

Announcements

October 8, 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 their parents by Harry and Nancy White.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Vicki and Randy Dotterer, who celebrated 40 years of marriage on October 1st, by Nicole Ewing.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their daughter Lisa by Pastor Scott and Marsha Staub.

Serving Today Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; Ushers: Stacey Rothermel and London Meeker; Lector: Carol Estes; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer and Acolyte: Landon Woods

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Ushers: Bill Allen and Ron Fegley; Lector: Susan Swartz; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott and Acolyte: Alexa Moser

Altar Guild Serving this Month Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Brenda Hunsberger

Due to some recent problems, the Property Committee requests worshippers to refrain from bringing drinks, other than water, into the sanctuary.

Adult Study Forum – The Phoenix Affirmation will not meet this morning. The forum will resume next Sunday, October 15th,

following the worship service in room 33. Discussion will be on Affirmation 4.

Staff Appreciation Fellowship Hour Gather in Fellowship Hall immediately following the church service this morning to show your support for the NHELCC staff. The fellowship committee will host this event to honor all of our staff for their hard work and service.

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

Fellowship Hour – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

JAM – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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, room 1

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 Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

100 Days to Brave Challenge – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 29

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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

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

Men's Retreat – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM, offsite

Flutter – Saturday, 7:45 PM, meet in the parking lot

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room 15

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1, welcome
center and sanctuary

Waive of Light Service – Next Sunday, 6:30 PM

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 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation.

No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

The Sky is the Limit! Men's Retreat is this Saturday, October 14th, 9 AM - 8 PM Come join us as we take off in our faith, and the sky is the limit. Highlights include bus transportation, the General Spaatz (First Chief of Staff - Air force) Museum Tour, the Mid Atlantic Air Museum Tour, Group Bible Studies, a Brewery Tour, lunch at Klinger's Restaurant and Dinner at the Saucony Creek Brewing Company.

The price of admission to the museums will be \$20.00 total. The cost of the meals is on your own. Sign up at

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

Information for the museums can be found at <https://www.maam.org/> and <https://www.spatzmuseum.org/>. For questions contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or Jim Davidheiser at Jimindeed@comcast.net to register.

Flutter is going to the Haunted Woods at the Althouse Arboretum on Saturday, October 14th. We'll meet at church at 7:45 PM to carpool there. The cost is \$10 per person. Any youth in grades 6-12 is welcome to attend. Contact Lindsey Waltermyer or Jen Boyer if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

A Wave of Light service will be held on Sunday, October 15th, 6:30 PM for the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. This service will be held outdoors (weather permitting). If you know someone who has been touched by such a loss, invite the person to join us. Watch for further details in the bulletin and on Facebook. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

Pumpkin Frolic will be held on Sunday, October 22nd, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in fellowship hall. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin decorating, fall crafts, scavenger hunt, games and snacks. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. This is a Thrivent Action team service project. There is no charge for this event; however, please bring some nonperishable food for Preston's Pantry at Boyertown Multi-Service. Signup on the designated sheet on the welcome center desk or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-pumpkin1>. **To be sure there will be enough pumpkins for those attending, sign up by October 16th.**

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Monday, October 23rd, at 7:00 PM in room 30.

The Zion Choral fall schedule is set. On Sunday, October 22nd, Trinity EC Church in Boyertown will host the singers in concert at 3:00 PM. For additional concerts, check out their schedule online

at www.zionchoral.com and follow them on Facebook @ZionChoral. Also, the concert schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing.

Hot Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, November 11th, 4:00 – 7:00

PM The Swamp Picnic Hot Roast Beef Dinner is back for its second year. Enjoy a delicious meal of hot roast beef with gravy on white bread, homemade potato filling, green beans, pepper cabbage, applesauce, dessert and a drink. You can eat in or get your meal to go. The cost for a meal is: Adult, \$16; Senior, \$14; 6 to 10 years old, \$8 and children 5 and younger eat free.

You **MUST** make a reservation for your meal(s) **by noon on Sunday, November 6th**. 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.

You Can Help

Calling all bakers! Consider making and donating a cake or pie for the Hot Roast Beef Dinner. Our bakers provided an amazing selection of delicious baked goods for the Great Swamp Picnic and we would love to offer a yummy selection at this dinner. Donation drop off times will be announced. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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: Thursday, October 19th, 10 – noon; Sunday, October 22nd, 10 – noon, Wednesday, November 15th, 1 – 3 PM, Sunday, November 26th, 10 – noon, and Tuesday, November 28th, 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.

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 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 at tonkin.3028@comcast.net or 610-220-6018.

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/>.

Pastor Scott and congregation,

I want to thank you for visiting my mother Joan in the hospital when she was ill with COVID. It was comforting and I really appreciated it. It was also a huge blessing for her to receive the delivered meals. She isn't up to cooking much and makes it so much easier for her. With love, Susan Grebe

Spiritual Renewal

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC 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.

Reconciling in Christ

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is a program of Reconciling Works, an independent Lutheran organization that works collaboratively with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program. The RIC program is not a certification or a designation of the ELCA. It is a voluntary program that congregations can choose to participate in. Congregations that participate in the RIC program are listed on the Reconciling Works website and are provided with resources to help them become more welcoming and inclusive communities.

100 Days to Brave Challenge

October 8, 2023 – Storm Watch

This past week I was in Florida and at the epicenter of the 2022 hurricane disaster. Much was rebuilt however many properties still showed the devastation and loss. And it made me wonder, “Where would I be in this storm.” Pastor Scott

Jill Briscoe

Can you imagine what the disciples felt like when they were with Jesus in the boat in Mark 4? Scripture says that, “A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.” (Mark 4:37) The disciples weren’t expecting a storm that day, but they were suddenly faced

with one, and were overcome with fear. Even though they had God himself with them in their boat, they still feared for their lives. How do you respond to the storms in your life? We often think that there could have been a better time for a poor situation to happen, or we think we could have been better prepared by bringing our rain jacket, or we let ourselves be riddled with anxiety, but God tells us to take another stance in 1 Peter 4:12-13, Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. "Do not be surprised," the Bible says, and yet, it seems that, just like when a storm hits, we often act surprised and unprepared when faced with the trials of life.

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Paige Longstreth

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

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| 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 |
| Carla Hausmann | Joan Price | Rodney Snell |
| Ruth Clemmer | Betty Seroski | Ralph Borneman |
| Lucille Powell | Virginia Specht | Bill Lowry |
| Tom Fleagle | Mary Alice Mack | Jeffrey Weems |
| Joan Scheffey | Arnold Amundsen | |

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