

Announcements

November 12, 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

We welcome the Rev. Wayne Moritz who is serving as the Supply Pastor this morning.

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Herbert, by Janet Burkhart.

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: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ryan Waltermeyer; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Hannah Waltermeyer

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Allen and Elfriede Ilik; Lector: Carolyn Fleming; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley; Acolyte: Miller Quigley

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, room 1

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:30 AM, room 30
Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1
Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico
Loaves & Fishes Dinner – Wednesday, 5:45 PM, rooms 1, 11
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM,
room 15

Cub Scout Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Scout Fundraiser Pickup – Thursday, 1:00 – 7:00 PM, room 1
Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33
Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Scouting for Food Pickup – Saturday, room 1

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
Constitution Forum – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 4
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary
Kids’ Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM,
room 15
Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, welcome
center, room 1, sanctuary

Loaves & Fishes Dinner is this Wednesday at 5:45 PM. Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner in fellowship hall.

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.

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 NHELCH 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.

The Angel Tree with Christmas gift suggestions for youth residing at The Martin Luther School (Gemma Services) will be up in the welcome center beginning November 16th. Bring **new, unwrapped gifts** to church through Sunday, December 3rd, and place them by the tree.

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 NHELCC) 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.**

Advent Social Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM The Advent Social is for all ages. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELCC homebound members. Snacks will be served.

Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. for the homebound members' bags. Sign up on the signup genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-45586827-advent>) or the paper signup on the desk in the welcome center by **Sunday, December 3rd**, if you are planning to attend so event planners can prepare for the activities. The cookies, bags and cards will be given to homebound members by the carolers on December 17th. Any questions about the Advent social, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367-0342.

A social gathering for older adults is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, from noon – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and friendly fellowship followed by a Christmas hymn sing. In keeping with the holiday gift-giving spirit, participants will prepare day bags for the homeless. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center to help with planning this event.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17th, 10:15 AM The 2023 Christmas Pageant requires just one rehearsal, which will be held during JAM on Sunday, December 10th, 10:15-11:15. Contact Nikki Young if your child would like to participate. Older kids

and youth are needed to read and we have plenty of parts for the younger ones. This year's pageant is a *Stellar Christmas* and will include some of the music from VBS in addition to some Christmas music. It will be out of this world!

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Caroling Event! Sunday, December 17th, 1 – 3 PM Gather your friends and family members for a fun and uplifting time, singing favorite and beloved Christmas carols to our NHELC homebound members. Carolers will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to plan the routes and pick up the goodie bags prepared at the Advent Social. After caroling, we will return to the church to enjoy some cookies and hot cocoa. Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer. Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or Jean Moser (610-367-0342) with any questions about the caroling.

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, wonderful 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.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit presents a holiday concert on

Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:00 PM at the Morning Star Fellowship, 100 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be received for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Light refreshments will be available following the concert.

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/>

You Can Help

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 sign-ups.

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 sign-up 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! 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/>.

Spiritual Renewal

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.

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.

Thank You

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Thanks to your generosity, 97 lbs. of non-perishable items were delivered to Boyertown Area Multi-Service for distribution to local residents.

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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