#### Announcements December 12, 2021

**Sound and video assistants needed** for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

## Today

We welcome organist Teresa Heindel to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry today.

Serving Today Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Brian Flack; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing Next week Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tim and Vicki Mutter.

#### Calendar

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online **Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

**Special Congregational Meeting** – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

Sunday School – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

Catechism - Today, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, room 33

AARP Christmas Party – Monday, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM, room 1

Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

Boy Scouts - Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Finance - Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door

**12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

- Bell Choir Rehearsal Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 15
- Council Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33
- Worship Service Next Sunday, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online
- Food Drop Off Next Sunday, 9:00 10:00 AM, kitchen
- Food Delivery Pickup Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door
- Sunday School GIFT/Christmas Pageant Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)
- **Rejoicing Spirits** Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall) and sanctuary

**Special Congregational Meeting will be held this morning** immediately following the morning worship service. Agenda items include the 2022 proposed budget and the sale of approximately ½ acre of land to a neighbor. Copies of the 2022 proposed budget are available on the church's website (www.newhanoverlutheran.org), in the welcome center and in the box outside the Sunday School door.

# **Upcoming Events**

Join us for G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together) Sunday on December 19<sup>th</sup>, after church at 10:15. Some kids will be performing a Christmas pageant and we will be singing Christmas Carols throughout the pageant. It will be a fun time that will get you in the Christmas Spirit. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

**Cemetery cleanup** Please remove fall decorations from your loved ones' graves by December 15<sup>th</sup>. All non-Christmas decorations remaining after December 15<sup>th</sup> will be removed by the cemetery caretakers.

**Sunday School will not be held** on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday School for children and youth will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The adult class will resume on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The Director's Big Band Christmas Concert** will be held on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45 Reading Avenue in Boyertown. Admission is free. Masks are required. **Free Take out Christmas Meal** offered by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown will be available from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM on Christmas Day. Enter the parking lot on North Reading Avenue or Walnut Street and follow the traffic directions to the back of their building.

#### **Food Ministry**

**More than 70,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/.

We need help! NHELC Loaves & Fishes are feeding the homeless and those in need Every month on the second Tuesday we are feeding the homeless and those in need in our area. If you can put a piece of food onto a plate, or serve a plate, or greet someone, or help sing a hymn or two, we could use your help. Each month on the second Tuesday at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown, NHELC Loaves & Fishes & are serving meals to the homeless and those in need. You can sign up now and help us for the first meal serving on January 11<sup>th</sup>, at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc.

## Can You Help

**Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar Flower for 2022.** Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

The 2022 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the welcome center.

**Part-time, temporary nursing help needed** The Medicine Shoppe is looking for a nurse with a current nursing license to work part-time, temporary to help give booster shots once the FDA/CDC opens the Covid vaccine booster to the general population. This is a paid position. If interested or have questions, contact Ed at the Medicine Shoppe, at 1348@medicineshoppe.com.

## **Spiritual Renewal**

**Copies of the** *Word in Season* **daily devotion books** October -December are available in the welcome center. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily scripture and brief message. By designating just a few minutes a day to read and ponder this devotional, you can enrich and inspire your life. *Word in Season* is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

### **Faith Formation**

"**Thursdays at Ten**" is an informal discussion/fellowship gathering (with snacks!) which meets Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. In December, we are exploring a special Advent study "*Promise & Praise*" which will be a "word-a-day" Advent reflection - all of which will reflect the season and understanding of this sacred time of the church year. We'll even learn these words in two different languages! Questions about the class? Contact Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. Join us as we celebrate Advent! Please note: there will not be a session on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott** An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

Forward of the book study "Oneing: Trauma" by Richard Rohr:

"The theme of the edition is timely, considering the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives due to a complex global pandemic, political upheaval, armed conflicts, and squalid migrant camps cropping up in many parts of the world, not to mention the suffering of countless kinds of animal and plant life due to global warming. Although it seems that we are living through end times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eyeopening, heartbreaking suffering."

If you haven't ordered your book, handouts are available.

**Didn't get a chance to fill out a Seniors Ministry Survey Form?** There are extra copies in the welcome center. They can be returned to the marked black tray in the welcome center. Or, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office and we'll send you one!

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. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org 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"!

## Thank You

**The Eidle family** wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers they received for the loss of Stella.

#### 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, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Andy Van Dyke, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Lawrence Moser

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

#### Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl

Shut-in Penny Frymoyer

Grieving Family and friends of Fran E. Weaver, Myrtle Vogt, Arline Friz (Natalie Eshbach's mother) and Janet Deloplaine Military

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

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM Call for an appointment. **Contact Information** Pastor, The Rev. Scott Staub pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org Director of Children, Family & Youth Ministry, Nikki Young nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org **Church Office Manager, Susan Gutshall** susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org **Food Ministry Director** Cfatzinger@chris-cooks.com Director of Senior Faith Formation, Deacon Carol N. Detweiler carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org Bell Choir Director, Barbara Eisenhart eisenbarb@aol.com **Bookkeeper, Joan Comtois** nhelcbookkeeper@comcast.net Sextons, James and Catherine Trotter

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