

# Announcements

## May 31, 2026

### Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Jim and Mary Alice Mack's 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Ruth Wirt on their wedding anniversary by the Wirt and Eisenhart families.

**The sponsor signups for 2026** is available on signupgenius on the church's website. Click on the link [newhanoverlutheran.org/worship\\_signups\\_2026](https://newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026) or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



**Serving Today:** Ron Fegley, head usher; Monique Becker and Brian Flack, ushers; Ron Fegley, lector; Hayley Quigley, children's sermon; Todd Roethermel, worship assistant; Hannah Waltermyer, acolyte; Donna Kehs and Erica Lucas, communion assistants

**Next Sunday:** Marty Hauser, head usher; Bill Allen, usher; Donna Kehs, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Noah Waltermyer, acolyte

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

**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.

**Have a pastoral emergency?**

Contact Vicar Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

## **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

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

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

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, picnic grove  
and rooms 21, 32, 33

**Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, WQ Diner, Pottstown

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 14

**Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 4

**God on Tap** – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main St. Pub, Bally

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 14

**Birthday Party** – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, room 1

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**The NHEL C Book Club** is reading *The People We Keep* by Allison Larkin. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**The next God on Tap** is on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, at Main St Pub, Bally. The conversation topic will be “When does God get a day off?” God designed us to need “down time”, time to chill, time to block out all of the negatives that may be eating at us. With the world on a 24-hour time clock (think time zones) there must be people contacting Him all hours of every day. When does He get His down time? You are welcome to come and join in this conversation. If you can attend, RSVP to Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 via email or text no later than noon on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

**Are you looking for a fun way to start your morning in the great outdoors?** It's time to harvest the vegetables in the church garden and we could use some helping hands. Come out to the church garden on Mondays and/or Thursdays at 7:00 AM, to help gather fresh produce. No experience necessary. Any questions, contact Jim Mack.

**The Reconciling in Christ team is collecting donations during the month of June for Reconciling Works,** a non-profit organization, to fulfill our annual donation commitment.

Reconciling Works provides outreach and education for congregations on their

Reconciling in Christ journey and strengthens relationships with current Reconciling in Christ partners.

There will be a container in the narthex for cash or check donations and a designated QR code is provided to donate through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly).

If you are writing a check, please make it out to NHELCC with Reconciling Works in the memo space. Thank you for considering making a donation to support this organization.



### **Rainforest Falls Kids Camp 2026 June 15 - 19, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**– Noon** Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures.

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

NHELCC's Kids Camp is for Pre-K (four-year-olds and **MUST BE POTTY TRAINED**) through Rising fifth graders.

Registration is now open. Sign up today at <https://vbspro.events/p/nhelckidscamp2026>.

**The annual chicken dinner** will be held on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the picnic grove. Dinner will be available from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Plan to stay and enjoy the lively music by Sons of Phelan (John, Jeremy and Orin) from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

**Troop and Pack 367 is holding a Rib Rally Fundraiser** at Texas Roadhouse, 70 Buckwalter Road in Royersford this Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. A \$12 meal includes 4 fall-off-the-bone ribs, seasoned steak fries, fresh baked bread with honey cinnamon butter, a peanut bag and appetizer voucher for your next visit. Pre-orders end on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For every meal sold, Troop and Pack 367 receives \$3.00 for their program.



## Reminder

**Attention committee and group leaders.** Be sure to turn out the lights when leaving the church.

## Help Needed

**Local families in the Pottstown area need our help.** Now through June, 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 and fellowship hall for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the May issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

## Resources

**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 Vicar Nikki.

**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. NHELC 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

**Over 300,000 meals have been distributed!** 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 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

**Grieving:** family and friends of Marguerite Nyce, Patricia's mother and Phil Underkoffler, Leslie Gates' father

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	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	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	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	Chuck Beck
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan	David Gottshall
Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Vicki Mutter
Carol Feick	Alice Nester	Linda Adams
Donna Day	John and Candis Sander,	Yvonne Peto
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
James Dawson	Kevin Fleming	Sharon Tracey
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Diane Davidheiser
Timmy Fabian		

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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

# Congratulations to the 2026 Confirmands

## Danielle Rae Bechtel



### *Rae's favorite Bible verse*

“He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority’.”

Acts 1:7

### *Her favorite thing about NHELCC*

I like how accepting NHELCC is.

### *Relatives at NHELCC*

Parents: Brian and Bethlyn Bechtel

Grandma: Jan Bechtel

Uncle and Aunt: Raymond and

Teri Bechtel

Cousins

## Peyton Ray Comtois



### *Peyton's Favorite Bible Verse*

“Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

1 John 4:8

### *His Favorite thing about NHELCC*

The music

### *Relatives at NHELCC*

Parents: Joan and Ron Comtois

Grandparents: Hazel and John

LeVan

Aunts and Uncles: Georgann and

Scott Geiser, Kathy Hoffman,

Diane Lambert and John LeVan

Cousin: Andy Van Dyke and many others

## Genesis Isabella Garcia



*Genesis' favorite Bible verse*  
"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

*Her favorite thing about NHELC*  
Having the opportunity to help and collaborate with others

*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Ligia and Ricardo Garcia

Brother: Richard Garcia

## Madison Grace Hansley



*Madison's favorite Bible verse*  
"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

– Deuteronomy 31:6

*Her favorite thing about NHELC*  
Building close friendships with the other youth and all the activities we do together

*Her favorite about confirmation*  
Meeting other kids with the same faith and beliefs as her

*Relatives at NHELC*

Great, great, grandmother Fannie Obermyer; Great grandmother

Dorothy Gimont; Grandparents Brian and Marlene Hansley;  
Parents Brian and Ariel Hansley; Sister Carolina Hansley

## Ava Belle Hubley



*Ava's favorite Bible verse*  
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Her favorite thing about NHELCCamp Falckner*

*Related to at NHELCC*

Parents: Adam and Meghan

Sisters: Sadie and Adelina

## Ainsley Harper Lucas



*Ainsley's favorite Bible Verse*  
"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us."

Romans 8:18

*Her favorite thing about NHELCC*  
I love all of the opportunities to be involved!

*Relatives at NHELCC*

Parents: Erica and Patrick Lucas

Sister: Elsa Lucas

## Malaina Mallory Meeker



*Malaina's favorite Bible verse*  
"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John, verse 4

*Her favorite part of Confirmation*  
Being with friends  
*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Christopher and Megan Meeker

Brother: London Meeker

## Alexa Taylor Moser



*Alexa's favorite Bible verses*  
"Surround yourself with those that uplift and inspire you, for they are blessings in disguise."

Proverbs 13:20

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm."

*Her favorite thing about NHELC*

The youth group, summer camp and activities throughout the year

*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Craig and Janet Moser

Sister: Charlotte Moser

Grandparents: Jean and Gary Moser and Judy and Dave Taylor (Christ Lutheran, Kulpsville)

Aunt Jen and Uncle Phil Boyer, Aunt Shannon and Uncle Jon Taylor and countless other cousins and family members

## Miller T Quigley



### *Miller's favorite Bible Verse*

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:27

### *Her favorite thing about NHELC*

Camp Falckner - Hands Down!

### *Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Zach and Hayley Quigley

Siblings: Collins and Tanner

Quigley

Grandparents: Tim and Vicki

Mutter

Aunt: Ashley Mutter

## Kayleigh Brynn Urbassik



### *Kayleigh's Favorite Bible Verse*

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

### *Her favorite thing about NHELC*

Helping at dinners and the swamp picnic

### *Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Mike and June Urbassik

Sisters: Alexis and Camryn

Urbassik

## Landon Joseph Woods



*Landon's favorite Bible verse*

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

Colossians 3:23

*Favorite thing about NHELC*

Flutter events and singing in KFC

*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Kyle and Molly Woods

Siblings: Caleb and Aubrey Woods

Dear Members of the New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Congregation Council is pleased to share an update regarding the placement of our historic 1545 Martin Luther book, *Wider das Bapstum zu Rom vom Teuffel gestifft*, to the **Pitts Theology Library at Emory University**. Since arriving at the library in winter 2025, the book has been recognized as a “true treasure” and is now one of the most significant items within the prestigious **Richard C. Kessler Reformation Collection**.

The library has taken extensive steps to ensure the book is preserved for future generations while remaining accessible to the world:

- The book was officially cataloged by Dr. Armin Siedlecki and inspected by Emory’s preservation team.
- A custom-made box is currently being crafted to house the volume.
- The book has been fully digitized, including the unique pen and ink drawings and Luther’s own manuscript inscriptions.

The impact of this loaned book is already being felt in the academic community:

- Our book is now discoverable through major global bibliographic resources and Emory’s online catalog.
- Dr. Timothy Wengert has already published an article regarding this volume in *Lutheran Quarterly*.
- The book will be a centerpiece for future exhibitions, public tours, and classroom visits, helping students and patrons learn about the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Reformation.

You can view the fully digitized version of the work, including the inscriptions that make our copy so special, at the following link:

<https://digital.pitts.emory.edu/s/digital-collections/item/104092>

Richard Manly Adams, Jr., the Director of the Pitts Theology Library, has expressed his deep gratitude to our congregation for entrusting them with this item. He has also extended a warm invitation to any member of our church to visit the library in Atlanta to see the book in person.

We should all be very proud that this piece of history from New Hanover is now serving as a vital resource for scholars and the general public worldwide.

Sincerely  
The Congregation Council