

Announcements

November 5, 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 honor of Jeff's birthday by Sharon Wise.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Faith's second birthday by her grandparents, Jim and MaryAlice Mack.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in thanks for the blessing of their grandchildren by Don and Andi Swavely.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Brian Flack and Jim Dugan; Lector: Leslie Gates; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Ron Fegley; Communion Assistants: Barbara Repa and Debbie Solazzo

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ryan Waltermyer; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Hannah Waltermyer

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

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

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

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

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-23, 27, 31, 33

Election – Tuesday, 6:30 AM – 9:00 PM, room 1

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Christian Education Wing

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, 1:30 PM, portico

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

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

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, Brookside Family Restaurant

Roast Beef Dinner – Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

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

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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.

Veterans will be honored during the worship service next Sunday.

Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting Notice: Sunday, December 10th, 10:00 AM All "Voting Members" are encouraged to attend a special congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. The official agenda is to vote and adopt the following documents: 1.) CONSTITUTION for NEW HANOVER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023 and 2.) 2024 New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Budget. No other items may be voted upon or brought up for discussion per the current constitution.

Copies of the "CONSTITUTION for NEW HANOVER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023" are available in the Welcome Center on the information desk, and in the publication bin located outside under the office entrance portico. To educate all, two in-person forums to discuss constitutional changes with the congregation will be held November 19th and 26th, 2023 following worship.

The church budget forums & location of the budget document will be announced later.

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) TODAY by noon.** 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.

FRECON FARMS Pie Fundraiser Pack & Troop 367 are offering the Frecon Farms Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. Pies may be purchased at \$18/each: Pumpkin, Apple Lidded top, Apple Crumb top and Tart Cherry and \$20/each: Bourbon Pecan Apple, Rum Pecan, Apple Cherry. Also, you can donate a pie to Multi-Service (\$18) for their Thanksgiving dinner bags. Scouts will earn \$4/pie which may be used for summer camp, dues, camping trips and other Scouting activities. A sign up sheet is on the desk in the welcome center or go online at <https://tinyurl.com/367pies23>. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 5th, if using the sign up sheet or Tuesday, November 7th, if signing up online.** Checks are made payable to NHELCTroop 367. Pies may be picked up at Sara Dawson's home at 2872 Marietta Way, Gilbertsville, on Tuesday, November 21st, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Any questions, contact Sara Dawson at saraedawson@yahoo.com or 610-585-3491.

Community Thanksgiving Day Service Celebrate Thanksgiving with those you are thankful for sharing your life. Invite them to join you for a community service at NHELCTroop 367 on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd, 9:00 AM. A community choir will sing "Thanksgiving Canon" arranged by Anna Laura Page with Rashell Williams on the flute.

Poinsettias add beauty to sanctuary Help to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCTroop 367) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 8:00

PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center or call the church office for a form. Forms and payment should be mailed to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the mail slot by the fellowship hall entrance. **Orders are due by November 26, 2023.**

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. You are invited to join the discussion of this book on Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

Join New Hanover Area AARP for “The First Noel” at the American Music Theatre on Thursday, November 30th.

Witness the magic and splendor of this year’s all new Christmas show, featuring incredible singers, astonishing dancers, wonderous costumes, breathtaking sets and all the endearment of a perfect fireside family moment. Also included is lunch at Miller’s Smorgasbord and free time to shop in surrounding stores. The bus leaves NHELC’s parking lot at 10:30 AM. The cost is \$131.00 (make checks payable to New Hanover Area AARP). Contact Carol Griffith 484-363-7376 for more information and to sign up.

Community Thanksgiving Meal A free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings is available for all on Sunday, November 19th, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. RSVP by November 12th at stjohnsboyertown.org or 610-369-1024.

Card Shower

Words of Encouragement If you would like to send a card to Lucille Powell, here is her address: Reading Hospital Rehabilitation Wyomissing, 2802 Papermill Road, Reading, PA 19610.

Help Resources

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. Check out the

websites below and the resources they have to offer. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups.

Contact Information

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 and is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

Website References

www.NAMI.org National Alliance on Mental Illness

www.ddap.pa.gov Department Drug and Alcohol Prevention

www.nimh.nih.org National Institute of Mental Health

Grieving/Wellness Online Support

<https://grateful.org/welcome/>

GriefShare is a grief support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. GriefShare is for everyone who is grieving the death of a loved one—whether you’ve experienced the loss of a spouse, parents, child (infant, young child, teen, adult, unborn), friend, sibling, coworker, or other relative.

There are many GriefShare groups meeting on a weekly basis at locations nearby. The program is designed so that you can join the group at any time. There are online opportunities too.

In addition, as the holiday season offers special challenges for the grieving, a program, “Surviving the Holidays experience” is offered at various locations. An upcoming nearby event is being held at New Ridge Fellowship, North Campus 3065 North Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, on November 9, 2023 at 7 PM. To register for this program or to learn more, visit

www.GriefShare.org. For questions or assistance, call Rosalie Lisa at 610-416-8193.

You Can Help

Calling all bakers! Consider making and donating a cake or pie for the Hot Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 11th. 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.

Thrivent members get free money they can use to help NHELCC programs.

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church? With your gifts, you can help Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry, Garden of Hope with plants and supplies, FLUTTER (Youth) activities and Community Family Events. Your \$250 will go a long way in offsetting costs to defray the rising costs of food and supplies for our events and feeding ministry. With your free generosity we may continue to love others with our gifts of nutritious food and wellness. All you do is sign up and create an Action Team event. For details and help to do this, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com, or call him at 610-326-1335 ext. 1, or logon if you know how to do it alone at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

You may also be given free Choice Dollars directly to the church! Simply go onto your account and search for choice dollars at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>.

You can make a personal donation to New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church and Thrivent pays the processing fees. It's that simple!

Again, contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions or need help navigating the signups.

If not a Thrivent member, you may still donate directly to these ministries. Go to newhanoverlutheran.org to donate, serve or learn more about these ministries.

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: Wednesday, November 15th, 1 – 3 PM, Sunday, November 26th, 10 – noon, and Tuesday, November 28th, 6 – 8 PM. Additional dates and times are available.

All Dates are subject to change. A signup Genius is available 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

Turkeys are needed for Thanksgiving meals prepared by the Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry.

The Food Ministry continues to grow, serving on average 812 meals per week to our neighbors in need. Because of this growth we are identifying ways to expand our kitchen and food distribution capabilities, increase the size of our garden, building relationships with other organizations with similar missions and considering adding a position to assist with the day-to-day logistics. Below are some of the Food Ministry tasks and tasks where we need more help.

1. **Recording meeting minutes** (2nd Wednesday each month): About 2.5 hours per month. This person would NOT need to be part of the committee.
2. **Searching and applying for Grants:** Computer skills and some perseverance will be required. Time commitment varies.

3. **Logistics** (multiple opportunities): Assist with day-to-day food acquisition, kitchen maintenance coordination, tracking expenses, and more, 8 – 10 hours per week.
4. **Volunteer coordination**: Assist with the scheduling of volunteers and tasks. Time commitments:
 - a. **Garden**: varies by season (see #6)
 - b. **Kitchen**: 1 – 2 hours per week
5. **Volunteer time for food preparation** (assist Chef Chris): 4 – 6 hours per week.
6. **Volunteer time in the garden** (seasonal – garden prep, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, prep for winter): Provide whatever time you can.
7. **Volunteer for food delivery**: About 1 hour per week.
8. **Join our vibrant committee and help lead our growth and direction**: Time commitment varies based on role and assigned tasks. Two hours minimum for monthly meeting.

Consider joining this amazing team and help serve our neighbors with life sustaining food. If interested in learning more about what the Food Ministry does and how you *might help*, contact Steve Weidner at Stieven.Weidner@gmail.com or call (610) 287-5055 (please leave a message).

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/>.

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.

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	Verdie 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	Steve Weidner

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