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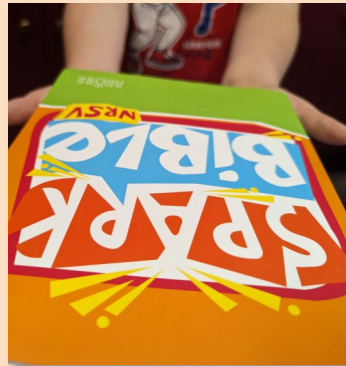
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First Communion



First Bible



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The Great Swamp Picnic is almost here

Saturday, August 26th, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

The Great Swamp Picnic, a 100+ year tradition of gathering for New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELCH) members and the community will be held in the picnic grove. There will be lots of food and fun for all ages. This year, the hot roast beef sandwiches will be back, as well as pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, kettle soups, ice cream and more! We offer free kids games, a flea market to benefit a local charity and entertainment by the Boyertown Area Alumni Band.

Help Needed

Lots of volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and on the day of the picnic. A schedule of volunteer opportunities will be available in early August. If you are willing to help, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

Flea Market Treasures

Drop off flea market donations under the pavilion at the picnic grove anytime on Friday, August 25th. Or, if you need to drop off your donations earlier, bring them to the third grade classroom (#31). Please do not bring large and/or upholstered furniture or any appliances. Call 484-363-0639 with any questions.

The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rte. 663 and Lutheran Road. We hope to see you there!



Outdoor Game Night

Saturday, August 5th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Join in the fun at the picnic grove with outdoor games like cornhole, ladder golf and 9 Square in the Air. If yard games aren't your thing, bring some cards or other games you'd like to play. This game night is a potluck style and all ages are welcome. Let us know what you will be bringing by emailing Nikki at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-outdoor>. Drinks, plates, cups and plastic ware will be provided.

Meet Me at...

Picnic Grove - Playtime

Monday, August 7th
10:00 AM - Noon

Garden of Hope - Fall Planting

Friday, August 18th
9:00 AM - Noon



Breakfast Fellowship

Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, August 9th, 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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 12th, 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 at 484-300-3025.

FANTASY FOOTBALL



Do you like watching/following NFL Football? Want to get a little closer to the action? Then join the socially focused, free NHEL C fantasy football league for the 2023-2024 NFL season!

Whether you are an experienced fantasy football participant, or a first-time participant wanting to dabble, we will keep it simple – we will “draft” team players prior to the NFL season start and trade and pick players out of a player pool throughout the season. It's just for fun, not time-consuming, and will give you a different perspective of the game.

We are looking for ten - 14 participants (can start multiple leagues if more want to participate) to get this started. We will be using a free app called “Sleeper” to manage the league and individual team rosters.

If you are interested, simply click here (<https://sleeper.com/i/EBDkXRn6YAR0>) or contact Todd Rothermel at (rookie48@yahoo.com) for more information.



Wanted: JAM Teachers

Last year we discovered it would be beneficial to have our older and younger preschool/elementary students split for at least the lesson part of JAM (Jesus and Me). Students will still gather together for the opening. Therefore, we need a team of four to teach pre-k – 2nd grade and a team of four to teach 3 - 5th grade. With two teams of four, everyone can serve just one Sunday per month. Won't you consider helping with this important piece of our faith formation? Prayerfully consider serving and talk to Nikki ASAP! This is a relatively small commitment that can make a BIG difference in our Kid Ministry!



Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 13th

Students and teachers/ administrators etc. can bring their backpack, computer bag, or simply themselves for a blessing as we approach the 2023/2024 school year. The blessing will take place as part of worship that day.

Me Meet at Hot Wheels and Cool Treats

On July 11th young bikers gathered for a bike rodeo, learning bike safety along with enjoying being together and riding bikes!



Food Collection

NHELCC is collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of August and September. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. A collection box is located in the welcome center for donations. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

JAM Kick-off

September 10th in the picnic grove

This year's theme is Space, a continuation from Kids Camp. Help us blast off into the new programming year. Stay tuned for details, but you won't want to miss it!



Worship	9:00
JAM	10:15
Picnic	11:30

Picnic: The main course and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Mid-week Dinner

Wednesday, September 20th, 5:45 PM

Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner. The monthly dinner get-together returns in September and will be held the third Wednesday of the month throughout the program year.

Third Grade Bibles

Bibles will be handed out to our third graders on kick-off **Sunday, September 10th**, during worship. Contact Nikki Young if you have a third grader OR a student that did not receive a Bible when in third grade.

Communion

Altar Communion
August 6th
September 3rd

Pew Communion
October 29th



Choirs resume

Would you like to sing in a choir or play handbells? NHELCC 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

Handbell Choir

August 31st, 6:15 – 7:30 PM

For more information contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Children's Choir

September 6th, 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Chancel Choir

September 6th, 7:00 – 8:15 PM

For more information on the Children's Choir and Chancel Choir, contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

"Faith walking in the dark with God only prays one to clasp a hand more closely, and does not even ask God for the lifting of the darkness."
—Phillips Brooks

Harvest Home

Sunday, September 24th

Bring non-perishable donations with you to worship for the annual Harvest Home celebration of our bounty. Before entering the sanctuary for worship, drop off your donations at the designated area in the Welcome Center. At the beginning of the service, children will bring the items to the altar for a blessing.

Sunday Morning Adult Discussions

What does the kingdom of God look like? Who is our neighbor and what is loving God, neighbor and oneself? We will embark on a twelve week study together on these subjects. Everyone is invited. Starting September 24th, we will meet after worship. The location will be determined based on the number of participants. Contact pastor Scott if you wish to lead, or participate or have any questions.

"If" a time to come as you are

Every Thursday in the morning, we will meet to discuss several questions posted weeks beforehand. The questions will pertain to our everyday lives, no matter who we are, where we are in life or age. We will apply our collective experiences, wisdom and Bible scriptures to help the discussion along. There are no prerequisites; come as you are, and everyone is invited. If you like to listen or talk, please come. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates and questions in the near future.

Capital Campaign

Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future

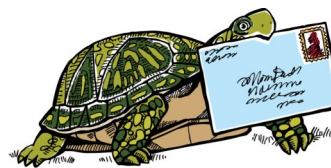
As an update to our current projects, the Electrical System (EL) has been completed in the sanctuary. Our sound system is operating currently, and the final touches are being administered. We have been enjoying the new digital Audio (A) system in the sanctuary and on our live streams for worship. Our Kids Camp and Camp Falckner also utilized the new system. Our Video (V) system is almost complete with a projected start-up date in August. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and contractors who made these projects happen!

I also want to thank you for your monetary support and prayers. Over 90% of the funds needed for the AV & EL projects has been received. While, we have almost completed this goal, we still have a challenge to reach our monetary support goal for the Heating and Air Conditioning System (HVAC) installed in 2020. We need \$74,000 to repay the current loan. We ask you to prayerfully consider contributing to the Capital Campaign Fund to reach our goal.

You can either send in a one time, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annual gift donation via check (made out to New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church), cash, stocks, and/or securities mailed or delivered to NHELCC, 2941 Lutheran Road, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Also you can donate online via credit card at <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/online-giving/> and or at bit.ly/nhelccgiving.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to your ongoing support in investing in Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future!

Peace, Pastor Scott



In the mail

I just wanted to reach out and thank you for all the wonderful, delicious meals your church provided for our family. They have been such a true blessing & it brings tears to my eyes as God reminded us, through your ministry how He provides for us week after week. Your meals taught not only us, but my kids as well how God cares and provides for us all. Thank you so much for being that special gift to our family through our difficult time. We will greatly miss seeing you all.

Love and Blessings,
Dan, Candice, Caleb, Katie, Ashley,
Joshua, Isaac, Jacob, Rachel, Rebekah,
Ben, Jeramiah, Jonathan, Isabella
Spahn.

August Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Jo Heck, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on August 2nd. If you would like to send a birthday greeting to Jo, her address is below.

1452 Yoder Avenue
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Look who else is celebrating a birthday in August.



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| 1 Nathaniel Bechtel | 11 Mary Van Dyke | Landis, Brianna Lynn |
| 2 Ryan Camp, Patrick Dinsmore | 12 Will Davis, Dana Gilbert, Tyler Landis, Sarah Ray | 22 Andrew Mayan |
| 3 Mason Kemp, Brittney Miller, Vicki Mutter, Andrew Parker, Ada Poster, Lilly Smith | 13 Melanie Bauer, Erica Lucas, Lori Weisbach | 23 Alex Eisenhart, Karen Williams |
| 4 Timothy Eddinger, Luca Galliano | 14 Amy Sharp | 24 Tom Faust, Mary Alice Mack |
| 5 Brent Corcoran, Gerald Eisenhart, Tina Phillips, Tessa Schiavo | 16 Hunter Houseal | 25 Gabriel Cole, Jace Kunsch, Ben MacLuckie, Jane Manthorne, George Trowbridge |
| 6 Bruce Ritter | 17 Andy Van Dyke | 26 Pamela Shellenberger |
| 7 Kenneth Motzer, Sue Norris, Laurie Pinter | 18 Alex Boys, Shirley Miller, Andi Swavely, Gregory Wirt | 27 Hunter Hinrichs, Dorothy Stapleton |
| 8 Jessica Harrity, Tanner Quigley | 19 Elese Christ, Troy Girard, Henry Houseal, Rachel Magee, London Meeker, Morgan Pell, Kayleigh Urbassik, Lauren Waller | 28 Glenn Hoffman |
| 9 Collins Quigley, Matthew Shirk, Jo Anne Wirt | 20 Brian Bechtel, Caleb Woods | 29 Tyler Smith |
| 10 Casey Agliano | 21 Daniel Cole, Donna | 30 David Gaugler, Claire Hennessey, William Kehs, Jackie Rhoads, Sharon Spencer |
| | | 31 Emma Allen, Kathy Delaney |

Happy anniversary to these couples who will be celebrating their special day in August.

- 1 Scot and Kelly Smale
- 2 Todd and Stacey Roethermel
- 7 Michael and April Smith
- 8 Ron and Corrine Bartholomew
- 10 James and Rebecca Wabish
- 12 Bill and Kathy Borneman
- 14 Don and Jo Anne Wirt
- 18 Sharon Robbins and Janet Leas
- 20 Michael and Christine Miller
- 26 Bob and Suzanne Dodge
- 31 Michael and Debra Black
Doug and Jackie Rhoads

Senior Faith Gatherings

This fall we will have monthly senior ministry gatherings. First we need a name for the group, because, what is a senior anyway? The monthly gatherings will have a topic, featured speaker and fellowship time. Currently, topics include a kick-off gathering with a luncheon, Hymn sing and fellowship. The next gatherings will include organizing your vital information in one packet (so your loved one's can easily find the information they need in times of emergency (no matter how scattered they are ☺)), and a session on downsizing one's living area. We all from time to time accumulate "stuff." This session will be like a trip planner where we address each area of our "stuff" one at a time to accomplish whatever goal we set. With each gathering, of course there will be refreshments and social time. Contact Pastor Scott if you wish to help with these gatherings. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates in the near future.

Camp Falckner

Camp Falckner was held July 25th - 28th at the picnic grove. This year's theme was "The Jesus Way."



Thank you to everyone who helped the campers with the Preston's Pantry collection.

Campers learned about NHELC's Peer Support Ministry.



Learning and growing in faith opportunities were experienced in the beauty of God's gift of nature.





Campers bridged the generation gap having fun with some seniors.

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