# Announcements January 14, 2024

## **Today**

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their dear friend, Bill Lowry, by Bryce and Jane Manthorne.

**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: Ed Becker; Usher: Ron Fegley; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Ron Fegley

**Serving Next Sunday** Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Usher: Bill Allen; Lector: Todd Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Landon Woods

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 update your information, 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

**AARP** – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1 **Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 AM, sanctuary

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

Boy Scouts - Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

GriefShare – Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33
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 – Wed., 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Cub Pack Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

**Handbell 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

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**The church office** will be closed on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, for the holiday.

**A 13-week Grief Share group** begins this Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, in room 33. If interested and you haven't signed up to participate, contact Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministry Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

**The monthly Loaves & Fishes Dinner** is for the congregation to enjoy on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 PM. The main meal and beverages will be provided by NHELC. You are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come for a delicious meal and fellowship.

## **Upcoming Events**

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 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.

Jazz Service – Congregational Meeting – Congregational Dinner are scheduled for Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The festive day begins with the 9:00 AM Jazz Worship in the sanctuary with joyful live Jazz music. Immediately following is the annual congregational meeting and dinner in the fellowship hall. At the annual meeting, confirmed members will elect new council members, once again vote on accepting the revised constitution passed at our December Congregational Meeting (per ELCA Synodical law), and accept the annual report.

A congregational dinner will be held at approximately 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the new members who joined in 2023, and recognizing those Council members whose term has ended. The dinner theme is Mardi Gras, the final celebration before Lent begins. A Mardi Gras feast will be served by Chef Chris, and our fantastic Fellowship committee. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert to share, and join in the Spirit of the celebration as we will be entertained by more Jazz music. Dinner reservations can be made online at our signup section of newhanoverlutheran.org, or forms will be available in the welcome center. Complete the signup reservation online or fill out the form and drop it in the basket on the desk in the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Lenten Theme of Hope**

With war and calamities surrounding our everyday news, one needs Hope. Hope that only can come from a God who loves and

cherishes us above all. Hope that is grounded in the word of God and shared by the testimonies of fellow travelers on this journey in worship together, praise together and pray together. Join us each Sunday for a time to reflect on God's message of Hope and join us each Wednesday Evening for a time to center ourselves in prayer and worship. An evening of prayer as Jesus began, with a time of fellowship in breaking bread together.

#### **Lenten Dinners**

• 5:30 PM – Wednesdays February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20 - Soup, Sandwiches & Chef's choice

### **Lenten Worship Schedule**

- Ash Wednesday Worship February 14 @ 12:00 & 7:00 PM
- Midweek Lenten Worship Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary @ 6:30 PM – Wednesdays February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20
- Sunday Lenten Worship @ 9 AM Feb 18, 25 & March 3, 10, 17, 24

## **Holy Week Worship**

- March 24 9:00 AM Palm Sunday Communion
- March 28 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion
- March 29 7:00 PM Good Friday
- March 31 9:00 AM Easter Worship Communion

## **Help Resources**

The First Aid for Grief workshop prepares Christians to be Good Samaritans during a tragic season of loss. We all need to be better educated, equipped and empowered to respond to people enduring a devastating loss, and to remain with them through their darkest days of grief. Join Randy Doaty, Christian grief educator, as he introduces his innovative philosophies and tools which have helped many others find a meaningful life following a devastating loss. We all love, we all lose, and we all grieve. Consider becoming a ready, willing, and able First Responder for Grief! Find out how you can by coming to the session at NHELC on Saturday, March  $2^{nd}$ , 10:00 AM – noon.

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 <a href="https://grateful.org/welcome/">https://grateful.org/welcome/</a>

## 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 <a href="mailto:stieven.weidner@gmail.com">stieven.weidner@gmail.com</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:psstaub@gmail.com">psstaub@gmail.com</a>, 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 <a href="www.newhanoverlutheran.org">www.newhanoverlutheran.org</a>. 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/.

## **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

Toni Rath Matt Hall Katy Mahon-Miller Luann Hanley Carol Estes William Trotter Kathy Kane Pat Fryer Maxwell Girard Jean Renninger Pr. Kork Moyer Betty Lou Shadle Julia Hauck Tony Mancini Raul Castro Amy LeVan Jeffrey Kunsch Wilma Lahr Bernadette Phillips Melissa Mary Lou Robert Ganovsky Doug Weaver Joan Wagner **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 Pam Helfrich Frank D. Barb & Tom Faust Andy Van Dyke Janet Pam Abbott Holli Muffler Louise Karns Pr. Jennifer Phelps Mary Van Dyke Jessica Trout **Denny Smith** Verdie Smith Mabel Gaugler Sandy Wesner Helen Foulke Carla Hausmann Betty Seroski Joan Price Rodney Snell Ralph Borneman Lucille Powell Virginia Specht Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems Tom Fleagle Joan Scheffev Arnold Amundsen Chuck Beck Diane DeLong Ally Musser & family

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