

REST FOR THE SOUL

Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

BIBLE QUIZ

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I had not planned to take a 'one month vacation' last month, but my pancreas had other ideas. But I realize that God's ways are not our ways. He sees the 'bigger picture'.

My current medical problems began at the end of 2020. My pancreas was in crisis. Since then, flare-ups have occurred and my legs grew weaker. My stay in the hospital in mid-August was a blessing. The doctors discovered that the gall bladder had been and was continuing my pancreas problem. With my gall bladder surgery, I can already tell that my pancreas can heal.

Together, we will embrace and enjoy God's ministry at Faith Lutheran. May we grow in God's Grace together.

Pastor Don Safrit

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 9/7** **LABOR DAY**
9/9 7:30pm Men of Faith Choir Practice
9/13 **NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY**
 10:30am MEN'S SUNDAY Worship
 5:00pm Annual Church Picnic at the Faith
 Lutheran Picnic Shelter (Sponsored by
 Men of Faith)
9/14 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly
 Room
9/19 11:00am-4:00pm FLC Reserved (Carolyn
 Rogers)
9/20 **MISSION SUNDAY**
 9:30am Mission Speaker
9/22 **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**
9/27 **127TH HOMECOMING SUNDAY**
 10:30am Homecoming Worship
 11:30am Annual Homecoming Luncheon
 (Covered Dish)

WEDNESDAYS – 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30

- 10:00am – Bible Study & Holy Communion
 6:30pm – Handbells
 7:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAYS – 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

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



- 1 – Matt Thomas
 5 – Meredyth Fisher
 8 – Doug Lingle
 9 – Ann Bruce
 Matthew Kirks
 13 – Pat Morgan
 17 – Crystal Bradshaw
 19 – Cooper Wright
 26 – Lane Bost
 28 – Jimmy Hudson
 30 – Tucker Brooks

ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 – Matt & Brooke Thomas



WiFFLe

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

SEPTEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

September is Senior Month, when we recognize and celebrate our Seniors.

Grandparents Day is on September 13th. Give as you are able in memory or in honor of grandparents, special seniors, or friends. Gifts will be acknowledged in a special bulletin insert.

Men's Sunday and our Annual Church Picnic will also be on September 13th. The Men of Faith will lead our Worship Service at 10:30am and then sponsor our picnic at the Church Shelter at 5:00pm. We will have Hamburgers, Hotdogs, & Ice Cream (please bring your homemade ice cream).

2026 Homecoming Sunday will be on September 27th. A Covered Dish Lunch will follow our Worship Service. Come celebrate 127 years with us!

We hope to see everyone at all our September Church Events! May these gatherings strengthen relationships, deepen faith, and help our church family grow together in Christ.

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



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Members will be designated a minimum of 25 Choice Dollars, up to a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars per calendar year.

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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



Rest in the assurance of **PRAYING GOD'S PROMISES** for your children and their schools with the support of a loving community.

Join us!

Meet and Greet!

Come chat about how you can pray with other moms for your children and grandchildren of any age or stage.

Saturday, September 12 / 3:00-5:00 pm

Palms Restaurant

1609 West Innes St., Salisbury

Barbara / RowanMIPI@tuta.com

and/or

Try It! Zooms—Email for dates and link: NC@MomsInPrayer.org

MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL momsinprayer.org



Church Partners Virtual Lunch & Learn

Inside the Living Water Program



Go Behind the Scenes of Living Water

Join us for a 30-minute conversation with Joey Garner, Director of Living Water, and hear how Water Mission is coming alongside local churches and church leaders around the world to make disciples and advance the Great Commission.



SEE

How safe water is opening doors for the gospel to be shared.



HEAR

How local churches and leaders are being equipped to make disciples.



DISCOVER

The Kingdom impact church partners are helping make possible.

Join Us Online

September 10, 2026
12:00-12:30 PM ET

Register Here:

Let us know to expect you.



*Be sure to check your spam folder for your access information once you have registered.

Water Mission is a Christian nonprofit organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions in developing countries and disaster areas. Water Mission serves all people regardless of age, gender, race, or faith. 1150 Molly Greene Way | N. Charleston, SC 29405 | watermission.org



A SEASONAL JOB WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE

Work with Operation Christmas Child to process gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name.

Whether you're a people person or like working behind the scenes, we have a variety of seasonal employment openings—from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons of shoeboxes or operating forklifts in our warehouse.



Work from approximately mid-November to mid-December at one of our regional shoebox processing centers:

Atlanta, GA | Baltimore, MD | Boone, NC | Charlotte, NC
Aurora, IL | Coppell, TX | Englewood, CO | Fullerton, CA

Apply at samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs



WITH JOY AND THANKS TO GOD, YOU ARE
INVITED TO THE ORDINATION OF

Lucas R. Safrit

TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
IN THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026

2:00PM

CHRISTIANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

6190 US HIGHWAY 52

SALISBURY, NC 28146

*RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL*



*PLEASE PLAN TO WEAR RED AS A SYMBOL
OF UNITY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT*

FEED THE HUNGER. Community
PACKATHON

hosted by Concordia Lutheran Church



The most **FUN**
you'll have in a **HAIRNET**

Friday, October 9
6:30pm - 8:30pm

SCAN TO



REGISTER



feedthehunger.org/clcpat

185 Concordia Church Road
China Grove, NC 28023

Contact Sarah Brandt
sarahgbrandt@gmail.com

YOUTH ON A MISSION!



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SAVE THE DATE!

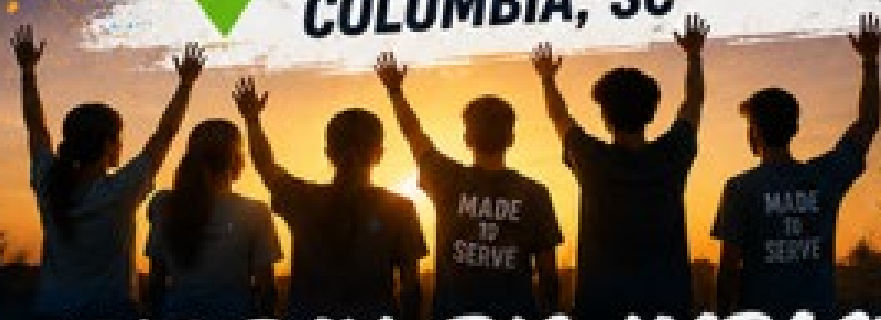
YOUTH MISSION DAY



OCTOBER 24TH, 2026



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLUMBIA, SC



MORE
DETAILS
TO COME!

ONE DAY. BIG IMPACT.
JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

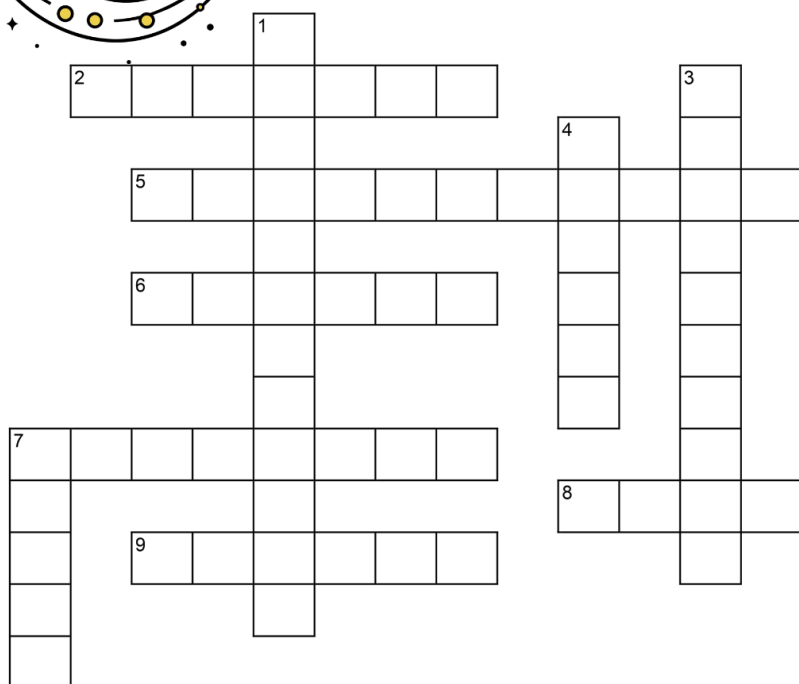
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pureinheart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: mourn
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn

