

# Announcements

## January 26, 2025

### Today

**We welcome the Rev. Ric and Jane Elliott.** Pastor Elliott will be providing the message for this morning's worship service.

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Jane's mother, Kathryn Fiske Weikel, by Jane and Bryce Manthorne.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Charles and Helen Eisenhart by their children.

**Today** Head Usher: Ed Becker, Ushers: Bill Allen and Marty Hauser, Lector: Ed Becker, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Ava Hubley

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Barbara Repa, Ushers: Scouts, Lector: Scout, Children's Sermon: Scout, Acolyte: Scout

**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.

**"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 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has planned a fun event to celebrate! This event will be held today following the worship service in fellowship hall. A freewill offering will be received.

### Calendar

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 11:00 AM, portico

**Cheers to Us** – Today, 10:15 AM, rooms 1, 11

**Confirmation** – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James, Limerick

**Prayer Meeting** - 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

**Mission Service** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 33

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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

**J.A.M.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

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

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**2024 Annual Reports are now due.** If you haven't submitted your report for last year, contact Susan Gutshall.

**NHELC 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.

**The next God on Tap** will be on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at Main St. Pub in Bally. The discussion topic will be “If

Jesus could join us for God on Tap, I'd like to discuss \_\_\_\_\_." If you would like to attend, text or call Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 by noon on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Celebrate Soup-er Bowl!** Mark your calendar and save the date! On **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, the Picnic Committee wants to help you by providing delicious, homemade soup for you to enjoy before, during and after the Super Bowl! Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Vegetable Soup and Chili will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 AM church service. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment!

**New Hanover's Got Talent!** Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**A free band concert celebrating Black History Month** will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boyertown. The Ringgold Band will feature music by black composers and performers dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Of special interest will be the swing music of Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong, marches by WWI band leader, James Reese Europe, and the amazing classical music of Florence Price, who was the first African American woman to write a symphony performed by a major orchestra. Among the vocal numbers featured, will be "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Also, a moving tribute to Civil Rights Activist, Rosa Parks, is planned. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

**You can donate to NHELC 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](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**More than 200,000 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/>.

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Lester Renninger, Roberta Gutshall (Susan's mother) and Steven Hammaker

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
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall
Kate Brunick & family	Pat Green	Paul Knauer

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Dave Pollock

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Sue Lowry

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## **Knight of the Round Table**

### **Sundays at 10:15 AM Starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Just a bunch of adults trying the best we can getting through life. Life with kids, life with challenges, just life. Welcome to *Try February!* – with Kate Bowler. Not transforming. Not crushing it. Just ...*trying*. January usually swans in with all its sparkle and self-improvement slogans (new year, new you, yadda yadda), but what if we skipped the makeover? What if the goal wasn't perfection but something much braver: showing up, being real, and finding a little joy in the beautiful, chaotic mess of it all?

- 94% of people will fail their New Year's resolution by this time next year. Isn't that encouraging? You're not defective! No one is a robot! (Okay, 6% of people might be, but the rest of us are real!)
- Today you will try because perfection is impossible. Let it go. Let it go. (Yes, sing the song, but seriously, let it go.)
- Reach for something today, knowing that you are better than perfect: you are real.

Each week we'll try together. Not perfectly, but with heart. We may not always achieve what we want, but even in the smallest moments, there's beauty in embracing the good, the bad, and everything in between. So if you're trying to try, you're in good company. Let's do this together – all the hopes, imperfections, and love we bring to this world.”

We meet at the round table in the Multi-purpose room (14). Not sure where that is – just ask.

Looking for a little more permission to stop chasing perfect? Read [Good Enough – 40 reflections that are like a hug for your soul.](https://katebowler.com/books/goodenough/?mc_cid=d2671168f9&mc_eid=ad830a1088)  
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