

Important Dates for NCLC This Month

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Each Monday at 2:00 p.m. – Chrismon workshop
Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study via Zoom
Each Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study and Prayer
Sunday, October 5 – Food Donation Sunday
Tuesday, October 7 – Old Men’s Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods
Wednesday, October 8 –Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 12 – Called Congregational Meeting to review/approve amendments to Constitution and new Bylaws
– Confirmation of Emma Keller & Reception
– Flood Bucket assembly
Saturday, October 18 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church
– 2025 Day for Life event (Pregnancy Care Center of Burke)
Wednesday, October 22 – New Covenant Women will meet at 1:00 p.m.
– Community Life Commission at 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- † Janet Tweedy – 12
- † Steve Short – 14
- † Tawanna Cook – 19
- † Karen Duncan – 23
- † Ed Williams – 31

If we missed your birthday, please let Beverly or Dianne know.

A Peak at Our Finances

Year-to-date through August	
Donations received	80,134.59 including \$7,749.17 in interest
Expenses	<u>-77,716.83</u>
Net	2,417.76

How Can I Help?



As the time draw closer to our relocation and worship in a permanent facility, there are many opportunities to help this move be organized, timely and efficient. Our current location needs to be dismantled. Items need to be packed for safe transfer (do you have time, some sturdy boxes or totes, packing tape?). Strong backs and arms will be needed to load and unload trucks. There will be additional costs for the move and in the new location. Decisions need to be made about housekeeping and yard work. Many ways to help. Many hands make light work. Let’s work together to get where we’ve been headed!



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MISSION STATEMENT: New Covenant Welcomes God's People
Founded in Faith, United by Love, and Gifted to Serve

From the desk of Pastor Weisner...

St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose lived 1586–1617. She is known as the patron saint of the Americas, Peru, embroiderers, florists, gardeners, needleworkers, and people ridiculed for their piety. This passage is among her writings...

"Let all people know that grace comes after tribulation. Let them know that without the burden of being weighed down by afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase. This is the only true stairway to paradise, and without the cross there is no road to heaven. ... If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious. How many riches it hides within itself, how many joys and delights! Without doubt, they would devote all their care and concern to gaining for themselves pains and afflictions. All people throughout the world would seek trouble, infirmities and torments, instead of good fortune, in order to attain the unfathomable treasure of grace. This is the reward and the final gain of patience."

Conclusion: God is with us in our sufferings!

It's Election Time

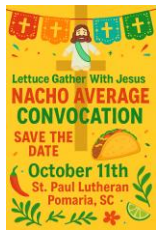
The annual meeting of the congregation is rapidly approaching which means it is time to elect new members to our church council. Part of being a church member is participating in the operation of the church by serving on committees and council. We have several members who have completed their terms and will need to be replaced. If you feel called to this service, please contact Allan Hermanson (856-430-3671). We are looking for a few good people. Pray about it and step forward in faith.

Allan Hermanson



The glory of life is to love not to be loved; to give not to get; to serve not to be served.

Calling All Women! Register NOW!



This year’s Carolina Women’s convocation will be held on Saturday, October 11, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pomaria, SC.

Lettuce Gather with Jesus – Nacho Average Convocation.

Get ready for a day filled with vibrant fellowship, flavorful mission stories, and a fiesta of faith! Seasoned with a Mexican Fiesta flair, we look forward to each congregation bringing their “street vendor-style” display to showcase how your mission and ministry is spicing up, from salsa-sweet stories of service to hot tamale testimonies. Whether you’re guacamole deep in outreach or just planting seeds of faith, come, be inspired, be uplifted by what God is doing in and through His people. Registration forms are on the counter in the narthex.

Attention Ladies

Our annual Carolinas Women’s Convocation is coming up October 11th. I currently am the Council President. Each year we replace council members whose terms are over with new ladies. There can be only one woman from each church nominated. I am finishing my term – so I would love to have a lady from New Covenant replace me. You think:

- † Oh gosh I could never do that! (God would say “my good and faithful child, I will be with you to show you the way.”)
- † I just don’t have the time to do that! (We meet once a month Jan-Sept by Zoom Meetings for 1 to 1.5 hours.)
- † But I’m really not a leader. (We serve as a team together, mainly planning the Convocation during our meetings.)

So, why NOT you? We need ladies desperately this year. Please talk to me, Debbie Little, and I promise to help you with anything you may have questions on. Please consider being on our Carolinas Lutheran Women’s Council. You will make New Covenant shine by being part of the council! Call me 828-430-0175 or chat with me at church.

Quilting for NALC Disaster Response

To all New Covenant Lutheran Members and Friends,

Do you have any bedsheets or material you’ve had for a while stored in a box “in case you might need them?” New Covenant Lutheran needs sheets (fitted or flat) and unused cotton material for use for making quilts for the NALC Disaster Response. No matter the size, if the sheets are too small for backing quilts, we can cut the cloth for quilt blocks. First, we have to gather the items to cut into quilting kits and then, starting January 2026, we will begin to quilt the items. You can also write checks to New Covenant Lutheran designated for quilting to support our progress. We thank you for your support in our mission to share quilts to those in need through the NALC Disaster Response.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has ceased communication with the candidate as the candidate is now in conversation with another congregation. Please keep the NALC call process and the members of the committee in your prayers as we seek to discern who God has chosen as our next shepherd.

Ministry Opportunities

NALC Disaster Response - Sunday October 12, we will put together the Disaster Response flood buckets - please have all items for the buckets at the church NO LATER than Sunday October 5th.

Glen Alpine Food Pantry - New Covenant donated 155 pounds of food to the Glen Alpine Food Pantry this month! They are very appreciative of the donations. Please continue to bring empty grocery bags (double bagged preferably) - this is also a tremendous help!

Pregnancy Care Center

- ❖ New Covenant will be "adopting" another needy family from the Pregnancy Care Center this year. Unlike last year when we supported a family through significant Hurricane Helene damage and Christmas, we will be supporting this family for Christmas blessings. More information will follow, and a signup sheet will be put on the front table in October.
- ❖ The Day for Life Event will take place on Saturday October 18th - refer to the September newsletter for more details or refer to website below. Take some time and support this worthy cause. [Burke Day For Life 5K and Fun Run](#)

Reformation Celebration

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 26, when we will have a Reformation Day Celebration after the service. There will be cake, other refreshments, and some fun surprises! Bring the whole family!

What Do We Know About Martin Luther?



Martin Luther was ordained as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1507. He came to reject several teachings and practices of the contemporary Catholic Church and papal authority, especially the sale of indulgences. He initiated an international debate on these with his 95 theses, which he posted on the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. Luther was excommunicated by Pope Leo X on January 3, 1521. (*Watch for more Luther info next month!*)