

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

Thursday, May 1 – National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 3 – Food Donation Sunday

Tuesday, May 6 – Old Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day

Saturday, May 17 – Men's Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church

Wednesday, May 21 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28 – NCLC Women at 1:00 p.m.



Birthdays

- † Conrad Raymond – 15th
- † Mary Dawn Stuenkel – 15th
- † Pastor Henry Pawluk – 16th
- † Shawn Keller – 24th
- † Karen Pawluk – 30th
- † Emma Keller – 31st

Please let us know if we have missed any birthdays.



The scary deception of sin is that, at the point of sinning, sin doesn't look all that sinful.



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



The Cross Was His Own

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed a foal from a kindly soul
For Him to ride to town;

But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own – the cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountainside,
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied,

But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own – the cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb
The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet.

But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own – the cross was His own.

Author Unknown

Glen Alpine Food Pantry

New Covenant is now an "official" partner of the Glen Alpine Food Pantry. Angela Williams attended her first Board Meeting on Monday April 14th as our representative. We are in their April Newsletter, which is posted on the bulletin board in the church hallway. The pantry also wanted to pass on a request:

*Gardeners-It's Spring!
As you work in your gardens...
Please plant an extra row for the pantry.
Our clients love fresh local produce!*



Anyone interested in doing occasional volunteering with the Glen Alpine Food Pantry must complete an application and sign the confidentiality form on the back. These will be submitted to the Pantry at their May 12th board meeting. Forms are on the counter and there is a box to place the completed forms. This is a great way to serve our community, connect with other Christian volunteers, and meet a great need!

Ministry Opportunities

- *Caring and Sharing* forms are on the counter and each member is asked to complete a form. We currently have about a dozen forms filled out and in the completed box! These need to be completed no later than May 11th so a summary can be compiled for Church Council and our Commissions. Pick up and complete your form ASAP! ALL members are asked to submit a form.
- *The Pregnancy Care Center of Burke* is having their annual Baby Bottle Drive again this year. New Covenant has been asked to participate. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, members will be asked to fill baby bottles with coins/bills. This monetary collection will be turned in to help support this critical ministry in our community. More information will follow. The Pregnancy Care Center will provide the bottles, and these will be available for members before May 11th. Please start saving your change and dollars now!
- *NALC Disaster Response* is part of our mission outreach. The Church & Community Life Commission has decided to prepare 50 Healthcare Kits this quarter. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter. If you would like to contribute to this project, please indicate on the sign-up sheet what you will donate. We will then assemble the kits as a congregation later in June. Thank you for assisting in this important mission of the NALC.



The National Day of Prayer is on Thursday May 1st - please join us for Bible study and a time of prayer afterwards. Other opportunities in our area include a National Day of Prayer service in Hickory - Union Square- at noon that day; one in Marion on the Courthouse lawn from 5:30-7:00 pm; and Drexel

Memorial Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.

The annual National Day of Prayer Broadcast (Thursday, May 1, at 8:00 p.m.) is an invitation to unite in prayer, as the 2025 theme calls us to "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled!" from the theme scripture of Romans 15:13. (www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

This 90-minute virtual prayer gathering is for believers across America and across the world to join together in prayer and worship, with prayers from Christian leaders in every area of influence. Lift up your prayers with us and be encouraged as we pray for neighbor and nation, and be filled with God's hope, joy, and peace in believing!

What is a Lutheran?

This past Lent, we took the time each Thursday afternoon to delve into our Lutheran roots, especially through the *Book of Concord*. This Pastor-led study was found so interesting that it has been decided to continue the discussion each Thursday, beginning May 1, at 1:00 p.m. 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. You may learn something interesting about Lutherans or even Luther himself.



Spring Concert



All are invited on Sunday May 4th at 5:00pm to attend the Foothills Festival Singers Spring Concert. A variety of liturgical and secular songs will be performed, and the guest choir will be the East Burke Chamber Singers. The Concert will take place in the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 100 Silver Creek Rd, Morganton. Angela Williams, from our congregation, will be one of dozens performing.

Chrismon Workshop

Chrismons are decorations with Christian symbols. They are traditionally white and gold designs made from symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega, signifying Christ and the Holy Trinity. 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! The workshop will be held each Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. beginning on May 12.