

Important Dates for NCLC This Month

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Each Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study and Prayer
Sunday, August 3 – Food Donation Sunday
Tuesday, August 5 – Old Men’s Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods
Wednesday, August 13 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 16 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church

Calendar Note

There will be no Women's Group or Church and Community Life Commission meeting in August.
The next date is September 24, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- † Angela Williams – 11th
- † Allan Hermanson – 12th
- † David Lange – 14th



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



Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

A Peak at Our Finances

Year-to-date through May (no June report)

Donations received	43,613.62
Expenses	<u>-46,692.53</u>
Net	(3,078.91)

What Do We Know About Martin Luther?



He was born in Germany on November 10, 1483. He did not see a Bible until he was 20 years of age. He originally intended to become a lawyer and completed both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees toward that end. However, he was frightened by a violent storm, saw a light from heaven like the apostle Paul, and made a made a vow to St. Anna. He then entered the seminary. (*Watch for more Luther info next month!*)



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

Some words from *Listening for the Promise* (weekly devotional with our scripture readings):
From Pentecost:

...Since God is self-sufficient, He is capable of creating the world outside Himself. In other words, it is to say that God is both capable of creating the world and also has no need to do so. And yet, God chose to create the world; God chose to create us, and He wants to have a relationship with us. By His very nature, therefore, and also by His choice, God is a home for us and at home with us. And this is so precisely because, first and foremost, God is a home for Himself and is eternally at home with Himself.

From Holy Trinity:

Because God has created time, He is neither contained by time nor excluded from it. Rather, as an infinite and eternal being, God enters into all times with the fullness of His necessary existence. In other words, God’s eternal “I AM” stands behind time, creates time for us, and then enters time to be with us in the fullness of his being. For this reason, God says, “I AM,” yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Constitution Task Force Update

This Task Force has been busy reviewing and revising New Covenant’s Constitution. They have completed their work and will present it to the Council in August. The next step is a called *Congregational Meeting* to review and approve the proposed revisions. That meeting will be scheduled for a Sunday in September. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for the exact date.

MOVING Along...Prayer, Purpose, Preparation

The contracts have been signed; the inspection has been completed. God hears our prayers. As we await further news about our relocation, let us not forget to be prepared. When this hope becomes reality, we will have multiple opportunities to use our time, talents and treasure in our mission to serve Christ and spread the good news. Let’s start now to prepare for that opportunity by using our treasure to be prepared for unanticipated expenses. If we each increase our giving by 10%, our coffers will overflow with blessings and opportunities. For instance, if you currently give \$100, 10% more would be \$110; \$200 would be \$220; etc. It seems to be an easy first step in preparing to *M O V E* along.

Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Cor. 9:6

Chrismon Workshop



The making of Chrismons continues each Monday afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the church. We have a box full of Chrismons and are ready to make some more. Anyone interested in learning more about this craft and helping with this project is welcome. It is easy. It is fun. The fellowship is great! AND...No experience necessary!

Ministry Opportunities

Glen Alpine Food Pantry - New Covenant Lutheran Church donated 134 pounds of food for the month of July!! Angela attended the GAFFP Board meeting in July and found out that an anonymous donor sent the Food Pantry \$20,000 to use as they need to support the ministry! What a blessing!

Glen Alpine Food Pantry Directors Report for June 2025			
<i>CLIENTS SERVED JUNE, 2025</i>		<i>TOTAL POUNDS: 27,206</i>	
<i>Households:</i>	<i>444</i>	<i>People:</i>	<i>943</i>
<i>Seniors:</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>Adults:</i>	<i>556</i>
		<i>Children:</i>	<i>205</i>
<i>New Clients</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Veterans:</i>	<i>36</i>

There is still an opportunity for those interested to do some occasional volunteering with GAFFP. You can commit to as much or as little time as you choose. Please consider helping out this great community agency! AND...you can help right here by double-bagging your plastic bags and placing them in the box by the mailboxes. This saves a LOT of time for the volunteers.

New Covenant is a member of the Burke County Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber does a weekly T-Shirt Friday event, and on June 27, they wore our New Covenant Church T-Shirts and traveled all around Burke County in them. They then posted photos on Facebook at the 12 businesses they visited in our shirts! If you participate in Facebook, check out the Chamber page for June 27th!

Dear New Covenant friends, We want to express our sincere thanks for the many thoughtful cards, messages and prayers acknowledging our 50th wedding anniversary. Our church friends have always been like family especially since we lived away from our personal families for so many years. A special thanks to those who braved the weather and were able to join us at our home. Speaking of home, we are thrilled that New Covenant will have a new one. May God richly bless you as you move forward.

Yours always in Christ,
Pastor and Karen Pawluk

Calling All Women! Save the Date!



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. Watch your bulletin and next month’s newsletter for further details.

NALC Bi-Annual Convocation

Delegates gather in Pittsburgh for Lutheran Week 2025, celebrating a defining milestone in the life of the North American Lutheran Church: 15 years of faithful ministry and mission, and 10 years of theological formation through the North American Lutheran Seminary. This year’s Convocation is more than a moment of remembrance—it marks a turning point, as we give thanks for God’s provision and press forward into the future He has prepared for us. Our theme, *“Running with Endurance: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus,”* is inspired by Hebrews 12 and calls us to persevere in the race set before us, looking to Jesus—the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. We gather to renew our focus, realign our hearts, and reaffirm our calling as Christ’s Church—anchored in His promises and emboldened by His grace. Lutheran Week 2025 will once again host a diverse array of gatherings that reflect the depth and vitality of our shared life together.

As we reflect on all that God has done in and through the NALC over these past 15 years, and the 10-year journey of the North American Lutheran Seminary, we are reminded that our story is far from over. With endurance and hope, we run the race before us—together, in faith, for the glory of God. Pastor Weisner, Pam Henderson and Dianne Hermanson will be participating in this important event in the life of the NALC and New Covenant.