

Announcements

February 23, 2025

Today

Congratulations to Evelyn Josephine Springer, daughter of Ryan and Carolyn Springer, who will be baptized this morning. Evelyn's sponsors are Tara Picht, Janine Springer and Kevin Kochka.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their mom, Patricia Osborne, by the Caputo family.

Today: Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Usher: Zach Quigley, Lector: Miller Quigley, Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley, Acolyte: Caleb Woods

Next Sunday Head Usher: Bill Allen, Usher: Dee Singley, Lector: Ron Fegley, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Maddie Artim

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

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.

The annual meeting and potluck congregational dinner will be held following the worship service this morning. A presentation on the unique and exciting history of the congregation will be given by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

The RIC team would like to hear from you! The team asks you to complete the survey that is in today's bulletin. After completion, return it to the basket on the stage in Fellowship Hall. After today, the basket will be on the table (where the name tags



are) in the Welcome Center. Or, you can place your completed survey in the mail slot or return it to the church office. Also, the survey will be included in the upcoming newsletter. We would like the surveys returned by March 9th.

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, kitchen door

Congregational Meeting and Potluck Dinner – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary and room 1

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

Confirmation Class – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, sanctuary

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 6:30 – 8:30 PM, 1, 4, 14, 21-24

Gathering – Tuesday, 12:00 noon, rooms 1, 11

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

Learning Center Board – 7:00 PM, room 14

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, kitchen door

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 24

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

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

GriefShare – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, welcome center

Scout Pizza Pickup – Thursday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM, room 1

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 24

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, kitchen door

Fastnacht Social – Next Sunday, rooms 1, 11

The next Gathering is Tuesday, February 25th. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at noon for a luncheon followed by a live-stream presentation by Margaret Renkl, author of *Late Migrations*. A contributing opinion writer for the New York Times, Margaret Renkl provides an unusual, captivating portrait of a family—and of

the cycles of joy and grief that inscribe human lives within the natural world. To help with planning for this event, sign up on Signup Genius at <https://search.app/UyyZWjoiqZ9LRbX76> or on the signup sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center.

Cemetery News

If you would like to keep the Christmas decorations decorating your loved ones grave sites in the cemetery, please remove the decorations by the end of February.

Upcoming Events

NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items through the end of February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. 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 January newsletter.

Children's Day Celebration is March 16th. Since the congregation's forming in 1700, the church has been blessed to have families with children from generation to generation. This year, the 325th Anniversary Committee wants to highlight our children on Children's Day, March 16th. Our younger-aged children will take part in leading the service and provide special music. Parents, bring your children to church on this day to receive a special blessing and so the congregation can give thanks for these young ones who are the future of our church. Following the service, there will be a light reception. This day is in addition to Youth Sunday which is being planned by our older youth on March 30th. Come and celebrate the future leaders of NHELCC!

Box City is Coming This year, we are hosting Box City, a homeless experience and lock-in for our youth and youth within the SEPA Synod. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up for dinner on Saturday, March 22nd, and to help with a simple continental-type breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd. If you can help with some overnight security as well, reach out to Nikki Young.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis. We will be meeting at Peppe's Pizza and Grill, 2485 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville on Tuesday, April 1st, at 6:30PM. Join the club for an evening of fellowship and fun! If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELC True North Kids Camp will be June 16th – June 20th from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – Rising 5th Graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6th grade and up are welcome to be junior counselors. Register and/or sign up to volunteer NOW! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/35b361>.

GriefShare Group If you or someone you know is dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one, join a new GriefShare group hosted by NHELC. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. You may sign up online <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

NHELC 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop will open later this month! We are excited to partner with a local company that will make items such as polos, t-shirts, hoodies and other accessories available for order with our 325th Anniversary logo. More details are coming soon!

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.

Save the date!! The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team has scheduled a virtual Town Hall for Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:00

PM. There will be a location set aside at the church, for members who don't want to attend virtually. A panel, consisting of four people from Lutheran churches in our area that have gone through the RIC journey, will be telling us about their RIC experiences and you will have the opportunity to ask them questions.

The participants are: Pastor Daniel Eisenberg, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Mayfair (Philadelphia), Pastor Keith Anderson, Pastor of Upper Dublin Lutheran Church (Ambler), Stephanie Jacob, member of the RIC core team at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church and Lee Shannon, member of the RIC core team at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown.

More information will be shared soon.

The RIC team is looking forward to this event and hope that you will plan to join them!

Save the Date! Camp Falckner, an overnight camp held in our church's picnic grove, is scheduled for July 21-24, 2025. All youth who will have finished grades 5-12 are invited to attend. More details to come this spring!

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 NHELCC? 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 NHELHC 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! NHELCL’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.



| General Fund Financial Summary - YTD 2025 | | | |
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| Month | Income | Expense | Difference |
| January | \$ 27,384.16 | \$ 40,870.67 | \$ (13,486.51) |
| | Balance | as of date | |
| General Fund - Cash on Hand | \$ 76,680.00 | 1/31/2025 | |

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Carol Buchholtz Yost (Nance White's sister)

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

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| 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 |
| Suzanne Dodge | Bill Bauer | Sue Lowry |
| Dave Pollock | | |

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1700-2025



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