

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. 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

Receiving New Members

New members will be received Sunday, September 25, 2022. 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

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

Outreach Ministries- BUCM Food Drive

The Parish Community Outreach board led a food drive for non-perishable food items in July and August. New Covenant donated 147 pounds of food! The Keller family delivered the food to the Burke United Christian Ministries (BUCM) to be distributed to those in need. Thank you for your contributions! \$200 was also donated and will be delivered to BUCM.

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.



New Covenant News

Volume 4, Number 2

September 2022

A Monthly Publication of the Congregational Activities of
New Covenant Lutheran Church in Morganton, NC



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

From the Pastor:

"(Jesus said,)...Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 15:27

I ran across a blog by Brian Smith of Savannah, GA, on the origin of the Convenience Store. He writes:

While doing a little research for some reviews, I stumbled upon the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) website. Yeah, something like that really exists. They've got a lengthy section describing the rich history of the convenience store in America, which goes something like this.

On the corner of 12th and Edgefield Streets in Dallas, Texas, circa May 1927, The Southland Ice Company's "Uncle Johnny" Jefferson Green, owner of the Southland Ice Dock, realized people needed to buy basic necessities like bread, eggs and milk after the grocery stores were closed. He stocked the items at his ice shop and stayed open late, making the world a more convenient place.

The convenience store grew rapidly after the second World War alongside the idea of the "American dream." More families had more cars and lived in more suburbs, further away from shopping centers and large grocery stores. So, more convenience stores came into existence. As for the Southland Ice Company? They changed their name to 7-Eleven, Inc.

Since the 1950s, the convenience store has grown into the gas stations and corner stores we see today. Nearly everywhere across the country you can find a place to feed your nicotine habit, spoil your diet, gamble away your hard-earned dollar, and buy the beer you need to forget about all of that. Ah, the convenience store. Thanks, Uncle Johnny.



A common lament among pastors these days is one of the consequences of COVID lockdowns. Many churches are now streaming their services online. When we were told we could not gather as worshipping communities, the internet was a blessing. We could still stay connected to our church family, albeit by images on our screens.

Now that the imminent danger is past, however, there are many people who have not returned to the pews. There is a “convenience store” perception of church. Rather than get up, get dressed, and go to a place of worship, a significant number of Christians “watch” church in the convenience of their living rooms.

Jesus calls us to follow him, to live lives of sacrifice, to put him first over everything else in our lives. The question is how the convenience store mentality fits into that call. For those whose disabilities make it problematic or who do not have transportation and are unable to get to church, the internet continues to be a blessing to keep them connected. For deployed service members, online streaming of their home congregation’s services can be of great comfort. And on any given Sunday, any of us may have a situation arise that keeps us at home or calls us away. But for the majority of us, there is little or shaky justification for staying at home rather than physically attending church. We are the body of Christ, and when one of our body parts is missing, we all feel the loss. We are better together.

In my experience at New Covenant, I truly feel the Holy Spirit calls us together, and spotty attendance does not seem to be an issue. For that, we may give thanks to God! May Christ continue to bless us and fill us with his spirit as we partake fully of his presence in worship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.)

Disaster Relief Effort – Report from Piedmont Region

As of the May 14 2022 convocation meeting in Salisbury: Advent Warehouse has been actively busy getting the warehouse filled for the upcoming hurricane season. We have received numerous donations from several churches from the district. The health kit build on May 21st was a huge success in building 789 kits. The following is what we have supported:

- Supported Prince of Peace from Fayetteville Georgia on their mission trip to New Orleans from July 9- 16 2022, reroofing a house that required 68 square of shingles and reroofing a garage for a church.
- Hosted Goose Creek youth group at Advent warehouse from July 19-21, that built flood bucket, school kits and hygiene kits.
- Took disaster relief supplies into Lebrun Ky for flood victims on Aug 2nd 2022. We delivered 200 flood buckets, 125 hygiene kits, 175 school kits, 211 blankets, 150 bibles. Pastor Steven King help deliver the supplies/kits.
- We are planning a trip back to New Orleans to pick up tool trailer to bring back to advent warehouse for storage and inventory. Second bunk house is almost complete. Should be arriving in the next couple weeks. Thanks to the men’s group from Antioch in this build.

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

