

Announcements

September 21, 2025

Today

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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Andy Van Dyke, Usher: Georgann Geiser, Lector: Todd Rothermel, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Sam Young

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



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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.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELHC's sanctuary for an uplifting worship experience. 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.

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

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

Funeral Luncheon – Monday, 12:30 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 27
– 34, 36 – 37

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

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

Sunshine Learning Center Board – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

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

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 27

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

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

Cemetery Tour – Saturday, 1:00 -3:00 PM, cemetery

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

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New Hanover Lutheran Church **LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR**

325th Anniversary

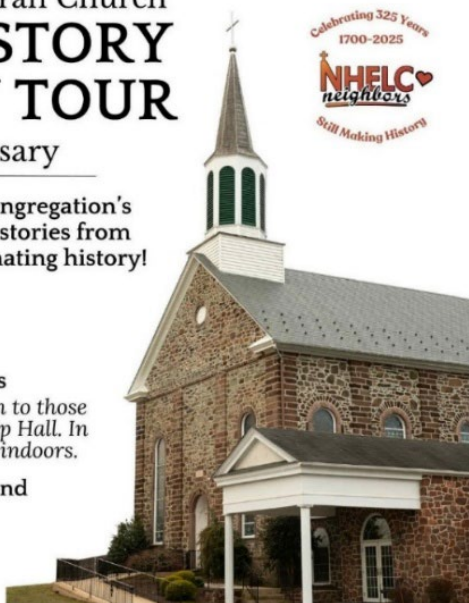
Join us as we celebrate the congregation's
325th anniversary by sharing stories from
New Hanover's long and fascinating history!

📅 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!



Upcoming Event

Festival of the Harvest Home will be celebrated during the worship service next Sunday, September 28th. You are encouraged to bring some non-perishable food to worship that will be given to the Boyertown Multi-Service. Our children will bring the food forward that morning to present it during the opening hymn. Children should meet in the lobby on September 28th at 8:45 to prepare to present the food!

The NHELc 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.

Pumpkin Frolic on Sunday, October 19th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM The annual Pumpkin Frolic is an enjoyable event for all ages. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin painting, fall crafts, scavenger hunt and games. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. We will close with a light meal consisting of hotdogs and snack foods.

The Pumpkin Frolic is a Thrivent Action team service project so there is no charge; however, **bring some nonperishable food for Preston's Pantry** at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Watch for a signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-58720706-pumpkin>. To be sure enough pumpkins will be available, **sign up by Monday, October 13th**. This event will be held in fellowship hall.

November 2, 2025...a Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2, is All Saints Sunday. It is a day set aside in the church's liturgical calendar to remember with thanksgiving the lives of the saints in the congregation who have departed from us this past year. It is a day when we celebrate God's gracious blessing upon the church on earth and the church in heaven. Prayers of thanksgiving for their Christian witness will be offered as well as for each departed saint's family. Plan now to join us at 9:00 AM on this special Sunday.

The Celebration Continues!

The 325th Anniversary Committee invites you to a Festival Service of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 2, at 3:00 PM. The Reverend Bryan J. Penman, Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will preach and preside over communion. The choirs and praise bands of New Hanover Lutheran Church will participate.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Chef Chris will prepare a catered dinner served buffet-style which will include roasted chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, applesauce, pepper cabbage, and rolls and butter. Cake and ice cream will round out the meal.

Invitations and RSVP post cards were mailed to all households in the congregation in September. An RSVP is required for the dinner. Please sign your name, indicate the number attending, and

mail the stamped post card to the church by October 12. If you did not receive a mailed invitation, see Barbara Eisenhart or Susan Gutshall in the office.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival Service and dinner as we continue to celebrate 325 years of ministry at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church!

A freewill offering for the dinner will be received. A suggested donation is \$15 per person.

Raising awareness and help those who are struggling with substance use disorder find their way Alburdis Fire Company Club is hosting the Corey & Kimberly's Ride Continues on Saturday, October 4th, at their 328 South Main Street in Alburdis location. This event includes food, music, vendors, information and fun for the whole family. Kickstands are up at 11:00 AM for the motorcycle ride. A program with speakers begins at 1:00 PM followed by music by Wicked Beaver. Registration for the motorcycle ride begins at 9:30 AM. The \$25 registration fee also covers breakfast, lunch and a T-shirt. Riders get a chance to win a gift card to Classic Harley-Davidson in Leesport. Rain date is Sunday, October 5th. For more information, follow this event on Facebook at Corey And Kimberly's Ride.

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.

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.

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.

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

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@sunshineelc.org.

Food Ministry

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/>.

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

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



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; Jeffrey Weems and Glenn Hoffman

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
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