

Announcements

November 26, 2023

Today

Congratulations to Joelle Kay Ammarell, daughter of Jake and Jen (Kurtz) Ammarell, who will be baptized this morning during the worship service.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of her children and grandchildren by Kay Kurtz.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Jackie Boyer by her family.

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: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and London Meeker; Lector: Scott Geiser; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Madelyn Artim

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Sharon and Bill Tracey; Lector: Stacey Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger; Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Marsha Staub

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

Check out the Angel Tree with Christmas gift suggestions for youth residing at The Martin Luther School (Gemma Services) in the welcome center. Take an angel(s) from the tree, purchase the gift printed on the back, then bring the gift, **unwrapped**, to church by Sunday, December 3rd, and place it by the tree. Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to these underprivileged youth.

The Nursery room is now open. It is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment, toys and books included. The room has changing room access and a private nursing room next door. Plans are in the works to install a

video monitor to broadcast worship services. See an usher if you need directions.

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

Constitution Forum – Today, 10:15 AM, room 4

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

Confirmation Class – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 33

Vivian Specca Funeral – Monday, 10:00 AM, welcome center, sanctuary and rooms 1, 11

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

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

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

Altar Guild – Saturday, 9:00 AM, sacristy and sanctuary

Jim Price Funeral – Saturday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary, 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

JAM – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room

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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.

A forum to discuss the constitutional changes with the congregation will be held today following worship.

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

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 TODAY.**

The Scouts’ Hoagie Sale fundraiser is back! FRESH hoagies will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 9th. Choose from Italian or turkey hoagies. The Italian hoagies consist of ham,

salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. The turkey hoagies include turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. Onions may be requested and pepper spread is also available on the side by request. The cost is \$7 each for either Italian or turkey hoagies. The proceeds will help the Scouts defray their cost of attending Summer Camp and other Scouting activities, after a 10% goodwill donation to NHELCC. Orders can be picked up at the church between 10:30 and 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 9th. **The deadline to order is TODAY.** An order form can be found on the desk in the welcome center. Also, orders may be placed online at 367hoagies.com. Please pay when the hoagies are picked up.

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. If you have any questions about the Advent social, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367-0342.

Christmas Gathering Social, Thursday, December 14th, noon – 3:00 PM All are invited for a Christmas Gathering social at NHELCC in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and friendly fellowship followed by a Christmas hymn sing. In keeping with the holiday gift-giving spirit, participants are invited to prepare Care Packages for the homeless. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center to help with planning this event. Sign-ups due by or on December 10th. Bring Christmas cookies to share. For information on the event or to help organize, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com.

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. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

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.

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

Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 31st. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the Welcome Center for those who would like to read for the Lessons and Carols service.

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

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church? 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.

Wanted: Assistant Caretaker for Cemetery Duties consist of taking care of cemetery and church grounds, helping with maintaining equipment and assisting with funerals. If interested in this position, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622 or nhunsberger29@gmail.com.

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. **A sign-up Genius is available at www.newhanoverlutheran.org. All Dates are subject to change.**

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.

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/>.

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: the family and friends of Jim Price and Vivian Speca

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
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	Chuck Beck

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