

Announcements

October 12, 2025

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson Jonathan Paul's first birthday by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Kevin and Jenna's eighth wedding anniversary by Carolyn Fleming.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is presented to the glory of God; may we harvest acceptance, and give thanks to God for the love of our Lord Jesus that was given to us, by Janet Psota.

Today: Head Usher: Ed Becker, Ushers: Bryce Manthorne and Monique Becker, Lector: Leslie Gates, Children's Sermon: Dee Singley, Acolyte: Caleb Woods

Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Steve Weidner, Lector: Susan Swartz, Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs, Acolyte: Alivia Singley

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

A special congregational meeting will be held immediately following the worship service this morning. The congregation will vote on two statements recommended by the Reconciling in Christ team. The two statements will be on a single vote for the presented Welcoming Statement and Called Roster Leader Statement. The acceptance of both statements is required for NHELCA to become a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation of the ELCA. All confirmed members are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

Adult Bible Study, Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in room 27

(Sunshine Lounge): Join us to study Brant Hansen's book

Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life

Better. Hansen writes, "We are now living in an 'anger incubator.' That phrase is from a psychology professor at the University of California at Irvine, and I think he's right on. I imagine you agree, too. Our culture is fraught with anger. It's

everywhere, and no one seems to know what to do about it. In Christian circles, we're often taught that anger can be a very good thing and that we're supposed to use our 'righteous anger' to make things better. But here's a question: *Is that really what the Bible says about our anger?* And what are we really supposed to do about it? Are Christians supposed to be as angry as everyone else? Are we supposed to be angry about all the things in the world that we think displease God? Is our anger actually righteous? How do we know? And how long are we supposed to hold on to our anger? Or...is there another way? Yes, we live in an angry world that lacks answers and seems to spin on an axis of offense. But what if followers of Jesus were known as the most unoffendable people on the planet? Can we—and should we—become unoffendable as followers of Christ?"

We'll work together to study Hansen's ideas by reading his book, watching streaming videos, discussing what the Bible says about anger, and figuring out if we can *choose to be unoffendable*. There will be some reading to do on your own, but be assured that you are still wanted and welcome even if you don't have your "homework" done.

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

Congregational Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

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, 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

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

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

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 14

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

First Communion – Monday, 6:00 PM, room 33

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Reconciling in Christ – 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, 4:30 – 8:00 PM, picnic grove

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

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 27

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

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

Baptism – Saturday, 10:00 AM

Scout Court of Honor – Saturday, 11:00 AM

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

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Next Sun., 10:20 – 11:40 AM, rm 15

KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James in

Limerick

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

Pumpkin Frolic – Next Sunday, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, room 1

Upcoming Event

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Wave of Light day is Wednesday, October 15th. Watch for more details coming up on how NHELCC will observe the day.

Tomorrow is the deadline to sign up for the 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. A signup sheet is 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, be sure to sign up. This event will be held in fellowship hall.

Trunk or Treat and Sunshine Learning Center Open House will be on Saturday, October 25th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM NHELHC is excited to partner with our Cub Scout Pack 367 to host a community Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot. Join in the fun with refreshments, games, meet the scouts and tour the Sunshine Learning Center. All are invited to come to Trunk or Treat, but we need your help! Additional trunks and people to hand out candy are needed. You can decorate as much or as little as you would like. Cars may begin to arrive to set up starting at 4:00, but we kindly request that you be here no later than 4:30. Also we need volunteers to assist as parking lot attendants and refreshment servers.

Since this is the first event of this kind, having extra candy on hand is helpful in case people run out. Therefore, if you cannot help with any of those positions above, you can still help make this event a success by donating candy. To participate, sign up online <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-58959973-2025>.

November 2, 2025...a Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 12th. 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 adult, \$5 for children twelve and younger.

Root to Rise – Embracing Change with Grace is the theme of this year's fall yoga class. This class offers a gentle grounding practice designed to release negativity, instill peace and embrace a new season with grace and ease. The class is open to adults and teens, who are age 13-17 as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Classes are held on Saturday, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, from 8:30 – 9:30 AM in the church nursery suite (room 21). Four – five sets of blankets and blocks will be available; contact Leslie Gates ahead of time if you need to reserve a yoga mat. Classes are free-will donation-based for the Food Ministry. Pay in cash or check (payable to NHELCC). Watch for a signup sheet in the welcome center and on the church's website. Any questions, contact Leslie Gates.

Marriage Encounter ONLINE Registration is now open for this online experience for married couples to learn unique insights and tools to help enrich their relationship. The event will run November 14th – 16th. For more information and to apply, go to GodLovesMarriage.org.

Boyertown School Board Candidates' Forum will be hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church, on Thursday, October 16th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All candidates have been invited to participate in this opportunity to answer questions from the audience. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Thank You

Harvest Home Thank you to everyone who donated items to the annual Harvest Home. An impressive 653 lbs. of non-perishable food and personal items were received and given to Boyertown Area Multi-Service for distribution in our local communities.

Help Needed

JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade NHELCC 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 Through October, NHELCC 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 “Your Voice from the Pew” card, 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. 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

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! 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/>.

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

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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