

Announcements

December 10, 2023

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Scott, thanking him from the residents at Walnut Woods for bringing worship, prayers, communion and informative slideshows.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by the Wesners.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Steve's mother's 85th birthday by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Ushers: Bryce Manthorne and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Nance White; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer; Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; Ushers: Stacey Rothermel and Nate Ewing; Lector: Harry White; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott; Acolyte: Ava Hubley

Altar Guild Serving this Month Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart and Marsha Staub

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 access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Special Congregational Meeting will be held this morning following the worship service. All "Voting Members" are encouraged to attend. 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.

Update your information NHELC is preparing a new directory with member names, addresses, phone numbers and family picture. To ensure accuracy, the information we currently have on file is available on Sundays in the Welcome Center and in front of the stage in Fellowship Hall. We ask you to review and update your family's information at one of these locations. If you cannot check your records in person and for you to submit your family photo, contact Nance White at 610-741-7977 or Nance2237@yahoo.com.

Christmas Gathering Social, Thursday, December 14th, noon – 3:00 PM All are invited for a Christmas Gathering social at NHELC 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 are due today.** Bring Christmas cookies to share. For information on the event or to help organize, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com.

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

Special Congregational Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 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

Advent Social Sunday – Today, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-23, 27, 31, 33

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

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

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
Christmas Gathering Social – Wednesday, Noon – 3:00 PM,
 rooms 1, 11
Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, 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
Christmas Pageant – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary
Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room
 15
Christmas Caroling – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, offsite,
 room 1
Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and
 Welcome Center and Sanctuary
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.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17th, 10:15 AM 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 NHELCC 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.

Longest Night NHELHC is working with St. James Pottstown to host a Longest Night Labyrinth and Prayer Walk on **Thursday, December 21st**. The event will be held at St. James Lutheran Church at 1101 E. Hight St. in Pottstown. The labyrinth will be available from 5 – 9 PM. This is open house style. Come when you can and leave at your will. A labyrinth is a path of prayer and is for all ages. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has no dead ends and there are no choices to make. There is one path to the center. Walking the labyrinth is a prayer one does with the whole body. It provides a three-fold process of experiencing God. More instruction will be provided at the Labyrinth Walk. Other options will be available for those who have difficulty walking the labyrinth.

Ample parking is available at the rear of the church. An elevator and stairs are available for entering the building. Nikki Young will be present during the event. Contact Nikki with any questions.

Live nativity brings the Christmas story to life! You can be a part of the live nativity during the 9:00 AM worship service on Christmas Eve day. Sign up today and witness the Christmas story through the eyes of one of those from biblical past who observed the birth of our Savior. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center. Hurry. There's a limited number of open cast positions.

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! NHELCS'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/>.

Christmas Eve Worship

NHELC offers three worship services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th. Invite your family and friends to join you in worshipping at NHELC this Christmas Eve.

9:00 AM Service

Features a live nativity

4:00 PM Service

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship

8:00 PM Service

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship

Special music will begin at 7:30 PM

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, Vivian Speca and Beverly Kehs (Donna and Charlie Kehs' sister-in-law/sister)

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	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	Diane DeLong

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