

Important Dates for NCLC in July

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, July 5 – Food Collection
Tuesday, July 7 – Old Men’s Breakfast cancelled
– Quilting for Disaster Response at 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 – Men’s Ministry 9:00 a.m. at church
Wednesday, July 22 – NCLC Ladies at 1:00 p.m.
– Church & Community Life commission immediately afterwards

Birthday Celebrations

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



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

Worship Assistance Schedule

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
July 5	Mary Dawn Stuenkel	Angela & David Williams	Mary Dawn Stuenkel
July 12	Karen Duncan	Jim Tweedy	Angela & David Williams
July 19	Janet Tweedy	Ed Williams	Kamara Reade
July 26	Dianne Hermanson	Shawn & Asher Keller	Helen & Lloyd Wallace



The best place to seek shelter from the storms of life is to dwell with God every day through prayer and devotions. *My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.* (Psalm 91:2)



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

Ribbon Cutting

The Burke County Chamber of Commerce and local dignitaries joined us on Friday, June 26 as we celebrated our new facility for worship, mission and ministry, another milestone in the life and journey of New Covenant.

A light reception followed the ceremony, providing a time for fellowship and celebration with our friends and neighbors. Thanks be to God for all he is doing for, with and through New Covenant Lutheran Church!



Mission and Ministry Update



Glen Alpine Food Pantry - UPDATE

The Pantry Board of Directors is working hard to secure enough volunteers to re-open for food distribution. The current plan will be to do Tuesday evenings beginning on July 14th. All current/potential volunteers need to fill out a new volunteer form as the Board is updating their volunteer list. Please refer to the June newsletter for job descriptions.

REMINDER: Food Pantry is in *great* need of volunteers: If you are at all interested or need more information, please speak with Angela Williams. You can volunteer once a week, once a month or as often you are able!



The Pregnancy Care Center of Burke County

Remember, the Pregnancy Care Center has an Open House every 4th Thursday of the month 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!

Budget Activity Through May

Donations received	46,667.50
Interest Income	1,150.72
Expenses	<u>-43,076.24</u>
Net	4,741.98



Use of the Kitchen

The Kitchen Team has developed guidelines for using the kitchen and scheduling special events. These guidelines are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. A couple of things to note:

- 1. Any food left in the refrigerators must be identified by owner and date. Items left longer than two weeks will be discarded. Unidentified items will be discarded immediately.
- 2. The kitchen is not to be used for storage of items not related to kitchen usage. (An exception right now is for cleaning supplies. Those will be moved once Thrive has permanently moved.)
- 3. The kitchen is not a drop-off location for other activities. If you need space for staging an event, please speak to the Parish Management Commission for an appropriate location.

From the desk of Pastor Weisner...

Saint Romuald, +1027, commemorated on the Church calendar on June 19, wrote this for 10th and 11th century monks under his care (he traveled around Europe for many years establishing monasteries). We are not monks, but we can learn from his advice on praying with psalms (there is a schedule for doing such in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*/LBW page 178 in the front of the book); seeing good in where we are (think of your home as "paradise"); sticking to a prayer schedule, even when our mind wonders; and remembering that we are always in the presence of the God who loves us.

Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms—never leave it. If you have just come to the monastery, and in spite of your good will you cannot accomplish what you want, take every opportunity you can to sing the Psalms in your heart and to understand them with your mind. And if your mind wanders as you read, do not give up; hurry back and apply your mind to the words once more. Realize above all that you are in God’s presence, and stand there with the attitude of one who stands before the emperor. Empty yourself completely and sit waiting, content with the grace of God, like the chick who tastes nothing and eats nothing but what his mother brings him.

New Covenant Lutheran Women

New Covenant Women will meet on July 22 at the church with a short program and making plans for the remainder of the year.

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.



Church and Community Life

A Church and Community Life meeting will be held July 22 at 2:00 p.m. to review mission and ministry plans for the upcoming quarter.

Keeping the Church Clean

The cleaning teams were very active during June. This is our first attempt at using teams to keep our premises clean and neat. If you would like to help with this effort, please let Angela know.

Vacation Bible School 2026 – Journey to ROME!

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure this summer as New Covenant Lutheran Church partners with Thrive Church to bring the ancient city of **Rome** to life!

Children will step back in time to the days of the Apostle Paul, experience the challenges and excitement of the Underground Church, and discover the wonderful truth that **God loves us—always!** Through engaging Bible stories, energetic music, creative crafts, hands-on building projects, exciting games, and delicious food, children will learn about God's amazing love and the life, sacrifice, and victory of Jesus Christ.

When: August 9–12, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM each evening

Where: New Covenant Lutheran Church

Who: Children ages 3 (potty trained) through rising 6th graders (completed 5th grade)

Children can be preregistered by scanning the QR code available on New Covenant's website: www.newcovenantnalc.org.

How Can You Help Build Rome?

Vacation Bible School takes many hands and joyful hearts! We invite our church family to be part of this exciting ministry.

- **Rome Setup Day:** Saturday, August 8. We need volunteers to help transform our church into ancient Rome. The exact time will be announced soon.
- **During VBS:** Volunteers are needed to assist with meals, crafts, and building activities.
- **Special Acting Roles:** We are looking for two men who can attend each evening and portray two important characters—a Roman guard and Paul's assistant.

If you would like to help in **any** capacity, please contact **Beverly Watts** or **Ingrid Farrar**.

Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents. We are excited to share the love of Christ with the children in our community and can't wait to see what God will do through this incredible week!



A Joyous Milestone for New Covenant!

On Sunday, May 31, New Covenant Lutheran Church joyfully and unanimously voted to call its first full-time pastor, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Weisner. For the past two years, Pastor Weisner has faithfully shepherded the New Covenant family with wisdom, compassion, and a deep love for Christ. He is truly a Spirit-filled disciple whose passion for sharing the Gospel and serving God's people has been a tremendous blessing to our congregation. We give thanks to God for his leadership and are richly blessed to call him our pastor.

Please mark your calendars for Pastor Weisner's Installation Service on Saturday, August 15, at 3:00 p.m. at New Covenant Lutheran Church. This special occasion will include a full

worship service, followed by a reception and time of fellowship. Pastors from across the NALC Carolinas Mission Region, along with many friends and supporters, will gather to celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation. It promises to be a joyful and memorable day as we give thanks for God's faithfulness and look ahead to the ministry that lies before us.

Thank you, Pastor Weisner, for saying "YES" to God's call and to the people of New Covenant. We look forward with great anticipation to all that the Lord has in store!



