

Announcements

May 1, 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.

Reminder: Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church to avoid conflicts with scheduling.

Today

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, by Janet Burkhart.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Brian Flack and Bryce Manthorne; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley

Next Sunday Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: George Trowbridge and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

Altar Guild Serving this Month Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt

The second annual Mental Health Awareness Chalk Mural will be held today in the church parking lot from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. If you are interested in art, learning about mental health or just looking for a fun activity, join the Peer Support Ministry for food, fun and fellowship. Activities include chalk art designing with Brush with the Law, lunch provided by Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry, "Dirt Therapy" Gardening at the Garden of Hope, two mini yoga meditation sessions with Leslie Gates, music, recovery resources and more.

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 – Today, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)
Mental Health Awareness Chalk Mural – Today, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, parking lot
Paint Day – Today, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1
Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32
Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 37
Christian Education – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 33
Property – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4
Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2 PM, Sunday School wing door
12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15
Thursday at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33
God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, offsite
Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 15
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 – 11:15 AM, room 1
Spring Paint Day Today from 2 - 4 PM Participants will paint a spring/summer themed painting. You can see the event on the NHELCC Facebook page or contact Nikki Young for more details. Sign-up is required. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-paint1>. The cost is \$40 per person and part of the funds will go to our Mission Services Team and the Harvesting Hope Fair. Art skills are NOT required. Amy from Amy's Art Shack will lead us through the painting step by step. Feel free to bring a snack to share and your beverage of choice. Hope to see you there! Any questions or need to sign-up in person – contact Nikki Young.

Upcoming Events

Men's Retreat July 5-6, 2022 at Gettysburg Seminary. The theme will be "Being Spiritual Warriors." There will be a little bit of Bible study, a little bit of prayer, a little bit of discussion and a lot of fellowship. We will have an evening Luther Table Talk discussion as Martin did often in addition to several break-out opportunities to enjoy the historic area. We will also have a private worship service in the morning of the 6th on Seminary Ridge of the Battlefield.

We will be joining the Martin Luther's Beer, Brat and Bible Men's Ministries from Stafford Virginia and Birdsboro PA. Both ministries are heavily involved like us in meal and homeless ministries, and like having a good time serving others. Costs will be your housing (about \$50) and your meals. All meals will be at local restaurants. Let Pastor Scott know if you will be attending.

Questioning Salvation? Throughout the ages humans have asked, "Is there a hereafter?" We address in our worship by the words we say, hear and sing; however, do we believe in the theology of eternal salvation, and if yes, how do we receive or get there? On Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in room 33, we will discuss this topic as it relates to Lutherans and other faith traditions.

Monumental Celebrating GOD's Greatness is this year's VBS theme. VBS 2022 will be June 20th – 24th, 9:00 AM - noon. Since daytime VBS can be difficult for people who work, **we are offering an extended VBS for 20 kids to stay and play in the afternoon**, if parents are unable to pick up at 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 want to share? Let us know! Can you 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!

VBS Donations We are looking for new or used Legos that you no longer want (since Legos would be hard to keep separate and return) for the kids at the afternoon VBS. We are looking for more generic Lego bricks to free play and NOT the Lego sets. Also needed are new or gently used (with all pieces/cards) board or card games that are appropriate for kids. If you are interested in providing any games, contact Nikki Young to be sure we don't end up with multiple copies of the same game OR so she can send you an Amazon wish list if that is easier for you. We are not worried about duplicating Legos. Thank you for supporting VBS 2022!

Summer Garden Planting Come on out **Saturday, May 14th, from 8:00 – 11:00 AM** to the NHELCA's Garden of Hope located behind the education building to plant vegetables for the summer growing season. Expert organic gardeners from Trellis 4 Tomorrow will be here to teach about planting techniques, good garden practices and sustainable gardening. Bring your questions to stump the gardener. Also, bring gloves, garden spades and planting knives if you have them. Snacks, beverages and fun will be provided as well.

Camp Falckner I know you have camp dates. One important thing is that camp leadership will be in transition. Lindsey Waltermeyer and Nicole Ewing will be working with Marlene Hansley and Donna Kehs to plan camp and continue the tradition for future youth. Details on camp will be available in upcoming weeks. Look for camp registration and more information. Camp is open to youth who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade and is held in the picnic grove.

“Reconnecting with Hope for the Future” is this year's theme for the Women of the ELCA Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Convention on June 4, 2022. The event will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 400 Lynbrooke Road in Springfield. You do not need to be a member to attend. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Patricia Davenport. Also speaking will be Pastor Violet Little on The Welcome Church. CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings will be followed. The convention will be accessible through Zoom for those who prefer to not meet in person. Registration is required. Contact the NHELCA church office for a registration form. Registration is due by May 14th.

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 have a new prayer ministry. All are welcome to gather together each Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary to pray. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. We 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.

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 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>.

Spiritual Renewal

The Word in Season daily devotion books April - June are available in the welcome center and the information box located outside by the Sunday school doors.

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 they'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! **Highlight: On May 12th**, Sandy Wesner, a member of our Seniors Planning Team, will offer a special session that morning taking participants through meditative exercises to help us learn to better relax our bodies and minds. Give yourself a gift that day of “calming time” and join us as we say good-bye to tension for at least a little while! Questions about the session? Contact Deacon Carol or Sandy Wesner.

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. 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 News

“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.

Looking ahead – Tentative plans are being made for a “**gardening – themed**” event, and down the road a “**Doing Genealogy 101**” session which will include the opportunity for three lucky folks to have some genealogical research done on their families as part of the program. Watch for more details to come! Preliminary planning is also starting for another **Historic Cemetery Tour** as part of the Amazing Raise fund-raising. There are plenty of stories from our cemetery just waiting to be told!

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, Mary Alice 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, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, 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, 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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