

Important Dates for NCLC This Month

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Each Tuesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. – Zoom Bible Study
Each Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study and Prayer,
followed by more study of Lutheranism, led by Pastor Weisner
Sunday, June 1 – Food Donation Sunday
Tuesday, June 3 – Old Men’s Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods
Sunday, June 15 – Father’s Day
Wednesday, June 18 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 21 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church
Wednesday, June 25 – NCLC Women at 1:00 p.m.
- Church & Community Life Commission at 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- † Pastor Ramey – 10th
- † Adam Raymond – 12th
- † Jim Tweedy – 13th
- † Jakie Bianco – 16th
- † Shirley Beach – 24th
- † Arlene Zimmer – 26th



Did we miss your birthday? Please let Beverly or Dianne know.



Actions in heaven begin when someone prays on earth.

A Peak at Our Finances

Year-to-date through April	
Donations received	35,816.86
Expenses	<u>-37,709.20</u>
Net	(1,892.34)



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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...

Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917, a Scottish evangelical Bible teacher and military chaplain (who died) in Cairo, Egypt, during World War I. Author of the spiritual classic, *My Utmost for His Highest*.

It is a snare to imagine that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do; God's purpose is to make us one with Himself.

The emphasis of holiness movements is apt to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you go off on this idea of personal holiness, the dead-set of your life will not be for God, but for what you call the manifestation of God in your life. "It can never be God's will that I should be sick" [you might say]. If it was God's will to bruise His own Son, why should He not bruise you? The thing that tells for God is not your relevant consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your real vital relation to Jesus Christ, and your abandonment to Him whether you are well or ill.

Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship to God which shows itself amid the irrelevancies of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that strikes you is the irrelevancy of things you have to do, and the next thing that strikes you is the fact that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives are apt to leave you with the idea that God is unnecessary, that by human effort and devotion we can reach the standard God wants. In a fallen world this can never be done. I am called to live in perfect relation to God so that my life produces a longing after God in other lives, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God is not after perfecting me to be a specimen in His show-room; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He likes.

When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. (Luke 21:30)

Convocation Update

The Carolinas Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church held its 2025 Convocation on May 2-3, 2025 at Christ's Lutheran Church, Stanley, NC. Three items were voted on and passed, which included: the constitutional amendment allowing each church to have up to two delegates at future convocations; the 2025-26 budget; and the annual ministry support.

Attendance at the convocation included: 39 Clergy, 33 Lay delegates, for 72 Total voting. Also in attendance were one Clergy visitor, five Seminarians, 41 Visitors/guests for a total of 119 registered attendees. With 56 congregations in the Mission Region, 39 were represented and 17 were not.

The Reverend Bill White, Eastern Area Assistant to the Bishop, provided an update on NALC activities. Other presentations primarily focused on external missions supported by the Mission Region and included: Fish Stix Ministry, Rehoboth Ethiopian Mission, Sharing Shepherds, Kairos Prison Ministry, Guatemala Mission Trip, Disaster Response, Water Missions International, Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon, Congo Ministry International, SMI Haiti, and the Malawi Orphan Care Project.

At the Catawba Valley Mission District gathering, Karen Duncan volunteered and was elected to be the lay member to serve a three-year term to the Carolinas Mission Region Council.

Next year's Convocation will be held May 1-2, 2026 at Christiana Lutheran Church in Granite Quarry, NC in the Piedmont East Mission District.

If you ask New Covenant's delegate, Karen Duncan, what was the best part of the convocation she would tell you it was learning about the number and diversity of the missions of the Carolinas Mission Region and the North American Lutheran Church. A close second was the worship services. She would also strongly encourage every member of New Covenant to plan to attend a future convocation.

Karen Duncan, Delegate

Why Lutheran?

Each Thursday afternoon at 1:00 we gather to look at our Lutheran roots through the *Book of Concord*. Pastor Weisner leads this interesting and informative study. The discussion is lively. If you've been a Lutheran all your life or are just learning about us, you will find much to chat about as we continue these discussions. Please join us. It's fascinating to learn more about Lutheranism and how we got here.



Chrismon Workshop

We continue making Chrismons each Monday afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the church. It is hoped that we can use these symbols of Christianity to share our faith with others and as a

fundraiser at festivals in the area. We have a box full of Chrismons and are ready to make some more. Anyone interested in helping with this project is welcome. No experience necessary!

Ministry Opportunities

- *Glen Alpine Food Pantry* - There is still an opportunity for those interested to do some occasional volunteering with the Glen Alpine Food Pantry. There are copies of the application and confidentiality form on the counter. The Food Pantry is particularly in need of men (or strong women!) and folks with trucks to help with pick up of items from the Second Harvest Food Bank and area grocery stores. You can commit to as much or as little time as you choose. Please consider helping out this great community agency! Any questions, talk to Angela Williams.
- *Last call for Caring and Sharing forms!* These will be gathered and information tallied for the Commissions and Church Council. Don't be surprised if you get an email or phone call reminder if yours is missing!! ALL members are asked to submit a form! Even if you just put down your name and contact information and submit it! Thanks!
- *The Pregnancy Care Center of Burke* Baby Bottle Drive is taking place until Sunday June 15th - Father's Day. Quite a few bottles have already been brought in - but there are more empty ones if folks want to keep throwing their change/bills into them for the next few weeks. This is such a wonderful Christ based agency that needs help from the community to stay afloat!
- *NALC Disaster Response* is part of our mission outreach. It appears we have gathered enough items for 50 Healthcare Kits which will be assembled after church on Sunday, June 22, followed by an ice cream social. Thank you for assisting in this important mission of the NALC.

My Dear New Covenant Family:

Thank you and ThAnK YoU and THANK YOU for the precious card you gave to me (signed by so many!) and for the surprise-cookie-party you gave to me on Sunday (May 18)!!! ~ It was totally unexpected and delightful!! (A few of you may have heard me comment: "I've never had an anniversary party from a congregation before!")

God blessed me with this appointment to New Covenant, and continues to bless me among you. Thank you for your kind reception, for your openness to my ministry among you, and for opening your hearts to me by sharing your stories and love for Christ. I am thankful to God and to you for your constant kindness to me and my family.

"Thanks be to God!" for our past year together, and I am, and shall be, thankful for our time and adventures yet to come!!

"The peace of the Lord be with you...." The Pastor