room with the comfy furniture near the Spirit Center. Plan to join us if you can for some fellowship, idea-sharing, and fun! 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: Happy New Year! Why not try something new in 2025 and join us at a card ministry meeting?!?!? The CIC card ministry creates cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. We will be meeting twice in January. We will meet Tuesday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Participants are asked to enter through the doors nearest the Spirit Center. Need more information? Contact: Kathy Shugarman at 940-300-2290 or shugs02@gmail.com. Check out our cards on the rack in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and purchase and sending out our cards.

Quilting Ministry: The quilt ministry will resume meeting on Thursday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m. in classroom 1. We will meet on Thursdays, January 9 & 23. Visitors are welcome. We welcome anyone who can iron, cut or help to tie quilts. Come check us out. Everyone is welcome! Please call Barbara Eaker @ (704) 451-5922 with any questions or suggestions.

The 5:11s (women's group): All women of CIC are welcome to The 5:11s. Based upon 1st Thessalonians 5:11, we are a women's group that "encourages one another and builds one another up, just as you are doing." Contact Jill Brooks or Tracy Lyon with any questions at Jlbrooks@gmail.com or vikingtk@hotmail.com.

- ⇒ The 5:11s will meet January 12th between services in the Fellowship Hall. All women of CIC are welcome to attend. We will discuss events for the New Year and sign-up for Prayer Sisters. Dates for the Monday morning book study will be set. Questions about the Women's Retreat in March? We can answer them at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone in January!
- ⇒ The women's group book discussion in the new year will be on Jacqueline Bussie's book "Love Without Limits." If you are planning on attending the Women's Retreat in the Spring, you'll want to read the book beforehand even if you aren't participating in the study! The bulk order was placed before Christmas. Books should be available for pick up at the church sometime in the first half of the month. Stay tuned!
- ⇒ **Women's Retreat's Retreat, March 14-16, 2025:** We are excited that author, public speaker, professor, and all-around wonderful human being (and Lutheran!), Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, will be our keynote speaker and conversation partner at this year's Women's Retreat. Please try to read "Outlaw Christian" and "Love Without Limits" before the retreat. We will gather at Camp Agape March 14-16, 2025. Cost is \$200 per person. Register on Church Center and pay CIC on the "Donate Now" button or by check with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.
- ⇒ Camp Agape is located approximately 15 minutes from downtown Fuquay-Varina, NC and 2 1/2 hours from Community in Christ. Questions? Contact Susan Kullstam (skulls01@me.com) or Pastor Lisa (pastorlisa@communityinchrist.net). Camp Agape: <https://agapekurebeach.org/> 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC



Sunday School

There is NO Sunday School on Sunday, January 5th!

Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 12th, at 10 a.m. beginning with music in the sanctuary before heading to classrooms.



Parents: If you haven't filled out a new Registration Form for the Fall, please do so at this Church Center link:



Agape Day Camp is coming to CIC June 16th-20th!

We're hoping to have more information about Agape Day Camp by February! For now, pencil in the dates. The camp runs Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Fri, 9 a.m.-noon. It is for rising 1st through rising 8th graders in the summer of 2025.

The Middle School program is an opportunity for youth to grow and give back to the community. Agape provides team building exercises and challenges while the congregation arranges at least three service-learning opportunities (TBD and likely off-site) throughout the week.

Confirmation:

6th—8th graders:

Sunday, January 12th, 6:30-8pm Class at the church

Sunday, January 26th, 6:30-8pm Class at the church

Parents, please remember to sign up for class volunteering



6th through 12th Graders! Register for the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Retreat Today!

Join Lutheran youth from around the NC Synod in Greensboro for a fun and faith-filled youth-led weekend! The cost is covered for confirmation youth and is \$20 for Senior High youth thanks to CIC's Annual Golf Outing! Reserve your spot by February 5th!





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

CIC Weekday Preschool Registration

- **Non-refundable registration fee of \$85.00 per child is due at time of enrollment. **
- Tuition for 2024/2025: \$295.00 for 2-year-old and 3-year-old students and \$340.00 for 4-year-old, PK and TK students. Tuition is due on the 1st of the month.
- CIC Preschool is not equipped to teach children with special needs.
- All children must be toilet trained by the first day of class.
- Scholarships are available for eligible families. Please see director for details.
- We offer a 10% discount on tuition for families with multiple preschool children.
- For more information visit our website, <https://www.communityinchrist.org/preschool-cornelius-lake-norman-nc> or click on the QR code.



The CIC Weekday Preschool has current openings for: 1 3-year-old, 4 4-year-olds, 3 Pre-Ks, 4 TKs
Please share with your friends and have them reach out to the preschool today to learn more!
Currently enrolled families who refer a new family will receive a \$25 discount on their next month's tuition!
Referrals from non-preschool families receive a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Summer camp!

Summer camp registrations are open! Check out the summer schedules for the Lutheran camps in North Carolina and see what works for you! The pastors are always happy to talk camp with you if have any questions!

[Summer Camp - Agape Kure Beach](#)
[Lutheran Summer Camps | Lutherock In North Carolina](#)



Finance Page

November gifts brought in \$35.4k. YTD we are at \$191.5k (PY \$190.4k), 5% behind the Budget. Please refer to the recent Council appeal regarding the need for continued financial support and possible giving increase due to higher insurance costs. Preschool Tuition Revenue (including scholarship) was \$13.1k. Preschool Revenues YTD are \$53.3k. This is lower than previous years due to 15% lower enrollment caused by a demographic dip. In positive Preschool news, the 25th Year Celebration wrapped up with almost \$10k in donations towards the Scholarship Fund, and the recent Jingle Jog Classroom Supply Fundraiser brought in \$3.4k in donations which will be of great help in offsetting classroom expenses during this tough time. Other Revenues consisted mainly of facility rents (\$0.7k) and Thrivent Choice dollars (\$0.7k), for a total of \$1.5k (\$3.8k YTD). Total Revenues for the month were \$50k. YTD we are at \$248.1k (PY \$257.1k). Expense items of interest: Worship - Altar Supplies: \$0.4, replenishment of altar bread and wine; Worship - Advent Devotionals: \$0.4; Admin - Internet/Office Telephone: we were billed for 2 months after no bill last month (we switched to a cheaper plan and billing was delayed till Nov). Music – Maintenance: \$0.3 instrument tuning, Music - Guest Artist: \$0.2k fees to flute player. Total Expenses for the month were \$56.1k, YTD \$283.9 (PY \$280.7k). Bottomline, November deficit was \$6.1k. YTD our deficit is \$35.8k. Additionally, in Nov we paid \$2k for plumbing repairs in the Men’s Restroom in the Sanctuary and we purchased additional magnetic name tags for \$0.5k. Both those were paid from leftover prior year funds. Looking ahead to the next month, we priced out the cost of replacing damaged carpet tiles in the Sanctuary, two quotes came in between \$9-10k. This repair will be paid from the Capital/Emergency designated account. ~Madalyn Wilkinson, Finance Director

Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan	July 24-June 25 Budget	November 2024 Actual	% of Budget
<i>Revenues</i>			
Member Contributions	\$522,000	\$191,483	37%
Preschool Revenue <i>Preschool tuition and fees</i>	168,415	53,250	32%
Other Revenue <i>Bank interest, Facility usage, credit card rewards</i>	23,910	3,375	14%
Total Revenues	714,325	248,108	35%
<i>Expenses</i>			
Worship <i>Altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	5,250	1,935	37%
Witness <i>Offering envelopes, new member activities</i>	1,890	402	21%
Synod benevolence	52,200	20,804	40%
Administration <i>Computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>	44,239	20,696	47%
Mortgage <i>Principal and interest on mortgage</i>	69,348	28,895	42%
Property <i>Building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	57,022	19,804	35%
Staff <i>Salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i>	342,961	137,624	40%
Music Ministries <i>Guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fee, handbells, AV maintenance</i>	5,000	1,990	40%
Youth Ministries <i>Youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i>	3,150	432	14%
Preschool <i>Staff salaries and benefits, activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	132,833	51,390	39%
Total Expenses	713,893	283,970	40%
Surplus	\$432	(\$35,862)	


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

Sunday Worship:

January 5—One service at 10 a.m.

January 12, 19 & 26
-9 a.m. Contemporary Worship and livestream
-10 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship
-11 a.m. Traditional Worship

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 a.m. 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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