

Members in Need of Prayer

Rose Marie and Joe Starr, Sr. and Joe Starr, Jr., Donna Short,
Beth Walborn, Shirley Beach, John Parker,

Mary Dawn Stuenkel, Kamara Reade, Cynthia Lange, Pastor Marty Ramey

Prayer Concerns: If you have an urgent prayer concern, please contact Kamara Reade at 828-430-0760 or kay.29@netzero.net. She will send it out to New Covenant members.

Caring and Sharing Sheet

We all have gifts, talents, and interests. And we realize that not everyone can do everything – but we need everyone to participate – we need every hand on deck per se so we can continue to serve and grow. The Council is asking that every member to complete a Caring and Sharing form - prayerfully consider how you can be the Church – how you can contribute to the **Mission of New Covenant: New Covenant Welcomes God's people Founded in Faith , United by Love, and Gifted to Serve.** You will notice that the form says “Training will be arranged if needed” Don’t let the reason “I don’t know how” to keep you from checking an item on the form. And if you have any questions, please contact Angela Williams (her email and cell phone number are on the bottom of the form). If you need a form, please contact Beverly Watts at wattzoid@charter.net or 828-442-5904. Please turn the forms in by Easter Sunday which is April 9th. There is a box on the counter near the bulletins for you to put the completed forms. Thank you!

Volunteer For Commissions

Want to share your gifts from God? Then consider joining a commission. Three Commissions (committees) have been created: Spiritual Development Commission (includes Worship & Music and Christian Education), Church and Community Life Commission (includes Outreach, Congregational Life, and Social Ministry), and Parish Management Commission (includes Property and Stewardship). If you are interested in becoming a member of a Commission and helping to increase the kingdom of God, please see Pastor Ramey, Eric Stuenkel, or Angela Williams.

Upcoming Women's Events

Women's Convocation: The Carolinas Mission will hold a Women's Convocation on September 9, 2023 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, NC. The \$10 fee includes materials and lunch. The program will be on One to One Discipleship.

Ladies' Retreat: There will be a ladies fall retreat. The date will be announced in the near future. Plans are being made now for the program and dates. It will be a Friday through Sunday retreat with worship at the church where the retreat will be held.

**Please contact Debbie Little if you have any questions about these events.



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

From the Pastor:

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Mississippi tornadoes: violent twisters kill at least 23,
leave 100-mile destruction path

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North Korean women forced into marriages, sex slavery
in China's 'Red Zone'

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3.6 million reports of child abuse in U.S. annually;
4-5 children die daily due to abuse or neglect

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Marine veteran who survived three tours in Iraq, Afghanistan
killed driving an Uber in California

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Wisconsin cheese shop owners allegedly shot by son
who detailed murder plans in journal

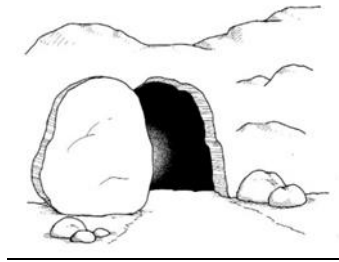
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Six killed, including three children, in mass shooting
at The Covenant school in Nashville

It is hard to pick up a newspaper or tune in to the 6 o'clock news without hearing about violence, bizarre behavior, natural/manmade disasters, or new twists on human depravity. We may feel powerless to address the serious, often

deadly situations that surround us. We as Christians have good news, though, that we celebrate in April, the Resurrection of Our Lord. Martin Luther, when he was assailed by the hierarchy of the church and his life threatened, proclaimed often and loudly, “I am baptized!” It is in our baptism that we find the assurance to face whatever life throws at us. We are born to new life in Christ, and his victory over death—the empty tomb—promises us the same. In him, we respond to alleviate human misery and suffering as best we can in this life, knowing that the ultimate victory will come through God’s great and gracious love for all creation. CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marty



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday will be on April 2. We will celebrate Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem with the waving of palms during the Sunday worship. The Maundy Thursday service, where we remember the Last Supper, will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 PM. The Good Friday Tenebrae service, where we remember Christ’s ultimate sacrifice for sinners, will be held on Friday, April 7 at 6:30 PM. Please join us for these special and meaningful services leading up to Easter where we celebrate the resurrection and our risen Lord who conquered death and the grave. Easter Sunday will be celebrated during the 9:45 AM worship service.

Easter Brunch

There will be a brunch immediately following the Easter service. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Debbie Little so that she can get an accurate count. Church members will be asked to donate food items per family towards the meal.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Beverly Watts by Friday, April 7. The lilies will be \$10 each and will be at the church on Easter Sunday.

Bible Study

Pastor Ramey is leading Bible study on the book of Revelation on Thursdays at 10:30 AM at the church. The next Bible study time will be on April 20th. Come, bring your Bible, and invite a friend!

Church Council Meeting

New Covenant’s Church Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting is April 12. If you have an item that you want the Church Council to discuss or consider, please contact Eric Stuenkel at westuenkel@bellsouth.net or Angela Williams at 3521awilliams@charter.net

The Journey Movie

In theaters April 2 – 9. “Combining world-class musical performances with intimate conversations across the awe-inspiring Italian countryside, THE JOURNEY: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli is an exploration of the moments that define us, the songs that inspire us, and the relationships that connect us to what matters most. Bocelli and his wife Veronica travel on horseback along Italy’s Via Francigena, an ancient road traveled by pilgrims for centuries in the footsteps of the apostles and saints. Along the way, they are joined by friends Michael W. Smith, Tori Kelly, Tauren Wells, and TAYA for world-class musical performances in some of Italy’s most magnificent venues and majestic locations. Following a blessing from the Pope, Bocelli’s children Matteo and Virginia make appearances in this amazing adventure, as well as musicians and singers Katherine Jenkins, Clara Barbier Serrano, 2Cellos, 40 Fingers, and many others. You’ll be swept away by THE JOURNEY of beautiful music, creation, faith, and love.” (from Fathom Events). You can go to thejourney.movie to find a theater near you and order advance tickets (advance tickets are not required but encouraged). The Gospel is shared in this movie and is a perfect avenue to share your faith with a friend who may not be a believer. Invite friends to go with you!

Upcoming Events from the Church and Community Life Commission

Burke Pregnancy Center project: NCLC will gather items and coins (money) in baby bottles for the Burke Pregnancy Center. This will start on Mother’s Day and will end on Father’s Day.

Mother’s Day reception: Punch and cookies will be served after the worship service on Mother’s Day.

Father’s Day reception: Fresh fruit and dips will be served after the worship service on Father’s Day.