

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 at 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study via Zoom

Each Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study and Prayer

Saturday, November 1 – **TIME CHANGE** – set your clocks back one hour before bed

Sunday, November 2 – Food Donation Sunday

– Dismantling and Packing begin. Bring your boxes and let's pack!

Tuesday, November 4 – Old Men's Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods

Sunday, November 9 – Annual Congregational Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 12 – Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 15 – Men's Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church

Sunday, November 23 – MOVING DAY

Sunday, November 30 – Joint worship with Thrive Church at 11:00 a.m.

– First Sunday of Advent



Birthdays

† Pastor Gil Gilbert – 5

† Julie Copenhaver – 9

† Helen Wallace – 12

† Danielle Keller – 25

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

What Did We Learn About Martin Luther?



Quiz Time! Interesting facts about Martin Luther have been contained in the past four months of the newsletter. There was also a **Reformation Celebration** on October 26 after worship. How much do you remember?

- ❖ *He was born in Austria, France or Germany?*
- ❖ *He earned Bachelor's & Master's degrees in theology, law or finance?*
- ❖ *He made a vow to enter seminary to St. Anna, St. Paul or St. Peter?*
- ❖ *While he did not see a Bible until the age of 20, he later translated it into what language?*
- ❖ *Was he ordained in the Roman Catholic, Episcopalian or Anglican church?*
- ❖ *He nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenburg on what date?*
- ❖ *Do you know which hymns in the LBW were composed by Martin Luther?*
- ❖ *True or false: Martin Luther never married.*



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

Annual Meeting – November 9, 2025



The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m.

Please make every effort to attend to ensure we have a quorum, which is needed to conduct any official business of the congregation. Your participation is important as we review activities of the past year, establish a budget for next year as we move into a new location, ratify the amendments to the Constitution and confirm the new Bylaws. If there are other items you would like to bring to the attention of the congregation for review and discussion, please let Beverly know.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!



It's time! On Sunday, November 2, packing will begin as we dismantle the Sunday School rooms. If you have some sturdy boxes or totes or packing tape or other useful packing materials, bring them to church and place them in the youth room.

Then, on Sunday, November 23, come to church for worship, maybe wear your NCLC t-shirt and be prepared to help place everything into trucks. We will be emptying our current location and moving on out. This is an exciting time for New Covenant. Let's work together to get this move organized and efficient. We will worship at the Pete Brittain Road location with Thrive Church at 11:00 on November 30. Our first New Covenant worship service in that location will be on December 7, the 2nd Sunday of Advent, at 10:00 a.m. Praise the Lord!

Pastor Appreciation

November 2nd - we will celebrate (a few days late) Pastor Appreciation. All are welcome to come and thank Pastor Weisner for his devotion and support of our Congregation. Women of the church (and men if so inclined) are asked to bring a plate of cookies to share, and we will enjoy a cookie reception and show our appreciation to Pastor!

No Need to Wait for Black Friday!



Mark your Calendars for Sunday November 9. There will be a Chrismon sale at New Covenant! Bring your checkbook and Christmas list! You will NOT want to miss the opportunity to purchase a beautiful hand made Chrismon, made with love by some of our talented New Covenant ladies!



Proceeds will be used by the New Covenant Ladies for building fund projects.

Carolina Lutheran Women



On October 11, 150 ladies from NC, SC, VA, and GA came together at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pomaria, SC for the 2025 NALC Carolina Lutheran Women Convocation. The theme was Hispanic based, "Wanna TACO about Jesus" and had festive bright colors in decorations, and a taco lunch meal. Debbie Little served as the Chair for the NALC Convocation and was joined with by Kamara Reade, Danielle Keller and Dianne Hermanson from New Covenant for the event. This year's focus was on mission work throughout all NALC Women's groups at each church and offered opportunities to observe displays by various churches sharing how Christ's love is shared within their community and beyond. New Covenant shared how we provide food drives monthly and work at our local food pantry in Glen Alpine. We also showed how we provide support to Disaster Response, to the Pregnancy Center, and area schools in Morganton. The highlight of the display was beautiful Chrismons handmade by the women at New Covenant this year.



The 2026 CLW Council was elected at the business meeting. Next year's tentative plan will be to have Organ Lutheran and Faith Lutheran Women to work together to host the 2026 CLW Convocation in the Fall. More details will be provided at a later date. We hope to have a larger group from New Covenant to travel to the 2026 CLW Convocation in Faith, NC. *Debbie Little*



It could be said that "Patience is an act of faith." (John Parker)

Help Increase Our Facebook Posts

Here is a simple thing you can do when you see any posts from New Covenant on Facebook. Simply hit the **LIKE** area to give a thumbs up or a heart and then post if you desire. Then hit the **SHARE** button to send to all of your Facebook friends. It's free and increases the number of people who see our church posts to share more about us. It really will make a difference.

Thank You! *Debbie Little*



Quilting for NALC Disaster Response

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 needs sheets (fitted or flat) and unused cotton material for use in making quilts for 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 NALC Disaster Response.



Attention all NCLC Women!

We will have our annual Dutch treat women's Holiday luncheon on Wednesday December 3rd at 11:30 - exact restaurant location to be determined. Watch the bulletins for more information!

Ministry Opportunities

Glen Alpine Food Pantry – Thanks to all who brought food in October! We were able to donate 167 pounds of food to the Pantry. With federal and state budget cuts, the food they are able to obtain from the 2nd Harvest Food Bank is dwindling! Donations from the community and Churches are really making a difference!!

Pregnancy Care Center – We have our Adopt-a Family provided by the Center. Mom has three sons, Zay, Amir and DJ. She is a CNA and has recently gotten a new job, trying to get back on her feet! All clothing sizes and a wish list form is on the table in the entryway! Please consider signing up for some of the needed items or see Angela Williams if you prefer to just give money toward purchasing what they need. We would like for all items to be purchased, wrapped with a note attached as to what is in the package and delivered to the Church before our move. So, try to have all items at the church by November 23rd! Let's make this a special Christmas for this family!

A Peak at Our Finances

Year-to-date through September

Donations received	94,631.85 (includes interest income of \$8,000)
Expenses	<u>-87,069.36</u>
Net	7,562.49