

Announcements

September 14, 2025

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor and thanksgiving for the Reconciling in Christ team by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Donald and in honor of Betty Hedrick for their anniversary by Ron and Diane.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Marlene Hansley.

Today: Head Usher: Barbara Repa, Usher: Georgann Geiser, Lector: Terry Santangelo, Children's Sermon Janine Springer, Acolyte: Sadie Hubley

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ron Fegley, Ushers: Steve Weidner and Rick Solazzo, Lector: Carolyn Fleming, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Rae Bechtel

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

Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Following the worship service this morning, we will be taking an unofficial survey of the members present as a preliminary step on the path to becoming a Reconciling in Christ affiliated congregation. All confirmed members are encouraged to stay for the survey.



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Adult Forum Will be held today in the education wing following the congregational survey. **Do one thing (but make it reasonable).** *In Defense of Prudence* by Kate Bowler Summer is almost over. School begins, student activities begin, parent activities begin, grandparent activities begin and so on! Where does it end? What did we supposedly rest all summer for?

Let's discuss how to make small changes and be joyful. Let's face it, who has time to do big change?

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.

This Week

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. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 10:20 – 11:40 AM, room 15

KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 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, rooms 33-34

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

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 14

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

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

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KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

Upcoming Event

New Hanover Lutheran Church LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR

325th Anniversary

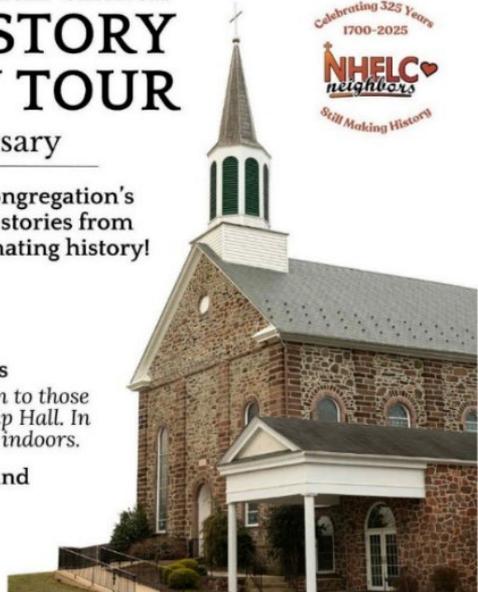
Join us as we celebrate the congregation's 325th anniversary by sharing stories from New Hanover's long and fascinating history!

📅 September 27, 2025

🕒 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tours run every 20 minutes
11:30 a.m. dress rehearsal (open to those with mobility issues) Fellowship Hall. In case of rain, event will be held indoors.

Free will donation to help fund cemetery restoration!

Refreshments available!



The NHELCO Book Club is reading *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Pr. Carl Filer will be the guest preacher on World Communion Sunday, October 5th.

Morning of Hope Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schwenksville is hosting an event presented by Lynn Eib, long-time survivor, patient, advocate, award-winning journalist and best-selling author of "When GOD & Cancer Meet." This free event is held Saturday, October 11th, 9:00 AM – Noon (doors open at 8:15 for a continental breakfast). The event is a hope-filled morning of

emotional and spiritual encouragement for anyone touched by cancer: patients, survivors, caregivers, friends and healthcare or ministry professionals. Space is limited. Register online at www.jelc.org or call (610) 287-7104.

Share Your Musical Talents

Chancel Choir welcomes new singers!! The rush of excitement when you hear voices in harmony, the sense of belonging you feel at rehearsals with a group of fun and supportive people AND the fulfillment of enriching the Sunday liturgical experience - all familiar feelings to anyone who has experienced the joy of singing in a church choir.

Consider joining the choir and find out for yourself!! Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 PM, starting September 17th. For more information contact Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry at patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheranchurch.org.

Do you have a heart for worship and a talent for music?

Vocalists and instrumentalists (especially guitar!) are welcome to join a praise band! Our Grace Band (for adults) rehearses weekly at 11:20 AM in the sanctuary. You do not need to commit to participating every week! Our Kids For Christ (KFC) praise band is for youth in grades 6-12 and rehearses weekly at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. If you are interested in using your gifts to serve, contact Lindsey Waltermeyer (GoldieLW@gmail.com).

Help Needed

JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade NHELC needs a second teacher (or more) to help with the 3rd - 5th grade JAM class. We currently have one teacher for this group. If we can add two - three more then we would have a teaching rotation. This class is a lot of fun. Teachers will focus their discussion on the lectionary reading each week and do crafts. The year will culminate with an art show and reception. If this is an area you have interest, contact Nikki Young as soon as possible.

Donations help local families Throughout the end of October, NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to 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. For a list of items most needed, see the August issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

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

325th Anniversary souvenirs are available in the Welcome Center near the photo display panels. Stop by the display case for two kinds of key chains, coloring books and crayons, magnets, and backpacks. Are you missing a Moments in Time insert? Extra copies are available. Contact Barb Eisenhart, Lee Wesner or Susan Gutshall. Wrappers for the collection are also available in the Welcome Center.

325th Anniversary Key Chains and Magnets: The 325th Anniversary Committee has provided three more anniversary souvenirs for all members. Check out the basket on top of the display case in the Welcome Center near the photo display panels for magnets and two kinds of key chains. The anniversary pens and coloring books are there also in addition to a wrapper for the Moments in Time inserts.

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. NHELIC 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

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.

Sunshine Learning Center

The Sunshine Learning Center is now open for preschool registration. To register, email Educational Director Jena Marinelli at jena.marinelli@sunshineclc.org.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELCLC'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/>.

Garden of Hope

Volunteer to help in the garden on Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:30. No gardening experience needed to help. Any questions, contact Doug Senne at 484-401-6424 or Dsenne@verizon.net.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

The Reconciling in Christ team will be available for small group meetings or one to one discussion throughout the summer. If you are interested in participating, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com. In your email, please indicate with whom on the RIC team you would like to meet and they will coordinate the meeting. The members of the team are: Pastor Staub, Rick Hausch, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Dee Singley, Sharon Tracey and Rae Bechtel. Since Rae is not an adult, there will be an adult joining Rae. The discussions will be held at the church, or at a mutually convenient location, dates and times to be

determined by the participants. The RIC team is providing these opportunities for people who may be more comfortable discussing their questions, concerns or comments in a small group.

The RIC team presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns - Why They Are Important”, are 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.

The Reconciling in Christ team welcoming statement:

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God’s love and guided by Christ’s example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God’s grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God’s image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus’ example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward anti-racism, inclusion, and equity in all we do.

You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and

perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community. Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

Additional Information

Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the church office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org for requests or information.

Pastor's Personal Meeting Schedule The pastor is available for personal meetings Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment only. Please make an appointment by calling (610) 326-1335 or email at psstaub@gmail.com. Given prior commitments and events, some appointment times are not available.

As we are doing currently, all funeral notices, death or personal crisis emergencies will be handled as soon as possible. The pastor's voice mail at (610) 326-1335 goes directly to his email address and is accessible to the pastor and checked. Friday and Saturday are the pastor's days off, and pastor appreciates your respect in not contacting him for non-emergency requests.

Sunday is a day of worship, fellowship, visitation and teaching for the pastor. Please respect the pastor's preparation and dedication to addressing the spiritual needs of the community and individuals and do not initiate any non-emergency discussion with the Pastor

prior to the worship service and/or during an educational class. Any discussions or questions about all non-emergency issues should be made by appointment during the ascribed appointment times above.

Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Grieving: family and friends of Betty Lou Shadle, LuAnne Fowler’s mother, and Jeffrey Weems

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Sarah Bowman	Keeley Staples	Logan Conley
Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
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	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Penny Frymoyer	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
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Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen
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Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Dave Pollock
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