

A REPAIR FOR BROKENNESS

Our lives are marked by brokenness, including broken relationships, broken promises, and broken expectations. Left unattended, these fractures can quietly shape us, hardening into bitterness or resentment.

How do we live with such brokenness without losing heart? We return, again and again, to God's faithful presence. In Him, we find not only comfort but restoration. God does not ignore what is broken. He meets us in it, gently mending what we place in His hands and reshaping what feels beyond repair.

Scripture reminds us, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3, NIV). What we cannot fix on our own, God is able to restore in His time and in His way.

In His presence, our brokenness is not wasted. It becomes the very place where grace takes root and new life begins.

BIBLE QUIZ

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."

Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS!

VBS 2026 was an amazing success, and we couldn't have done it without all of you! Thank you to everyone who donated the supplies needed for decorating, offered their time and talents during the prep parties, and helped transform the church into Rainforest Falls during our decorating party. This was a huge undertaking, and we couldn't have done it without our amazing registration group, Bible lesson teachers, game and craft volunteers, music leader, and kitchen crews. We are also very grateful to Julie Humphreys, for leading our Adult Bible Study this year. We are truly blessed and openly shared God's love with those in our church and community.

Thank you so much!

Christian Ed

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 8/1 3:00pm-8:00pm FLC Reserved (Carolyn Rogers)
- 8/2 3:00pm Congregational Workshop
Preparatory to Call Process
- 8/3 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting at Blue Bay Restaurant
- 8/11 7:00am-10:00pm FLC Reserved (Tony Herrin)
- 8/25 5:30pm Serve Meal at Rowan Helping Ministries - Jeannie's Kitchen
- 8/30 9:30am Church Chat (Operation Christmas Child Packing Party)

WEDNESDAYS – 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26

- 6:30pm – Handbells
7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship
9:30am – Sunday School
10:30am – Worship

WiFFLe

Dates: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC
Times: 10:00am-11:00am



- 1 – Hannah Harvell
Brian Robertson
- 4 – Sheila Deese
- 7 – Mia Spinella
- 8 – John Bruce
- 9 – Jeff Barger
Sallie Herrin
Julianna Sheets
- 12 – Bob Rogers
Connor Bost
- 14 – Sally Drew
- 15 – Carrie Bolen
LeaAnn Buckwell
- 16 – Judy Hampton
- 17 – Andrew Bradshaw
- 18 – Tony Herrin
- 20 – Dwight Bradshaw
- 26 – Gary Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Mike & Leslie Wright
- 1 – Tyler & Lela Brooks
- 3 – Jake & Barbara Moose
- 5 – Tim & Becky Williams

CHRISTMAS IN JULY (and August)!

Our Packing Party to jump start Operation Christmas Child will be held during Church Chat on Sunday, August 30th at 9:30am. You can support our efforts by collecting items or by making monetary donations through your offering designated for Social Ministry – Operation Christmas Child.

You may leave items for our packing party in the room off the narthex.

Operation Christmas Child also has an Amazon Storefront -

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild>.

We may have another packing party before the National Collection Week November 16-23. Families and individuals may still choose to pack their own shoeboxes. Feel free to Contact Barbara Moose with any questions.



**Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

FLC COUNCIL CORNER

UPDATE TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FACILITY USE GUIDELINES

New revisions to our facility use guidelines were approved at the June 28th Council Meeting. The changes to the first and second paragraphs are highlighted below.

“All” reservations must go through the Church Administrative Assistant, (704-279-2500 or “faithlutheran1899@gmail.com”), to confirm calendar availability and times for the area requested for use. **Do not write your request directly on the calendar;** always confirm your reservation through the Administrative Assistant. ***IMPORTANT* Any event scheduled that conflicts with a Funeral will have to be postponed or adjusted with the Pastor’s input. The needs or requests of a bereaved family will receive first consideration.** Regular Church Functions such as Vacation Bible School, Mother’s Day, Youth Meetings & Events, Christmas Play etc. take precedence over individual requests. **If there is a regular church function taking place you may speak to the leader of that event to see if they may consider changing. This should only be done if all members of the regular function agree.**

Facilities can only be reserved by Faith Lutheran Church Members. **If a church member requests the use of the FLC for an outside party, the request should be in writing to go to the Church Council for approval. A Hold Harmless Agreement must be signed by both parties, and the outside party should provide Proof of Insurance and provider, if applicable.** There is no cost for members, however, donations are greatly appreciated. **Council approved requests must have a church member host present, or an approved designated representative from the requesting party present. A Hold Harmless agreement may be required for such events.** **Reservations should be made at least one month in advance, if possible.** First come, first served is the general rule. ...

NEW BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

During the church council’s recent meeting on Sunday, July 12th, the council voted to implement a background check policy which was approved by last year’s church council. This policy will apply to adults beginning at age 18 who work as teachers, directors, youth ministers, or help with our children and youth programs. This policy is a rolling 3-year background check process and aligns with what other churches in our area have done from a precautionary and liability standpoint. This policy will be effective beginning August 1, 2026. A workshop will be held in August (date and time to be decided) to discuss any questions or concerns. During this workshop, assistance will be provided to anyone who may need help filling out their background check form. The council appreciates your patience and understanding as we move forward with this process. Please feel free to contact any council member if you have any immediate questions.

Thank you,
Your Church Council



GIFTS FOR GIRLS

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball or football and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Dress-ups – crown, fairy wands etc



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun band aids
- Eating utensils
- Water bottle
- Nail clipper and file
- Small blanket



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Bags, backpacks, or purses
- Hair accessories
- Hats
- Wristwatch or jewellery
- Torch with extra packaged batteries



CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Skipping rope
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolour set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colourful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Sewing kit
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games



TOYS

- Balls – tennis ball, bouncy balls,
- Frisbee®
- Building blocks
- Finger puppets
- Slinky®
- Yo-yo
- Kaleidoscope
- Cars, trucks and boats
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures
- Small kite
- Water guns (that don't look like weapons)
- Playing cards



PERSONAL NOTE

Include a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group.

*Samaritan's Purse encourages Operation Christmas Child shoebox donors to include a personal note in each shoebox gift.

DO NOT INCLUDE

- **SOAP***
- Food, lollies, chocolate, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Second-hand, used or damaged items or clothing
- Scary or war-related items – toy guns, knives, wearable camouflage clothing, military figures, skull and crossbones, Halloween items
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids – shampoo, bubbles, or liquid paint
- Medication or vitamins
- Play Money
- Breakable items – glass, porcelain or clay
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades
- Bibles, religious material, or tracts (children receive OCC's The Greatest Gift booklet at the Outreach Event)

**Due to increasing customs regulations and challenges in many countries, all types of soap will NO longer be allowed in shoebox gifts starting in 2025.*



GIFTS FOR BOYS

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Large toy truck or car
- Skipping rope



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Eating utensils
- Nail clipper and file
- Small blanket
- Water bottle



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Cold weather items
- Sunglasses
- Bags or backpacks
- Hats
- Wristwatch
- Flashlight with extra packaged batteries



CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Fishing kit
- Skipping rope
- Colouring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colorful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Tool set with work gloves
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games



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Carolinas Lutheran Women



As sisters in Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to serve God by using the gifts we have received to reach out to others.

Dear NALC & LCMC Congregations in the Carolinas and neighboring states,

The Carolinas Lutheran Women (CLW) Council joyfully invites you to our **Sixteenth Annual Convocation** this October, hosted by Organ Lutheran Church at Faith Lutheran Church. We would be honored to have the women of your congregation join us for a day of faith, joy, fellowship, and worship!

“The Oil of Gladness”

Speaker: Pastor Marty Ramey

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:30am Registration

9:00am-2:30pm Program, Activities, & Worship

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

205 S Main St. Faith, NC 28041

For this year’s Convocation, we’ll explore the **healing oils and herbs of the Bible**. Our prayer is that everyone leaves feeling renewed, encouraged, refreshed by His Word, and reminded of the hope, comfort, and love God pours into our lives each day.

We hope you’ll share this invitation with women of all ages in your congregation. Come with friends from church, bring your daughter, mother, sister, or neighbor—or come on your own. All are welcome as sisters in Christ.

In-Kind Gifts for Rowan Helping Ministries Shelter Services

The Organ Lutheran Church Women selected Rowan Helping Ministries (RHM) Shelter Services to collect In-Kind Gifts for, because Organ and Faith both support this ministry. RHM Shelter Services provide temporary shelter and services to Rowan County residents who have no alternative night-time residence. If you’d like to bring a donation to the 2026 16th Annual CLW Convocation, the shelter needs the following items for their residents:

- Towels & Washcloths
- Blankets
- Q-Tips
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Travel-Size Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Lotion
- Adult Flip Flops (Shower Shoes)
- Blankets
- Gallon & Quart Ziplock Bags

Puzzle!



Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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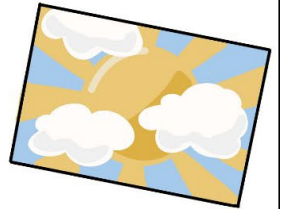
Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome

Make a postcard puzzle

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)



What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.

