

Announcements

January 5, 2025

Today

We welcome Pr. Wayne Moritz, who is serving as the supply pastor this morning.

The Word in Season devotional is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Henrietta Stauffer, and grandmother, Amanda Buchert, by Janet Psota.

Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Brian Flack, Lector: Harry White, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: Tom McHugh, Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Leslie Gates

Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Usher: Bryce Manthorne, Lector: Nance White, Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer, Acolyte: Sam Young

Altar Guild members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship 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.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

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

Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-25, 33

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, portico

Cemetery – Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, room 4, welcome center

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 34

HOA – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Cub Parents Planning – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 21

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

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

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 34

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

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

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Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 PM, St. Luke Lutheran Church

Upcoming Events

Attention Committee and Board Chair: 2024 reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025.

God on Tap Has been moved to Thursday, January 9th, at 6:00 PM at the Main Street Pub in Bally. We've all been waiting for the return of Jesus. Wouldn't that be amazing? But, what would that look like? How would modern society deal with it? How would they justify it? How would it be authenticated?

Join this discussion at the next God on Tap. For more information and to sign up, contact Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 or rdptw6489@gmail.com.

“Cheers to Us” The New Hanover Lutheran congregation is the only German Lutheran congregation in America to have 325 years of continuous ministry, and the 325th Anniversary Committee is planning a fun event to celebrate! **Fun entertainment!** A juggler with a Christian message. **Fun food!** Assorted wraps, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, veggie tray, chips, and for dessert...cookies and an ice cream bar! **Fun fellowship!** Bring your family and friends to the celebration!

This event will be held on **Sunday, January 26th, at 10:15 AM** following the worship service in fellowship hall.

Reservations are needed for the luncheon. Fill out the form found in this bulletin and return it by Sunday, January 19th. Additional copies are located on the desk in the welcome center. Or go to newhanoverlutheran.org and use SignUpGenius. A freewill offering will be received.

NHEL is collecting **non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items** throughout the months of January and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room for the donations. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Look for the list of items that are currently needed at the Cluster in the newsletter.

New Hanover’s Got Talent! Everybody is blessed with a talent. What’s yours? On Sunday, March 2nd, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the Fastnacht Social and Talent Show. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include fastnachts!

Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Patricia Nyce or Jayne McHugh to sign up to showcase your talent. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It’s a fact that New Hanover’s got lots of talent! We can’t wait to see yours!

This event is being planned by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, “Your Voice from the Pew”, located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELHC?

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it’s free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church’s website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELHC has links with helpful information available on our

website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 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

You Can Help

Pictorial Directory Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

You can donate to NHELCC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



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 200,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCC’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/>.

Reconciling in Christ

Recently the RIC team arranged for two presentations. The presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns-Why They Are Important”, are now on the church website under the Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser: <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



Do you want to participate in a one-to-one discussion around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse? Contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

“Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn’t say about homosexuality” January 12th at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Bible is often used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people to prove that they are condemned by God, and sometimes to justify discrimination and even violence against them. Most often people point to a few verses scattered throughout scripture to justify this. In this workshop we will examine some of these texts, and explore how to respond when the Bible is used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people. The Rev. Bruce Davidson, a retired pastor in the ELCA, will be leading the presentation. At the end of his presentation questions will be received. We will meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Drinks and snacks will be available.

“Allyship” January 19th Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust,

consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dee Singley, (she/they), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19th. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, 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, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	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	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	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen

Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
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Kate Brunick and family		

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