

New Hanover Highlights

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☞ Fall Worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church ☜

Where we gather for worship is changing

Parking lot worship resumes

Beginning October 4th and throughout the month of October, drive-in worship services will be held in the church parking lot at 9 AM. The service will continue to be broadcast for those who prefer to stay home.

Last scheduled parking lot worship Reformation Sunday, October 25th

Let's celebrate God's Blessings of providing the ability to gather safely despite the pandemic! Break out your Sunday best red clothing. We are having a Reformation Celebration on October 25th at 9 AM in the parking lot. This will be our last Drive-in Worship, pending any further announcement. The worship will be broadcast live as well.

Live in-person sanctuary worship All Saints Sunday, November 1st

We are returning to the sanctuary on Sunday, November 1st, at 9 AM. The worship will be streamed live for those who wish to view remotely. Worship will look, sound and feel different; however, precautions have been carefully developed to mitigate as much as possible any exposure, yet allow us to worship together in the sanctuary.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4th, 9 AM
Drive-In Parking Lot Worship
Communion Service



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

October 11th, 9 AM
Drive-In Parking Lot Worship
Bring food donations for
Boyertown Multi-Service or
money for Food Ministry.



COMMUNION SUNDAYS

October 4th and 25th and
November 1st



Precautions help with safety for in-person sanctuary worship

- Face masks are required at all times unless you are communing.
- Communion will be served in pre-filled communion cups. No need to bring your own.
- There will be music; however, a single singer will represent the entire congregation's voice during the hymns and songs.
- To facilitate everyone in a safe and timely manner, please arrive early.
- Registration will be required at the entrance with some basic questions (similar to entering a medical facility). If you have symptoms or may have been exposed to someone with Covid, please stay home. We want you to recover and return as soon as possible.
- The seating areas are safely distanced and designated with red cushions. The side pews can handle groups with more than four people; however, the center section seats four people max. There are 78 total seats available in the sanctuary.
- The Fellowship Hall will be available for seating with a live broadcast.
- Ushers will direct and assist in the entering, seating and leaving of the building to ensure safety.
- Fellowship will be at your discretion outside the buildings.

∞ Faith Formation Opportunities ∞

Let's get ready... Start decorating!

We need our Sunday School families and others to:

1. Buy a pumpkin between now and October 24th
2. Decorate it with this theme in mind: **"Shine With God's Light!"** Think...how can a pumpkin show us ways to be God's light in this world? What are ways we "shine" to others?
3. Bring your pumpkin to church for display on Sunday, October 25th, and show us how you shine!



Bible Study - Gospel Discussions

Each Wednesday we will have a Bible study on the following Sunday's Gospel lesson. Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville and I discuss the Gospel lesson with Biblical and historical context. We apply the Gospel to what is going on in the world today and share our personal thoughts of what the Holy Spirit is leading us to teach. We invite you join us on our Facebook page each Wednesday and later on our Faith Formation page on NHELIC's website. Please add your comments and share if you are moved by the Spirit and wish to share the Good news.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

3rd Grade Bibles

Attention parents of 3rd Graders! You should have received either an email or letter about being part of the "My Bible Program." If you haven't, contact Deacon Carol ASAP. Our hope is to present the Bibles to our 3rd graders on Sunday October 25th.

Faith Formation Webpage

Check out the new **Faith Formation Page** on NHELIC's website! Here's what you will find:

- ✓ Information about faith formation opportunities for all ages
- ✓ Updates about events, Zoom sessions, etc.
- ✓ **Sunday School Registration Form** – we still need you to fill out this important information. All you need to do is go on the NHELIC webpage, click on "Faith Formation", then look at the Sunday School section. There you'll find two ways to register! Contact Deacon Carol with any questions.

Faith Formation Fall Fest *Sunday School Re-formed!*

- 🍂 Sunday, October 25th, 10 AM following worship in the church parking lot
- 🍂 Bring your **"Shine With God's Light"** decorated pumpkin to display
- 🍂 2019-2020 Sunday School staff – will receive their "thank you" gifts!
- 🍂 3rd Graders – your Bibles will be waiting for you!
- 🍂 A special scavenger hunt and other activities
- 🍂 Sunday School families – you'll get your filled "Faith Formation" tote bags so you can start faith formation for Fall 2020!

Your safety is a number one priority! Masks must be worn and we will socially distance.

Crossing our fingers for good weather. If not, we'll do a "drive-by" Fest!



Confirmation Collaborative - 2020/2021

Following a successful VBS venture, NHELC has joined the Gilbertsville/Pottstown ELCA Churches Affirmation of Baptism Collaborative. The Collaborative will meet together in the NHELC picnic grove four times a year to share in our Faith Formation, gain fellowship and have fun with other Lutheran young adults in the area. In addition, we will stream and record live zoom classes at 10:30 AM on the Second Sunday of each month.

Each of the Churches (St Luke, Grace, Emmanuel, St. James and NHELC) are working together to create a meaningful hybrid model for Confirmation classes during this pandemic. In addition, I believe this model of Faith Formation with the classes posted on our website is inclusive for those families who have immunity concerns and activity conflicts. Keep us in prayer.

Pastor Scott



Youth from Grace, Emmanuel and St. James join NHELC's catechism students for learning at the picnic grove.

Watch for other Faith Formation "happenings" and resources on NHELC's new webpage at newhanoverlutheran.org.

NHELC's Food Ministry

Drivers needed

NHELC's Food Ministry needs drivers to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at 2:15 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help.

Also, you can help with this ministry by donating food, especially chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks. You can drop off donations every Sunday during worship at 9 AM in the parking lot, and from 10 AM - noon at the church kitchen door.

Over 15,000 Meals Delivered

This church is open for God's business and alive!! We are cooking, packaging and delivering more meals than ever. The Food Ministry recently celebrated over 15,000 meals delivered and are now serving on average over 100 meals a day.

That means your contributions and donations are saving and changing lives right here in our community. We have a thriving mission that is located here in Montgomery County and is stretching into Chester and Berks Counties. This ministry is truly needed and evolving into a full-time ministry.

Food Ministry team prepares meals feeding on average 100 people daily. Pictured from left to right are: Jim Davidheiser, Chris Fatzinger, Richard Freed and Jim Gross.



New Hanover Lutheran Church hires interim director of food ministry

During their September 17th meeting, Council voted to offer the position of interim director of food ministry to Christ Fatzinger, who accepted the position.



Chris grew up in Lehigh, PA. He spent three years in the US Army, stationed in Germany. He graduated from East Stroudsburg University where he played varsity football his freshman year. Chris is married to his high school sweetheart, Robin, and they have two children, Noah and Mackenzie who grew up in New Hanover township and were confirmed at NHEL. Chris has been catering and cooking for the NHEL Fellowship Committee and Swamp Picnic for more than a decade. Besides cooking, Chris loves the outdoors and traveling with his family.

Volunteers find reward through service

More and more of our members are getting involved. Here are three of their stories.

Jim Gross has been helping in the kitchen from early on each week. Asked if he ever thought he would be a cook, he remarked “No, I did not think I would be cooking; however, Nancy thought it would be good for me.” That is a smart man to listen to his wife, something Biblical about that. Jim went on to say how rewarding it is to get to know the other volunteers and learning a lot about food ministry. There is a need for help and it is satisfactory to help other people.

Jim Davidheiser, another cook serving from early on, stated he had the time and he likes to serve others. When asked if he thought he would be cooking two to three times a week initially, he stated, “No, thought it would be two to three months; however, as long as there is a need, what better way to reach out to those people really hurting. Jim also delivers meals and witnesses in his words, “There, but by the grace of God all of us are one step away from needing help.”

Vicki Dotterer also has been delivering meals and helping in the kitchen. She finds satisfaction in helping others and finds this ministry as a way to get back into Mission and Social Ministry. She remarks like others who serve, “You get gratification from helping others in need and while you are having fun doing it.”

Please reach out to thank the Food Ministry teams and keep them and the people we serve in prayer. There is growing need and I believe the number of people we serve will grow. Let’s thank God for blessing us with the gifts we have and share them with others in need.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

Trellis for Tomorrow

Campers from this year’s Camp Falckner program continue to nurture their plants they received from Trellis for Tomorrow, an organization that provides hands-on programming to youth and adults in organic gardening, food security, and environmental stewardship.



Congregation Council

Officers

Steve Eisenhart, president
Sally Sugita, vice-president
Barbara Repa, secretary
Andy Van Dyke, treasurer
Scott Geiser, financial secretary

Members

Robin Fatzinger
Nevada Grant
Jim Gross
Marty Hauser
Amy Hoffman
Vicki Mutter

☞ Social Ministry helping others ☜

Support local families

During the month of October, Mission Service committee will receive donations of non-perishable foods, paper products and cleaning products to be distributed through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service to their clients in the Boyertown, Oley, Hereford and surrounding areas.

How can you donate? When you attend the 9 AM drive-in worship service, tell the usher you have donations for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service and the usher will receive your donation. If you are not attending the drive-in service, drop off your donation at the kitchen door (or portico if raining) on Sundays in October from 10 AM till noon and indicate the items are for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

The top ten items needed in each category are listed.

Food	Non-food
Pancake mix and syrup	Shampoo
Instant oatmeal	Conditioner
Kid snacks	Laundry detergent
Cereal	Deodorant
Canned vegetables	Bar soap
Canned tuna	Dish soap
Soup	Toilet paper
Applesauce	Paper towels
Boxed baking mixes	Tissues
Pasta or rice	Dog and cat food

Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

Please do not bring items with an expiration date already expired, home-canned items or medicines. These items cannot be accepted.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Do you know someone who needs a prayer shawl?

The person doesn't have to be a member of NHELHC. Contact Pastor Scott or Deacon Carol at the church at (610) 326-1335.

Peer Support Recovery Ministry

When Peer Support Recovery Ministry began at NHELHC in February 2020, no one could have predicted how valuable this ministry would have become in the upcoming months clouded by the pandemic. Since March the group had to adapt to ZOOM support groups. When warmer weather approached, the picnic grove facilitated the group to meet in person on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, flourishing to help individuals and transform our faith community.

At the picnic grove, the group witnessed monumental transformations through growth by referrals from the church, a social work student and local therapist offices. One new individual benefitted by driving past the picnic grove and asking what we were doing and finding out that, "this group of people is exactly what I needed and have been searching for."

In addition, NHELHC Peers Specialists:

- ◆ taught at camp Falckner about the effects on individuals and our community in the use of stigmas.
- ◆ with the Brush With The Law non-profit Artist ministry and other recovery groups connected with the congregation by creating a temporary Mural on NHELHC Education wing.
- ◆ held an event with therapy mini horses to support individuals.

These events enable individuals to overcome their respective barriers to the community due to the stigmas of Mental Health/Addiction. Connecting to our faith community helps individuals remember who they are, recognizing their strengths/assets to become all they are meant to be.

Through the Peer Support gatherings in the picnic grove and mission activities witnessed this year, individuals received support and gave back to our faith community. This ministry is needed more than ever with the rising incidents of mental health related illnesses.

Thank you for supporting this ministry, especially during this critical time. Please continue to spread the Good News of this ministry to anyone who needs support. It's free due to your donations; it's priceless for those who need support.

Peace,
Pastor Scott & Ryan Schweiger

☞ Congregation News ☜



Birthdays

Happy birthday to Carol Howells who will celebrate her 91st birthday on October 15th. If you would like to send Carol a birthday greeting, here is her address.

Carol Howells

2849 Big Road Room 3111 Aspen
Zieglerville, PA 19492

Also celebrating a birthday

- 1 Presley McNichol, Leona Renninger, Michael Smith, Jr.
- 2 Barbara Bower, Amy LeVan, Keith Renninger
- 3 Keith Weaver
- 4 Malaina Meeker, Corinne Schnee
- 6 Carolina Hansley, Tina Hennessey
- 7 Donna Smith
- 9 Ashlie Gorman, Marsha Staub
- 10 Teresa Yancik
- 11 Aurelia Cardillo, Shane Forsyth, Richard Freed
- 12 Lindsey Waltermeyer, Ryan Weaver
- 13 Kevin Brunner, Tim Evans, Georgann Geiser
- 14 Corey King, Diana Sisson
- 15 Carol Howells
- 16 Ed Phillips, Abby Sauers, Catherine Underwood, Seth Williams
- 17 Aidan Beaver, Kylie McAndrew, Emma Wenerowicz
- 18 Olivia Helmer, Michael F. Smith
- 19 Carolyn Fleming, Jackson Solarz
- 20 Steve Reed
- 22 Sue Swartz, Doug Weaver
- 23 Jake Anzulewicz, Suzanne Dodge
- 24 Jean Boyer, Cheyenne Cole
- 26 Julia DePaul, Bonnie Eichenlaub, Beckette Herold, Verdie Smith
- 27 Maya Brunner, Donna Evans, Kenneth Grzywacz, Judith Kingsepp, David Rhoads
- 29 William C. Moyer
- 30 Carol Detweiler, James Dugan, Jennifer Kurtz, Jared Pinter, Pr. Scott Staub
- 31 Bethany Bechtel, Monique Becker, Barbara Morris, Ronald Weller, Cassidy Williams

Anniversaries

- 1 Daniel and Ranell Cole
Jared and Valarie Dubbs
Peter and Heather Wurst
- 2 Joe and Lisa Caputo
Cameron and Michele Parker
Greg and Janet Psota
- 9 Ryan and Diana Sisson
- 12 Jason and Rachelle Kunsch
- 14 Thom and Lisa Heck
- 15 Bob Moyer and Kym Walther-Moyer
- 16 David and Gwen Grant
Lincoln and Barbara Noecker
- 17 Bruce and Bethann Ritter
Preston and Darlene Smith
- 18 Norm and Brenda Hunsberger
- 20 Ron and Lynn Fegley
Wayne and LuAnne Fowler
- 23 Matt and Amy Marazas
- 27 Jack and Kathleen Bowers

Card Shower



Thoughts and prayers go to Randy Dotterer and family for the loss of his brother, John, and to Brenda Hunsberger and family for the loss of her mother, Darlene Reilley.

Also, prayers and well wishes are extended to Kathy Kane, who recently was hospitalized.

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Mission Statement

The mission of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is to utilize the dedication of our church family, the strengths of our programs, the resources of our facilities, and history of our congregation to serve as a beacon of worship, welcome, peace, and support for our community.

Vision Statement

The vision of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church is to love our neighbors as ourselves, and live and serve as an example of God's Grace for our community and our world.