

# Announcements

## September 10, 2023

**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 NHELCC raise \$74,000 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.

### Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of her loving, adventurous and fun husband, Mark Schnee, by Rosalie Lisa.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of all the volunteers at NHELCC, who make this such a loving, welcoming Christian community by Jim and Nancy Gross.

**The Word in Season** devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by the Wesners.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Donna Kehs; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Elsa Lucas

**Serving Next Sunday** Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Jim Dugan and Jeff Wise; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

**Altar Guild Serving this Month** Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise

**JAM Kick-off is today following worship.** This year's theme is Space, a continuation from Kids Camp. Help us blast off into the new programming year in the Christian Education Wing after worship. You won't want to miss this!

**A congregation picnic** will be held this morning at 11:30 at the picnic grove. The main course and drinks will be provided for the

picnic. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Charlotte Street and Lutheran Road.

## 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

**JAM** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Picnic** – Today, 11:30 AM, picnic grove

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Altar Guild** – Monday, 2:30 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scouts** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, picnic grove

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

**Chosen 300 Ministries** – 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, Pottstown

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico

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

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

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

**District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

**JAM** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Kids’ Choir** – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

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

**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 AM** 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](mailto:slwesner@comcast.net) by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

## Upcoming Events

**The next Handbell Choir rehearsal** will be **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:15 – 7:30 PM**. Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** for ages 13 and older are on **Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:15 PM**. Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

**Kids Choir rehearsals** for ages 3 -12 resume **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:20 AM**. Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

**Monthly mid-week dinners return Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 PM**. Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner. The dinners will be held on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the program year.

**Adult Study Forum – The Phoenix Affirmation** Starts Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 in room 33. What is It? - The twelve Affirmations express a more traditional, inclusive, and expansive role for Christianity. The Affirmations say that, as Jesus teaches us, our Christian love should be expressed in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self.

The public face of Christianity in America today bears little connection to the historic faith of our ancestors. It represents even less our own faith as Christians who continue to celebrate the gifts

of our Creator, revealed, and embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Heartened by our experience of the transforming presence of Christ's Holy Spirit in our world, we find ourselves in a time and place where we will be no longer silent. We hereby mark an end to our silence by making the following affirmations:

As people who are joyfully and unapologetically Christian, we pledge ourselves completely to the way of Love. We work to express our love, as Jesus teaches us, in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self.

Join us each Sunday as we explore what it means to love God, love neighbor, and love thyself.

### **Men's Mission Trip - Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - 8 PM**

Highlights include: General Spatz Museum and Escape Experience, Mid-Atlantic Air Museum Tour, Bible studies, fellowship and more. Watch for more details and the opportunity to sign up.

**“If” a time to come as you are** Every Thursday in the morning, we will meet to discuss several questions posted weeks beforehand. The questions will pertain to our everyday lives, no matter who we are, where we are in life or age. We will apply our collective experiences, wisdom and Bible scriptures to help the discussion along. There are no prerequisites; come as you are, and everyone is invited. If you like to listen or talk, please come. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates and questions in the near future.

**Senior Faith Gatherings** This fall we will have monthly senior ministry gatherings. First we need a name for the group, because, what is a senior anyway? The monthly gatherings will have a topic, featured speaker and fellowship time. Currently, topics include a kick-off gathering with a luncheon, Hymn sing and fellowship. The next gatherings will include organizing your vital information in one packet (so your loved one's can easily find the information they need in times of emergency (no matter how scattered they are 😊)), and a session on downsizing one's living area. We all from time to time accumulate “stuff.” This session

will be like a trip planner where we address each area of our “stuff” one at a time to accomplish whatever goal we set. With each gathering, of course there will be refreshments and social time. Contact Pastor Scott if you wish to help with these gatherings. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates in the near future.

**Harvest Home Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, Bring non-perishable donations with you to worship for the annual Harvest Home celebration of our bounty. Before entering the sanctuary for worship, drop off your donations at the designated area in the Welcome Center. At the beginning of the service, children will bring the items to the altar for a blessing.

**The NHEL C Book Club** is reading *The Paper Place* by Miranda Cowley Heller. All are welcome to meet and discuss this book on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM at Plaza Azteca in Boyertown**. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

**“Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre** on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. You don’t have to be a member of the New Hanover Area AARP to join them on this bus trip. The cost is \$123.00. The bus leaves NHEL C’s parking lot at 9:30 AM. Contact Carol Griffith at (484) 363-7376 for any questions and to make your reservation.

## **For Sale**

**Do you need a lawn tractor?** The Cemetery committee is selling a 2007 John Deere 300R 17 HP tractor with a 42” cut. The tractor logged 640.4 hours. Asking price is \$1,000.00 or best offer. If you’re interested or would like more information, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622.

## **You Can Help**

**Dreaming of being a TV producer/director?** Sign up with Amy to learn how you can produce and direct our weekly worship service. The sessions will be scheduled for two hours at a time so

you can learn and practice using the equipment. There are two spots or one family spot available per training session.

Upcoming sessions include: Thurs., September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 PM; Sun., September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 - Noon (after worship); Tues., September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM; Sun., October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 - Noon (after worship) and Tues., October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 - 8 PM. Additional dates and times will be available.

**All Dates are subject to change. Check for a signup Genius at [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org).**

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

**NEEDED:** Gently used children's books for ages Newborn to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 at [tonkin.3028@comcast.net](mailto:tonkin.3028@comcast.net) or 610-220-6018.

**NHELC is collecting non-perishable items** throughout September. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. A collection box is located in the welcome center for donations. Thank you for your contributions to helping those in need.

## **Food Ministry**

**More than 160,000 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 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**

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELCC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

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	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Paige Longstreth	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Rodney Snell	Ruth Clemmer	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Bill Lowry	Tom Fleagl	Mary Alice Mack
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	



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**INCLUSIVE**  
and safe ministries  
FOR LGBTQIA+ FOLK

**7** Saturday **OCTOBER**      **9** to **2**

**UPPER DUBLIN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual In God’s Image event! Saturday, October 7, at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church with keynote speaker Pastor Noah Hepler! In God’s Image is a day-long (9-2) program of worship, workshops, conversation, and resources. Sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, this is sure to be a great day. Folks from all over the region — Lutheran and non-Lutheran, church “professionals” and those who just want to know more — will gather at Upper Dublin to share their experiences, learn about ministry potentials in their contexts, and share joys and concerns about inclusive and expansive ministry. It is the aim of this event to equip those who are passionate about ministry for and with LGBTQIA+ folks in their congregation, their families, their workplaces to be able to reach out in love and support for their beloved.

Sign up in the welcome center. Contact Sharon Tracey at [lbd36@aol.com](mailto:lbd36@aol.com) for more information. Thank you.

# 2023/24 Program Calendar

Events will be added and we will alert you when that is the case! Check us out on Facebook or at [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org)

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 10 Move up Sunday (3rd grade Bibles) / Church Picnic
- 19 Meet me in the Garden – 6 PM dinner and light gardening
- 20 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
- 24 Festival of Harvest Home Worship (Bring non-perishable food and kids will bring forward at start of worship)

## **OCTOBER**

- 1 World Communion Sunday
- 15 Pregnancy and Infant loss Wave of Light Service 6:30 PM
- 18 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45  
First Communion Class (2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up at parent/staff discretion) 6:30-7:30
- 22 Pumpkin Frolic 2:00-4:00 (Paint/Carve pumpkins, games)
- 29 Reformation Sunday - First Communion and Reception/all ages

## **NOVEMBER**

- 5 All Saints Sunday
- 11 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7
- 15 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
- 23 Thanksgiving Day Community Worship Service 9 AM