Announcements March 21, 2021

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28th – 9:00 AM service in the NHELC parking lot

Maundy Thursday, April $1^{st} - 7:00$ PM worship service in the NHELC Garden of Hope, bring lawn chairs

Good Friday, April $2^{nd} - 7:00$ PM service viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org and

facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch

Easter, April 4th - 9:00 AM service in the NHELC parking lot

NHELC Garden of Hope needs your help on Thursday, April 1st.

Planting Garden: 9:00 AM – Noon – bring mask, gloves, hand shovel and spirit

Lunch Devotion: Noon – 1:00 PM – lunch provided with mid-day devotion – question and answer period

Wood Chip Spreading: 1:00 – 3:00 PM – spreading wood chips on paths – masks, gloves, shovels and wheelbarrows appreciated

To volunteer, go to newhanoverlutheran.org or contact Marsha Staub at Marsha.staub@comcast.net or signup at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran church: Garden of Hope (signupgenius.com).

Maundy Thursday worship service will be in the Garden of Hope at 7:00 PM in an open and safe distance. Bring masks and chairs.

Time is running out to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars March 31, 2021 is the deadline to direct your 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars. To see if you qualify to direct 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars, go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Weeping may linger for the night but joy comes with the morning is this year's mid-week Lenten service theme based on Psalm 30. Join Pastor Scott and Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville as they offer a solution from a life of pain, anger, despair and fear to living in the light of Christ with healing, grace, strength and help. Taped services will be available beginning on Wednesdays at noon. The lesson for March 24th focuses on "Mourning into Dancing."

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Collection During the month of March, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sundays between 1 - 2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for Multi-Service or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, rice, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, Hamburger Helper, kids snacks, cereal and canned fruit. Suggested non-food items include: paper towels, diapers (size 6), toothbrushes, laundry detergent, hand soap, toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, conditioner and assorted gift wrap. Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

Have a pastoral emergency? Call the church office at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1 to contact Pastor Scott.

Garden of Hope NHELC is partnering with Trellis for Tomorrow for an innovative organic gardening program onsite at NHELC. Helpers are needed to serve as data manager, pantry relations and logistics, community/corporate liaison, day captains and event/engagement coordinator. For more information about this program, contact Nikki Young (nikkiannyoung@gmail.com), Marsha Staub (marsha.staub@comcast.net) or Donna Kehs (donnakehs@gmail.com).

Faith Formation

Lessons in Lent NHELC's Family Faith Formation learning link is emailed weekly to our Sunday School families. Each week's session will be based on our mid-week Lenten theme and our Sunday lectionary texts. This link will also be available on both our "Faith Formation" page and our "Worship Materials and Devotionals" page on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org).

Sunday School families On Palm Sunday, March 28th, and Easter Sunday, April 4th, we'll be handing out some special Family Faith Formation resources for Holy Week and Easter. Just swing by the Sunday School portico door, following the 9:00 AM parking lot service to get them!

Parents of Youth - A Faith Formation Lenten Devotional App for your young person is now available. You should have received an email from Deacon Carol with instructions on how to download the app. Each day will include scripture, a reflection, a prayer and a pop art image. If you didn't get the email, let Deacon Carol know and she'll be glad to send it to you!

Another faith formation link is available. Called "Parent Pause" the link features a simple question each week for parents to just ponder throughout the following seven days. Feel free to email Deacon Carol any insights, questions, etc. This link can be found on NHELC's Faith Formation page on the church website, newhanoverlutheran.org.

Save the Date for Camp Falckner 2021 An overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade will be held July $27^{\text{th}} - 30^{\text{th}}$ in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove. Watch for registration and more details.

A reminder to fill out the **Sunday School Registration Form** on the Faith Formation page on the church website (newhanoverlutheran.org). By registering, you will receive communications about future faith formation opportunities. Also, there is an **Adult Faith Formation Form** for those who are interested in future learning opportunities like book discussions, etc.

New on our Faith Formation page - special coloring "prayer pages" in recognition of the 1st year anniversary of the pandemic. Suitable for all ages. You can download the meditative coloring pages from the link on the website. The link will be emailed to Sunday School families too. We still have the coloring pages link for times of being anxious. Through art and prayers we can find God's peace.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. Just contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office and leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

Altar Linen Dedication

Two fair linens, two corporals, and a communion veil will be dedicated during the service on March 21st. One fair linen, both corporals, and the veil were acquired using gift money given in honor of Ruth Wirt's 100th birthday. The veil was lovingly hand-crafted by church member Sue Lowry in honor of Ruth Wirt who served on the Altar Guild for fifty years. A second fair linen was purchased with undesignated Memorial Fund monies. A brief explanation of these linens is given below.

Fair Linen The fair linen is the tablecloth for the feast of the Lord. The word *fair* refers to the fine quality and cleanliness of the linen. Traditionally, five Greek crosses are embroidered in white on the fair linen – one in the center and one near each corner of the altar. The five crosses symbolize the five wounds of Christ.

Corporal The corporal, the basic cloth of the meal, is a square of linen that is laid on the center of the altar over the fair linen. It is large enough for all of the communion vessels, the bread, and the wine to be placed upon it. Its outlines delineate the food that is set out, intended for the holy supper. It is one of the most ancient altar linens used for Christian worship. The corporal is the "cloth of the body" (hence its name). A Greek cross is embroidered in white near the center front edge.

Veil The veil is a large white linen used to cover all the vessels and elements of communion.

Food Ministry

Drivers are needed to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at 2:00 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help signing up? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help. **Drop off your grocery donations on Sunday from 1-2 PM** at the church kitchen entrance door. Someone will collect your items at the door and if they are busy, please place the items on a cart outside the door. Someone will take them inside shortly. Thank you for all your generosity in helping feed our neighbors. Chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks are always welcomed and if in doubt, feel free to bring in any non-perishable food item.

Monetary donations for this ministry are appreciated. Go to our website using the link www.newhanoverlutheran.org/donate. Also, donations can be put in our mail slot located at the church fellowship hall entrance. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope "Food Ministry."

Know someone in the community who needs meals? Email Sally Sugita at sallysugita@yahoo.com with the person's name, number of people in the household and the address.

Thank you for your support.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Gene Reider, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Karen Trout, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Susie Edwards, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Carly, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Donna Kehs, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Marlyn Bieleski, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Russ and Lenore Gates, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Linda Norton, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Debra Kissinger, Bobbie, Steve, Matt, Bob and Cindy, Ken Jacobs, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Jean Caputo, Shannon, John, Jean Boyer, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, Doris Renninger, Janet Deloplaine, Wade Miller

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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