

Announcements

March 20, 2022

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.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Today

Serving Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Faye Weidner and Jeff Wise; Children's Sermon: Nevada Grant

Next week Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Brian Flack and Bill Allen; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing

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.

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 door

GIFT Sunday/Prayer Fest – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1
(fellowship hall)

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 PM, fellowship hall and sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 10:30 AM – 3:00 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 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 25-27, 30, 31

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

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

Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 6:00 – 6:45 PM, room 1

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

Lenten Devotions – 6:45 – 7:15 PM, room 1

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:30 PM, room 15

Thursday at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33

Seniors Ministry – Thursday, noon – 2:30 PM, room 1

Bell Choir – Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 15

Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

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 – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM, room 1 (fellowship hall)

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 26th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM It's time for the annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner. That's right, enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs, homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. But, be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert. **BYOB** The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities. The cost is: adults - \$13.00, seniors (65 and older) - \$10.00, children (7-12) - \$6.00 and children (6 & younger) – free. Buon appetito.

Easter Egg Hunt and Garden of Hope Open House on Saturday, April 9th, at 10:30 AM. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will include age level egg hunts. Each group will read an Easter themed story. At 11:15, participants will enjoy hotdogs, snacks and drinks for lunch. While you are at church, check out the 2022 Garden of Hope and get some information on how you can lend a hand. We hope to have some seeds available for planting that morning. A few volunteers are needed to help out on April 9th with the various age groups and to read a story. Contact Nikki Young if you are interested in helping.

Candy donations needed Can you help make the Easter Egg Hunt a success by donating individually wrapped candy? Drop off your donations at church. A donation box is in the welcome center or you can drop off the candy at the church office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. **Donations are needed by today** so the eggs can be filled and we can purchase additional candy if we need more. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

Order Lilies to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter. Suggested donation is \$9 per plant. Order forms are located on the desk in the welcome center. Complete a form and along with payment, place in the offering plate or mail to the church. Deadline to order lilies is March 28th.

Spring Garden Planting on Saturday, April 2nd, 9 AM to noon. Come join our expert Organic gardeners from Trellis 4 Tomorrow as we plant some special produce this year. Come ready to learn about planting techniques, good garden practices and sustainable gardening, as well as bring your questions to stump the gardener. Bring gloves and garden spades and planting knives if you have them. Snacks, fun and beverages are provided as well.

Synod Wide Day of Servicing is on Saturday, April 23rd, 9 AM - 1 PM. Come join us and over 150 churches invited to work in our Garden of Hope, cemetery and picnic grove. We will be working on tombstone restoration, garden projects, harvesting, and sprucing up our picnic grove. Our ELCA brothers and sisters have selected us to be a work site for Lutherans and all to join together in helping and loving our neighbors. Come join the fun, food of course, and fellowship. Bring gloves if you have them.

Donations will help local families Throughout the month of March, NHELCA is collecting non-perishable items for distribution to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Top ten items needed to help fill the shelves include the following. **Food:** Kids snacks, Cereal, Pancake syrup, Instant oatmeal, Canned tomatoes, Crackers, Applesauce, Canned tuna, Pasta or rice and Boxed baking mixes. **Non-Food:** Paper towels, Paper bowls (disposable), Feminine hygiene pads, Deodorant, Laundry detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tissues, Bar soap and Dog food/cat food.

Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated. Please do not bring items with an expiration date already expired, home-canned items or medicines. These items cannot be accepted. Items may be dropped off at the church. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and multi-purpose room. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

The Scouts' next Hoagie Sale is April 2nd! Choose from Italian or turkey hoagies. The Italian hoagies consist of ham, salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. The turkey hoagies include turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. Onions may be requested and pepper spread is also available on the side by request. The cost is \$7 each for either Italian or turkey hoagies. Proceeds will help the Scouts defray their cost of attending Summer Camp and other Scouting activities, after a 10% goodwill donation to NHELCC. Orders can be picked up at the church between 10:30 and 11:30 AM on Saturday, April 2nd. An order form is on the desk in the welcome center. Orders on the order form are due today. Orders may also be placed online by going to www.367hoagies.com. The online order form will be available until Thursday, March 24th, at midnight. Please pay when the hoagies are picked up.

Save the date! ***“How the Pretzel Survived Prohibition, and Other Twisted Tales”*** This is a special Seniors Ministry Program and Luncheon on Thursday, March 24th, noon - 2 PM “Today’s pretzels are a beloved snack throughout North America. This wasn’t always the case, however. Pretzels were most commonly associated with saloons, and when Prohibition became the law of the land, pretzel bakers had to scramble to keep their businesses afloat. This illustrated lecture will explore the long and storied history of pretzels, and of course, how the pretzel survived Prohibition.”

“Our guest speaker will be Candace Perry, curator of collections, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center. There will be a catered lunch with a free-will donation. If you haven’t signed up but would like to come, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office as soon as possible. There is a sign-up sheet on the Seniors

Ministry Table in the Welcome Center. Or email Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message at the church office. Friends are invited! Come out and learn some fascinating “twisted tales.”

Prayer Warriors Wanted Pray, pray, and pray some more! You are invited to come pray with us! Yes, we have a prayer chain, but we are adding another prayer ministry. All are welcome to gather together each Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary to pray. We’ll have a brief devotion and pray together. We’ll give thanks and then lift up in prayers our neighbors both near and far. As Jesus told us, *“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”* See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

VBS 2022 It may be cold, but it’s time to start thinking about VBS this summer. VBS will be June 20th – 24th and this year we are returning to daytime VBS. We understand daytime is difficult for some that work and this year we are going to offer an extended afternoon for 20 kids to stay and play in the afternoon if parents are unable to pick up around noon. But this means we need a lot of volunteers for this year. Also, folks are needed to help plan for VBS and to help decorate. Jobs are available for ALL ages and abilities. We need key area volunteers and group leaders (shepherds) for during the morning. In the afternoon we need some folks that will have fun with the kids, helping with an afternoon craft or snack. Do you have a special talent that you might want to share? Let us know! Are you willing to hang out with some kids for an afternoon? Let us know. If VBS is something you want to hear more about, contact Nikki ASAP in the church office or at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org. By the way – youth helpers are very welcome!

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCC’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! NHELCLoaves & Fishes is feeding the homeless and those in need every month on the second Tuesday.

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.

Meals are served at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown. You can sign up to help at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc>.

Harvesting Hope Fair

Save the Date: The second annual Harvesting Hope Fair will be Saturday, October 1st.

As we begin to plan the second Harvesting Hope Fair, we hope to recruit volunteers to join our planning committee. We are a creative and fun bunch to work with!

Are you itching for a time-limited volunteer opportunity? Are one of these roles calling you?

- Advertising/marketing
- Sponsorship
- Volunteer coordination

Then consider volunteering and/or sharing your thoughts on how to grow this fun, family-friendly event for NHELCL and the community.

Rosalie Lisa, 610-416-8193 and Mission Service/Social Ministry Committee

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March 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 her church family by Lucille A. Powell.

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so, contact Deacon Carol or Pastor Scott and we'll see that one is made available. And we are always looking for more knitters!

Faith Formation

“Thursdays At Ten” Feeling a little worn-out, anxious, stressed with all that is impacting your daily life? Just need to take a break and rest from all of it? Then join us for **“And I Will Give You Rest”** where we will take time for ourselves, to be present to the Spirit, and learn how to relax through mindfulness exercises, meditation and other creative ways to just “be still.” And to better hear God’s voice amidst the noise of the world. You’ll find us in room 33 from 10-11:30 AM on Thursdays. Questions? Just contact Deacon Carol!

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 **NHEL C 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”! If you feel it’s time to take a person off the prayer chain, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message at the church office and we’ll update our list. But if the person still needs prayers, we’ll gladly continue praying.

“Seniors Serving Others” A Seniors Ministry program where seniors become “God’s Hands” There are a couple of service projects coming up for which we can use some help, including finishing up sun catchers to be hung in skilled care units of nursing homes and making new Chrismons for our Christmas trees. There are other projects being lined up as well. Details will be out soon! Keep an eye on our bulletin announcements for updates on this and other Seniors ministries.

Full to the Brim - An Expansive Lent

Full to the Brim doesn’t ignore or deny sin and suffering. It doesn’t absolve accountability for wrongdoing. Instead it contextualizes our faith. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love’s promises? It reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us. Come join us for a truly expansive experience as we dig deeper into our faith and dream.

- Sunday Worship at 9 AM
- Wednesday Lenten Dinners from 6 – 6:45 PM with Worship Devotions following from 6:45 – 7:15 PM

“Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things*, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us.... --” Eph 3:20

Cemetery News

Do you like to mow grass? The cemetery committee is accepting applications for two mowers/cemetery caretakers for the 2022 mowing season. Applicants must be at least 16 years old (or 14 or 15 with working papers) and able to operate a riding tractor and gas trimmer. To apply or for more information, contact Bill Bauer at (610) 367-9869 or Norm Hunsberger at (484) 431-3622.

The cost of NHEL C Cemetery lots is going up! Currently, the cost is \$500 per lot. After April 15th, the cost will increase to \$750 per lot.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, 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, 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, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns

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, Tina Farrell

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

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

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