

# Announcements

## December 24, 2023

### Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Brian Hansley by his family.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of John and Hazel LeVan's 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

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

**Serving Today 9:00** Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Usher: Faye Weidner; Lector: Ron Fegley; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

**4:00** Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Marty Hauser, George Trowbridge and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Miller Quigley; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: London Meeker; Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Nikki Young

**8:00** Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Bill Allen and Brian Flack; Lector: Erica Lucas; Acolyte: Elsa Lucas; Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Marsha Staub

**Serving Next Sunday** Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Jim Gross and Bryce Manthorne; Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne

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

**Celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ** this evening at a Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Services will be held both at 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Special music for the 8:00 service will begin at 7:30 PM.

**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.

**Update your information** NHELCC 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](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com).

## Calendar

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online  
**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen  
**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Today, 4:00 PM, sanctuary  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Today, 8:00 PM, sanctuary and online

**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  
**Manlay Wedding** – Wednesday, 5:30 PM  
**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**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  
**Scout Lock-in** – Next Sunday, 7:00 PM – Monday, 9:00 AM  
**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**Merry Christmas** from the staff at NHELCC. The office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

## Upcoming Events

**The NHELCC Book Club is reading *Mad Honey*** by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. You are invited to join in the discussion of this book on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions about the Book Club, contact Sharon Tracey.

**Swamp Picnic Committee Soup Sale** is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, following the morning worship service. Soup can be purchased in Fellowship Hall or at the kitchen door for drive up service. This year's selections are: vegetable barley, chicken pot pie and ham and bean. The suggested donation is \$9 a quart.

**The congregational meeting** will be on Sunday, February 11, 2024. **Annual reports are due by Monday, January 8, 2024.**

## 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](http://www.NAMI.org) National Alliance on Mental Illness

[www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov) Department Drug and Alcohol Prevention

[www.nimh.nih.org](http://www.nimh.nih.org) National Institute of Mental Health

### Grieving/Wellness Online Support

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

## You Can Help

**Social Media assistance:** The Food Ministry Board is looking for someone with the skills to post their "good works" and "needs/desires" on Social Media. This position does not require you to participate in board functions, nor will they be assigned other Food Ministry related tasks. We anticipate this role to take two - four hours per month. If you have any social media skills and are interested in assisting with this ministry, contact Steve Weidner at [stieven.weidner@gmail.com](mailto:stieven.weidner@gmail.com).

**Meeting Scribe:** The Food Ministry Board is looking for someone to take meeting notes. This position does not require you to participate in board functions, nor will the person be assigned other Food Ministry related tasks. We anticipate this role to take two and a half - three hours per month. The board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Contact Steve Weidner at [stieven.weidner@gmail.com](mailto:stieven.weidner@gmail.com) if interested.

**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? For details and help to do this, contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## 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/>.

## NHELC Grief Share Group to Begin in January

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process.

Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for

sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video.

You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process. We ask for a \$20 registration fee to cover the cost of the book. Scholarships are available.

Please join us: Wednesdays, beginning January 17<sup>th</sup> – we will have off the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> and conclude April 17<sup>th</sup> (Any cancellations due to weather will be added at the end).

Feel free to contact Nikki Young at [nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org) or by calling the church office (leave a message if Nikki is unavailable) or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org), if you have questions or would like more information. You can register here <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/180046/registrations/new> or speak to Nikki.

## 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
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
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