Announcements January 7, 2024

Today

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God with a thankful heart for her church family. Their cards, visits, thoughts and prayer have meant so much to her during this challenging time by Lucille Powell.

The communion is 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 memory of Jo Anne's sister, Geraldine Wegman, by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

Serving Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ryan Waltermyer; Lector: Brenda Hunsberger; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger; Communion Assistants: Leslie Gates and Brenda Hunsberger

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Usher: Ron Fegley; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Ron Fegley

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 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.

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 J.A.M. – 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 AM, sanctuary **Cub Scouts** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-23, 27, 31 and 33

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 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 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 **District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Flutter Lock-in – Friday, 7:00 PM – Saturday, 9:30 AM

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant

Sprinkle Party – Saturday, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, room 1

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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.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 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.

Upcoming Events

Flutter will hold a lock-in at the church on Friday, January 12th, starting at 7:00 PM, to Saturday, January 13th, ending at 9:30 AM. All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited! Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, a snack to share, and a favorite game. This is always a fun event! See Lindsey Waltermyer or Jen Boyer for more information.

The NHELC 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 6th, 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 21st, 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 held on Sunday, February 11th. Annual reports are due this Monday, January 8th.

Save the Date

Camp Falckner, an overnight camp in the picnic grove, will be held Monday, July 22nd, - Thursday, July 25th. All youth who will have finished 5th - 12th grade by the end of the school year are

welcome to attend. Registration information will be coming this spring. Questions? Reach out to Lindsey Waltermyer.

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.orgNational Alliance on Mental Illnesswww.ddap.pa.govDepartment Drug and Alcohol Preventionwww.nimh.nih.orgNational 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.

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 2nd

Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Contact Steve Weidner at stieven.weidner@gmail.com if interested.

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-actionteams.

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! 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 on 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 Begins January 17th

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.

Join us on Wednesdays, beginning January 17th from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. We will have off the week of March 7th and conclude April 17th. Any cancellations due to weather will be added at the end.

Feel free to contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or by calling the church office (leave a message if Nikki is unavailable) or visit 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

Grieving: Family and friends of Bill Lowry

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

Katy Mahon-Miller Matt Hall Toni Rath Luann Hanley William Trotter Carol Estes 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 Bernadette Phillips Mary Lou Melissa Doug Weaver Joan Wagner Robert Ganovsky Dorothy Bingaman **Emily Ocelus** Eric & Wendy Hess Sue Care Deb Matthews Marceline Chris Fatzinger Anne Eshleman Daniel Johnson Kim Frain Hank Droneberg Pena family 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 Mabel Gaugler Verdie Smith Sandy Wesner Helen Foulke Carla Hausmann Joan Price Rodney Snell Betty Seroski Ralph Borneman Lucille Powell Virginia Specht Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems Tom Fleagle Joan Scheffey Arnold Amundsen Chuck Beck Diane DeLong Ally Musser & family

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