

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, David Lange

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 October 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

Bible Study

Pastor Marty will teach Adult Bible Studies on Thursday mornings (except for Oct. 13) at 10:30 AM at the church. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

Outreach Ministries- Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. Empty shoeboxes are available in the narthex and are due back by November 13th. Please consider filling a box and showing God's love to a child.

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). 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). They meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 9:00 AM at Timberwoods Restaurant (Exit 106 off I-40).

Adult Sunday School – Lutheran Liturgy

Where does our Lutheran Liturgy come from? We say and sing it each week but do you know what scripture it is based upon? Join Pastor Marty in the adult Sunday school class to learn more. This series will start on October 9. Sunday school starts at 9 AM each Sunday.

Sharing Shepherds

New Covenant will be adopting 2 to 3 families for the Sharing Shepherds mission in West Virginia. Brochures are available in the narthex. Individuals or groups may "adopt" a child/children/a family to provide Christmas gifts. If interested, contact Pastor Marty.



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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:

Food for Thought

In Joel 2:22-24, we hear these words about autumn:

- ²² Fear not, you beasts of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit;
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- ²³ "Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the latter rain, as before.
- ²⁴ "The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

This past summer we have had abundant rainfall here in the Carolinas, and the harvest reflects it. Yet in the midst of all this abundance, the supply chain has broken down due to many and complicated factors, and once common items in grocery stores are now harder to find. As distressing as this is in our country where we are accustomed to having more than we need, imagine how it is affecting the people in less developed areas of the world.

WORLD HUNGER FACTS AND FIGURES FOR 2022

- The Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that we entered 2022 with **828 million hungry people**,...(which) represents an increase of approximately **150 million hungry people** since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic



- In 2020, **3.1 billion people around the world could not afford a healthy diet** — an increase of over 119 million compared to 2019
- The FAO also estimates that **149 million children under the age of five are affected by stunting** due to a lack of essential nutrients and adequate food.
- **9 million people die from hunger** every year

<https://www.concernusa.org/story/world-hunger-facts/>

The numbers are staggering. The thought of anyone, especially children, going without anything to eat, much less proper nutrition, is heartbreaking. We may think, “I can’t feed everyone,” but the question is can I feed someone? If we were to set aside 10% of the cost every time we ate out, we could send that money to one of the reputable world hunger organizations to feed those in drought-stricken areas. Here in our country, our community, there are people who need to be fed. If every time we went to the grocery store, we purchased canned goods and non-perishable food items equal to 10% of our grocery bill, we could keep our local food pantries stocked.

In Matthew 25, Jesus said, “³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food,... Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you(?)...⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas and the abundance of food we will share, let us remember those in need and feed them as we are able, knowing that in feeding the least of them, we are in the presence of Christ himself.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marty

Daily Devotions

Did you know that you can get daily Bible readings from the NALC via email or text?

Did you know that that you can select an option to have these reading read to you?

Did you know that these readings include multiple Psalm selections?

Did you know that you can also choose Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer or Prayer at the close of the Day to be spoken or sung?

There is a wealth of Daily Bible reading and worship resources that can be delivered to your email or phone each day. Why not take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. For instructions on how to sign up, please see the information below.

Daily Text Message: Text: “ReadingTheWord” to 24251

Daily Email: To receive a daily email with each day’s devotional, please visit: callingpost.site/ReadingTheWordofGod

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the box that says “sign up now.” (Note – if you wish to receive only an email, do not enter your phone number on this form.)

Welcome New Members

Pam Henderson and Pastor Marty Ramey were welcomed into the membership of New Covenant Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Pam has been attending New Covenant for several months and has jumped into the life of the church by volunteering to read scripture during worship and even bringing delicious muffins to the NCLC Women’s group! Pastor Marty has been with us for three summers and has taken on the new role of Interim Pastor for us for at least the next year. She is leading worship, Bible study, attending NCLC Church Council, and teaching Sunday school during October. We are so blessed to have these two wonderful ladies as new members. Welcome Pam and Pastor Marty!

Reformation Sunday October 30, 2022

From Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church (www.sojoy.org)



Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better.

We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call “church.”

Happy Reformation Sunday!

NALC Carolinas Mission: Disaster Relief Effort

Advent Warehouse has been actively busy getting the warehouse filled for the hurricane season.

Warehouse shortages in need: Diapers all sizes, baby wipes, feminine products, adult diapers, gift cards to Walmart, Lowes, and Target.

**Financial support is always appreciated since it takes \$\$\$ (fuel, food, lodging, trailer/vehicle repair and maintenance) to move the supplies into the disaster areas. You are encouraged to send financial gifts to:

Advent Lutheran Church
230 Oak Grove Rd.
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
Memo: Disaster Response