

Important Dates for NCLC in August

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study via Zoom
Each Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study and Prayer
Tuesday, September 1 – Old Men’s Breakfast at Timberwoods at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 2 – Communication Committee meeting via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 3 – Praise & Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 6– Food Collection for GAFP
Tuesday, September 8 – Quilting for Disaster Response at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9 – Council at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16 – NCLC Ladies at 1:00 p.m.
– Church & Community Life Commission immediately after
Saturday, September 19 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church
Sunday, September 20 – Mission Sunday covered dish lunch

Birthday Celebrations

- Beverly Watts – 12
- Dianne Hermanson – 16
- Rose Marie Starr – 18
- Donna Short - 25



Please let Beverly or Dianne know if your birthday is not included.

Worship Assistance Schedule

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
September 6	Mary Dawn Stuenkel	Shawn & Asher Keller	Rita Blanton
September 13	Angela Williams	Angela & David Williams	Pam Henderson
September 20	Beverly Watts	Julie & Howy Copenhaver	
September 27	Helen Wallace	Nora & Conrad Raymond	

Thanks

What a team! Our continued thanks and appreciation go to **Dianne** for her faithful, hard work on our monthly newsletter. We are also grateful to **Beverly** for volunteering to send it to our church email distribution list each month as soon as it is published. As always, wonderful work, ladies—your dedication blesses our whole church family.

Thanks, the Communication Committee



New Covenant News

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New Covenant Lutheran Church in Morganton, NC



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

We Have a Pastor!



The Reverend Andrew Weisner was installed as our first “called pastor” at a joyous worship celebration on Saturday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Many NALC pastors from around the region joined with us to welcome Pastor Weisner into this ministry and service. The worship experience included a children’s choir from a local congregation and New Covenant’s own first choir. The Reverend Yoder, a long-time friend and colleague of Pastor Weisner, delivered an interesting and informative sermon.

A reception followed with finger foods, cake, punch and much joy as we mingled together to rejoice in this next step of New Covenant’s discipleship journey as a community of faith.



God Moments

Before worship each Sunday morning, we are asked how we have seen God this week. It is good for us to share our encounters and hear other’s experiences. Last month Mary Dawn shared that she sees God every day and had had two occasions that very week where His presence and actions were in her face with immediate response to her prayer of, “Lord, I need...” Others have shared of near-misses on the road or a phone call received after a specific prayer.



While exiting the church building after VBS one day, I was stopped in my tracks by the beauty of the evening sky. That week there had been thunderstorms with pounding rain and hailstones in some areas, as well as lightning-lit skies. Out of the chaos of the storms came the beauty of the cloudy, colorful skies, showing me that God is still at work and in charge. *Dianne Hermanson*



(Photos courtesy of Kamara Reade. Do you see the cross?)

New Covenant Lutheran Women

New Covenant Ladies will meet on Wednesday September 16. (Please note, this is a week early as we normally meet on the 4th Wednesday.) Ladies, please join us for fellowship, fun, and spiritual connections!

Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation

New Covenant Ladies, mark your calendars for the 16th Annual CLW Convocation!



WHEN: Saturday, October 17 – Registration at 8:30am, Convocation from 9:00am to 2:30pm
WHERE: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Faith, NC, 205 S Main St. Faith, NC 28041
SPEAKER & PROGRAM: Pastor Marty Ramey – "The Oil of Gladness"

Register online at www.carolinaslutheranwomen.org or pick up a registration form on the bookcase.



We are a praying church, lifting one another up with faith and compassion. If you would like to add a name to our prayer list—or remove one—please remember to email Beverly. Keeping her updated helps us care for our church family.

Blessings Abound!

What a season of blessing this has been for New Covenant Lutheran Church! God has graciously provided us with a building and has led us to call our first pastor. We have so much for which to give thanks!

As Psalm 95:2 reminds us, “*Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*” In that spirit, we invite you to join us for a **special Worship Service of Praise and Thanksgiving on Thursday evening, September 3, at 6:00 p.m..** This will be a joyful opportunity for our congregation to come together and celebrate God’s faithfulness and abundant blessings.

The service will also include a special time of prayer for New Covenant as we seek God’s guidance and strive to faithfully follow His will and fulfill the mission He has given us. **Come and celebrate, give thanks, and praise the Lord with us!** We look forward to gathering together for this special evening of worship, prayer, and thanksgiving.

Mission and Ministry Update



Glen Alpine Food Pantry
The Pantry is back up and running, serving those in need each Tuesday evening. New Covenant was able to donate over 200 pounds of food to the Glen Alpine Food Pantry in August! What a wonderful response to a great need! Thanks to all!

The Pregnancy Care Center of Burke County

Reminder: The 2nd Annual Burke County Day for Life Event, put on by the Pregnancy Care Center of Burke, will be held on October 10. See June’s newsletter for additional details. More information will be available soon!



Humility involves recognizing our need for the Savior.

Budget Activity Through July

Donations received	72,267.50
Interest Income	1,763.29
Expenses	<u>-61,330.83</u>
Net	13,149.96

Membership Update

To help us stay connected as a church family, we’re updating our membership contact list. Beverly does a wonderful job keeping everything current, but we can support her by reviewing our own information. Please take a moment to check your listing on the master contact sheet in the narthex. Verify that your **name, address, landline number, cell number, and email address** are correct. If everything is accurate, simply place your **initials or a check mark** beside your entry. Once all information has been confirmed, an updated contact list will be distributed.

Our Logo



As we approach one year in our new building—and celebrate the calling and installation of our first Pastor—the Communications Committee believes this is the right moment to consider updating our church logo. Our current logo, designed by Eric Stunkel, has served us well, but it may be time to explore a fresh look that reflects who we are in this new chapter of ministry. We would like to open the design phase to the entire congregation. If you enjoy art, design, or simply have a creative idea to share, we invite you to participate.

How to Submit Your Logo Design

Please submit your design to **Karen Duncan** by **Sunday, September 27, 2026**. You may:

- Email it to **karend1023@gmail.com**
- Place a printed copy in Karen’s church mailbox
- Hand it to her in person at church

What Happens Next

All submitted designs will be displayed in the narthex. Every member of the congregation will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite. The design receiving the most votes will become our new church logo. *(Yes—our current logo will automatically be included as one of the options.)* If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Karen or any member of the Communications Committee. We look forward to seeing your creativity shine as we take this exciting step together.

Mission Sunday: Come, Eat & Join in Mission!



What’s better than good food, fellowship, and learning about ways we can share God’s love around the world? Join us for Mission Sunday on September 20th!

Following worship, we will gather for a potluck meal and hear from a special guest speaker who will introduce us to **Water Mission**, a Christian organization bringing safe water, sanitation, and the hope of Christ to communities around the world.

New Covenant Lutheran Church—you are doing an **awesome job supporting Christian ministries locally, regionally, and nationally!** Now, perhaps God is calling us to expand our mission outreach and add a **global ministry** to the ways we serve others. Water Mission offers an exciting opportunity to make a difference around the world, and it may not be as difficult as you might imagine!

Come enjoy a meal, learn more about this ministry, and prayerfully consider how **New Covenant can join in God’s global mission**. Want to learn more before Mission Sunday? Visit watermission.org to discover more about this incredible ministry.

Bring a favorite dish to share—drinks will be provided. It has been a while since we have gathered around a meal, so let’s take time to enjoy some wonderful food, fellowship, and conversation together.

Mark your calendar for September 20th and plan to stay after worship. Come hungry, come curious, and come ready to join together in mission!

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Joyce Moeller graciously set up a flower fund for our use as part of her ministry. If you would like to provide flowers for any worship service but do not have the opportunity to purchase some, please let Beverly know, and flowers will be provided in her memory.



August was a very busy, exciting month!

