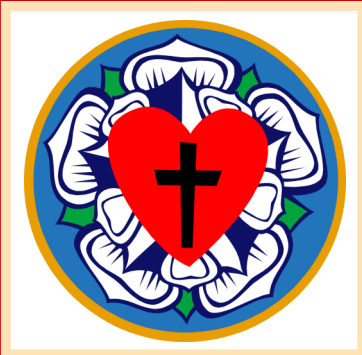


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New Bishop



325th Anniversary



Wave of Light



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Fall schedule begins

Sunday, September 8th

JAM Kickoff

This is “move up Sunday.” We’ll start the year with some God’s Work Our Hands service projects. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will be held in the picnic grove beginning at 11:15. The fellowship committee will provide the main dish and drinks. The congregation is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Third Grader Bible

All youth moving up to third grade will receive a Bible during the worship service.



Are you struggling with grief?

What is GriefShare

A GriefShare support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM beginning Tuesday, September 3rd, at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. You may join us after the class has begun if the start date has passed. At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support.

Session topics include

- ▶ What's normal in grief
- ▶ How to handle difficult emotions
- ▶ What to do with regrets, questions and worries.

Who should come

If you know of anyone that would benefit, please invite them.

Want more information

Contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.

Register

To help with planning, register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/241433>.

Can you help in the garden?

Thursday, September 12th, 5:30 PM

This event begins with a light dinner and fellowship before garden maintenance in Garden of Hope. All are welcome, whether you have any gardening experience or simply would like to help. Any questions about this event, contact Donna Kehs at donnakehs@gmail.com or 610-212-2673.

Chancel choir rehearsals begin

Wednesday, September 11th

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2

A lot of people love to sing and be part of a group that can bring blessings and encouragement to others. Some may feel a particular "call" of God to join the choir and contribute their singing gift. And choir singing is often a great "uplifting" to people as music often can lift a heavy heart and shed away a load of burdens.

For more information, contact Patricia Nyce at patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org, or by calling 267-252-3020, or see Patricia after church. We have a seat waiting for you!

Enjoy breakfast and fellowship

Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, September 11th, 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, September 14th, 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.

Life Together Apart

What happens after our Joyous Triumphant Easter Celebration and return to the world that awaits us? We return to the daily barrage of war news, negative political campaigns and well, life. How can we return to that day when we proclaimed “He has Risen!”?

Join us in Room 33 after worship beginning September 15th for this seven-week video-based curriculum, including short teaching videos from Kate Bowler and discussions on themes of precarity, limited agency, gratitude, interdependence, hope, community, and joy—the very things we need to sustain us in the midst of uncertainty and fear. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13574DC05A5CCE4CFAF6-nhelc#/>, or in the welcome center sign-up sheet or just drop on in!

Pastor Carl Filer celebrates installation

On Sunday, December 15th, the Rev. Dr. Carl W. Filer will be installed at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown at the 4:00 PM service. Pr. Scott will be preaching at Pastor Filer’s installation service. Everyone is invited.

In addition, Pr. Filer will be preaching during the 9:00 AM morning worship at NHELCL.

Mid-week dinners resume

Wednesday, September 18th

Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes Dinner on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:45 PM. Dinners will be held in fellowship hall.

SEPA Synod installs new bishop

Saturday, September 14th

You are invited to celebrate the installation of The Rev. Bryan Penman as the sixth Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod on Saturday, September 14th, at 2:00 PM. The event will be held at The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral located at 19 South 38th Street in Philadelphia. Children are invited to participate in the procession and children’s message. Singers are invited to join the choir. Volunteers are encouraged to serve as worship assistants. To RSVP and to sign up to be a worship assistant or to sing in the choir, go to ministrylink.org/installation-of-the-rev-bryan-penman-as-bishop/.

Don’t miss “The Jersey Boys” dinner theatre

Tuesday, September 17th

Music from “The Jersey Boys” is coming to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre where you can enjoy music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. Join New Hanover Area AARP (you don’t need to be a member or of the age group to attend) for a bus trip on Tuesday, September 17th. The bus leaves the NHELCL parking lot at 9:30 AM. Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch before the show. The cost is \$130. To make your reservation or for more information, contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376.

NHELCC celebrates **325 YEARS**

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**Anniversary kickoff
is September 29th**

**325th Anniversary
celebration on All
Saints Sunday**

November 3rd

**Why is the kickoff before November?
Because we planned so many fun-filled
events we have to start early!**

Don't miss the worship service on Sunday, November 3rd. The Boyertown Area Senior High **(BASH) Show Choir** will be participating in the 9:00 AM service.

The chancel choir and handbell choir will combine for hymns and anthems. The handbell anthem will be "Hallelujah."

Also on this date, NHELCC will remember the Saints who have passed away this past year. Bring a photo of your loved one to be acknowledged during the service.

Also, September 29th is the Festival of the Harvest Home Worship. The congregation is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items on September 29th and leave them in the designated area in the welcome center. During the opening hymn, the children will bring the donations to the altar. Children should meet in the welcome center at 8:45 to prepare for the food presentation.

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**NHELCC designs
new logo**

To commemorate a distinguished celebration, NHELCC has updated its logo for the 325th anniversary.



A POINT TO PONDER

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

—Anthony J. D’Angelo

Volunteer to help with the cemetery tour

Saturday, October 5th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and to man the information and snack tables at the event. Also, a few more “actors” are needed to be in the cemetery telling the stories of those who have been laid to rest here. To volunteer or to get more information, contact Jane Manthorne at jane.manthorne@gmail.com.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Wave of Light Service

Tuesday, October 15th
6:30 PM

NHELHC will observe the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness day with a Wave of Light Service. We hope for a nice evening so we can hold the service outside. In the event of rainy or windy weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary. If you know anyone that has suffered pregnancy loss or the loss of a baby, invite them to this time of remembrance and healing. All are welcome. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

Book Club

The NHELHC Book Club is reading *Husbands and Lovers* by Beatriz Williams. You are invited to join a discussion of this book on Tuesday, October 1st, at 6:30 PM. The group will meet for dinner and discussion at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

World Communion Sunday is kickoff for Reconciling in Christ Education

October 6th, 10:15 AM

- Celebrate World Communion Sunday during the worship service before meeting Nadeen Haring from the Bryson Institute in Philadelphia. Immediately following the service, Nadeen will be presenting LGBTQ 101. This informational session will provide basic information on LGBTQ individuals to build empathy and understanding around the particular barriers faced by LGBTQ people. In addition, youth from The Attic Youth Center will be telling their personal stories. So grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat and join us for this hour-long session.

First communion class offered

Monday, October 14th
6:00 PM

Children from 2nd grade and up are welcome to participate in our first communion class. This can be done at the parents' discretion. Contact Nikki Young if you are interested in taking the class or would like to discuss this further. Participants will receive their first communion on Reformation Sunday, October 27th.



“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.”
—St. Francis de Sales

NHELC GATHERINGS

Aging Grace-Fully

Aging Grace-Fully examines how to age with grace and live, fully, with the physical, mental and social changes that are often difficult to accept when growing older. Join us to seek understanding and acceptance of these challenges in our eight-part series featuring leading authors who share their knowledge and experiences about aging including suffering, love and loss.

Each date at 12:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, we will meet and have a refreshment hour followed by a 1:30 PM presentation by the author. Each author will be streamed live, and we will have a discussion after the presentation.

**Rabbi Steve Leder, author of *The Beauty of What Remains*
Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

Enriched by Rabbi Leder's irreverence, vulnerability, and wicked sense of humor, this heartfelt narrative is filled with laughter and tears, the wisdom of millennia and modernity, and, most of all, an unfolding of the profound and simple truth that in loss we gain more than we ever imagined.

**Sloane Crosley, author of *Grief Is For People*
Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

How do we live without the ones we love? *Grief Is for People* is a deeply moving and suspenseful portrait of friendship, and a book about loss that is profuse with life.

**Christmas Carol Sing-a-long
December 2024**

Join us for a Carol and Fellowship filled Event.

**Senior Activity Bag Mission
January 2025**

Fellowship and preparing Activity bags for our friends who cannot join us.

**Margaret Renkl, author of *Late Migrations*
Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

From *New York Times* contributing opinion writer comes an unusual, captivating portrait of a family—and of the cycles of joy and grief that inscribe human lives within the natural world.

**Rebecca Chopp, author of *Still Me*
Thursday, March 27, 2025**

Based on research and experience, Rebecca provides many suggestions on how to accept the diagnosis of Alzheimer's and continue to live well.

**Missy Buchanan, author of *From Dry Bones to Living Hope*
Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

Each chapter opens with an intimate, prayerful lament to God from the perspective of the older adult who longs for spiritual renewal and purpose, and then the author guides us to God's perspective on aging and specific actions we can take that lead to hope and joy.

**Frank Bruni, author of *The Beauty of Dusk*
Thursday, May 22, 2025**

From *New York Times* columnist and bestselling author Frank Bruni comes a wise and moving memoir about aging, affliction, and optimism after partially losing his eyesight.

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**Mia Birdsong, author of *How We Show Up*
Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

Through research, interviews, and stories of lived experience, *How We Show Up* returns us to our inherent connectedness where we find strength, safety, and support in vulnerability and generosity, in asking for help, and in being accountable. Showing up—literally and figuratively—points us toward the promise of our collective vitality and leads us to the liberated wellbeing we all want.

**Anne Lamott, author of *Somehow*
Thursday, September 11, 2025**

Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives: how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity, and guides us forward. “Love just won’t be pinned down,” she says. “It is in our very atmosphere” and lies at the heart of who we are. We are, Lamott says, creatures of love.

A primer on love

Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love. — Henry Drummond



Pastor’s Message

Kick-Off!



It is the season for kick-offs. It could be the local high school game, Jesus And Me (JAM) Sunday classes, or your favorite sports fantasy league. And not to be outdone, we have our 325th year anniversary kick-off coming up on September 29th.

Why in September and not November, you may ask? Well, we have so much planned for you to celebrate, it possibly cannot be contained in one year. September is also traditionally when we reengage with our church lives. Attendance both in person and virtually trends up in addition to our generous donations of volunteering and money. There may not be a more exciting time to get involved than this coming year.

Trending also up is our activity to bring the NHELIC Learning Center to become a reality. The 325th anniversary celebration and the Learning Center may have separate focuses; however, they share one goal to celebrate. As we conclude the anniversary celebration in 2025 next fall, the Learning Center is planning to open.

Opening the Learning Center will enable us to offer both a Christian Valued Early Education to our community in addition to provide sustainable donations to enable future annual celebrations for the 326th year and beyond. As our presence currently is a beacon of Hope and historically a foundation of learning in our community, our new initiatives will enable us to keep making history and impact our neighbors positively for years to come.

I encourage you to ask questions, attend information forums and get involved. Pray and discern what God is calling for you and us to do. Become a member of the team. For as in a sport kick-off, you must be on the field to play. This faith community is about to make new history, be a part of when they look back in 50 years and marvel at the history you helped in making.

Peace & Go Get'em, Pastor Scott



Council Corner

The following items were discussed at the August 15th Council meeting.

- ▶ Discussion and discernment on the Learning Center feasibility study continues. The Township required traffic study, New Hanover Sewer Authority agreement, and review of the construction bids are all in progress.
- ▶ Finance continues to monitor the 2024 Annual Budget against actuals. Currently we are running a total deficit YTD as of July 31 was \$48,100.00. Total income at the end of July (58% of the year) was at 67.5% (59% offerings only) and expenses were at 63.8%.
- ▶ Garden of Hope has a new shed in the expansion section - Thank You to Bill Allen for donating the shed and Doug Senne and team for moving, placing, and refreshing it.
- ▶ If you unlock a door for church access, lock the door behind you. Doors have been left open causing a security risk.
- ▶ Giving/offering envelopes - if you do not need offering envelopes please see Scott Geiser or Susan Gutshall (Simply Giving, other electronic giving).
- ▶ Space utilization - please let Susan Gutshall know if you are planning to use any church space for events and meetings.

Gathering News

Pillow Case and Quilt Mission Service Project

The past two Gatherings we joined together in fellowship and mission. We have nearly or completed 39 pillow cases, and ten quilts. These items were crafted so children in critical care could be blessed by their designs.



Thank you Sandy Wesner and Brenda Hunsberger for your leadership on this mission project. Sandy Wesner is asking if anyone wishes to meet and create other items to contact her. Thanks to all the hands and hearts who made this mission happen!



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 Rick Hausch, Molly Moylan
- 8 Cameron Hauser
- 9 Annabel Bechtel, Chase Haraske, Diane Heffner, Jim Mack
- 10 Valencia Sabastro, Kevin Wilson
- 11 Victoria Brett, Ron Fegley, James Lindenmuth, Erin Magee, Jenna Psota, Beverly Smale
- 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
- 19 Lainey Soupik
- 20 Bryan Christ
- 21 Taylor King, Kelsey Renner
- 22 Carly DiPascuale, 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

- 27 Jamie Soupik
- 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 Saverio and Terry Santangelo
- 22 Dieter and Wendy Gahler
- 24 Brent and Sally Sugita
- 28 Kenneth and Linda Motzer

Garden of Hope Planting News



The Garden of Hope installed their 3rd planting of the growing season. Despite the draught and then monsoon seasons this year, we are blessed. The team harvested 2,259 pounds of delicious nutritious produce, a record for this time of the year. Amazing Grace!





Can you help us? We expanded the garden and would love to have your presence. Our hours have changed to accommodate more times of the week to serve. Contact Doug Senne at dsenne@verizon.net or Donna Kehs at donnakehs@gmail.com to see how you can help.



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Call for an appointment.



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