

New Hanover Highlights

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The Great Swamp Picnic Saturday, August 28, 2021 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Bring your family and friends to the annual Great Swamp Picnic.

Come to relax with family and friends. Watch the children enjoying the free games that are offered. Then, create your own picnic dinner from the full menu including pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, French fries and more. Look for some hidden treasures at the flea market hosted by the Mission Service committee. Be sure to grab an ice cream then sit back and relax under the trees while listening to the Boyertown Area Alumni marching Unit from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Bring your own lawn chair. Parking is available at the grove.

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELCC) picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Lutheran Road and North Charlotte Street.



Fall Schedule Begins Sunday, September 12, 2021

The new fall schedule begins when we kick off the Sunday School year on Sunday, September 12th, with Rally Day and a picnic.

9:00 Worship
10:15 Sunday School

For more information on Rally Day and Picnic, turn to page 3.



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Navigating the Swamp

It is ironic that we were deeded a land (a swamp) to begin a community 321 years ago and we are still here thriving. Life itself today seems to be mimic the swampy terrain on which we built our community. Dry, solid footing at times; however quickly turning to precarious footing after and during a storm.

Have you ever walked through a swamp? Each step must be carefully planned, whether you wear boots, waders, or just going barefoot after and during a storm. Each step must lead to one's destination out of the swamp, and survive the storm.

That's how I feel going through life here and at home since February of 2020. Each day brings a threat of a storm, new news of the pandemic, our divided nation, and the impact on the world both ecologically and mentally. It feels like one is walking through the swamp, careful not to fall into too deep, get stuck in the mud and cannot get out, and/or get bitten by those "snakes" with venomous lies and words.

However, it is a path of which we are called to do by God to help and love others. However, we may not be totally aware of the pain and suffering around us since we are carefully looking down at our next step. So, it is a delicate balance during these times. We must be on the lookout for those suffering and yet, keep a firm footing on safe land ourselves to enable us to help and

love others who are knee deep and drowning.

I encourage you all to stay active in loving our neighbors while staying on safe footing. Safe footing by being safe, being healthy, and keeping a relationship with God. I am encouraged to report from the swamp that we are actively, safely, and indiscriminately loving our neighbors. I am encouraged by our volunteers who cook, package and deliver close to 1,000 meals a week. I am encouraged by the helping hands who maintain and harvest our garden to deliver tons of produce to those who are hungry. I am encouraged by those who setup and greet for our worship inside the sanctuary.

In the swamp everyday, our staff facilitate these and other ministries to occur and thrive during this pandemic. We have never lost our vision of loving our neighbors by making history and not becoming a museum. Our facility, although with historical significance, is now housing ministries which help and save lives both mentally and physically.

We have invested over a quarter of million dollars to improve the air quality and environment of our facility to enable reliable worship and ministries to happen. We have hired a new staff member to help children, families and youth to live God's plan for them. During this challenging time, we have not stayed still; however, we have travelled through the

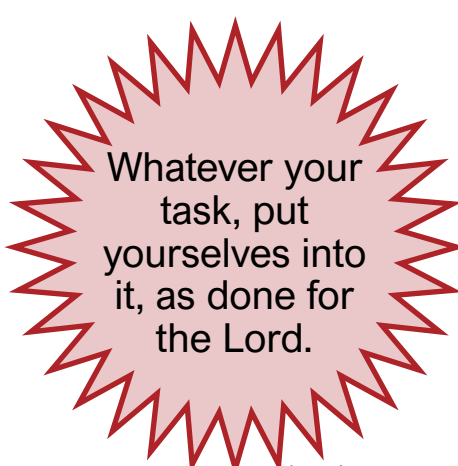
swamp to make this a better world and save lives, and will continue to do so.

I ask, will you join me? Will you help us continue our journey by donating your time, talents and money to help save lives and make the future of our community a better place to live and serve in? There is a place for everyone at Christ's table to serve and to enjoy God's goodness at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, all while keeping safe, and safely stepping onto new ground each day in the swamp.

So yes, the swamp is not a desirable place to live and journey in; however, it's a journey worth taking. If the last 18 months of the journey have been any indication, I would encourage you to plan a destination here yourself. The view of changing and saving people's lives is worth the price of the journey.

Peace and prayers that this letter finds you in good health and Spirit,

Pastor Scott



Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord.

Colossians 3:23

CHILDREN, FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Painting Event

Saturday, September 25th, 2 – 4 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of painting a piece of fall inspired art on Saturday, September 25th, from 2-4 PM. We will paint the picture shown to the right. Amy's Art Shack will be here to lead us step by step through the painting. No experience needed – this is meant to be a fun social event. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Weather permitting, we hope to be at the NHELCC Picnic Grove, but we will move indoors if the weather is not cooperative. It is \$40/person and Amy is donation \$15/person back to NHELCC programs. RSVP to Nikki Young by calling the church office or emailing nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.



NHELCC
neighbors

**HARVESTING HOPE
FAIR**

October 2, 2021
11:00 - 3:00

Join us for a day of family fun! Events include:

- Touch a Truck
- Hay Ride
- Non-Profit Fair
- Christmas Flea Market
- Kids games and bounce house
- Food and bake sale
- Music from Richard Thomas from 1-3

THE AMAZING RAISE

Watch our facebook page or www.newhanoverlutheran.org for more information.

Rally Day Event and Picnic Sunday, September 12th 10:15 AM

We are ready to begin Sunday School again and are looking forward to Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th, at 10:15 following worship. All ages can join in the Rally Day fun. There will be a scavenger hunt for those that would like to participate and service project to make kindness bags to be given to someone that could use some cheering up. Children and Youth will have a chance to meet their teachers and find their classroom. After the Sunday School hour there will be a picnic at the Grove. Fellowship committee will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, barbeque, condiments, chips, pretzels and beverages. We ask that you bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We will have folks helping to serve the food in order to keep things as safe as possible. We hope you will join us for a fun morning filled with faith and fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back.

FLUTTER (Youth Group) Sunday, September 26th 11:30 AM



Mark your calendars for our next FLUTTER (Youth Group) event. We will meet on Sunday, September 26th, following Sunday School at 11:30 at the Picnic Grove. This will be a social event and we will have lunch and games (9 Square in the Air, Cornhole etc.). Students in grades 5- 12 are invited to join us. We had a great event in August with swimming and volleyball and had twelve youth in attendance. Feel free to invite a friend!

Sunday School Help Needed

We need your help! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, substitutes, and second adults. We provide you with the curriculum and whatever support you will need. If you are not comfortable teaching but are willing to just be a second adult/classroom observer, that is helpful. We would like to have an extensive substitute list to have others to call on if our regular teachers are feeling ill. Can't help weekly? That's ok! If you are interested at all, contact Nikki Young at the church or at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Meet Nikki Young

Nikki Young, Director of Children Family and Youth Ministry, grew up in Elizabethtown, PA. She attended Shippensburg University and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Journalism. Nikki now lives in Perkiomenville with her husband Josh, her son Sammy and their crazy dog Luna.



Nikki has served at two different churches as an office manager since 2014 and was always interested in helping out with ministry. She is passionate about making sure children and youth feel included and involved in the church and making sure they feel like they belong.

Nikki's interests include being outside with her family, reading, playing board games and watching the Phillies and the Eagles.

Nikki began her ministry at New Hanover on August 1, 2021.



Thank you from Nikki Young

I wanted to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received as I am starting as the Director of Children Family and Youth Ministries. I am really looking forward to serving in this role. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for hosting the meet and greet on Sunday, August 8th. It was a beautiful morning and my family and I were grateful for the warm welcome (and Sammy really loved the cake!). I welcome your ideas and would love to work with you. Please feel free to call me or email nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org any time and I will be happy to set up a time to chat!

Nikki Young
Director of Children, Family and Youth Ministries



2021-2022 Catechism

We are getting ready to begin Catechism for the 2021-2022 school year. Catechism is typically for 8th and 9th graders and is a two year program. If you are interested in your child attending catechism, contact Nikki Young at the church or email nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott

An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

Forward of the book study "Oneing: Trauma" by Richard Rohr: "The theme of the edition is timely, considering the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives due to a complex global pandemic, political upheaval, armed conflicts, and squalid migrant camps cropping up in many parts of the world, not to mention the suffering of countless kinds of animal and plant life due to global warming. Although it seems that we are living through eschatological times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eye-opening, heart-breaking suffering." The book cost is \$15.00. I ask that you contact me at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org by September 10th to order your copy. Scholarships are available for the book cost. I will also have handouts available.

SENIOR FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

NHELC’s new ministry for seniors is finally getting off the ground as first steps are falling into place! Check out below what’s currently in the planning stages.

Seniors Ministry Planning & Resource Team

The first ever Seniors Ministry Planning & Resource Team is forming. As of this writing, on board are Jane Johnson, Jean Moser, Jane Manthorne, Lucille Powell (Prayer Chain Ministry) and Jo Anne Wirt. Barbara Morris will be part of the team, serving as the liaison for Frederick Living. We hope to add a few more - it would be nice to have a few men on board!

Also, watch for a survey to help the board determine what are the interests and needs of our seniors.

A Cemetery Meet and Greet Senior Ministry’s first project

Seniors will be helping raise funds during the month of October when NHELC participates in the “Amazing Raise”, a new venture to help raise monies for worthy organizations and programs (see p. 9 for details). Plans have already begun for a **Living History Cemetery Tour** to be held during the day on Saturday, October 23rd (rain date October 30th). We are currently choosing about ten cemetery residents that will come alive for this event to share their stories with us.

So how can you help? We need...

- folks who are a little bit “hammy” and would take on a designated role.
- leads on economical access to period costumes.
- greeters, etc. to make visitors feel welcome on the day of the event.

If you can lend a hand, contact Deacon Carol.

Living History Cemetery Tour

October 23rd
(Rain date October 30th)

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Small group tours
every 15 minutes

Admission: Free-will donation
(Part of Amazing Raise project
with funds to help
cemetery restoration)

Senior Ministry Kick-off Luncheon

Thursday, September 23rd
12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

The kickoff event will include lunch by Chef Chris, good fellowship and creative chatting about NHELC’s new Seniors Ministry. Please note: “seniors” has no real defining age restriction – like AARP – 50 years and over – come on out! We ask you to sign up for this event if you will be attending so we can plan for food. Reserve your spot by calling the church office or by signing up on the sheet that will be available soon in the Welcome Center. We’ll let you know if we come up with some other ways for you to get your name to us.

The Gift of Wisdom

Grandparents Day is coming up on September 12, 2021. On August 3, 1978 then-President Jimmy Carter signed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as “National Grandparents Day” – a day to honor grandparents who lift up the well-being of their grandchildren. Today it is celebrated, on different dates, in many countries around the world. And on whatever day we celebrate we are reminded to celebrate not only grandparents, but any older adults who have been teachers of wisdom, perspectives and values to young people. We are blessed with those teacher/mentors

here within our own congregation. A shout-out and BIG thanks to all of our seniors here at NHELC who are touching the lives of our younger generations. You are a gift to this community of faith!

For more ideas on how to celebrate Grandparents Day check out www.grandparentsday.org.



Thursdays at Ten Formerly the “Mid-Week Study”



**Thursday, September 16th
10 - 11:30 AM
Room 33**

Join us for a “grace-filled” time of talk, fellowship and exploring life as God meant it to be. Using a “smorgasbord” of biblical texts, devotional/spiritual materials, hymns, and even current news articles, we will begin to discover together God’s seen and unseen presence in our daily lives. And who knows, there could be a snack or two showing up!

You don’t have to be a biblical expert to attend “Thursdays at Ten.” You just need to be a seeker, a questioner, a story-lover, a person who likes to laugh.

And... most of all, enjoy being with others just like you!



As you’re enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: “Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

VBS Thank You

VBS 2021 “God’s Good Creation” gave us a wonderful chance to safely come together again as a Faith Formation family for five weeks at NHELC. This was in part due to a wonderful planning team made up of folks from several Lutheran churches. Our original planning team consisted of: Megan Meeker, Pastor Mary Ann Siefke, Sharon Smith and myself, Deacon Carol. We were joined by “specialists” - Michael Romasco, who did weekly welcome videos and Leslie Gates who did wonderful yoga/mindfulness segments several of the weeks. Pastor Kay Braun helped co-teach with me the Adult VBS sessions, Aaron Derr, our resident beekeeper, visited and taught us all about the marvels of honeybees. Pastor Scott and Nikki Young shared the stories behind our food ministry and garden. Bethany Bechtel led us in some great games. Then we had all the fantastic volunteers from Grace/Emmanuel, NHELC, St. James and St. Luke who each week came out to help with set-ups, service projects, crafts, snacks, etc. At least five ministries/organizations benefited from VBS donations including ten bags of food items to Operation 143 (provides supplemental snacks/food for children)! From helping veterans to animal rescue centers we covered a lot of territory! Lastly a VERY big thank you to the adult study attendees, parents and children who came out and supported this year’s VBS program. We couldn’t have done it without the community of help that we had!

It was a little nostalgic as I closed up and locked the doors on the last night of the program, July 21st. This was the 25th VBS (including our virtual one last year) that I had the privilege of overseeing here at NHELC. It was also my last one as I’m finally shifting over to my new role as Director of Senior Faith Formation. Kind of a strange feeling. But...I am leaving the program in very committed and capable hands as Nikki Young takes over as Director of Children, Family and Youth Faith Formation. I wish her all the very best and I know that she goes into it well supported with all of the super volunteers she’ll have helping her!

Blessings,
Deacon Carol

Learn from leaves

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God’s best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone



CONGREGATION NEWS

Congratulations Amanda

Congratulations to Amanda Dodge on achieving her Girl Scout Gold award. Amanda's project was clearing and defining the walking trails at the Althouse Arboretum. Also, Amanda earned her Bronze and Silver awards. She was in Troop 73212 in Souderton, PA.

Do you enjoy reading the newsletter?

NHELCC will soon discontinue mailing the *New Hanover Highlights* by third class mail. The newsletter will be sent out electronically. A limited number of printed copies will continue to be available for those who would like to pick up a copy at the church. If you do not have access to a computer and cannot attend worship but would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, we will gladly send you a copy by first class mail. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335. If you currently do not receive the newsletter link by email but would like to receive the newsletter electronically, send your email address(es) to Susan at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org. Any questions about the newsletter mailing, contact Susan at the email or phone number listed above.

What I understand is that we are loved, we belong, and that we are not a mistake or a problem to be solved or a public policy to be fixed, but a holy part of the Divine Mystery that is the Universal Christ.

Alexie Torres-Fleming

Breakfast Fellowship

Every month, the men and women of NHELCC gather for a time of fellowship and breakfast at local restaurants. There is no agenda, just a friendly gathering for good food and good conversation. All are welcome and newcomers are encouraged to check it out.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 11th
8:00 AM

Brookside Family Restaurant
1338 North Charlotte Street
Pottstown

No reservations needed. For more information, contact Ron Fegley at (484) 415-0386.

Women's Breakfast
Wednesday, September 14th
8:30 AM

Three Cousins Diner
80 East High Street
Pottstown

Reservations are needed. Contact Sandy Wesner for more information and to reserve your seat at (215) 679-9021.

Prayer Ministry

*"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you."*

Jeremiah 29:12

Here at NHELCC we have a strong prayer ministry that serves without ceasing. Whenever you, or someone you know - they do not have to be members - needs a prayer you have several options to turn to. Or you may want to have a prayer lifted for a certain situation. Or something you want to celebrate! Whatever is your prayer need, you can contact a staff member to

- ✝ have a name placed on our printed prayer list in the weekly bulletin.
- ✝ have a name placed on our phone Prayer Chain.
- ✝ receive a prayer shawl.

We only ask that you have permission from the person, if other than you, to have their name(s) placed on the prayer list or chain.

We also have a "Prayer Buddy Program" which was set up during the pandemic to connect members whose kids are beyond Sunday school age with a specific Sunday school family. This fall the list will be updated to make sure all Sunday school families are being prayed for!

And....we are always looking for new folks willing to knit prayer shawls!

For more information on any of the above, contact Deacon Carol.



Garden of Hope Serve Day

Harvesting, Maintaining, Building

Saturday, September 11th
8 AM to ?

Come and join the FUN

Thought to ponder

“If you want the peace that passes understanding, you’re going to have to give up your right to understanding. It’s called trust.”

—Bill Johnson

Look who’s celebrating a birthday in September

- 1 Jane Johnson, Cynthia Mack, Skylar Mathias
- 2 Holli Nuss, Nicole Rohrbach, Jay Smith
- 3 Kristina Lang
- 5 Harry White
- 6 Bryce Manthorne
- 7 Molly Moylan
- 8 Cameron Hauser
- 9 Annabel Bechtel, Chase Haraske, Diane Heffner, Jim Mack
- 10 Kevin Wilson
- 11 Ron Fegley, James Lindenmuth, Erin Magee, Jenna Psota, Beverly Smale, Vickie Trowbridge
- 13 Morgan Fox, Cindy King, Carlo Malantonio

- 14 Jason Kunsch, Justin Smoot
- 15 Nathan Beaver, Michelle Pell, Debbie Solazzo
- 16 Nicole Ewing, Emily Gallagher
- 17 Tanner Buchholtz, Patricia Ehst
- 18 David Czarnecki, Matthew Reed
- 20 Bryan Christ
- 21 Taylor King
- 22 Julia Hauck, Cameron Parker, Matthew Rohrbach
- 23 Avery Brunner
- 24 Linda Adams, Deb Matthews
- 25 Janene Anzulewicz, Sheridan Cole, Cheryl



- Goodwin, Paxton Moyer, Michele Parker
- 26 Ray Bechtel III
- 28 Ryan Morrell, Beth Schweiger, Suzanne Weller
- 29 Lester Renninger, Jennifer Yost
- 30 Samantha Allen, Diane Bealer, Kendra Rothermel

Congratulations to those celebrating an anniversary in September



- 2 Jason and Brandy Marino
- 5 Ed and Monique Becker
- 6 Adam and Leslie Gates
- 7 Charles and Christine McNichol
- 8 Jim and Jean Boyer
- 9 Brian and Joan Flack
- 12 Mark and Amy Agnew

- David and Bonnie Lynn
- 17 Rodney and Carolyn Snell
- 19 Ronald and Joan Comtois
- 20 Carl and Marcia Dey
- 22 Dieter and Wendy Gahler
- 24 Brent and Sally Sugita
- 28 Kenneth and Linda Motzer



Running toward the goal

“Disciplined runners consistently clear their heads and focus fully on the journey ahead because their passion and zeal for the goal [supersede] the strain,” writes Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer. “The goal beckons them onward. Passion doesn’t negate weariness; it just resolves to press beyond it.”

YOU CAN HELP NHELC MINISTRY

Designated October contributions generate bonus support



Every Dollar you contribute to NHELC Amazing Raise events, and during the month of October will receive a Bonus from the TCN Foundation.

This year NHELC is participating in the Amazing Raise sponsored by the TriCounty Community Network (TCN). The Amazing Raise is a movement that inspires and unites hundreds of donors, (foundations, corporations, individuals) to support participating non-profit organizations in our area. **Our Goal is \$15,000.**

The amount of money we receive through donations and fundraising **during the month of October** will be boosted by a bonus gift from the Amazing Raise’s incentive fund. You can find our donation site at <https://www.amazingraisetricounty.org>. Also, all donations (by mail, or handed in, or online) designated

for NHELC Amazing Raise will receive the bonus.

NHELC has a history of serving others and has recently initiated exciting ministries (Loaves & Fishes, Garden of Hope, Peer Support, FLUTTER Youth and Seniors). The monies raised during the Amazing Raise will help to fund these and all our ministries.

We are asking that you “**save the date**” – **October** – to make a special donation to NHELC through the Amazing Raise. Make that end of the year donation a bit earlier in October, or that special donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, and/or share some of your investment’s “minimum required distribution” in October. Every dollar counts – any amount is welcome. **Remember, what you give through the Amazing Raise is increased by bonus monies!**

More details will be posted about the Amazing Raise and our fundraising activities in October *which include the events on September 26 (Painting Party), October 2 (Harvesting Hope Fair) and October 23 (Living History Cemetery Tour).* Check in at newhanoverlutheran.org, Facebook, worship bulletins and our newsletters.

Food Ministry

More than 50,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. Money, food donations and drivers are needed.



1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM, or contact Chef Chris at Cfatzinger@chris-cooks.com.

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 donation in the offering plate or mail to the church.

3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.



And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” *Luke 3:10-11*

Peer Support Ministry



This ministry has saved lives during the pandemic. A regionally recognized ministry that serves our community free of charge. This ministry needs your support. To learn more, go to our Get Involved tab at newhanoverlutheran.org or contact Ryan our ministry director at peersupport@newhanoverlutheran.org.



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12

Garden of Hope Ministry



Volunteers are needed to work in the garden.

Mondays and Thursdays

7-10 AM

Wednesdays

4:30-5:30 PM

Saturdays

to be announced (9/11 at 8 AM)

Would you like to help but can't serve during the designated hours? Additional hours and tasks can be coordinated with Donna Kehs. Contact Donna at donnakehs@gmail.com.



In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Sponsors Needed - Honor a loved one



You can help support the ministry at NHELC by sponsoring communion and The Word in Season devotion booklets. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 to sign up. Suggested donation to sponsor the communion is \$20 a month and The Word in Season devotional is \$35 a month. And, don't forget, there are weeks available to sponsor the bulletin and flowers too. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 a week and the flowers is \$35 a week.



Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Thrivent Members - Free money you can use



Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church or charity. With your gifts, you can help Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry, Garden of Hope with plants and supplies, FLUTTER (Youth) activities and Community Family Events. For details, contact Pastor Scott or logon at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>. Go to newhanoverlutheran.org to donate, serve or learn more about these ministries.



How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

1 John 3:17

Updated Staff Contact List

Please note the new email addresses for Carol and Susan.

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Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days. And some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms. Some blossom early, and some blossom late, but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood
His Mysterious Ways

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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.

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September 2021

Mark your calendar with these upcoming events

- 8/28 The Great Swamp Picnic
- 9/12 Sunday School and Picnic
- 9/16 Thursdays at Ten (Formerly Mid-week Study)
- 9/23 Senior Ministry Kickoff Luncheon
- 9/25 Painting Event
- 9/26 FLUTTER
- 10/2 Harvesting Hope Fair
- 10/23 Living History Cemetery Tour

Look inside to see how our ministry is growing.

