Announcements May 8, 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.

Parttime Bookkeeper Position The Bookkeeper supports the mission of this congregation by facilitating fund transfers between accounts as required and drafting checks to pay the congregation's expenses. The Bookkeeper shall also assist the Finance Committee, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and the Board/Fund Treasurers to administer and oversee the financial records of the church. Accounting and Payroll experience is a plus. Contact Pastor Scott, 610 326 1335 ext. 1 to apply.

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

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: George Trowbridge and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Rick Solazzo; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing Altar Guild Serving this Month Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt

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)

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, 33, 37

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 30

The Chosen 300 Ministries Feeding the Homeless – Tuesday, 5:30 PM offsite

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, offsite

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

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

Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Summer Garden Planting – Friday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, garden

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, offsite

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

GIFT Sunday – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 1

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at (215) 679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at (484) 415-0386.

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. Also, the men will 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 this 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 in room 33, we will discuss this topic as it relates to Lutherans and other faith traditions.

If you have Easter flowers decorating the gravesite of a loved one in the NHELC cemetery, you should remove the flowers before Sunday, May 22nd, to get ready for Memorial Day. Easter items left in the cemetery after May 22nd will be removed and discarded.

Help decorate the sanctuary red on Pentecost. Order red geraniums for Pentecost, June 5, 2022. An order form is included in this bulletin. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and welcome center.

Monumental Celebrating GOD's Greatness is this year's VBS theme. VBS 2022 will be June $20^{th} - 24^{th}$, 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 NHELC'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 Waltermyer 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 NHELC 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! 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 is working with the Chosen 300 Ministries to feed the homeless 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. Interested in knitting a shawl two? Supplies and instructions are available now in the library located off of fellowship hall. Materials are on a bookcase close to the door. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions about this.

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 it all? 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! Highlights: 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! On May 19th, Vivian Speca will help us learn to relax through the listening of hymns and their beautiful tunes. Questions about the session? Contact Deacon Carol, Sandy Wesner or Vivian Speca.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanover lutheran.org or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave her a

voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

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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Music Sunday

Today we celebrate the gift of music that inspires and complements our worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church. Thank you to the following, who have participated the NHELC music programs this year.

Chancel Choir

Ed Becker	Allan Care	Sue Care
Fay Feick	Lauren Flack	Carolyn Fleming
Ben Fowler	Leslie Gates	Scott Geiser
Sue Lowry	Jane Manthorne	Tom McHugh
Nancy Mest	Brian Schaeffer	Beverly Smale
Vivian Speca	Faye Weidner	Lee Wesner
Nancy White		

Organists: Steve Eisenhart, Karen Fallows and Brian Tracey

Director: Patricia Nyce

Grace Praise Band

Hank Droneberg	Nicole Ewing	Diana Hazel
John Hazel	Ryan Houck	Donna Kehs
Richard Thomas	Lindsey Waltermyer	Josh Young

Handbell Choir

Vicki Dotterer	Lynn Fegley	Ben Fowler
LuAnne Fowler	Wayne Fowler	Marlene Hansley
Brenda Hunsberger	Donna Kehs	Jayne McHugh
Jean Moser	Barbara Noecker	Carolyn Springer
Marsha Staub	Fave Weidner	

Accompanists:

Amanda Dodge, percussion
Lauren Flack, violin
Joshua Young, drums

Steven Eisenhart, piano
Patricia Nyce, keyboard

Director: Barbara Eisenhart

Rejoicing Spirits

Ben Fowler Donna Kehs