

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  
Tuesday, July 1– Old Men’s Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Timberwoods  
Sunday, July 6 – Food Donation Sunday  
Wednesday, July 9 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 12 – Pawluk Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, July 19 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church  
Wednesday, July 23 – NCLC Women at 1:00 p.m.  
- Church & Community Life Commission at 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- † Beth Walborn – 19
- † Ben Raymond – 27



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



The Christian Church seems to have many conversations about likes and dislikes, but there are much fewer conversations about the joys of being part of a faith community. What joys can you share?

A Peak at Our Finances

Year-to-date through May	
Donations received	43,613.62
Expenses	<u>-46,692.53</u>
Net	(3,078.91)

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.



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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...

For, God be praised, in our churches we can show a Christian a true Christian mass according to the ordinance and institution of Christ, as well as according to the true intention of Christ and the church. There our pastor, bishop, or minister in the pastoral office, rightly and honorably and publicly called, having been previously consecrated, anointed, and born in baptism as a priest of Christ, without regard to the private chrism, goes before the altar. Publicly and plainly he sings what Christ has ordained and instituted in the Lord’s Supper. He takes the bread and wine, gives thanks, distributes and gives them to the rest of us who are there and want to receive them, on the strength of the words of Christ: “This is my body, this is my blood. Do this,” etc. Particularly we who want to receive the sacrament kneel beside, behind, and around him, man, woman, young, old, master, servant, wife, maid, parents, and children, even as God brings us together there, all of us true, holy priests, sanctified by Christ’s blood, anointed by the Holy Spirit, and consecrated in baptism. On the basis of this our inborn, hereditary priestly honor and attire we are present, have, as Revelation 4 [:4] pictures it, our golden crowns on our heads, harps and golden censers in our hands; and we let our pastor say what Christ has ordained, not for himself as though it were for his person, but he is the mouth for all of us and we all speak the words with him from the heart and in faith, directed to the Lamb of God who is present for us and among us, and who according to his ordinance nourishes us with his body and blood. This is our mass, and it is the true mass which is not lacking among us.

Luther, M. (1999, c1971). *Luther's works, vol. 38: Word and Sacrament IV* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald & H. T. Lehmann, Ed.). *Luther's Works* (Vol. 38, Page 208-209). Philadelphia: Fortress Press.

Chosen

“And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.” - Act 1:16 -

Matthias was chosen by God as we heard in our scripture readings on June 1. We, too, have been chose by God. We each have a calling and a mission. In the weekly devotional, *Listening for the Promise*, we were told that:

When God chooses people, he doesn’t wait around wondering if we agree with his choice. He doesn’t ask our permission to be chosen. He doesn’t see if it fits into our plans. God chose you in your baptism and he has no plans to let you go. He has no plans to change his mind about you. He picked you out to receive his gifts. This is even better than winning the lottery. The riches God has in store for us will never run out. They will never lose value. Those riches include forgiveness, mercy, everlasting life. These are the greatest treasures imaginable, and God didn’t ask your permission before giving them to you. He just handed them over. Now...they are yours forever.

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* - New Covenant Lutheran Church was able to donate 82 pounds of non-perishable food items to the GAFP in May! FYI - Glen Alpine Food Pantry will be CLOSED on July 4th! A summary of the ongoing community support for May

CLIENTS SERVED MAY, 2025      BOXES GIVEN: 1,338    TOTAL POUNDS: 27,475  
Households: 457    People: 995  
Seniors: 201    Adults: 581    Children: 213

There is still an opportunity for those interested to do some occasional volunteering with GAFP. Copies of the application and confidentiality form are 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, speak to Angela Williams.

- *Pregnancy Care Center* - New Covenant was able to collect \$388 in coins and \$327 in "folding" money (a total of \$715!) for the Baby Bottle fund drive for the Pregnancy Care Center of Burke.

A Milestone Moment

This month marks an exciting and prayerful step forward in the life of our church family. After months (years) of prayer, planning, and thoughtful discussion, we voted to purchase property for what could become our permanent church home.

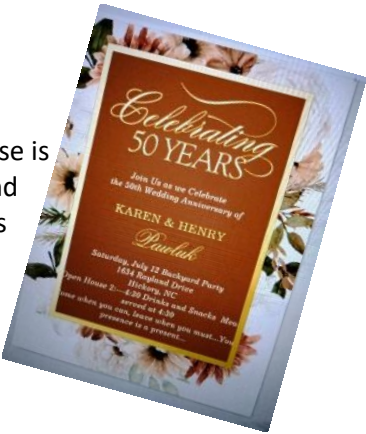
The property, located at 215 Pete Brittan Road in Salem, offers space not only for worship but also for ministry growth, community outreach, and future expansion. The Property Task Force, alongside church leadership, is working diligently to bring this purchase to completion.

A church building is more than bricks and mortar—it’s a place to gather, to grow in faith, and to serve our neighbors. This property would give us a sacred space that’s truly our own—a base for mission and a beacon for hope. Please keep those working toward this move in prayer as they manage the tasks before them. And be prepared to step up when more hands and feet are needed.

*"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord."*  
Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)

Pawluk Anniversary Celebration – You’re Invited!

Pastor Henry and Karen Pawluk have invited us to join them in celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 12. Open House is from 2:00 to 4:30 pm with a meal at 4:30. Address is 1634 Rayland Drive in Hickory. Please let them know if you will be joining in this celebration.



Calling All Women!

The Carolinas Lutheran Women’s 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation will be held on October 11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pomaria, South Carolina. Registration forms and sign-up sheet for carpooling will be forth coming. Let’s see if we can have a large representation from New Covenant. This is an opportunity to come together with other Christian women in our Mission District to fellowship together as we walk with Jesus in his mission for our lives.