

Announcements

December 19, 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: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

Christmas Eve 4:00 Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Emma Hauser, Rick Solazzo and Robin Fatzinger

Christmas Eve 7:00 Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Scott Geiser, Bill Allen and Steve Weidner

Next week Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Styer for her birthday by her mother, Betty Karver.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren, Ava, Knox, Dylan and Finn by Rick and Debbie Solazzo.

The extra bouquet of flowers is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Styer for her birthday by her mother, Betty Karver.

Thank you to everyone who attended the special congregational meeting last Sunday. The voting results are as follows.

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| 2022 Budget | 50 in favor, 1 opposed |
| Sale of Property | 48 in favor, 3 opposed |

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

Sunday School GIFT/Christmas Pageant – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 PM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall) and sanctuary

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

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 15

Christmas Eve Worship Services – Friday, 4:00 and 7:00 PM

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Join us for G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together) this morning 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.

Rejoicing Spirits will be held this afternoon. Fellowship begins at 2:30 followed by the worship service at 3:00. This service is for everyone and includes lots of music and joyous singing, a brief meaningful message, fellowship opportunities and light refreshments. Rejoicing Spirits is a ministry to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with developmental disabilities along with their families, friends and supportive community. Come and check it out.

Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 4:00 and 7:00 PM. Both services are candlelight. The live nativity will be held during the 7:00 service. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

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

The church office will be closed Friday, December 24th – Monday, December 27th, for the Christmas holiday.

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! NHELCL'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! NHELCL 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, NHELCL 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 11th, at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc>.

Can You Help

Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar flowers 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.

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-type fellowship time which meets Thursdays in room 33 from 10 – 11:30 AM. Newcomers are always welcome! We’re taking a break for the holidays and will resume meetings on Thursday, January 6th, when we start a new topic, **“I Will Give You Rest.”** We’ll look at ways to spiritually reduce everyday stress and rest our minds and bodies, giving us a chance to be more aware of God’s presence around us. We hope you’ll come rest with us!

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 eye-opening, 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.

Thanksgiving Food Collection Thanks to your generous support, NHELC collected 140 lbs. of non-perishable items to be distributed among those in need throughout the area by the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

Thank you to the Senior's Planning Committee who helped put together a wonderful Senior's Christmas Luncheon on December 9th. We had a great group to help us celebrate this blessed season! Thanks also to Chef Chris for his delicious soup! We also talked about upcoming plans including starting a new group in the new year: “Seniors Serving Others” where we will meet on occasion to

help with projects that will serve folks beyond our church. Watch for details!

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, Holli Muffler

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 Janet Deloplaine and Margaret Hansley (Brian Hansley's mother)

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

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Call for an appointment.

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