

Announcements

May 16, 2021

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

2021 Summer Yoga Class Series: Cleanse, Stretch and Grow! Classes will be held Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM June 10th, 17th, 24th and July 1st. Classes are for all levels and anyone age 13 years and up. Those who are age 13-18 should be accompanied by an adult. Classes will focus on cleansing mind, body and spirit, stretching and strengthening and growing an intention towards peace and unity within. Classes are held in the meadow at the church, weather permitting. The cost is a free-will donation with proceeds assisting the Peer Support Recovery Ministry and Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry. To sign up, text or call Leslie Gates at (484) 686-8619.

The Garden of Hope and the Loaves & Fishes Ministries thank everyone who participated in our first harvest event of 2021. The total harvest was four pounds of Tokyo Bekena cabbage. The harvest provided 390 meals of salad. Thank you again and join us on Monday, May 17th, at 9 AM for the next harvest and planting for the season. Sign up at newhanoverlutheran.org, at the “Get Involved” tab and “Garden of Hope” drop down.

The Peer Support Ministry thanks everyone for a fantastic Mental Health Awareness Celebration on Sunday, May 2nd. Check out our Murals on the Christian Ed wing. This was truly a Loving Our Neighbor event. May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Garden of Hope There are opportunities for you to participate in this exciting, new ministry at NHELCC. Helpers are needed to serve as community/corporate liaison and day captains. Community/Corporate Liaison will communicate needs and opportunities to the community and local businesses. Day Captains will attend meetings to understand expectations, welcome volunteers, help with the garden and educate and communicate with the team. For more information about this program, contact Nikki Young (nikkiannyoung@gmail.com), Marsha Staub (marsha.staub@comcast.net) or Donna Kehs (donnakehs@gmail.com).

Leaves and Sticks are gone! Hooray! Troop and Pack 367 did a FABULOUS job providing a ton of service hours to our Picnic Grove. About 45 scouters and others were so helpful! The Picnic Grove committee is very grateful for everyone’s help. Our hot dogs were just a tiny token of our appreciation. This shout out to the scout families comes from the heart - thank you all!

Sponsors Needed You can help support the ministry at NHELCC by sponsoring communion and *The Word in Season* devotion booklets. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 to sign up. Suggested donation to sponsor the communion is \$20 a month and *The Word in Season* devotional is \$35 a month. And, don’t forget, there are weeks available to sponsor the bulletin and flowers too. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 week and the flowers is \$35 a week.

Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities – Now through June, NHELCC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sunday before the 9 AM worship service or between 1 – 2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for the Cluster or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, pasta, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, soup, 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 shampoo. Also, sugar-free and sodium-free items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

A Community Blood Drive hosted by the Optimist Club of Boyertown will be held on Saturday, June 26th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Windlestrae Park, located at 132 Chalet Road in Gilbertsville. Appointments are required. To sign up, contact Miller-Keystone Blood Center at GIVEaPINT.ORG and use sponsor code 8744.

Faith Formation

VBS 2021 is coming! “God’s Good Creation” is this year’s theme. We’ll be joining again with neighboring Lutheran churches in both an online and “in-person” outdoor program spread out over five weeks, beginning the week of June 21st. Each Monday will virtually kick-off the week’s theme with opening and story time videos.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM, will be the in-person part at NHELCC, for both parents and children, which will include activities related to the week's theme and a mission project. **Also this year: A VBS for adults!** This will be in-person, outdoors, at NHELCC, Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM. We will follow all CDC recommendations for our in-person gatherings. An online registration for children can be found on the NHELCC webpage. Also, an adult registration form is available online for those with computer access. For those who don't have computer access, call the church office and leave your contact information on Deacon Carol's voicemail to receive a hard copy of the registration form.

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

Camp Falckner 2021 Registration can be downloaded from the church's website at newhanoverlutheran.org. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Go! 'Hear I am, Lord'." Camp Falckner is an overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade and will be held July 27th – 30th in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove.

You are never too old to color! On our Faith Formation page you'll find prayer coloring pages you can download and print out for those times you could use some quiet, mindful spaces in your life. Take deep breaths, color and enjoy!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELCC 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. Contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office (610-326-1335), 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"!

Peer Support Ministry

Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Training Scholarship

The Peer Support Recovery Ministry is pleased to announce that through a generous donation, we are offering scholarships to two individuals in recovery from SUD (substance use disorder) to take a CRS (certified recovery specialist) training course to be able to work in the recovery field helping others.

Scholarship applications are due May 17, 2021. Scholarship awardees will be notified by May 21, 2021. Awardees will be contacted by NHELCC Director of Recovery Ministry to get registered for the training that will start on Thursday, June 3rd.

Training dates are EVERY Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, starting 7/10/21 and ending 9/11/21.

Location: 15 Woodside Ave, West Lawn, PA 19609

For any questions, contact Ryan Schweiger at 610.326.1335 ext.6 or peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Certified Recovery Specialist training scholarship

Qualifications: 18 y/o, High School Diploma, 18 months of sustained recovery from SUD (substance use disorder), be able to access stable internet and complete class work/homework. Training is 80 hours total and you must attend all classes to receive approval to then take the (PCB) PA state examination to then become certified. A \$150 fee is required to take the exam and is not covered by the training or scholarship.

If you meet the qualifications listed above, visit our peer support recovery ministry webpage at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/peer-support-recovery/> and fill out the application at the bottom of page.

Peer Support Recovery Ministry – New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Contacts for Peer Support Recovery Ministry Team: Phone: 610.326.1335 ext.6 or peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Peer Support Recovery Meetings: Mondays – 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

www.newhanoverlutheran.org

Food Ministry

Drivers are needed to deliver meals on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM and/or Sundays at 1:45 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 grocery donation this Sunday before the 9 AM worship and 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.