

Announcements

February 4, 2024

Today

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in appreciation of all the musical groups in our church. Thank you for blessing us with your gifts by Josephine Heck.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Stacey Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley; Acolyte: Rae Bechtel; Communion Assistants: Barbara Repa and Debbie Solazzo

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Steve Weidner; Lector: Susan Swartz; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Ava Hubley

Altar Guild members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

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.

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

Staff Meeting – Monday, 10:00 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

RIC – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Plaza Azteca

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

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

Property - Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Gathering – Thursday, Noon – 3:00 PM, rooms 1 and 11

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

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Pinewood Derby Setup – Friday, 6:00 PM, room 1

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

Pinewood Derby – Saturday, room 1

Scout Hoagie Sale – Saturday, 10:30 – 11:00 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

Congregational Meeting and Jazz Social – Next Sunday, 10:00
AM, rooms 1 and 11

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.

Gathering – February 8th at Noon “Critical Information You (& Others) Need!” Have you received this call, “Your loved one’s here in the hospital, bring their medication, insurance and medical directive information?” And if you are like most others, the answer is, “I don’t know where to start looking.” Well, we can help you. Join us on Thursday, February 8th, at Noon for the NHELCC Gathering including a luncheon, time of fellowship, and a

presentation by Jeffrey Karver, Boyd & Karver, Attorneys at Law. When you're getting your estate in order, there are many accounts, policies, documents, and other information to organize—and the list of to-dos can quickly become overwhelming. But we will provide you a planning checklist which will help you get organized. By placing all your most important information into a secure and accessible place will relieve a big burden on your family if anything should happen to you—and you can relax knowing that they're taken care of.

Join us and bring a desert to share if you can. The meal and beverages will be provided. Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center and online at newhanoverlutheran.org – Signups tab (open to all ages)

Upcoming Events

Jazz Service – Congregational Meeting – Congregational Dinner are scheduled for Sunday, February 11th. 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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-47439843-congregational> or complete a reservation form located on the desk in the welcome center. Reservations are due by Sunday, February 4th.

Join NHEL C's Fantasy Baseball League. Participants enjoyed NHEL C Fantasy Football league, so now NHEL C is putting

together a Yahoo Fantasy baseball league, “NHELC All Stars” for fun. It’s a very simple setup, and rookies are welcome. Just use the link

https://baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/b1/23328/invitation?key=56529ca1f21f5596&ikey=5a2571f5125c787e&soc_src=app-sh

to get started. Baseball season is upon us! Any questions about the league, contact Patrick Lucas at pat52376@yahoo.com, or messaged Pat in the NHELC player’s fantasy football league through Sleeper (BirdBrainz).

Time to order lilies for Easter. Order forms are available on the desk in the Welcome Center. Order forms, along with payment are due by March 3rd. Orders may be placed in the offering plate, dropped in the mail slot in the outside door leading into Fellowship Hall, or mail to the church.

The next Marriage Encounter will be held April 5th – 7th at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster. This year’s theme is “Learn How to Communicate with Your Spouse in a Whole New Way!” For details of this event and to apply, go to GodLovesMarriage.org. Any questions about this event, contact Larr and Denise Etzler at 814-389-2973. Pre-registration is required by March 3rd.

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 – February 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
Easter morning brunch following worship

Resources

The Property Committee has some plywood shelving available for a donation. If interested, contact Jim Gross at 484-333-5162.

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 NHELIC on Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00 AM – noon. To register, a signup sheet is on the desk in the welcome center or signup online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-47583956-first>.

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

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.

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, 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: Paid 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. Also, **mowers are needed** too. If interested, contact Norm Hunsberger at the contact information above.

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! NHELHC'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/>.

Meals help those in need Hi my name is Rachel, I am the female director and I live in one of the houses that you so kindly donate meals too. I cannot express enough how much gratitude I have for

your meals, they really are helpful for when people come in with no money and no way to get their own food, we really appreciate it and the girls are all so grateful as well. These little things like a warm home cooked meal is really what makes feel at home.

Another note of appreciation

Hello Pastor Scott and Marsha!

My name is Devon and I am a resident at the 367 house on Chestnut street. Id like to say thank you on behalf of all of the girls in my house for the church food! I think it is so kind and thoughtful that you both think of us every week and provide such delicious food. When i came to Unity i did not have much money and was not able to afford food regularly. I soon realized that i didn't even need money for food because of the two huge trays that are in our fridge every week from the church! Everything is always delicious and I can speak for everyone in saying we greatly appreciate it! It is so nice to know that there are good and kind people in this world during this stage of early recovery. I know most of us are not used to such kindness. We are all very appreciative and grateful for you both. God is good! Thank you so very much! :)

Yours truly,

-The girls at the 367 house-

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Riley Krick and Mary Van Dyke

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
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	Tom Fleagle
Mary Alice Mack	Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck	Diane DeLong
Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed	Marlyn Bieleski
Susie Moyer	Lee Wesner	Carol Sauder
Joe		

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