

### **August Church Council Meeting**

New Covenant's Church Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. It will meet Wednesday, August 10 this month. All are welcome to attend. If you have an item that you want the Church Council to discuss or consider, please contact Eric Stuenkel at [westuenkel@bellsouth.net](mailto:westuenkel@bellsouth.net) or Angela Williams at [3521awilliams@charter.net](mailto:3521awilliams@charter.net)

### **Receiving New Members**

If you are ready to make a commitment to Christ's mission at New Covenant Lutheran Church, please speak to Pastor Marty Ramey. We would love to have you as a member!

### **Bible Study**

Adult Bible Studies will be coming soon! Pastor Marty Ramey has agreed to start leading these in the near future. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Outreach Ministries- BUCM Food Drive**

The Parish Community Outreach board invites everyone to bring non-perishable food items in August and place them into the boxes at the mailboxes. The food will be given to the Burke United Christian Ministries (BUCM) to be distributed to those in need. Thank you for your contributions.

### **Outreach Ministries- Flood Buckets**

New Covenant has been asked to bring rubber gloves (size large) and Bibles and Bible verses and other items to encourage recipients. Collected items will be delivered August 27th to Salem Lutheran Church, Salisbury, where the flood buckets will be assembled. Deadline to contribute is August 21.

### **Opportunities to Get Involved!**

**Join A Women's Or Men's Fellowship Group:** If you are interested in joining the New Covenant Lutheran Women's group, please contact Angela Williams (828-4131-4985 or [3521awilliams@charter.net](mailto:3521awilliams@charter.net)). They meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 6 PM at the church. If you are interested in a men's group (it is called the Old Man's Breakfast), please contact John Parker ([tumbleweed7@msn.com](mailto:tumbleweed7@msn.com)). They meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 9:00 AM at Timberwoods Restaurant (Exit 106 off I-40).

### **Baby Shower Held for Justin & Ashley Williams**



A baby shower was held for Justin and Ashley Williams (Justin is the son of Angela and David Williams) at New Covenant on July 23, 2022. Their baby boy is due in September. There was a great turnout and everyone had a great time. Cynthia Lange led a game for all participants that involved answering lots of trivia baby questions which was lots of fun and very informative. The expecting couple received lots of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, and other items that will help them welcome their baby. Congratulations, Justin and Ashley!



# New Covenant News

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Founded in Faith, United by Love, and Gifted to Serve

### **From the Pastor:**



*<sup>16</sup>Yours is the day, yours also the night;  
you have established the heavenly  
lights and the sun. <sup>17</sup>You have fixed all  
the boundaries of the earth; you have  
made summer and winter.  
Psalm 74:16-17*

### **SUMMER!**

Summer is halfway gone, although the heat is still on! Summer is time for vacation for many of us. The psalmist reminds us that God has created everything, including ordering day and night and the changing seasons. We love the warmer weather in summer, the grass and trees decked out in green and fullness, the glorious colors of flowers in bloom. Teachers and students enjoy the break from school, and those of us who stay on our jobs in the summer find ways to relax and spend time outdoors or on weekend getaways. All of us certainly need time to be refreshed and renewed.

Even as we appreciate the possibilities of summer, we also need to remember those for whom the change of seasons may not bring respite: our armed forces, especially those deployed in distant lands, whose lives are on the line for us day in and day out; those in developing countries and in economically deprived situations in our own country, whose standard of living does not offer them the same

opportunities we have to get away from their everyday struggles; and those who live with devastating illness, depression, or unemployment/underemployment. For them, summer does not hold the promise of relief from toil, pain, or grief. Let us remember them in prayer daily.

While we are away for weekend respite or longer vacations, the needs of the world go on. The costs of maintaining and expanding our ministries do not come to a halt. It is important to us in our continuing commitment to stewardship to maintain our offerings and to be involved in those summer activities of reaching out to those in need. We are gathering needed supplies for the Disaster Relief flood buckets, specifically Playtex rubber reusable gloves. Bibles, inspirational cards, and gift cards to Walmart and Lowe's are also welcome. All items should be brought to the church by Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are committed to the area helping organizations that provide for those in need, especially in this time of high inflation and exorbitant gas prices. And it is vitally important that we continue to meet in worship, to feed our spirits through the fellowship of the body of Christ.

May we all find ways to be involved in our life together this summer and committed to growing in our relationship to Christ. Have safe and happy vacations!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Marty

### **Season of Pentecost**

The general tone for worship in the season of Pentecost, particularly during the summer months, is that of growth and flourishing. This season of the liturgical year is a time for focusing on growing in discipleship, deepening our relationship with God, and faithful obedience in following Jesus Christ. The long season of green Sundays is often referred to as "Ordinary Time." The word "ordinary" connotes the designation of Sundays by ordinal numbers rather than special names.

Ordinary Time is a time of slow and steady growth, just like summer grass. It is a time for the people of God to remember that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Take some quiet time to read Psalm 139 and be blessed.

### **Members in Need of Prayer**

Rose Marie and Joe Starr, Sr. and Joe Starr, Jr.

Donna Short, Beth Walborn, Shirley Beach, John Parker, Joyce Moeller

### **Funeral Service for Charles "Charlie" Frederick Moeller**

New Covenant is deeply saddened by the passing of Charlie Moeller, 88, on Monday, August 1, 2022. Charlie and Joyce were married on September 17, 1960. Joyce and Charlie have two daughters. Debra Jane is married to Robert Martin and Pamela Jean is married to David Story. They all live in Morganton, NC. Charles is preceded in death by a son, Christian Frederick Moeller.

He was committed to serving his church, New Covenant Lutheran Church. Commitments to his God included serving as a council member; Men in Mission Disaster Response program. He was honored by North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission to be an Honorary Life Member. Charlie also served as Lay Rector for a North Carolina Lutheran Men's Via De Christo weekend and served on several Epiphany (youth) Prison Ministry Teams at the youth prison in Morganton.

A private funeral service will be held at New Covenant Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 11 at 4 PM. Immediate family and the New Covenant Lutheran Church family are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New Covenant Lutheran Church. Mailing address is: 522 W. Fleming Drive, Morganton, NC 28655.

### **Prayer for Students as They Head Back to School**

God of Life. . .

I ask you to be with me today as I enter my school. Help me to learn all that you would have me learn. When I get frustrated, remind me to say a prayer to you for peace. When I get weary, give me energy to continue. When I don't understand give me courage to ask for help.

Let your light shine through me so that my classmates, teachers, and all who work in my school may see your love. Fill me with the fruits of your Spirit and bless my interactions with others so that your name may be known in all the earth.

Amen.

