

# November 23, 2025

## Announcements

### Today

**We welcome Deacon Carol Detweiler** to our worship service this morning as part of our 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Deacon Carol served NHELCC as the Director of Christian Education and Director of Senior Faith Formation.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their son Stephen's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by Barbara and Scott Repa.

**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.

**Serving Today:** Marty Hauser, head usher; Kyle and Kady Singley, ushers; Harry White, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Maddie Hansley, acolyte

**Thanksgiving Eve:** Bill Allen, head usher; Yvonne Peto, usher; Kady Singley, lector; Richard Garcia, acolyte

**Next Sunday:** Barbara Repa, head usher; Zach Quigley, usher; Barbara Noecker, lector; Carolyn Springer, children's sermon; Noah Waltermeyer, acolyte

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto.

**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.

**Poinsettias orders are due today.** You can help beautify the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form (available on the desk in the welcome center) and drop your form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCC) in the offering plate. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909.

## **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

**Reception** – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

**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

**Scout Crossover** – Today, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, room 27

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

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

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

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

**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, 6:15 PM, room 15

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** – Wednesday, 7:00, sanctuary

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

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

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## **Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

NHELC will host a Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. A community choir will be singing *We Will Give Thanks* by Mark Patterson. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this service of Thanksgiving.

**The church office will be closed** on Thursday and Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. The regular office hours will resume on Monday at 9:00 AM.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Turkeys for Thanksgiving.** The kitchen is looking for turkeys for a Thanksgiving meal. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**Angel Tree** gifts this year will support children under KenCrest's care (KenCrest.org). NHELC is sharing love with five families. The gift tags are on the tree as usual, BUT you must sign out the tag in the angel tree journal. All gifts must be logged back in by December 7<sup>th</sup> so we can be sure to have purchased four gifts for each child. Bring your donated gift, unwrapped, by December 7<sup>th</sup> and place it under the Angel Tree.

**New Hanover Memorabilia** items collected over the years are available in the Welcome Center. You are invited to take home a piece of New Hanover's history; your donations will help our ministries to continue. Souvenirs from the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary are also on the table.

**History Booklets** printed for the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are available in the Welcome Center. If you didn't get one, pick up a copy today. Please, one booklet per family.

### **Guest preachers help NHELC celebrate 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

11/30 The Rev. Thomas Lang, former pastor of New Hanover

12/7 The Rev. Rebecca Knox, former Intern at New Hanover, who will celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination with us that day

Fellowship Hours will follow the services on these Sundays.

**Share the season with Coventry Singers for a Christmas concert,** Holiday Journeys at NHELC on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM.

**Advent Social** is on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 4 PM. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELC homebound members. Snacks will be served. Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. to be put in the homebound members' December senior bags. There will be a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also on sign-up genius at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAA\\_F4C16-60204971-advent](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAA_F4C16-60204971-advent). To help with planning for this event, sign up by Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Join NHELC at 7:30 PM on Christmas Eve for a special Prelude of Instrumental Music.**

Arrive early and experience a selection of refined, thoughtfully curated instrumental works designed to prepare the heart and mind for the solemn beauty of the evening. From elegant arrangements of traditional carols to serene seasonal pieces, the Prelude will offer a moment of quiet reflection and graceful anticipation.

We invite you to enjoy this musical offering as we prepare to welcome Christmas with reverence and joy.

**NHELC Book Club meets** to discuss the book *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit** will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the MStar Church. A free-will offering will be received for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Light refreshments will be served before the concert. MStar Church is located at 100 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville.

## **Help Needed**

**Mission Service folks need your help!** Friends, our church has been helping to feed the hungry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church every month. We discovered their clothes closet needs help. We ask for used, clean, in good condition, warm clothes. Also, hats, gloves, mittens and hoodies are needed too! The ladies at the closet are in need of NEW socks and undergarments. Our junior/senior high

Sunday School class decorated a box that is sitting in the welcome center for your donations.

## Want to be a member?

Please fill out “Your Voice from the Pew” card, located in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

## Resources

**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 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.

**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. NHELCC 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

**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!** NHELCC’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

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](mailto:susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) for requests or information.

## 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

**Grieving:** family and friends of Sarah Bowman and Gerald Eisenhart

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	Verdie Smith
Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Penny Frymoyer	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.

Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick
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Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		

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