# Announcements March 30, 2025

## **Today**

We Welcome Jaxson, Nova and Paisley McKenrick, children of Darien McKendrick and Kristen Suranofsky, who will be baptized this morning. The children's sponsor is Matt Davis.

Thank you to the youth of NHELC for planning and leading the worship service this morning.

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the praise band by Faye and Steve Weidner.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of all the youth in our church family by Faye and Steve Weidner.

**Today**: Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Charlotte Moser, Rae Bechtel and Ava Hubley, Lector: Malaina Meeker, Children's Sermon: Hannah Waltermyer and Alexa Moser, Acolyte: London Meeker

Wednesday: Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Stacey

Rothermel, Acolyte: usher

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ron Fegley, Usher: Ryan Fegley, Lector: Brenda Hunsberger, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing,

Acolyte: Collins Quigley

**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.

**Today is the deadline to order lilies for Easter**. A suggested donation per plant is \$11.00. Sponsor forms are available in the 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 <u>after</u> the 9:00 AM Easter service. Place the form and your payment (checks payable to NHELC) in an envelope and then in the offering plate or in the mail slot at the Fellowship Hall door.

#### 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

**Learning Center Board** – Monday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 14 **Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary **Cub Scout Pack 367** – 6:30 – 8:30 PM, 1, 4, 14, 21-24

**Learning Center – Board** – Tuesday, 6:00 PM, room 15 **Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, rooms 1, 4, 14, welcome center

Book Club - Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Peppe's Pizza and Grill

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 Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

**GriefShare** – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, welcome center **God on Tap** – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main St. Pub in Bally **Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 **Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 24 **District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 1

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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 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.

**The next God on Tap** is this Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Main St. Pub in Bally at 6:00 PM. The subject will be, "What is our/your legacy? How do you/we want to be remembered?" RSVP to Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 by noon on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **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**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

Thank you to everyone who helped in the garden yesterday. Join us for planting on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM.

**Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN!** We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELC 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 <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/35b361">https://vbspro.events/p/35b361</a>.

Gathering of Daughters Sunday, May 4, 12:00 noon In celebration of Mother's Day, daughters of all ages are invited to a Gathering of Daughters featuring a **tea party** themed lunch of assorted tea sandwiches, pastries, and hot and cold teas. Following the tea, will be a **vintage fashion show** featuring New Hanover's models showcasing styles from? to the 1980s. (You won't want to miss this!) Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center or you may sign up on the Signup Genius. **Reservations are due by Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.** Those attending are asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

The Fellowship Committee is planning this event in conjunction with the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. If you have any questions, contact Jean Moser at 610-367-0342 or Barbara Eisenhart at 610-316-5909. **Note:** If you have vintage clothing and/or if you would like to be a model, contact Barbara by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Camp Falckner will be held July 21-24, 2025 at the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. This year's theme is Faith in Action: Generation to Generation. We'll explore how our faith has shaped the past and how we can carry it forward into the future. Registration is available online, but there are paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermyer with any questions.

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

NHELC 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 on 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!

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Concert Band is hosting a Community Band Extravaganza on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from noon – 5:00 PM. Featured bands include: Exeter Community Band, Pottsgrove Community Band, Quakertown Band, Red Hill Band and Ringgold New Horizons Band. The concert will be held at the Historic Sunnybrook Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased through SoulJoels.com or from members of the participating bands. Sunnybrook is located at 50 Sunnybrook Road in Pottstown. Doors open at 11:00 AM.

#### 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 NHELC? 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. NHELC 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

NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items throughout the months of April, May and June. Donations will be distributed to local families 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.

**Pictorial Directory** Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at <a href="Nance2237@yahoo.com">Nance2237@yahoo.com</a> 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 or

## **Food Ministry**

The Food Ministry is collecting hams for Easter. Donations may be brought to the kitchen on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 PM and Sundays from 9:00 - 10:00 AM.

Nearly a quarter million 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 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: <a href="https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/">https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/</a> 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, Ginny Specht, Bill Bauer and Victor Battaglia (Kathy Taylor's brother)

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 Jeffrey Kunsch Raul Castro Amy LeVan Wilma Lahr Melissa Mary Lou Doug Weaver Joan Wagner Robert Ganovsky Dorothy Bingaman **Emily Ocelus** Eric & Wendy Hess Deb Matthews Marceline Sue Care Anne Eshleman Daniel Johnson Chris Fatzinger Hank Droneberg Pena family Kim Frain Frank D. Pam Helfrich Jen Perez 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 Ally Musser & family Arnold Amundsen Chuck Beck 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 Lvnn Amundsen David Gottshall Paul Knauer Suzanne Dodge Kate Brunick & family Sue Lowry Dave Pollock Julia Ghazi

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