

Announcements

March 17, 2024

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor and thanksgiving of the Rejoicing Spirits worship and all who are and have been involved by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

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

Serving Today Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Usher: Rick Solazzo; Lector: Nance White; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

Serving Wednesday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Usher: Faye Weidner; acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; Ushers: Stacey Rothermel and Brian Flack; Lector: Harry White; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolytes: Hannah Waltermyer and Carolyn Fleming; Communion Assistants: Nikki Young and Leslie Gates

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

The 2024 Council Installation will be held this morning during the worship service. New council members include Monique Becker, Marty Hauser and Yvonne Peto. Also serving their remaining terms as Church Council members are: Edward Becker, Steve Eisenhart, Scott Geiser, Jim Gross, Todd Rothermel, Nance White and Jeff Wise.

Rejoicing Spirits worship service This ministry supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. All are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

The Nursery room 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 are included.

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

Calendar

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Today, 8:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

Staff – Monday, 9:15 AM, room 15

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

Reconciling in Christ – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, rooms 26, 27, 30 and 33

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

Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:30 PM, rooms 1 and 11

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Lenten Service of Prayer – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, sanctuary

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, rm 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

Garden of Hope Planting – Saturday, 9:00 AM

Palm Sunday 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

Intergenerational Event – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary
Kids’ Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, rm 15
The Reconciling in Christ meeting was rescheduled to this Monday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM.

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 20th

5:30 PM – **Lenten dinner**

6:30 PM – **Holden Evening Prayer**

Sunday, March 27th

9:00 AM – **Palm Sunday** service with communion

10:15 AM – **Intergenerational event**

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 PM – **Maundy Thursday** service with communion

Friday, March 29th

7:00 PM – **Good Friday** service

Saturday, March 30th

10:00 AM – **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, March 31st

9:00 AM – **Easter** service with communion

10:15 AM – **Easter brunch**

Devotionals are available in the Welcome Center, information box outside in portico and online.

Upcoming Events

Flutter Youth Group is going ice skating at Center Ice in Oaks on Friday, March 22nd, from 7:30 – 9:30 PM (\$10 admission, \$5 skate rental). Meet at church at 7:00 to carpool there. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to come! Bring a friend! Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer or Jen Boyer with any questions.

Garden of Hope Planting – Come out for this year’s first planting in the garden on Saturday, March 23rd, at 9:00 AM. Hope you can join us! Reach out to Donna Kehs if you have any questions.

Join NHELC's Fantasy Baseball League. Participants enjoyed NHELC Fantasy Football league, so now NHELC is putting together a Yahoo Fantasy Baseball League, "NHELC All Stars" for fun. It's a very simple setup, and rookies are welcome. Baseball season is upon us! To get started, just use the link https://baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/b1/23328/invitation?key=56529ca1f21f5596&ikey=5a2571f5125c787e&soc_src=app-sh. 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).

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. You are invited to join in the discussion of this book on **Tuesday, April 2nd**, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th, 10 AM This event will include the egg hunt, a story and craft and games. If you would like to help with a game or to read a story, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335. Youth help is appreciated! Following the activities, we will have a light lunch of hotdogs, snacks and drinks. This event will be held rain or shine – outdoors, weather permitting, or moved inside if needed.

Will you donate candy? Candy donations are needed to fill the eggs for the egg hunt. Candy must be smaller and individually wrapped. If you would prefer, cash donations are accepted too. A collection bin for the candy will be in the Welcome Center or see Nikki Young with your donations.

Celebrate everybody's birthday party on Sunday, April 14th, 2 – 4 PM in Fellowship Hall Join your church family to celebrate everyone's birthday. We will play games, have cake and ice cream and assemble birthday bags. The decorated bags will be distributed to the children of the families who are served by the Pottstown Cluster food pantry. Attendees are asked to bring any of the following items to be placed in the bags: cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles, **small** packs of birthday plates and napkins (only **unisex** plates and napkins, please). This is a Thrivent Action Team event. You will be able to sign up

online on the Sign-Up Genius or on the sheet in the welcome center.

2024 Scuba Kids Camp June 17th – 21st, 9 AM – Noon This year for Kids Camp we are going to dive into friendship with God. Signups are now open for NHELK's 2024 Scuba Kids Camp. Kids will sing and dance, do crafts, hear stories, have snacks and play games! Adult and youth helpers are needed to make this camp a success. Campers should be Pre-K – Rising 5th graders. Rising 6th graders and up can be Junior Counselors. You may sign up at vbspro.events/p/8afc23 or go to the information desk in the Welcome Center for blank sign-up forms.

Get ready... for a celebration! Most church congregations in America can't claim to be around anywhere close to three hundred years, but here at New Hanover we are about to observe *three hundred twenty-five* years of worship. However, to be ready for that celebration we need volunteers – for the Observance Committee and the Historical Research and Archives Committee, which were the teams that prepared and directed the three hundredth in the year 2000. And, we can't delay. It starts even before the beginning of 2025. We need to plan for anniversary related events and special services. For example, those of us who were around here in 2000 should recall that our committee put out a special publication titled, "Moments in Time." We are planning to publish a new edition of that, with some updates and new topics. If you're interested in working with all these preparations, contact Lee Wesner at 215-806-1807, or slwesner@comcast.net. We are beginning to have meetings now! **Don't miss out!**

Reconciling in Christ update: The core team would like to thank everyone who's participated so far in one-to-one discussions around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church. The feedback and views of the congregation during these individual discussions are a critical part of the journey to understanding if God is calling our church to be welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse. If you wish to participate by becoming a core member or by participating in a one-to-one discussion, contact

Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

You can help make the new pictorial directory a success! If you haven't provided your current contact information **and family photo**, contact Nance White at 610-741-7977 or Nance2237@yahoo.com ASAP. The committee appreciates all the support they receive from the congregation.

A bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theater to see “Daniel” will leave the church parking lot on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8:30 AM. The New Hanover Area AARP is hosting this trip and you are invited to join them. The cost is \$160. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with a **New Time** of 2 PM located at Boyertown Middle School West in the Donald J. Kuszyk Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope you can attend.

Resources

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

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 Good Friday service on March 29th. If you would like to read during this service, sign up on the sheet provided at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

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

Dear Hanover Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your kindness with helping us with Sunday Meals. You have no idea how much it has meant to us. He's been on disability since 2009 and I lost my job 2010 and caregivers for 13 years.

We might be calling on your Lord's work again. Ron has to have 2 more surgeries (shoulder & thumb). GOD BLESS YOU! And thanks again.

Friends in Christ
Ron and Sandy

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, Danny Foust

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
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
Joe	Lee Wesner	Joe
Charla Vandegrift	Herbert Vandegrift	Casey Flack

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Call 610-326-1335 for an appointment

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Gathering News

The Gathering Event for Critical Information Checklist was a huge success. As usual the food was excellent, the fellowship great, and the presenters gave all valuable information. We had 60 people gathered to receive a manual where one or a loved one can find information in a critical moment of health or a catastrophic event. Attorneys Jeffrey Karver and Jamie Ottaviano gave valuable information on wills, advanced health directives, power attorney, and trust laws.

If you would like a copy of the information or for future events, contact Pastor Scott. We look forward to seeing you at our future events. Check out the schedule here or at newhanoverlutheran.org.

NHELC Gatherings – Future Events

Organizing and Downsizing April 11th at Noon to 3 PM

Key Note Speakers Paula Mayewski, streamline specialist, M.Ed. Counselor Education and Emily Mayewski, streamline specialist/designer, AS in Interior Design, BS in Human Development

<https://homestreamspace.com/about-us/>

Lunch (free will offering), fellowship & ideas to help you and your loved ones!

Please bring a desert to share

Childrens Mission Project June 13th at Noon to 3 PM

A mission project to create pillow casings and blankets for children with cancer and those in disaster relief shelters.

Lunch (free will offering), Fellowship & Mission project to help children

Please bring a desert to share

We are looking for ideas for information and projects in the fall.
Contact Pastor Scott at 610 326 1335 or psstaub@gmail.com.

Now You Can Donate Using a QR Code

NHELHC offers a new electronic giving method (in addition to the current Simply Giving platform) that allows users to give via ACH and Credit/Debit Cards without the need to maintain a Tithe.ly account. Simply point your smartphone camera at the QR code and follow the link. Select the fund you want to donate to, fill out your payment info, and you're done! It's that easy! Use Tithe.ly when grabbing some food on a Sunday morning from Chef Chris or pay for your Picnic Grove Spaghetti Dinner reservations electronically!

For Simply Giving users, there's no need to change to Tithe.ly. Simply Giving **is not** going away. Using Tithe.ly provides a more streamlined giving platform for "spot" donations (although recurring giving is supported).

For your convenience, QR codes for Tithe.ly and Simply Giving are below.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code

