

# Announcements

March 23, 2025

## Today

**We Welcome** Jackson Frederick Dugan, son of Jim and Danielle Dugan, who will be baptized this morning.

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren by Bryce and Jane Manthorne.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Madison Hansley's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by Marlene Hansley.

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

**Wednesday:** Head Usher: Ed Becker, Usher: Monique Becker, Acolyte: usher

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: youth, Lector: youth, Children's Sermon: youth, Acolyte: youth

**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.

## 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

**J.A.M.** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**KFC Rehearsal** – today, 11:00 AM

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

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

**Mission Service** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 24

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

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

**Lenten Dinner** – Wednesday, 5:30 – 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

**Troop 367 Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 24

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

**Gathering** – Thursday, 12:30 PM, luncheon, 1:30 presentation,  
room 1

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

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

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

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## **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.

**Nine readers are needed** for the Good Friday service on April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to read for this service, sign up on the sheet posted on the desk in the Welcome Center.

# Financial Update

<b>General Fund Financial Summary - YTD 2025</b>			
Month	Income	Expense	Difference
January	\$ 27,384.16	\$ 40,870.67	\$(13,486.51)
February	\$ 30,306.14	\$ 35,170.83	\$ (4,864.69)
<b>Year to date Totals</b>	<b>\$ 57,690.30</b>	<b>\$ 76,041.50</b>	<b>\$(18,351.20)</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>as of date</b>	
<b>General Fund - Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 65,367.74</b>	<b>2/28/2025</b>	

## Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday is Youth Sunday.** The youth of the church have been planning and will lead the service next Sunday. Be sure to come out and support the youth for this annual event.

**The next Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>,** 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 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 at 12:30 followed by the presentation at 1:30. Participants are asked to bring a dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

**Time to get the garden ready!** 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM. All are welcome to join the fun.

**Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter, April 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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 next Sunday, **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop** is now open. Check out the website [New Hanover Lutheran Church 2025 | Nyce Shirt Company](#) | powered by [OrderMyGear](#) to order your 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts, hoodies and accessories today.

**Save the date!! The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team has scheduled a virtual Town Hall** for Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 526<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 325<sup>th</sup> 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](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

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

## Food Ministry

**Nearly a quarter million 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/>.

## **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, Pat Green and Ginny Specht

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	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	Hazel LeVan
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Lynn Amundsen
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Kate Brunick & family	Bill Bauer	Sue Lowry
Dave Pollock		

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