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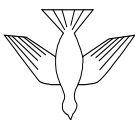
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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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Taking Hold of the New Covenant

by
David Wilkerson

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips” (Psalm 89:34). The term “covenant” plays an integral part in the Christian faith. Yet in all my years I have never heard a preacher or teacher adequately describe the significance of “covenant” in a Christian’s life. The Bible itself is divided into two Covenants (or Testaments), Old and New. Throughout the Old Testament, God makes one covenant after another with humankind. What are all these covenants about? More importantly, what do they have to do with us today?

A covenant is an agreement or pledge between two or more parties, like a contract. It contains terms or duties each party must perform to fulfill the agreement. Such covenants are legally binding, and once they’re finalized each party can be penalized for not fulfilling its respective terms.

In creating the New Covenant, God puts his amazing love for humankind on full display. Yet the church has been blind to this incredible doctrine for decades. As a young Christian I was taught that “covenant theology,” focusing on the New Covenant, was a licentious doctrine. The prevailing thought was that the New Covenant is so marvelously freeing that people might misuse it, indulging in permissive lifestyles.

Yet the more I understand the New Covenant, the more I’m convinced we need its assurance in these perilous last days. Its pledge has the power to release in God’s church all the over-coming strength we need to be more than conquerors in any situation.

Who are the parties in the New Covenant?

The New Covenant is a formal contract between Father and Son. And today we, the seed of a spiritual Israel, are brought into this covenant by faith. “Now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises” (*Hebrews 8:6*).

God formed this “better covenant” with his Son, agreeing on its terms before the world’s creation: “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised [covenanted] before the world began” (*Titus 1:2*).

The heavenly Father wasn’t willing to lose his beloved creatures to the powers of hell. So he formed a rescue plan for us: “Thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people” (Psalm 89:19). The Father said to his Son, “Humankind is going to grow weak and miserable because of their sin, helpless to find their way back to me. I appoint you as my holy one to help them and bring them back into my favor.”

Next we hear the Son’s own covenant words: “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart” (*Psalms 40:8*). Everything Jesus did on earth was in fulfillment of his terms of the covenant: “I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak” (*John 12:49*).

The Bible states these terms clearly. Jesus was to divest himself of all heavenly glory, taking on a human body: “(He) made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men” (*Philippians 2:7*). He was to endure reproaches and suffering, “a man of sorrows” acquainted with grief. He was to grow up undesirable to the

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world: "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him" (*Isaiah 53:2*). After all this, he was to submit himself into the hands of wicked men, and in great agony lay down his life as an offering for humankind's sin. In making atonement he would have to endure God's wrath for a season.

God then laid out the type of ministry his Son would undertake to redeem humankind. He told Jesus, "Your ministry is going to be that of a priest. I've known all my children from the foundation of the world, and now I give them as a flock for you to shepherd." Jesus testified on earth, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (*John 6:37*).

Finally, the Father instructed his Son, "If you choose to go, these works will be required of you: You must preach good tidings to the meek, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, open prison doors to those in bondage, bear with the weaknesses of the frail, bear tenderly with the ignorant, supply their shortcomings with your strength, feed the flock, carry them in your bosom, gently lead the young, lend your strength to the weak, guide them all with your counsel, promise to send them the Holy Spirit to carry on the work of their freedom, and bring them home to glory with you."

In return, the Father gave his Son everlasting promises. He would give him the Holy Spirit without measure: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me" (*Isaiah 61:1*). He would always be present with him, watching over him to preserve him: "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles" (*Isaiah 42:6*). In addition, the Father would counteract every discouragement from the enemy: "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law" (*Isaiah 42:4*). And he would display his glory in his Son: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow" (*Philippians 2:9-10*). Once Jesus' work was finished, the Father would bring him back to glory: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" (*Luke 24:26*).

These are all the terms of the covenant, laid out in black and white for the world to know. They are not hidden from us because we are to be encouraged by them all!

Jesus met every term of the covenant.

As we reread the gospels now, we see that everything Jesus did on earth was to fulfill the terms of agreement he'd made with the Father. He went after lost sheep, opened the eyes of the blind, raised the dead, opened the prison doors of death, spoke words of eternal life, performed miraculous works, cast out devils and healed all manner of infirmities. In every verse of the gospels, Jesus was fulfilling the things the Father had sent him to do.

Through it all, Jesus appropriated his Father's covenant promises to him: "My God shall be my strength" (*Isaiah 49:5*). "I will put my trust in him" (*Hebrews 2:13*). The Father's faithful words kept Jesus through his agonizing death: "I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting" (*Isaiah 50:5-6*).

When Jesus uttered his final prayer, we see once more the open-covenant dealings between Father and Son: "Now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (*John 17:5*). And before he returned to glory, Jesus reminded the Father of his part in the covenant: "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee... I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (*verses 1, 4*).

What does all of this have to do with you and me? It's a picture of God's love for his beloved creation! He formed this covenant because he was unwilling to lose a single child to destruction. Jesus is saying here, "Father, I've fulfilled my part of the covenant. I have brought about the redemption of humankind, and I've made your body one. Now let's talk about what's going to happen to my seed, all who believe in me."

In short, God gives his Son, the Son gives his life, and we get all the benefits. "His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven... My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips" (*Psalms 89:29,34*). At this point, Jesus tells the Father, "We agreed I could bring into our covenant everyone who trusts in me. I ask you to bring these beloved ones under the same covenant promises you made to me." "Now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are" (*John 17:11*).

Was the Father true to his terms of the covenant? Did he lead and guide Jesus as promised? Did his Spirit hover over his Son giving him encouragement and consolation? Did he bring him through all of his trials and usher him home to glory victorious? Yes, absolutely! And the Father has pledged an eternal oath to do the same for us.

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church Anna Lowery, President July 19, 2021 Council Minutes



Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Devotions: Teri Trudnak

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Robbie Wooten, Teri Trudnak

Members Absent: Becky Messick, Steve Digh

Minutes: May 16, 2022 minutes were reviewed; Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Teri Trudnak gave the second motion

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

NALC seeking donations. OSLC will support in prayer

Report of the Pastor: Reviewed and approved by Council. Melinda White made the motion to approve and Robbie Wooten gave the second. Pastor Pete would like to have a table for Communion in the Chancel facing the congregation. This was also approved by the Council

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Teri Trudnak

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: A/C in SS building was repaired; Pianos were tuned.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: None
- c. Worship & Music: No report this month
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to attend worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS was a success again this year. Thank you to Pastor Pete and all volunteers.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Prayer Group continues to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm (note time change)
- b. The Rachel Group will meet in August at the home of Penny Wilson for bible study and refreshments.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Grounds workday to be rescheduled - TABLE UNTIL FALL.
- b. To start trimming bushes August 13.

New Business:

- a. The A/C went out in the Education Bld., The control unit was the problem and has been repaired. Also, it was discovered the drain line for the Sanctuary A/C was

stopped up and cleared. The Church does not have any maintenance program/plan on any of the HCVC units. It was recommended the Council to hire Doyle Clemmer, Jr. for this service. A service contract will be written up and discussed with Doyle Clemmer, Jr.

- b. New gutters are needed for the parsonage. The cost for gutters will be \$2120.00. Also looking at leaf guard/filter. A member of OSLC stated he would pick up part of the cost (\$1008.00). This quote is over 5 months old. Activity Bldg. gutters are also in need of repair. The Council approved the parsonage repairs and will continue conversation about the Activity Bldg. next month. To cover cost of this repair, donations will be considered or memorial funds first.

General Information:

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
- b. Laszlo Mission Report
- c. Received \$4240.00 for damaged to the church by the break-in. This covered the cost of replacing the sanctuary doors.
- d. Received notice from the NCDR for a penalty of \$200 for not filing notice (e-file NC3 form). Called State and penalty was waived but must file in the future.

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is October 17, 2022 at 7pm

Robbie Wooten -Devotions

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Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil" (*verse 15*). "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (*verse 16*). Christ was saying, in essence, "Father, sanctify them through your truth. Make them holy and pure and keep them from the wicked one. Be with them through all their temptations. Let the promises you gave me be theirs as well."

By keeping the word of his covenant in love, the Father's glory was displayed to the world: "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" (*John 17:22-23*).

The next time you struggle with a besetting sin, you may hear an accusing voice: "You've gone too far and sinned too often. God has turned you over to a reprobate mind. You're unclean, unholy, no good, a disgrace to the gospel. You've driven the Holy Spirit from your life completely." When this happens, remind God, the devil and yourself: "I am one in covenant with the Father and Son. Jesus co-signed the covenant with his own blood, and the Father promised to keep me through all my trials. He'll hold my hand no matter what comes and will never remove his love from me. He'll lead me to victory!"

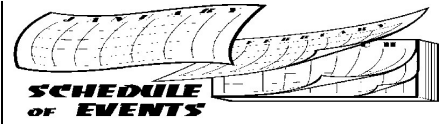
By revealing his covenant to us, God wants to remove any doubts we have about his ability to keep us. It's as if he's saying, "I'm going to treat you as if you have no faith at all. I'll make such a strong oath to you, you'll have no choice but to believe in me." We are to stay in Christ—abide in him, trust him, depend on him. If we do, we will surely see his glory!

September 2022



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm -Sunday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9/11 				1	2	3
4 13 th Sun of Pentecost	5 	6	7	8	9 32 nd Walk for Life	10
11 14 th Sun of Pentecost At Antioch	12 Team Mtg	13	14	15	16	17 Constitution Day
18 15 th Sun of Pentecost	19	20 	21	22 	23	24
25 16 th Sun of Pentecost	26	27	28	29	30	



LCMC Gathering (see p 9)
CLW Convocation (see p10)

- **Sept. 4**— 13th Sunday after Pentecost
- **Sept. 5**—Labor Day (see p 9)
- **Sept. 9**—32nd Walk for Life (see p 8, 9, 11)
- **Sept. 10**—Court Square Summer Concert (see p 7)
- **Sept. 11**—Patriot Day—9/11 (see p 6) Remembrance of 9/11 (see p 7)
- **Sept. 11**—14th Sunday after Pentecost Grandparent Day (see p 10) Worship service at Antioch 10:30 am
- **Sept. 12**—Team Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sept. 17**—Constitution Day
- **Sept. 19**—15th Sunday after Pentecost
- **Sept. 20**—"Prayer" Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza @ 1:00 pm
- **Sept. 22**—FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
- **Sept. 25**—16h Sunday of Pentecost
- **Oct. 2-6**—LMIN Convention (p 9)
- **Oct. 2**—CLW Convocation (p 10)

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Corn**



Choir Practice on Wed. 4:00 pm



Wayne Ann Penley
Stephen Digh



Holy Communion Schedule:
ALL SUNDAYS

Worship Service Assistance:

Acolyte/Communion
Asst: Nora Cole

Lay Reader/Worship Asst: Yvonne Finger
Greeters: OSLC Members
Ushers: OSLC Members

Collection: Melinda White

Council Devotion: Council meets in October 17

- 3 Brady Ratchford
- 6 Carlos Traveria
- 13 Jacob Finger
- 13 Rory Schmideler
- 14 Cara Feige
- 16 Kellie Marr
- 17 Ben Trudnak
- 19 Robbie Wooten
- 19 Easton Finger
- 20 Stephen Lowery
- 21 Scott Finger
- 28 Bill Trudnak



9th**Danny & Penny Wilson**
17th**Steve & Julie Digh**

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- September 4 OPEN
- September 11 Alice Vlaservich
- September 18 OPEN
- September 25 OPEN

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

Eleven (11) openings
Decorate the altar of our Lord
And then take home to decorate your home of give to a love one of shut-in



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EVENTS for:

Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:
 Telephone: 919-552-9421
 e-mail: agape@agapekurebeach.org
Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:
 Telephone 910-458-0783
 e-mail: kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org
Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

Events for:

Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring- Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com

**First Day of Fall
 September 22**



"I have set before you
 LIFE and DEATH
 CHOOSE LIFE so that
 you and your descendants may live."
Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

Life Chain, a one-hour, pro-life prayer and witness event, has been held annually since 1987, in thousands of cities and towns across the United States and Canada. The 2022 National Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM**. We are thrilled to have three locations in Gaston County: Belmont, Gastonia and Mount Holly! See **Event Details** for more information about the sites. **How it Works:** Participants arrive early to park and pick up a sign and then space themselves 10- 15 feet apart on the sidewalk. At 2:00 PM we join

the rest of the Life Chains across the United States and Canada and, for just one hour, pray quietly for the unborn and for a conversion of our nation on the issue of abortion. The reverse side of the signs are printed with prayers and hymns to aid your prayer but feel free to bring or say your own prayers. **Everyone is welcome and no RSVP is necessary. Just show up at your preferred location on the day of the event! Signs will be provided. GO TO "LIFE CHAIN OF GASTON COUNTY"**

Gastonia

Location: Sidewalks of E. Garrison Blvd from Union Rd to New Hope Rd
Parking: Parkwood Baptist Church, Grier Middle School, East Garrison Baptist Church, Public Library or Lineberger Park
Sign Pick Up: Along the sidewalks of the route



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**NEED
 FOR
 OCTOBER
 NOVEMBER
 DECEMBER**
**Be a servant of the Lord
 Sign Up**

A Stewardship Minute

There is a story about an elderly woman who has served Christ faithfully all her life; the church was like her second home. Not only was she present regularly at worship, but she could be counted on to help with whatever project the church was engaged in to minister to the world. She was a "doer" for Christ.

One day her pastor visited her home. She was expressing regret that she could not be very active in the work of the church anymore, as old

age was taking its toll. She found it difficult to engage physically in the church's ministries as she had done so willingly through the years. She said there was still one thing that she could do! She could write a check and serve the work of advancing the Kingdom of God in that manner. She deeply appreciated the pastor's loving concern, but it was because she had such a love for Christ and the church that it was a joy for her to support it financially, as well as prayerfully.

The pastor was humbled by her action. The lives of true saints are always humbling when we see their

Christian love and service at work in this world. Surely her lifestyle speaks to all of us? Love for the Lord and true stewardship involves serving faithfully in every way we can: body, mind, spirit, time, and resources. Christ gave his all for us. Should not we give our all for him?

Prayer: Lord of all, we thank you for the saints who have faithfully and unstintingly served in the totality of their lives. Prompt us to follow closely their dedication that we might always be faithful to you in every way. **Amen**



Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died (nearly 3,000) during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.



What do people do?

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.

Public life

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday and schools and businesses do not close. Public transit systems run on their regular schedules. Some people and organizations may take some time out to hold prayers for the victims of the attacks, but these do not usually affect public life for more than a few minutes.

Background

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense. The attacks have greatly increased attention to national security in the United States. This has had huge implications for United States national and international politics. This is particularly true for the relationships between the United States and Islamic countries in the Middle East.

Symbols

The most potent symbol of the events that happened on September 11, 2001 are pictures and videos of planes flying into buildings, of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center engulfed in smoke and later collapsing and of people falling from buildings. Pictures taken of damaged buildings and relatives looking for loved ones in the days and weeks after the attacks are also often shown. The flag of the United States is often displayed around images of the events on September 11, 2001. This is to remind Americans that their country remained strong in the face of massive terrorist attacks.

Patriot Day should not be confused with Patriot's Day, also known as Patriots Day, which commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, which were two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War.



Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in United States

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on September 17. This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens.

What do people do?

The United States president may issue each year a proclamation calling on government officials within the nation to display the country's flag on government buildings on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, as well as inviting the people to observe this event in schools, churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

Various civil and educational authorities and individuals throughout the United States observe Constitution Day and Citizenship Day through a range of events and activities each year. For example, the Center for Civic Education provides lesson topics on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day for students at different levels. The US Department of Education provides various resources on the event as the department is responsible for implementing Constitution Day legislated mandates. Among these is the requirement for educational institutions that receive federal funds to hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 each year.

Public life

It is not a public holiday on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in the United States so public life is not affected.

Background

On Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, an event which falls during Constitution Week, many people in the United States recognize the anniversary of the nation's constitution and the efforts and responsibilities of all citizens. With regard to the nation's constitution, in the summer of 1787 delegates convened in Philadelphia to create "a more perfect union" and to craft the country's constitution. They worked to develop a framework that would provide balance and freedom, taking into account federal and state interests, as well as individual human rights. The delegates signed the Constitution of the United States on September 17 that year. By June 21, 1788, the constitution was effective, having been approved by nine of the 13 states.

With regard to recognizing citizens, newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst advocated a day to celebrate US Citizenship in 1939. In 1940 the Congress created "I Am an American Day" to be celebrated in the third Sunday in May. On February 29, 1952, President Harry Truman signed into law "Citizenship Day". It was established to replace I am an American Day. On August 2, 1956, the Congress requested that the president proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week". One more change was made to the event when a federal law enacted in December 2004 designated September 17 as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day".

When Constitution Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or on another holiday, the day must be held on a weekday during the preceding or following week. This was the case in 2005, when Constitution Day was generally observed on Friday, September 16, and 2006 when the holiday was observed on Monday, September 18.

Symbols

Positive images of United States citizens of all backgrounds have been used to promote the "Citizenship" element of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The colors (red, white and blue) of the United States flag, as well as images of the flag, have also been used in artwork for promotional material for the day. Painted images of the constitution's founders are also used to illustrate the importance of the meaning behind the day and the words "We the People", which are written in the constitution, have been highlighted in promotional material to symbolize unity and cooperation within the nation.





OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home* and visit them.

Jill Petzold*

Brookside Senior Living Rm 44
1680 S. New Hope Rd
Gastonia, NC 328054

(If others, please let the church office know)



2021 Court Square Summer Concert and Cruise-In Series

(presented by the Town of Dallas)

Held on the Dallas Historic Court Square, from 6:30—10:00 pm, each FREE concert will feature amazing talent (rain or shine).

Saturday, September 10
Concert Daniel Jeffers



Sympathy

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and loved one of **Willian (Bill) Jenkins Summey** (Marilyn Finger's brother) in their time of grief. As Christians, we are not a people who weep without hope. "As we have been baptized with Christ into a death like His, so shall we be raised with Christ in a resurrection like His." Praise God for His gift of life!



If you need a Pastor,
please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805
or our office at 704-922-4648.



PRAYER GROUP

will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza

on September 20 at 1:00 pm



CLWRACHEL GROUP

Will meet --- To be announced later.

LET US PRAY... "Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up." (James 5:13-15)



MARGARET Addington, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), MARTHA JO Bonnett (friend of Alice Vlaservich - cancer), RONDA Bradley (Marsha Patton's mom, surgery for neck fusion), KAREN Brady, BOB Clemmer (friend of Brady Ratchford), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer), ROB Curley (cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), GLEEN Fraizer (friend of Steve & Julie Digh - cancer), NANCY Friday, DON Gardner (John Patton's uncle - cancer in lung, liver, stomach, & pancreas), BECKY Goodwin (friend of Brady's - cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), GRACE Harbin (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JEAN Huffstetler (two broken wrist), NEULIN Jetton (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ANDERSON Jones (friend of Penny Wilson-paralyzed by fall), JEFF Lineberger (stroke), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JACK Lonon (Kasey Digh's step-father-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Covid19), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents - Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), TERI Trudnak, RONNIE Shiles (friend of Brady Ratchford-declining health), MARTHA Surratt (friend of Alice Vlaservich-cancer). TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), STEVE Trudnak (lung cancer), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), TIM Vaughan (friend of Robbie Wooten-declining health). JOE White (stroke), MELINDE White (blood cancer.), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer). MARY BETH Wright (cousin of Nick Vlaservich -cancer).



Our History

Roe vs. Wade in 1973 had gone unanswered in Gaston County, until on November 13, 1985, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. an initial meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the law offices of Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland here in Gastonia.

Seven men and women came together as God had encouraged their hearts to respond compassionately to the needs of those facing unplanned pregnancies. They gathered to initiate a ministry that would upon opening their doors for clients in September of 1986 have an immediate impact.

- No longer would words be heard without matching deeds and actions that gave a visible expression of our concern for the abortion issue.
- No longer would someone who could not afford a pregnancy test be denied one.
- No longer would the longing for a listening ear, a compassionate, caring counselor when the crisis of pregnancy came about be denied.
- No longer would the everyday needs of material assistance and crisis calls from clients of needing a listening ear, go unanswered.

On that day, this Board of Directors, composed of Dale Chase, Rev. Marion Clark, Audrue McMahan, David Ward, Rev. Marlin Mull, Peter Caprise, Rachel Pichet and Cathy Epperson nominated officers, set meeting times, elected an Executive Director, and voted to request information from a sister CPC. Other Board members unable to attend that day were: Steve Baker, Laura C. Atkins, Rev. M.O. Owens, Dr. Glenn Phoenix and Dr. Thomas Will.

From that humble beginning, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County has been in three pivotal rental locations and finally was able to purchase property and a home in July 1996. The journey from those initial days included leadership from diversely skilled Board of Director Members, to Executive Directors, to multi-talented staff, to service by Volunteers that utilized the gifts of individuals as well as the strengths of an interdenominational ecumenical corporate body working for the cause of the unborn.

The history of the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. has included immeasurable faith, the development of a support base that transcends race, gender and religion. The experience of serving in this setting allows women, men and their families to see the efforts of all combined to meet the needs of one. It is an awesome testimony to see so many varied agencies, individuals, and churches tackling this single issue.

From its inception, the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. has now served 20,000+ clients, been blessed by faithful volunteers, trusted God for budget needs numerous times, and made an impact in this County that is now indelible and indispensable.

Over the years, an expanding staff, a diversified Board, Abstinence emphasis, ultrasound/medical clinic, seasoned and well trained volunteers, public presentations, our annual fund-raisers, ad. in fitnitum, are making the future as bright as God's genius and calling.

Nineteen years later those actions are bearing much fruit,

- Now, Shepherds, within the church of our Lord, the Body of Christ, can strongly affirm Biblical Sanctity of life from conception to natural death and point them to a place in Gaston County that ministers without manipulation;
- Now, those who have hidden the guilt of past abortions can have a place of healing, experiencing first hand, God's unconditional love,

Now, the pro-life constituency can prayerfully point to a place of refuge that will meet not only physical needs but will unashamedly present the gospel of Jesus Christ as the ultimate answer.

LABOR DAY]

Why we celebrate Labor Day?

For a lot of people, Labor Day means two things: a day off and the end of summer. But why is it called **Labor Day**? Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States since 1894.

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CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER OF GASTON COUNTY

THE ANNUAL 32th WALK FOR LIFE
Friday, September 9 2022~ 3:30-8:00 p.m.

The Field between 700- 800 Robinson Road, Gastonia, NC

Afternoon activities: Hot Air Tethered Balloon (6-8 pm), Rock Climbing Wall, Slide, Moon Bounce, Face-Painting, Craft Activities, Free Refreshments
4:00 pm until 7:30 pm

Evening Activities: Praise and Worship by local church ministries—6:00 pm until 7:30 pm

Also information about the Center: services available, positive results, volunteer possibilities, opportunities for donations to save lives, T shirts for walkers
Consider taking part in this WALK for LIFE on the first Friday in September.....,This is a reliable organization working to save lives.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Marie Robinson.
Also see bulletin board.

For more information call—(704) 867-3706

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Grandparents Day

is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. As its name suggests, Grandparents Day honors the nation's grandparents, who play an important role in the lives of many young people and their families.

The history of Grandparents Day can be traced back to 1961 with the efforts of Mrs. Hermine Beckett Hanna. Hermine made it her goal to educate the young in the community to the important contributions senior citizens have made, and to the important contributions they are willing to make if asked. She also urged the young to adopt a grandparent, not for 1 day a year, not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience and caring just waiting to be shared with others.



Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, W.V. is credited with lobbying for a national observance of Grandparents Day. Her goal was realized in 1979 when President Jimmy Carter signed Public Law 96-62 designating the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The statute cites the day's purpose as: "... to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer."

HELP NEEDED FOR ACTIVIY BUILDING GUTTERS.

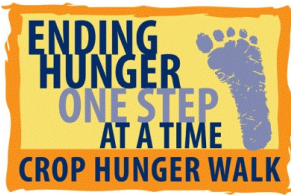
New gutters, with leaf guard, are needed for both the Parsonage and Activity Building. However, one of our members has paid for the gutters at the Parsonage (\$3,494). Now we need help in replacing the gutters, with leaf guard, at the Activity Building.

The cost of installing the new gutters, with leaf guard at the Activity Building will cost \$2,950. To cover this cost the Council is requesting donations.

Two reasons for doing this work: 1. new gutter are needed. 2. our members are aging and it is becoming too dangerous for them to be on ladders or the roof to clean them out.

Thank you for helping.

2022 SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS ~ CROP Walk



For the next several months, the mission emphasis for one month will overlap into the next month. August Mission Emphasis will overlap into September with **WALK FOR LIFE being September 9, 4-8 pm.** Last Sunday to contribute to Walk for Life is September 4. Thanks to those who have given to Crisis Pregnancy Center for the Walk for Life. Our September Mission Emphasis will overlap into October with the **CROP WALK usually being the third Sunday afternoon in October.** Note the October newsletter and upcoming bulletins. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

CROP WALK is an organization held in our community in October. Pray for those who have little food or water that funds may be raised to support this organization. Also pray for those who are organizing our local walk, and those who will walk and those who will give. May we be faithful workers in God's kingdom.

CROP WALK Background

With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009). On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry – and that event has been continuous since 1970. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide. Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,300 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S.

Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 68 years of working in partnership around the world.

HISTORY OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CROP WALK began here)

Church World Service was born in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." The mission: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless

More than 68 years later the mission remains, though where and how we accomplish it has changed dramatically. In 1946-47, U.S. churches opened their hearts and provided more than 11 million pounds of food, clothing, and medical supplies to war-torn Europe and Asia. Protestants and Catholics pooled talent and resources to meet a staggering refugee crisis. Today the Immigration and Refugee Program of CWS is a vital, internationally-recognized operation, having resettled nearly half a million refugee since its inception. Also in 1947, CWS, Lutheran World Relief, and the National Catholic Welfare Program created a joint community hunger appeal, the Christian Rural Overseas Program, also known as CROP. The acronym is gone but the name and life-saving work remains as CROP Hunger Walks in some 1,500 communities across the United States.

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That early CROP initiative captured the imagination of America's heartland. Soon "Friendship Trains" roared across the country, picking up commodities such as corn, wheat, rice, and beans to be shared around the world. The experience of the trains led to "Friendship Food Ships." And, a multi-denominational program called One Great Hour of Sharing was formed to raise in-church gifts to help fill these ships. CWS continued to provide community-wide opportunities for sharing.

In the 1950s and 60s, CWS expanded its reach across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As the '60s dawned, CWS began to augment its emergency assistance work with support for long-range, problem-solving efforts – what came to be known as development. Development begins at the grassroots. CWS recognized early on that to be successful projects and programs must come from the people themselves, not be imposed by others.

CWS sought out local agencies who share this vision of empowering self-help and long-standing partnerships were forged. Over the years the success stories have been many. One of the first was in Algeria, in North Africa. Over four years, using more than 5 million human-days of volunteer labor, some 20 million forest and fruit trees were planted to anchor the soil against nature's persistent erosion.

In India, CWS helped countless villages construct reservoirs, dig wells, and lay irrigation systems. The result: "drought insurance" and improved food production. The same partnerships that enhanced our development efforts have enabled CWS to maximize our response to disasters.

In the 1970s CWS work evolved in significant ways. Our work in grassroots development inspired a deeper analysis of the root causes of hunger and poverty. As a result, in 1974 CWS - in collaboration with Lutheran World Relief - established the Development Policy Office in Washington, D.C. to represent CWS concerns about hunger to U.S. government bodies. The importance of this work was further ratified in 1978 by the findings of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger, which noted that the primary cause of hunger was poverty, i.e. human-made. Thus what was missing to end hunger was the political will to do so. The Report also called for a concerted effort to increase education on hunger and its causes. Staff from the CWS Development Policy office served on this Commission. In 1976, in order to provide greater support to refugees and their sponsors in the USA, CWS established refugee resettlement offices in various parts of the U.S. They played a pivotal role in supporting the growing number of refugees from Southeast Asia who were resettled to the United States in the years after the Vietnam War. While the number of offices ebbs and flows with refugee admissions, they continue to form the foundation for CWS work in resettling refugees in the US. It was also in the 1970s that CWS first began responding to U.S. disasters at the request of its member churches.

CWS work in international emergency response and development through the 1970s and 1980s focused on working in partnership with other NGO's and with local groups. In some instances this led to the creation of new, independent organizations such as the Middle East Council of Churches, the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh or CEPAD in Nicaragua. Working in partnership remains one of the hallmarks of CWS work. These groups remain valued partners to CWS.

More recently, CWS was one of the founding members of a global partnership of faith-based humanitarian agencies, ACT Alliance, with members in 140 countries. With 130 member organizations, ACT Alliance provides a dynamic environment for collaboration in responding to human needs around the world. By working together agencies can maximize their impact.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



(SHOE BOX) IS COMING!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from donations to Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

HOW CAN I HELP?

In October, the boxes will be passed out at Our Saviour congregation for you to fill and bring back to be collected and turned over to Samaritan's Purse staff.



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<https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering>

Discipleship: Following Christ in a Complicated World

We live in a hectic, fast-paced world with technology at our fingertips. After spending long days trying to balance work and family life, take care of household tasks, handle budgeting and bills, make time for our faith, and somehow try to maintain a healthy lifestyle on top of it all, it makes sense that we often feel exhausted and disconnected. Unfortunately, this means that our TVs, smart phones, and computers are usually the first things we turn to when we finally have some time to unwind, and it presents us with yet another challenge.

Between clickbait headlines, TV network news, social media, and pop culture, the world is already discipling us and the people we know, and it's having an impact on our congregations. Whether it be through memes and culture wars, following influencers, or simply just interest-based discussion groups, there is one thing many people are seeking from electronic media that they may not be finding in our congregations: a real sense of community.

There is joy in following Jesus, but we cannot assume that people will accidentally fall into it simply by showing up and attending our churches. We must be intentional about forming meaningful relationships, and take seriously the need to actively teach, train, and develop followers of Jesus. Failure to take our call to do so seriously will have consequences. If we do not become more active in discipling our people, the world will continue to do it for us.

Please join us **October 2-5, 2022** at **Hosanna Church** in Lakeville, MN for our **22nd Annual Gathering & Convention**. Throughout this four day event, you'll have a chance to:

Explore the importance of discipleship through keynote presentations

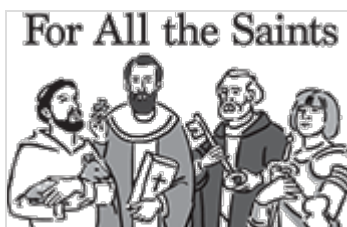
Connect with other pastors, leaders, and church members in LCMC through fellowship and networking activities
Take part in breakout sessions

- together in worship, prayer, and Bible study with others from across the association

Livestream Information:

Unable to make it this year? We will be livestreaming the event for those who are unable to attend in person. More information on how to access the livestream will be available on this page in October.

All times listed on the event schedule are in local time for Lakeville, MN. If you are making plans to tune in via livestream, be sure to adjust for any time zone differences.



Salt for Preventive Health and Natural Remedies

Margaret Boyles
Farmer's Almanac

Try these **preventive health measures for salt**, a historically important food that can act as a great natural remedy. Salt is inexpensive, but it has many uses for your frugal household.

Salt of the earth, not worth its salt, take it with a grain of salt, salted away, salty language.

Salt's frequent appearance in figures of speech only hints at the importance of salt in human history.

The human requirement for dietary salt and the relative difficulty of producing it built and destroyed empires, determined trade routes and the location of cities, occasioned wars, and inspired revolutions.

Before the advent of pressure canning and freezing, salting/brining and drying were the only means of preserving food and eliminating total dependence on seasonal food production.

While we're always told to avoid too much salt (and fat, carbs, etc.), the fact is that sodium is also essential for life. It helps regulate our blood volume. It shuttles nutrients into our bodies and brains. It allows our muscles to contract and our nerves to pulse with electricity.

Salt's Many Uses in the Household

Beyond its use as a food seasoning, salt has dozens of uses.

For example, salt kills weeds. It extinguishes flames, preserves colors in your wash, removes stains from coffee cups; helps clean your oven, and extends the life of many items from toothbrushes to flowers. But this common household staple really shines in the domains of preventive health and hygiene. Use non-iodized sea salt for these and other health practices.

Natural Health Remedies Using Salt

1. Flushing Sinuses

Although this use of salt is ancient, modern medical research has shown that flushing the sinus passages with a saline solution can help prevent/relieve sinus infections, relieve postnasal drip.

(One caveat: Boil your tap water for a 3 to 5 minutes and then cool until lukewarm before using. I'd sterilize my water for any solution I planned to use in my sinuses, throat, or eyes.)

2. As an Eyewash

Dissolve 1/4 teaspoon of salt in a cup of warm water and used it as a wash for tired, irritated eyes. Be sure to boil your tap water for 3 to 5 minutes and then cool before using.

3. Reducing Under-Eye Puffiness

Dissolve ½ teaspoon of salt in a cup of hot water; soak a washcloth or cotton balls in the solution, and apply to the puffy areas.

4. Cleaning Teeth

Try a mixture of salt and baking soda for your "toothpaste." Pulverize sea salt in a blender or crush it with a rolling pin, mix with an equal amount of baking soda, shake, and store in a small glass jar. Mix with a bit of water, and brush as usual. Both salt and baking soda have antimicrobial properties that kill many of the pathogenic bacteria that cause cavities and gum disease.

5. As a Gargle, Mouthwash, or Breath Sweetener

Mix a teaspoon of the tooth-cleaning mixture in a cup of warm water. (Boil your tap water for 3 to 5 minutes and then cool before using.)

6. Reducing Fatigue

Soak your tired feet or entire body in a warm, salt-infused bath for a restorative effect.

7. As an Exfoliant

Mix equal parts of sea salt and olive oil and rub gently over the body for an exfoliating, moisturizing scrub. Rinse with warm water. For the face, mix equal parts of salt and honey.

8. Relieving the Pain of Insect Stings

Mix salt with a bit of water and apply to the sting immediately.

9. For Poison Ivy

Soak the affected areas in hot salt water to help relieve the itch and dry up blisters.



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