

Important Dates for NCLC in June

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
Tuesday, June 2 – Old Men’s Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods
- Quilting for Disaster Response at 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 7 – Food Collection
Saturday, June 20 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church
Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day
Wednesday, June 24 – Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Friday, June 26 – Ribbon Cutting at 4:00 p.m.

Birthday Celebrations

- ♥ Rita Blanton – 8th
- ♥ Adam Raymond – 12th
- ♥ Jim Tweedy – 13th
- ♥ Shirley Beach – 24th
- ♥ Arlene Zimmer – 26th



Please let Beverly or Dianne know if we missed your birthday.

Worship Assistance Schedule

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
June 7	Howy Copenhaver	Ed Williams	Mary Dawn Stuenkel
June 14	Helen Wallace	Shawn & Asher Keller	Angela Williams
June 21	Pam Henderson	Julie & Howy Copenhaver	Nora Raymond
June 28	Julie Copenhaver	Nora & Conrad Raymond	Dianne Hermanson



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

Happy Father’s Day!

*A DAD is a person who is loving and kind,
And often he knows what you have on your mind.
He’s someone who listens, suggests and defends.
A DAD can be one of your very best friends!*

*He’s proud of your triumphs,
But when things go wrong, a DAD can be
Patient and helpful and strong.*

*In all you do, a DAD’s love plays a part.
There’s always a place for him deep in your heart.
And each year that passes, you’re even more glad
More grateful and proud just to call him your DAD!*

Thanks, you dads, fathers, uncles for listening, for caring, for giving and sharing, but especially for just being YOU!

"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. (Malachi 4:6)



Mission and Ministry Update



Glen Alpine Food Pantry - UPDATE

The Pantry has the green light to start serving clients again on Tuesday June 2. A church use agreement has been agreed upon and signed. Until the volunteer base is expanded, serving will happen once a week on Tuesday evenings. Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer.

Duties that are needed:

1-Food pickup – Food is picked up once per week from Food Lion/Burkemont, Aldi's and Second Harvest Food Bank. This duty is best accomplished with a pickup truck or large SUV. Lifting 40lb boxes is normal.

2-Food sorting and packing – Each Tuesday, food is taken to the pantry, sorted and checked for freshness before packing it into bags of non-perishable and perishable. It is then placed into a box for distribution to our clients. No heavy lifting is required.

3-Food distribution to clients - Once per week (for now - Tuesday 6-8pm) the pre-packed boxes are placed on a cart and wheeled out to the distribution line. Bags are then placed into the client's vehicle. Each box weighs approximately 25-30lbs.

4-Cardboard disposal. Once per week, all cardboard boxes that won't be re-used are broken down and taken to a dumpster for cardboard recycling. No heavy lifting but best accomplished with a pickup truck.

5-Volunteer Coordinator – This individual supervises the online SignUp site to ensure every position is filled for the week and reaches out to volunteers if there are open slots.

6-Grant Writer – This individual will pursue grants for food and operational expenses. We normally apply for 4-7 grants per year.

GAFP would like each Partner church to offer to do a rotation for food distribution on Tuesday evenings. This would require several able-bodied folks to do #3 above, and several folks to assist in other ways, e.g. check-in clients off on an iPad, help with traffic. etc. This would be once every 5-6 weeks. Talk to Angela for more information.



The Pregnancy Care Center of Burke County

REMINDER-the baby bottle fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center is taking place until Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st. Please fill your bottles with silver coins/paper money to help support this very worthy cause!

And more PCCOB news! The Pregnancy Care Center has an Open House every 4th Thursday of the month. Their June Open House will be June 25th from 11:30-1:30. Go by and check out for yourself all that they do for our community. 113 Clay St. Morganton NC.

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 last month's newsletter for additional details. More information will be available in coming months!

New Covenant Lutheran Women

New Covenant Women will not meet in June. The next meeting will be July 22 at the church. A Church and Community Life meeting will be held immediately after.

Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation

The CLW Council joyfully invites you to the 16th Annual CLW Convocation!

When: Saturday, October 17th **Where:** Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Faith, NC

Speaker & Program: Pastor Marty Ramey – “The Oil of Gladness”

Faith Lutheran and Organ Lutheran have teamed up this year with Organ Lutheran hosting and Faith Lutheran providing a large space to allow us to gather. Further details will be shared when they are available.



Carolinas Mission Region Convocation Report

The opportunity to attend the "shindig" (as the pastor called it) and represent the fellowship I've grown to love and the bonds we share was an amazing experience, and I thank everyone. The opportunity to go and be with my brothers and sisters in Christ makes everything worthwhile.

I met some awesome people and a good variety of pastors, saw our Dean and even met our Bishop. I will say that a majority knew our pastor. Our Dean and other pastors bragged about our Pastor Weisner. We (as a church) are very blessed to have him.

We had opening worship in the sanctuary with quite a few (88 through registration). The singing and prayers were beautiful with the way they filled the room. I have never experienced anything like that. To be a part of worship higher in numbers, gives you the encouragement to try to spread the word for us to grow. Bishop Selbo had an awesome sermon comparing us (as people) to sheep. Later, he stressed how you need to be confident in your religion and spread the word to make a difference.

We also learned quite a bit about mission projects, even global ones. My favorite global one was called Water Mission. This isn't just taking someone water and saying you are done. With this mission you help build and maintain a water reservoir for clean drinking water. We all had a small scare with Helene, think about going to a lake (clean or not) and having to carry forty pounds an average of a mile and a half (since it's typically a three-mile round trip). If the women and children are doing that, then they can't be at work or school, causing other problems there. Helene also did a number on the amount of work that the NALC Disaster Response has done and will continue to do. Since they have witnessed some places, they still don't know when these places will get power or cell phone tower will be fixed. They are calling this one of the worse disasters they have seen thus far. They are also wanting to make carports into "secure" trailers for more space and room since they are running out of that.

In summary I just want to say that I'm blessed to be a member of this flock, and it means a lot to me to stand with you and with God.

Danielle Keller

Council Member and Convo Delegate

Food for Thought ...from our Men's Ministry
We are guilty. The cross purchaed our forgiveness. We are unable. The Spirit gives us power. We are foolish. God's Word provides wisdom.

*What did I bring to your salvation table?
I had no righteousness to offer, no strength to give, no wisdom to present.
There was nothing that I could deliver that would commend me to you.
I crawled broken to your table, weighed down and crippled by
my sin, my guilt, my weakness, my foolishness, my pride, my shame.
I had no right to be with you, but you picked me up and placed me there.
You fed me the life-giving nutrients of grace with your nail-scarred hands.
And I haven't left your table of mercy since.*

From *New Morning Mercies* by Paul David Tripp

A Few Photographic Keepsakes



Asher practices for Easter prelude.



Check out Pastor's fiery socks for Pentecost!



If we can quilt, you can quilt!



Memorial service for Joyce Moeller.

New Covenant is Active!

Quilting
For the summer months, the quilting project will be held the **first** Tuesday of each month. Never used a sewing machine? Don't know how to thread a needle? You can still help with the quilting. Many hands make quilts fast! Come and see what a few can do. All are welcome.

Church Council
Council has moved June's meeting to the 24th at 6:00 p.m. There will be no meeting in July. Council meetings are open. Anyone can attend. Join them one month and see how they are working to serve all of us. If you have concerns or suggestions for Council review, please let Beverly or Eric know.

Bible Study
The Tuesday evening Bible study is on hiatus for the summer. The Thursday morning group continues to review the scriptures for Sunday worship. There is a lot of discussion, laughter and sharing during these study sessions. All are welcome. No scholarly knowledge necessary – just love for the Lord. Join us at 10:30 on Thursday morning.

Ribbon Cutting
The Chamber of Commerce will join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 26 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Watch your bulletin for additional information.

Cleaning Teams
Individuals who have shared their willingness to help with maintaining the cleanliness of the church building met after worship on May 17 and formed teams. Each team will be responsible for basic cleaning of the sanctuary, narthex, classrooms and restrooms. This is a temporary, developing process. Adaptations will be made when necessary. Once Thrive Church has their own space, cleaning procedures will change. These are our teams:

Team #1	Team #2	Team #3	Team #4
Helen Wallace	Dianne Hermanson	Angela Williams	Janet Tweedy
Lloyd Wallace	Debbie Little	David Williams	Jim Tweedy
Pam Henderson	Kamara Reade	Ingrid Farrar	Beverly Watts

John Parker and Mary Dawn Stuenkel have offered to be floaters/fill-ins as needed.

Budget Activity Through April

Donations received	41,043.37
Expenses	-35,074.55
Net	5,968.82

