

Announcements

May 7, 2023

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers are \$40. Sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$40 a month, and sponsor Communion for \$30 a month. Contact the church office at 610-326-1335 for available dates and to sign up or go online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/.

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church. Also, appointments are requested for staff members.

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELIC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at 610-326-1335.

Articles for the June newsletter are due Friday, May 12th. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335 with your articles.

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Charlie and Marguerite Reichart and Jim and Grace Davidheiser by Diane and Jim Davidheiser.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, sister, brother, nephew and in-laws by Nancy Wolfe.

Serving Today Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Donna Kehs; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Danielle Bechtel

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Jordan Becker and Marty Hauser; Lector: London Meeker; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Ainsley Lucas

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

Today is the deadline to order geraniums to decorate the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. Order forms are available from the ushers and also located on the desk in the Welcome Center. Return the completed form along with your donation in the church offering basket. Your geranium may be picked up following the 9:00 AM service on Pentecost. And, don't forget to wear something red on Pentecost Sunday.

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:05 AM, room 24

Gathering of Daughters – Today, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Campaign Cabinet – Monday, 6:00 PM, welcome center

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

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

Chosen 300 – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico

Loaves and Fishes Dinner – Wednesday, 6:00 PM, room 1

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

Children's Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

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

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 30
District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33
Summer Garden Planting – Friday, 9:00 AM – noon, garden
Funeral and Reception – Friday, welcome center, sanctuary,
fellowship hall and kitchen
Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family
Restaurant
Flutter Miniature Golf – Saturday, 5:30 PM, offsite
Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary & online
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Upcoming Events

Chosen 300 Help feed the homeless this **Tuesday**, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown. Servers, greeters and singers are needed to help with this service. If you’d like to help, just show up on Tuesday.

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, 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.

Flutter is going mini golfing on Saturday, May 13th. Meet at the church at 5:30 to carpool there. See Jen Boyer or Lindsey Waltermeyer with any questions.

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner! Come out to the picnic grove on Saturday, May 20th, for a delicious chicken dinner. The meal includes grilled church chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. The cost is \$12 per meal.

Meals will be served from 4:00-7:00 PM at the grove. You can enjoy your meal at the grove or drive through to take your meal home. If you are eating at the grove, park in the grassy parking area. There will be signs. If you are eating at the grove we will have ice water, lemonade and iced tea.

You **MUST** make a reservation for your meal(s) by noon on Monday, May 15th. You can reserve your meal(s) online at <http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org>, fill out an order slip at church, or call the church office at 610-326-1335.

Meet me at Green Lane Park, Sunday, May 21st, Come on out for an evening of music and fellowship. Feel free to bring some snacks, appetizers, or dessert to share and pack a sandwich if you want. We will have a table set up around 5:30. We can sit together and enjoy the Quakertown Band which will begin their performance at 6 PM. Concerts are held at the Green Lane Park Amphitheater, located at 2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054. Concerts are weather permitting. If you are able, let Nikki Young know you are coming OR sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-meet1>.

Attention all youth finishing grades 5-12! It's time to register for Camp Falckner. Camp Falckner is an overnight camp held in the church's picnic grove. Camp will be held July 25-28. See Lindsey Waltermeyer for a registration form or visit the church website. Questions about camp? Don't hesitate to ask!

Meet me at the Reading Phillies Come out to a Reading Phillies vs. the Richmond Flying Squirrels game on **Saturday, July 1st, at 6:45 PM**. This is a mega blast fireworks night!

Yes, this is pretty far in advance, but we need to be sure we can secure enough tickets. Nikki is waiting for the exact price of the tickets, but for now, she needs to determine the number of people who will be going. Tickets should be \$11 - \$15. Reserved parking is available for an additional \$5 – 7. Final pricing will be available soon. RSVP to Nikki Young or sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-meet3>.

“Honky Tonk Angels” at the Totem Pole Playhouse on Tuesday, May 30th Join the New Hanover Area AARP for a family style lunch at Hickory Bridge Farms followed by the play about three gutsy gals following their dreams to Nashville. Featuring over 30 classic country tunes that will surely get your feet stomping. The bus leaves NHELCC parking lot at 8:15 AM. Cost is \$129. Contact Carol Griffiths (484-624-8314) for more information and to sign up.

Giving for the Future with our Future Celebration Join us **Sunday, June 4th**, as we celebrate and recognize our new members comprised of our Confirmands of 2023, newly Baptized and adults received. In addition, we will celebrate God’s blessings for the capital campaign. Richie Musser, Kirby Smith Assoc., will give updates on our initiatives. Join us as we celebrate those who have given and those who will be giving NHELCC our future. The food reception and recognitions will follow the worship in the fellowship hall. Trinity Sunday Worship will start at 9 AM in the sanctuary.

The book club will meet Tuesday, June 6th, 6:30 PM at the Grind restaurant. They are reading *Night Road* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome!

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk across the Divide - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33.

Garden of Hope – Save the Dates

Friday, May 12th, 9:00 – noon Summer Planting

Wednesday, May 31st, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Composting Clinic (AND root beer floats!)

Boyertown Area Choral Arts will hold a spring concert this afternoon, 3:00 PM at the Good Shepherd UCC, 35 West Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown. A free-will offering will be received.

The NHELCC Property Committee will be entering into a new lease agreement for copier services in early May 2023. The new lease agreement has changes which need to be communicated to all committees, boards, and chartered members. NHELCC will be

reducing the number of copiers from two to one. Reasons for this reduction include:

- Current second copier (Volunteer Office) print totals are less than 10% of the overall print volume;
- Reducing to one copier is a significant cost savings to NHELCC (~\$7300 in lease, electric, and paper costs over the five-year lease term)
- Encouraging less use of printed materials is better for the environment.

Starting in early May, all committees, boards, and chartered members requiring printing or copying services may come to the church office and print/copy during normal business hours (9 AM to 2 PM, M-F). Also, you may email your document(s) to the Office Manager (susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) by 12 (noon) on normal business days to have them printed and delivered to a church location where indicated. Documents need to be provided in “print-ready” format - PDF or MS Word. The church office is typically locked outside of normal business hours.

Property Committee

You Can Help

Meet me at...Last year during the summer months NHELCC hosted a series of events called “Meet me at....” We worked in the Garden, played at the picnic grove and went to a Reading Phillies game. Nikki Young is working on some fun events for this year. If you have any ideas or things you’d like to help plan, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.

Kids Camp 2023 is going to be out of this WORLD It’s time to sign up for Kids Camp (formerly VBS). Kids who are in Pre-school (potty trained) through those completing 4th grade (in the 2022-23 school year) are welcome to join us for Kids Camp. All kids who have completed 5th grade are welcome to attend as youth helpers/junior counselors. We can use the help! You can register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/22f9ff> or there will be paper forms in the Welcome Center. We also need helpers! Helpers can sign up on the same page or speak with Nikki. We are so excited

to build on last year's momentum and need some volunteers to truly make this camp blast off!

Volunteer to be a JAM leader Beginning in September, the elementary JAM class will be split into two classes following the opening. Therefore, more leaders are needed. Many hands make light work. If we have four volunteers for lower and four volunteers for upper elementary, then each leader can teach one week a month. Ideally, this will be established before summer break. Contact Nikki Young if you are able to help!

Are you crafty? Everyone can help out with our VBS decorations this year. Check the Welcome Center for planets, stars, rockets etc. If you would like a family project you can build a command center that can largely be made with some cardboard and recyclable materials. Want to make a rocket or a planet – we'll take it. We are limited only by your imagination. Contact Nikki Young if you would like to help!

Kids can serve as Junior Ushers The children will report at 8:30 and they will assist ushers with things such as opening the door and greeting people, handing out bulletins, helping to hand out other papers or communion elements. They can help out and then at 9:00 head in to church as normal. Simply sign up so we do not have an abundance of helpers. When they come at 8:30, the ushers will let them know how they can help! Contact Nikki Young with any questions. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-junior#/>.

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

NEEDED: Gently used children's books for ages Newborn to 3rd Grade. "Mother Goose: Read to Me", is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting very early literacy with infants and their parents. Experienced volunteers distribute free, age-appropriate books to infants, birth to 18 months, and demonstrate to parents effective ways of talking and reading to babies to help build vocabulary skills. The gently used books are given to the older siblings of the newborn children. Unfortunately, we cannot

distribute religious related books. Thank you for your help! Drop off your donations in the box in the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Marcia Tonkin, “Mother Goose: Read to Me” volunteer: tonkin.3028@comcast.net or 610-220-6018.

Donate non-perishable items for local organizations Now through June, we are collecting nonperishable food items for the Pottstown Cluster. These items can be placed in the collection boxes in the welcome center and fellowship hall. Thank you for your support.

Food Ministry

More than 160,000 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 donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

We love this quote...“*There is no food...just ingredients to make food.*” Well, because of the New Hanover church we have not had to experience that. The meals you have provided have been a huge help. At times like this it is nice not to have to think 🤔 about what are we having for dinner or take the energy to prepare it. Thank you so much for the food. It is definitely food for the soul too. Russ and Lenore Gates

Spiritual Renewal

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

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELCL Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a

prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or call the church office 610-326-1335 to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered!

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Mondays at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of John O.

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

Victims of the earthquake in Turkey, Syria, and surrounding countries

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Toni Rath	Katy Mahon-Miller	Matt Hall
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	Betty Lou Shadle
Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini	Raul Castro
Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch	Wilma Lahr
Jim Price	Melissa	Bernadette Phillips
Mary Lou	Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner
Robert Ganovsky	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	Hank Droneberg	Pena family
Kim Frain	Jen Perez	Frank D.
Pam Helfrich	Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke

Janet	Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler
Louise Karns	Mary Van Dyke	Pr. Jennifer Phelps
Jessica Trout	Denny Smith	Verdi Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Pat Freed	Sandy Wesner
Helen Foulke	Paige Longstreth	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Rodney Snell	Ruth Clemmer
Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman	Randy Dotterer
Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht	Bill Lowry

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NHELC Capital Campaign Update

Our Capital Campaign will be kicking off this spring! A church capital campaign is a spiritual endeavor which will result in increased giving toward the church vision. Any funds raised are above regular giving and offerings within a set period of time, in NHELC's case, three years. Our campaign will focus on several important projects that will ensure the safety, security and longevity of our historic church. Depending on the funds raised, these projects include the HVAC, audio visual, electrical, lighting, sanctuary flooring, sanctuary exterior work, roof replacement, and organ repairs and enlargement.

We are very excited to announce that an anonymous donor gave \$20,000 towards our completed HVAC project (21% of the outstanding cost) and an additional \$20,000 towards our audio visual, electrical, and lighting project (25% of the anticipated cost). We are so blessed to have received this gift and hope that it encourages others to participate in the campaign as well as we seek to maintain and update our church home.

Total Contributions so far:



Detailed information on the proposed projects will be mailed to each household in May! Hold Sunday, June 4th, in your calendars as we will be holding an informational campaign reception after service. Hope to see you there!