



**Community
In Christ
Lutheran Church**

CIC NEWS

December 2024

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



December 1 & 8: 9 am Worship (Contemporary) - livestreamed, 10 a.m. Sunday School meets in Sanctuary & Coffee Cart in Narthex, 11 a.m. Worship (Traditional)

December 15, 22, & 29: ONE worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings
Join us on Sunday, 12/15, in one worship service at 10 a.m. including the annual Christmas Program that features talents from across the congregation proclaiming God's love for the world in Jesus' birth in a manger.

Deck the Halls!

Come help us adorn the worship space and narthex at CIC for the Advent & Christmas Season on **December 3rd at Noon.**
Pizza and drinks will be provided!



Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18 – Midweek Advent Worship

6 p.m. – Free-will Offering Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall: Please join us for dinner on Wednesday nights during Advent! The free-will offering each week will support the off-setting cost of the upcoming Women's Retreat as we bring in author Dr. Jacqueline Bussie to lead our discussions throughout the weekend.



7 p.m. – Holden Evening Prayer Worship: Holiday Traditions, We gather each Wednesday night of Advent at 7 p.m. for worship in the sanctuary and on livestream. We will spend time each night to learn about and experience gifts people of this congregation offer to the glory of God. 12/4 will emphasize musical gifts. 12/11 will emphasize hands-on creative gifts. And 12/18 will be a thematic gift! You won't want to miss it!

Caroling – December 15

Come spread joy in the world with a caravan of carolers as we share Christmas cheer at the homes of several congregation members. The group will eat lunch with each other at the church following the conclusion of the one 10 a.m. worship service and then head out from there. Caroling books and addresses will be provided!



Blue Christmas – December 16

On Monday, December 16th, we gather at 7 p.m. creating a sacred space for those for whom the holiday may be marked with pain.



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Christmas Eve: Celebrate the Newborn King at 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.! The livestream time will be announced closer to the date.

Advent Devotionals

A limited number of Advent devotionals are still available! Please pick yours up in the narthex! The “25 Days of Service” Advent Calendars for the youth are scratch off activities! Scratch off one circle per day starting December 1st.



Order your Christmas Poinsettia! Order forms are available in the narthex and will be in the bulletin also. The price per plant this year will be \$10 and will be available to take home after the 7 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or the week after Christmas. Please call the office to make arrangements to pick up.

Office Update

Please note that the church office will have varying office hours following Christmas. Please stay tuned to future updates.



If you would like to show the church staff a token of appreciation during the Christmas Season, you can contribute to a staff gift using the designated blue offering envelope or the “Donate Now” button on the church website. The gift is divided between Pastor Lisa, Pastor Michael, Sherry Malia, Stephanie Wheeler, and Madalyn Wilkinson by the Finance Committee in January.



Thanksgiving Meal Thank You

THANK YOU for your support of the Thanksgiving Meal for Angels and Sparrows Pathways Program. We served around 100 individuals from Angels and Sparrows. Thank you for bringing shelf-stable food to the grocery cart in October! Thank you for cooking turkeys at your homes and bringing in treats! Thank you for buying additional supplies like juice boxes! Thank you for setting up the space! Thank you for welcoming, serving, cleaning up, and being smiling faces for our guests! It was truly an inter-generational community of generosity and caring! ~The Planning Committee

From the Pastors.....

As the darkness awaits the dawn, so we await your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone.
-As the Dark Awaits the Dawn, ELW 261

What are you waiting for? Come on, what is it? What are you waiting for? If you can honestly say, “nothing,” consider yourself to be extremely fortunate and consider your situation to be fleeting because, inevitably, you’re going to be waiting for something soon.

So, how about you? Right now, what are you waiting for? Test results from your doctor, final exams, the return of civility and character in our elected leadership, the start of the big game, an end to the wars in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine/Russia, the upcoming visit with your grandchildren, a Christmas gift to go on sale, a promotion at work, a text from a friend, some time off...

What are you waiting for? In all likelihood, you have multiple things on your list which extend from the completely trivial to the extremely serious. Along with the range of what you are waiting for, there is also quite a variety of emotions that the waiting creates: feelings from indifference to anxiousness, from excitement to dread, from wonder to fear.

Waiting must be one of the least enjoyable things that we unavoidably have to do in life. Regardless of what the wait is for, nobody likes to wait. Nobody. And yet, the Church has set aside the season of Advent as an intentional time of waiting. Seems like a bit of a miscalculation, right? Like, let’s take something that is universally unpopular and then make it a point of emphasis. Seems to be another “swing and a miss” by the Church...or is it?

Could something beneficial actually come by naming the reality of waiting and then treating it as a type of spiritual discipline? Hopefully! Advent exists not just to buy time between now and Christmas. It’s grounded in the reality that:

- ⇒ Instant gratification often doesn’t occur in life.
- ⇒ God is already with us and gives us courage and hope as we wait.
- ⇒ While we anticipate the further completion of God’s work in the world, we can witness and participate in that work right now, in the present.

Yes, waiting is an element of Advent. As the Advent hymn #271 states, we are “awaiting the dawn.” But we also recognize that the light of God has already come - Jesus is here! And, because of that presence of God and the light and love it brings, we have perspective and purpose as we await God’s full redemption of this world: We have light to address the “shades of fear” around us. We trust God will, eventually, usher in a complete new day. In the meantime, we can counter the fears around us as best we can with the light we already possess.

It’s certainly hard to not be impatient as we long for the brightness of that new dawn. To keep us from frustratingly and idly twiddling our thumbs, Jesus calls us to spread that light around the best we can. Caring for one another in the ways Jesus showed us has a way of meaningfully passing the time as well as easing our worries about the future. Jesus also puts us in community together so we don’t have to carry the burden of waiting on our own.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for opportunities about how we can care for each other and ways we’ll be gathering together this season of Advent. Waiting is certainly no one’s favorite. And while we long for the celebration of Christmas and the complete “scattering of the night,” some things, thanks be to God, we don’t have to wait for.

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 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)

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.

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Preschool Director, Sharon Fuller – sfuller9564@gmail.com

Hurricane Help Info

Lutheran Disaster Response continues to provide regular updates on the Hurricane Helene recovery that is happening in Western North Carolina and ways needs can be met. You can follow along on their Facebook page, “LDR Carolinas,” or their blog: ldrcarolinas.org/blog



If you utilize Thrivent Financial Services, please check to see if you have any remaining Thrivent Action Teams for the 2024 year. Please reach out to Pastor Lisa if you do! We appreciate the support received for ministry and mission through Thrivent Action Teams!

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Columbia Campus Decommissioning



On Wednesday, November 20th, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary's (LTSS) campus in Columbia, South Carolina was decommissioned as the physical location of the seminary moves to Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory in January. All of CIC's pastors, past and present, have been formed for ministry in this space. It was a beautiful service filled with appreciation for all this space has provided in God's name, with lament for the loss of a space so rich with experience and memories for so many, and with hope for the expansive future we will all continue to live into with God at the center.

*The service bulletin and service link can be found here:

[LR Live | Lenoir-Rhyne University](#)



A Note From Your Music Team

I can't believe that I'm writing a note for the DECEMBER newsletter! I'm not sure how it sneaks up on us every year since we do have advance notice of its coming! I hope your Thanksgiving was full of joy and love and that you found many things to be grateful for.

As we begin Advent on December 1, I look forward to all the beautiful music that we will hear. There will be so many wonderful musical offerings here at Community in Christ. The choir will be singing every Sunday in Advent as well as some Wednesday services. You'll hear from all three of our handbell choirs! The children will lift their voices in song and praise many times throughout the month.

My prayer for you is that the music you will hear during Advent and through Christmas will touch your hearts, touch your souls, and allow you to enjoy a fuller worship experience. As we head into this hectic, joyful, busy, loud, happy season, please carry the words of one of my favorite songs with you, "Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with Me."

Sherry



CIC is hosting the Queen City Ringers in concert on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7 p.m.

The program is titled "Traditions of Christmas."

All are invited!

Free will offering accepted.



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.


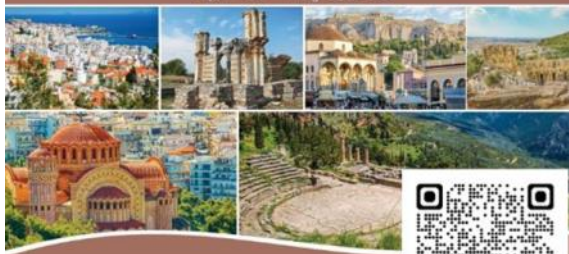


Journeys of Paul in Greece

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

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. There will be NO Bible Study on Tuesdays 12/24 and 12/31.

Coffee Cart: Host's needed! If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Carol Moser at cbmoser@aol.com.

December Grocery Cart: During the month of December we will be partnering with the CIC preschool in collecting canned pasta (ie Spaghettios, Chef Boyardee ravioli, etc.) for the Bags of Hope Program. Bags of Hope is a non-profit ministry providing weekend food provisions to school children in the Lake Norman area who experience food insecurity. Each weekend bag includes 3 dinners, 2 lunches and 2 breakfasts. To find out more about this program check out: www.bagsofhopelkn.com When you're doing your grocery shopping this month consider picking up a few cans and adding them to the grocery cart at CIC. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our grocery cart collections each month. Your generosity is making a difference!

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 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 December we will continue to focus on crafting hats/scarf sets to replenish our supplies for the upcoming winter season. The winter of 2024-25 is just now getting started afterall! Already this season, we have donated more than 40 hand-crafted hats and scarf sets to agencies serving those in need including the Dwelling, (serving the unhoused in the Winston-Salem area), LSC (serving individuals, families and children as well as those devastated by Hurricane Helene), and East Lincoln Christian Ministries (serving those in need in Lincoln County). A big thank you for all those who continue to contribute their time and effort to this effort! 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. Questions? Contact Kathy Dutton mamabissy@gmail.com or Diana Elsass dianaelsass@gmail.com.

Card Ministry News: The CIC card ministry creates cards that serve as physical reminders of God's love, support and presence in our lives. Consider joining the card ministry team! No experience is needed! We will be meeting Tuesday, December 10th, at 2 p.m. for our last meeting of the year. We'll enjoy fellowship with one another as well as make cards. 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 Christmas cards on the rack in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who supports the card ministry through your prayers, working hands and purchasing cards.

Quilting Ministry: We will be taking a hiatus for the month of December. We will resume our normal meetings in January. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 10 a.m. in Classroom #1. 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.

⇒ Book Study – Outlaw Christian We will meet on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. December 9th will be our last meeting.

⇒ The 5:11's will be on hiatus until January. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Our next meeting will be January 12th where we will fill out forms for our new round of Prayer Sisters and set an agenda for the New Year.

⇒ 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 so consider ordering it now even if you can't participate in one of the studies! Pastor Lisa has again partnered with a local bookstore to place a bulk order! [Love Without Limits Book Study/Women's Retreat Prep - Community In Christ Lutheran Church](#) Register to add your name to the order at the following link and read through the additional instructions. Cost per book is \$10 and anyone, not just the women, is welcome to order! Reserve your copy by Sunday 12/22 as the order will be placed first thing in the morning on the 23rd!



Men's Group: The Men's Group will be getting together at Ron Gomilla's house on Thursday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be libations and pizza. Hope you can attend! Please e-mail Paul Miller (p.k.miller1@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

HAPPY TIMES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION LUNCH



This year's celebration will take place at 11:30 a.m. -1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11th, in the Spirit Center at CIC. We will enjoy a traditional meal of turkey, ham, various sides, and cookies for dessert. Games will be played and hopefully enjoyed! There will also be a voluntary Cookie exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring 2 dozen of your favorites to exchange. Please be sure to bring an extra container for your take-home choices.



The cost per person will be approximately \$20.00. The exact amount will be determined after we have an exact count.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR THIS EVENT.
PLEASE LET RON MAJOR (704-622-0517/ Hunterron35@hotmail.com)
KNOW NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Sunday School

On Sundays, 12/1 & 12/8, 10 a.m. – All students will stay in the sanctuary between worship services to practice for the Christmas Program! Parents are invited to stay nearby to assist Ms. Sherry and Ms. Ashley as needed.

On Sunday, 12/15, students should arrive at 8:45 a.m. for a final run through of the Christmas Program! A Christmas celebration will happen in the Fellowship Hall between the end of rehearsal and worship beginning at 10 a.m.!

12/22 & 12/29 – No Sunday School

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



SAVE THE DATE!: Agapé Day Camp is returning to CIC June 16-20 for rising 1st through rising 8th graders in the summer of 2025! More details will be available the first of next year!

Confirmation:

6th—8th graders:

Sunday, December 1st, 6:30-8 p.m. Class at the church
Sunday, December 15th, 11:30 a.m.-ish Lunch & Christmas Caroling
Parents, please remember to sign up for class volunteering

Senior High

Stay Tuned for December happenings!

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](#)





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!

November Temple Talk Review

The Church Council thanks council members Todd Rixman, Carl Yerger, and Susan Kullstam as well as Steven Lyon and Adam English for the Temple Talks they provided in the month of November highlighting all of the ways CIC needs people to serve on Sunday mornings as we worship together. In addition, we met Stephanie Burke who is the ELCA Foundation's Regional Gift Planner for the Carolinas. She can be reached at 704-293-9436 or stephanie.burke@elca.org. If you missed any of the Temple Talks or would like to watch them again (they are all wonderful!), you can check out the following QR codes. Once you follow the QR codes, click "open in browser" if you don't have a DropBox app. Feel free to ask any of these people questions about how they serve on Sundays at CIC. If you think you may be ready to serve in any of these ways, please reach out to the pastors! Those of you who expressed interest in serving in the various roles that were highlighted, communication regarding training and scheduling will be shared soon.



Todd Rixman,
Worship Assistants



Stephanie Burke,
Gift Planning



Carl Yerger & Susan Kullstam,
Sunday Mornings



Adam English & Steven Lyon,
Sound Booth

Finance Page

October gifts brought in \$45.1k. Including \$4.9 of one-time special gift. YTD we are at \$156.1k (PY \$141.6k), 3% behind the Budget. Preschool wrapped up the month with 43 kids enrolled. We lost another student in the 4s Class. Tuition Revenue (including scholarship) was \$13.5k. Other Revenues were \$0.4k this month, between credit card rewards, facility use and Thrivent Choice dollars. Total Revenues for the month were \$59.1k. YTD we are at \$198.1k (PY \$191.9k).

On the Expense side, the main hitter this month was our quarterly Insurance payment (\$4.5k for Property/Liability/Umbrella/Workers Comp and \$711 Auto Policy). Our premiums went up 22% over last year, which appears to be a trend across all of the insurance industry. Other items included \$1.1k Computer/Software (renewal of Constant Contact, Microsoft 365 and Church App, in addition to usual monthly fees), Exterminating \$600 renewal of Termite protection contract, Guest Musician \$225 pianist sub. Total Expenses for the month were \$60.2k, YTD \$227.8 (PY \$221.5k). The October deficit was \$1.1k. YTD our deficit is \$29.7k. For comparison, in Oct23 our deficit was \$29.6k. Now for some GOOD NEWS. The Preschool 25th Year Celebration was a Smashing Success. As of mid November we have collected almost \$10k towards the Scholarship Fund. This money will enable us to extend financial aid to prospective students who otherwise may not be able to enroll in this wonderful program. As always, we encourage Members to utilize our convenient giving options and, if supporting CIC quarterly or annually, please keep CIC in mind at this time of year. We depend on your generosity and we truly appreciate all the ways you bless the Congregation with your financial support. Year end gifts need to be postmarked by 12/31/24.

~Madalyn Wilkinson, Finance Director

Community in Christ Lutheran Church Ministry Plan	July 24-June 25 Budget	October 2024 Actual	% of Budget
<i>Revenues</i>			
Member Contributions	\$522,000	\$156,092	30%
Preschool Revenue <i>Preschool tuition and fees</i>	168,415	40,110	24%
Other Revenue <i>Bank interest, Facility usage, credit card rewards</i>	23,910	1,883	8%
Total Revenues	714,325	198,085	28%
<i>Expenses</i>			
Worship <i>Altar supplies, devotionals, substitute pastors</i>	5,250	1,111	21%
Witness <i>Offering envelopes, new member activities</i>	1,890	402	21%
Synod benevolence	52,200	16,293	31%
Administration <i>Computer software, copier lease, insurance, internet, postage, office supplies, telephone, payroll service, credit card fees</i>	44,239	18,496	42%
Mortgage <i>Principal and interest on mortgage</i>	69,348	23,116	33%
Property <i>Building maintenance, janitorial services, utilities, lawn care, fire/security alarms, exterminating, floor/carpet cleaning</i>	57,022	16,786	29%
Staff <i>Salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits for four full-time and one part-time employees; staff development</i>	342,961	110,079	32%
Music Ministries <i>Guest artists, music for choirs, copyright fee, handbells, AV maintenance</i>	5,000	1,519	30%
Youth Ministries <i>Youth mission trips, retreats, activities, VBS, Sunday school, camp/confirmation</i>	3,150	425	13%
Preschool <i>Staff salaries and benefits, activities, supplies, maintenance</i>	132,833	39,581	30%
Total Expenses	713,893	227,808	32%
Surplus	\$432	(\$29,723)	



From Your CIC Staff:

On behalf of Stephanie, Sherry, and Madalyn we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We are privileged to serve here at Community In Christ and love the ministry we all get to do with you and on your behalf. May you be filled with the Spirit of Joy and Love as you celebrate the birth of Jesus and the gift of salvation.

~Pastor Lisa Beery &
Pastor Michael Beery


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 Support Staff (Stella Ryan)





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

December Sunday Worship:

December 1 & 8:
-9 a.m. Contemporary worship and livestream
-10 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship
-11 a.m. Traditional Worship

December 15, 22, & 29:
ONE Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Livestreamed on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

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