

Announcements

March 16, 2025

Today

A special thank you to the children of the congregation participating in the service this morning as we celebrate Children's Day. Following the service there will be a light reception to honor the children. All are encouraged to attend.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the blessings children bring to our hearts by Jim and Nancy Gross.

Today: Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Brian Flack, Lector: Sam Young, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Richard Garcia

Wednesday: Head Usher: Scott Geiser, Usher: Georgann Geiser, Acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser, Usher: Georgann Geiser, Lector: Todd Rothermel, Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer, Acolyte: Sam Young

Altar Guild members serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care, Brenda Hunsberger and Kay Kurtz.

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.

All are welcome to this afternoon's Rejoicing Spirits service at 3:00 in NHELCC's sanctuary. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is geared toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but provides a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. Come at 2:30 for refreshments and a social. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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

Children’s Day Reception – Today, 10:15 AM, rooms 1, 11

KFC Rehearsal – today, 11:00 AM

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

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

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, rooms 1, 4,
14, welcome center

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

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

Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:45 – 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 11

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

Lenten Service – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, sanctuary

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00– 8:15 PM, room 15

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

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 24

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 24

Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Box City – Saturday – 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, kitchen door

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

KFC Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM

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

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.

Lenten Activities

This year's theme is "The Hardest Part – Hurt we carry – Hope we find." Join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 9:00 AM.

Midweek Lenten Dinner and Worship Come join us each Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall for good food and fellowship. A Holden Evening Prayer Worship will begin at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Events

The next Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 27th, at noon. It is with a heavy heart to learn the news from Dr. Rebecca Chopp that she no longer feels confident about appearing in public due to the increasing effects of her dementia diagnosis. We are fortunate, however to welcome Ralph Patrick, a close friend and colleague of Dr. Chopp to join us in her stead. Ralph Patrick is a beloved child of God and son of Jean and Ralph, both of whom have completed the temporal part of their life journey. He is the father of four wonderful daughters, and grandfather of three.

Ralph has travelled extensively to such places as Haiti, Cambodia, and Sierra Leone, and has lived both in Papua New Guinea and Scotland. Ralph's current vocations include that of pastor, dementia consultant, spiritual director, and inspirational speaker. In addition to spending time with his family, Ralph enjoys hiking and living in the mountains of Colorado, where he is daily reminded of the Presence of God.

You can learn more about him (and preview a copy of his book) at these links: [Cardinal Crossroads Dementia Consulting](#)

Lunch will be available prior to the presentation. Participants are asked to bring a dessert to share. A signup sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

Spring is almost here and will soon be time to work in the garden! We are excited with the changes this year and how these changes will help with feeding the hungry. You can help by

prepping the garden on Saturday, March 29th, 9:00 AM. All are welcome to join the fun.

Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter, April 20th. A suggested donation per plant is \$11.00. Sponsor forms are available in the newsletter and Welcome Center. Fill out a form indicating how many plants you wish to sponsor and how they should be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Also, indicate if you will be picking up your plant(s) or if you wish for them to be delivered to homebound members. Plants may be picked up **after the 9:00 AM Easter service**. Place the form and your payment (checks payable to NHELCC) in an envelope and then in the offering plate, the mail slot at the Fellowship Hall door, or mail to the church office. Forms and donation are due by **March 30, 2025**.

The NHELCC 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 6:30 PM. 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 NHELCC 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 NHELCC. 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.

NHELCC 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop will soon be open. 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.

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!

Women are invited to celebrate the 526th birthday for Katie Luther, Martin Luther's wife, at the Spring Gathering of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) Upper Montgomery Conference SEPA Synod. This event will be held on Saturday, March 29th, from 9:00 – noon at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg. Presenter the Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel will speak about Katie's life and what makes her a practical and bold woman of faith. You will learn about her life with Martin Luther and the ins and outs of her managing a bustling household that was always ready to welcome guests.

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:00 AM. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food donations for the Open Link Food Pantry in Pennsburg.

St. Mark's is located at 81 Main Street in Pennsburg. Park near Front Street and enter through the side door on Front Street. For more information, contact Dale O'Hara at Augustus Lutheran Church (610-489-0417).

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

The 325th Anniversary Committee has made available a coloring book and crayons for “kids from one to ninety-two” who like to color. The book makes a nice keepsake as it contains some historical facts about the church. Also, the committee is providing a wrapper in which you may place your copies of Moments in Time. All of these items are in the Welcome Center on top of the display case near the photo display panels. If you are missing any Moments in Time inserts, you may contact Susan in the church office or see Lee Wesner or Barbara Eisenhart.

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

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Non-perishable items donated throughout the month of March will be distributed to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. For donation suggestions, see the article in the winter issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Collection boxes are located in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall and Multi-purpose Room.

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 Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

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.



Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Mabel Gaugler

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