

New Hanover Highlights

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Fall program year begins Sunday, September 11th

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

An exciting new program year begins on Sunday, September 11th, at 10:15 AM in fellowship hall. Check out the Director of Children, Family & Youth's upcoming activities on page 6 for more details.

Congregational Picnic

To help kick-off the fall program year, the Fellowship and Picnic Grove committees will host a congregational picnic. Picnic foods including hot dogs, hamburger barbeque, condiments, chips, pretzels and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

The church picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Lutheran Road and North Charlotte Street.

So mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11th, and join your church family for the program year kick-off.



Join a choir

Would you like to sing in a choir or play handbells? New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHEL) offers three choirs. The Chancel Choir and Children's Choir (ages 3-12) rehearse on Wednesdays and the Bell Choir rehearses on Thursdays.

Rehearsals resume

September 8 th	Bell Choir	6:15 – 7:30
September 14 th	Chancel Choir	7:00 – 8:15
September 21 st	Children's Choir	6:30 – 7:00

For more information on the Chancel Choir or Children's Choir, contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or for Bell Choir information, contact Bell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursdays at Ten returns September 15th

**10 – 11:30 AM
Room 33**

“Fierce Women of the Bible” Do you know the stories of “fierce women” in the Bible? Do you know the stories of “fierce women” in your family? Join the group as they move beyond the labels of *victim, tempter, silent* and read between the biblical storylines to come a little closer to who these women really were. Learn how their stories are not that dissimilar from our family's stories, or our stories. See how their stories can help us discover more about ourselves, no matter whether we are male or female. Get ready for some “sassy” conversation and new insights into these remarkable biblical figures!

“Thursdays at Ten” is a faith formation opportunity for adults. **All** are welcome. And not to worry if you can't attend every week. There will always be a seat waiting for you! Any questions? Contact Deacon Carol.

September Sundays

The following events are open to all interested adults and are sponsored by the Seniors Ministry.

Genealogy 101

September 18th, 10:15 AM

Location: TBD

Genealogy 101 is a presentation by professional genealogist Amanda Schlick designed to give helpful tips in researching your family's history. Come out and discover what's your story.

Centered on Seniors

September 25th, 10:15 AM

Room 33

Centered on Seniors is a combination kick-off to the new program year and a time of sharing and insights about life as a Senior. Also, we'll include discussion about areas of concern, such as taking care of elder family members and yourself. And of course, there will be snacks!

Any questions about these events, contact Deacon Carol Detweiler, director of senior faith formation.

Support the HVAC and AVEL systems

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway to raise \$200,000 for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Audio, Visual, Electrical and Lighting (AVEL) systems. A letter describing this campaign along with an envelope for your contribution were mailed in August. Additional envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center. For more information, contact Council President Steve Eisenhart or Property Chairman Jim Gross.



**2nd Annual
Harvesting Hope Fair
October 1st
11 AM - 3 PM**

Join the fun for all ages and help change lives!

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| Touch a Truck | Drag Racing Cars |
| Tractors | Christmas Flea Market |
| Hayrides | Bee Demo |
| Non-Profit Ministry Fair | Family Fun and Games |
| Family Photo Booth | Bounce Houses |
| Organic Garden U-Pick | Food & Beverages |

All event proceeds will support the NHELCC Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry and Garden of Hope, nonprofit ministries feeding, saving and changing lives locally.

Become a Sponsor

Sponsors are needed to help with the Harvesting Hope Fair. Individuals and organizations are welcome to become sponsors.

- **Bell Pepper** Donations up to \$250
- **Jalapeno Pepper** Donations \$251 - \$1,000
- **Cayenne Pepper** Donations \$1,001 - \$2,500
- **Habanero Pepper** Donations over \$2,500

An Event Sponsorship form is included in this newsletter. Completed forms and payment are due by **Friday, September 9th**. Any questions, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Breakfast Fellowship

The men and women of NHELCC gather for a time of fellowship and breakfast at local restaurants every month. There is no agenda, just a friendly gathering for good food and good conversation.

Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, September 10th
8:00 AM**

**Brookside Family Restaurant
1338 North Charlotte Street**

Men meet the second Saturday of the month. No reservations required. For more information, contact Ron Fegley.

Women's Breakfast

**Wednesday, September 14th
8:30 AM**

**Shorty's Sunflower Café
1494 North Charlotte Street**

Women meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Reservations are required. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at (215) 679-9021 by Tuesday noon before the breakfast.



**Help Pottstown Cluster clients
with your donations**

NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items throughout the month of September. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. A collection box is located in the welcome center for donations. Thank you in advance for helping those in need.

Prayer shawls offer comfort


Do you know someone who could use a prayer shawl to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so, contact Deacon Carol or Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. We need additional knitters for this important ministry. Supplies and instructions are available now in the library located off of fellowship hall. Materials are on a bookcase close to the door. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions about this ministry.

Financial Record

The table below shows NHELCC's income for the year as of July 31, 2022. The budgeted amounts are 7/12 of the approved 2022 budget to coincide with the months reported.

	July Contributions	Year-to-Date Contributions	Approved Budget	Percentage of Budget
Offering				
Envelope	\$8,820	\$94,297	\$100,333	94%
Simply Giving	\$9,632	\$70,959	\$77,875	91%
Loose Offering	\$357	\$2,283	\$2,917	78%
Designated Contributions				
Fuel Oil	\$180	\$2,902	\$5,250	55%
Bulletin	\$40	\$180	\$700	26%
Flowers	\$165	\$1,833	\$1,750	105%
HVAC Project	\$2,135	\$2,435	\$19,833	12%
Audio/Visual/Electric Project	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$0	-
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope	\$2,398	\$31,910	\$32,083	99%
Peer Support Ministry	\$760	\$6,882	\$2,333	295%
Grants				
Peer Support Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$4,375	0%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope	\$0	\$43,930	\$8,750	502%

NEW HANOVER LUTHERAN CHURCH



October 15, 2022
(rain date: October 22)
2 PM to 4 PM ~
tours every 20 min


12 PM: Dress Rehearsal
(open to those with
mobility issues ~
Fellowship Hall)


Free will donation to fund
cemetery restoration

Food will be available!

LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR


COME DISCOVER THE LONG AND FASCINATING
HISTORY OF NEW HANOVER LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND ITS MEMBERS





Need a prayer lifted up?

The NHELCC Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at cdetweiler01@comcast.net or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave her a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.



Infinitely More

Wouldn't be great to have infinitely more? I would guess, some would say immediately more money, or more time to get things done, and/or to have more free time. So what does infinitely more mean? I believe it depends.

It depends on whether you believe that you can do and have infinitely more with the help of God. It is a faith and trust question between God and us. Our NHEL community has over the past several years began more ministry, took on more mission, and invested more than previous years. And it all happened during Covid when many believed "infinitely more" could not happen.

Infinitely more people are being served than ever before with our Loaves & Fishes, and our Garden of Hope food ministries. This month we will celebrate 100,000 meals delivered!!!! Wow, infinitely more than we imagined back in the beginning of 2020.

In addition, almost 25,000 meals were impacted through our harvested blessings from our garden. Infinitely more than in 2021 when we first broke ground and planted seeds of hope. 100's of lives were impacted and changed for the better through our Peer Support ministry. Infinitely more than was imagined in 2020.

Dreaming is contagious, and often discouraged because of the lack of imagination of resources. However, most likely those who discourage others lack the implementation of our most valuable resources, faith and trust in God. But not you, you are infinitely more faithful and have invested more to make all of this possible.

As the Apostle Paul implores the Ephesians starting their early church, "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think "(Eph 3:20). We have together accomplished infinitely more during this pandemic than others, due to the fact that we had full faith that we could with the power of God at work within us achieve more with God, than doing it ourselves.

And God is not done with us yet! September 11th we introduce JAM (Jesus And Me). A new children's ministry on Sunday Morning. In addition, we will be working on installing a new sound and video system to improve inhouse and remote worship and events in the sanctuary. We will of course be asking all of us to step up our generosity and support the ongoing ministries and the new initiatives.

On October 1st, at the Harvesting Hope Festival we will be celebrating our great accomplishment in the food and garden ministries. There will be opportunities for sponsorships of all levels to join in the celebration. I have, with the help of God, full faith we can achieve all of this and much more. I thank you for all of your generous monetary, prayer and faithful support. You can be proud to say, "Yep, that's my church. We keep doing infinitely more with God's help to love our neighbors." Amen.

Peace.
Pastor Scott

Stories from our community

Hi, this is Joe from Unity Sober Living. Thanks for the meals you've been sending us. I attend Saint Aloysius Church in Pottstown and today's message was Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter through a narrow gate." I told the boys don't get too fat on the church food or you won't fit through the gate. I think they got the message, try to follow Jesus' way. 🙏



Need help with a committee task?

Calling Committee Chairs and other NHEL community leaders!

If your ministry has a task to be completed, look to the Seniors Serving Others for help. The seniors are ready and anxious to help! Contact Deacon Carol if you have a project in mind and the seniors will go from there!



September Newsletter

Here's what is going on at NHELCC

Welcome Back

We are excited for a big year ahead. On Sunday, September 11th we are kicking off J.A.M. This week we will ALL be together to here what is coming up this year, do a service project and a scavenger hunt and probably even sing some songs together. Speaking of singing, choir is back this year and we are so excited about that. Choir practice will be Wednesdays at 6:30 and on the 3rd Wednesday of each month we're going to have dinner here from 5:30 - 6:30 - get here when you can. We are working on a program year calendar to try to provide you with as many dates as we can ahead of time! They are coming soon!

Upcoming Events

Sept 11 - Kick off Sunday and Church Picnic (Bring a side, salad or dessert)

Sept 21 - Wed night meal and FIRST choir rehearsal 5:30 meal, 6:30 choir

Oct 1 - Harvesting Hope Fair

Oct 22 - 9 - 11 - First Communion Class

Oct 25 - Pumpkin Frolic- Save the Date - Details coming soon!

Oct 30 - First Communion/ Reformation Sunday

First Communion

This year we are allowing kids 2nd grade and above to take the First Communion class on Saturday Oct 22nd from 9-11. At least one parents should aattend with the child. Let Nikki know if you plan to attend.

3rd Grade Bibles

Third graders will receive their bibles on Sunday 9/11. If you have a 3rd or kid that has not received a bible please let Nikki know.

Helpers Needed

We need some elementary level JAM teachers. We will be keeping elementary all together, but would like to have teachers available for small group breakouts discussions. We are also looking for leaders to teach a craft or game etc. Please contact Nikki. Youth that are confirmed may help in these areas!

Contact me with questions or ideas

Nikki Young, Director of Children Family and Youth 610-326-1335

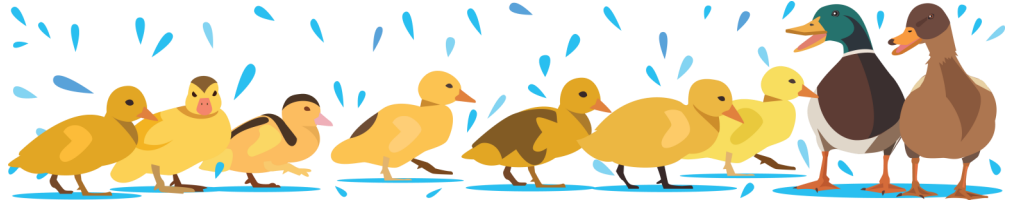
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Where are your wings?

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks. Does it remind you of anyone?

In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!” Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home.



September Celebrations

Birthdays

- 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

- 21 Taylor King
- 22 Julia Hauck, Cameron Parker, Matthew Rohrbach
- 23 Avery Brunner
- 24 Linda Adams, Deb Matthews
- 25 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

Anniversaries

- 2 Jason and Brandy Marino
- 5 Ed and Monique Becker
- 6 Adam and Leslie Gates
- 7 Charles and Christine McNichol
- 9 Brian and Joan Flack
- 12 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



- 12 Mason Ammarell
- 13 Morgan Fox, Cindy King, Carlo Malantonio
- 14 Jason Kunsch, Justin Smoot
- 15 Nathan Beaver, Debbie Solazzo
- 16 Nicole Ewing, Emily Gallagher
- 17 Tanner Buchholtz, Patricia Ehst
- 18 David Czarnecki, Matthew Reed
- 20 Bryan Christ

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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.