

NEW HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS

A Publication of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church



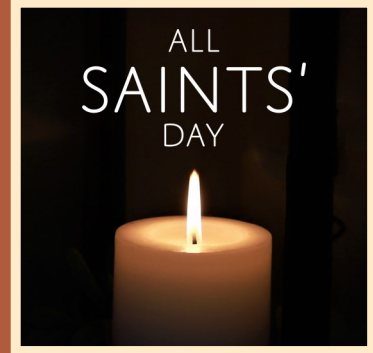
Pumpkin Frolic



Cemetery Tour



Wave of Light



All Saints

ore Opportunities Explore Opportunities Explore Opportunities Explore Opp

*“Not seeing results?
Feel like giving up?
Consider this: The last thing
to grow on a fruit tree ...
is the fruit.”*

Look Inside

Cemetery Tour	2
Youth Praise Band	2
Wave of Light Service	2
Reconciling in Christ	2
Family Learning Center	3
First Communion	3
Loaves & Fishes Dinner	3
Gatherings	3
All Saints Sunday	4
Christmas Pageant	4
Reformation Activities	4
Breakfast Fellowship	4
Council Corner	5
Pastor’s Message	5
Shredding Event	6
Carpenters Musical	6
October Celebrations	7
Blessing of the Animals	8
Contact Information	8

Seasonal fun for all at the Pumpkin Frolic

Sunday, October 20th
4:00 – 6:00 PM

The annual New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELCH) Pumpkin Frolic will soon be here! This will be an enjoyable event for all ages. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin painting, fall crafts, scavenger hunt and games. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. We will close with a light meal consisting of hotdogs and snack foods.

The Pumpkin Frolic is a Thrivent Action team service project so there is no charge; however, **bring some nonperishable food for Preston’s Pantry** at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Watch for a signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center. To be sure enough pumpkins will be available, **sign up by Monday, October 14th**. This event will be held in fellowship hall.



New Hanover Lutheran Church LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR

325th Anniversary



Join us as we share stories from New Hanover's long and fascinating history and kickoff the congregation's 325th anniversary celebration!

October 5, 2024, 2pm-4pm
(rain date October 26)
tours every 20 minutes

12pm dress rehearsal (open to those with mobility issues)
Fellowship Hall

Refreshments available!

Free will donation to help fund cemetery restoration!

Hey youth!

NHELc is forming a youth praise band

Practices will be held in the Sanctuary at **11:00 on Sunday mornings, beginning October 13th**. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer for more information.



Wave of Light

On October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This was a time to honor the young lives lost and a time to support the family and friends who endured the loss. A petition in 2002 designated October 15th as the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day which is acknowledged in all 50 states. This year, NHELc will host a wave of light service on **Tuesday, October 15th, at 6:30 PM**. If you know someone who was touched by a loss such as this, offer an invitation to come. Weather permitting the service may be outside. Watch for further details in the bulletin or on Facebook. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

Reconciling in Christ Education follows World Communion Sunday service

October 6th

Celebrate World Communion Sunday during the worship service before meeting nadeen herring 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.



New Hanover Family Learning Center update

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:30 PM
Room 33



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. If your child is ready to take communion, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org to sign up for the class. If possible, a parent or guardian should attend the class with the student. **Sign up by October 1st** so we can be sure to have enough workbooks. First Communion will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27th.

The next

Loaves & Fishes Dinner

is Wednesday, October 16th
at 5:45 PM.

Come for dinner and fellowship.
A free-will offering will be received.

NHELC GATHERINGS

Aging Grace-Fully

Discover how to age with grace and to live life fully, with the physical, mental and social changes that are often difficult to accept when growing older. Each month, NHELC will offer a fellowship and refreshment hour, followed by a program. Looking ahead, eight of the months will feature a live-streamed presentation by a leading author who will share knowledge and experiences about aging including suffering, love and loss. A discussion will follow these presentations.

- ▶ Fellowship 12:30
- ▶ Presentation 1:30
- ▶ Location Fellowship Hall

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**

What a wonderful way to bring smiles and joy is to sing favorite Christmas carols.

BASH Show Choir joins celebration on All Saints Sunday

November 3rd

You don't want to miss this worship service! The Boyertown Area Senior High (BASH) Show Choir will be participating in the 9:00 AM service.

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



Hey, kids and youth!

Help make our Christmas Pageant a success

This year's Christmas Pageant requires very little rehearsal time! Rehearsals will be held during JAM on Sundays, December 1st and 8th, (10:15-11:15). The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15th, following worship and in place of JAM. Parents, let Nikki Young know if your child would like to participate. Older kids and youth are needed to read. We have plenty of parts for the younger ones too. The pageant, Scuba Christmas, will feature both music from this year's Kids Camp program as well as holiday favorites.

We're planning Reformation Sunday Activities

On Sunday, November 3rd, NHELC will celebrate our 325th Anniversary. Special kid's activities with some historical significance are being planned. Do you have a craft, a game or anything historic that you would like to prepare or teach the kids? We need help! Contact Nikki Young with your ideas and if you can assist.

"One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar."

—Helen Keller



Breakfast Fellowship

Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, October 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, October 12th, 8:00 AM
Brookside Family Restaurant

Men meet the second Saturday of the month. No reservations required. For more information, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.



Council Corner



Here are highlights from the September 19th Council meeting.

- a. Discussion and discernment on the Learning Center feasibility study continues. Informational meetings are planned for the congregation: Sunday, September 29, after worship and Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 PM.
- B Finance continues to monitor the 2024 Annual Budget against actuals. Currently we are running a total deficit YTD as of August 31 was \$43,600.00. Total income at the end of August (67% of the year) was at 68.2% and expenses were at 71%.
- c. The Finance Committee is preparing to develop the 2025 budget. Committee chairs are asked to prepare their budgets and submit them to the Finance Committee by October 16.
- d. If you unlock a door for church access, lock the door behind you. Doors have been left open causing a security risk.
- e. Giving/offering envelopes - if you do not need offering envelopes please see Scott Geiser or Susan Gutshall (Simply Giving, other electronic giving).
- f. Space utilization - please let Susan Gutshall know if you are planning to use any church space for events and meetings.

Pastor's Message



Hope



As I look at the upcoming celebration of our 325th year anniversary, I see hope. Yes, the dinners, historical displays and celebrations will all be divine as ever. However, there is so much more happening!

Our congregation is investigating the possibility of opening a learning center. We are taking a journey on being recognized as a Reconciling In Christ faith community. We have expanded the Garden of Hope to include an orchard and 100% more growing space that is already witnessing record crop production. We are contributing to a Mobile Food Truck that delivers our fresh nutritious produce directly to those in need!

Yes, while remembering our past we are planting seeds for future growth. An unconfirmed Martin Luther quote states, "If I knew that tomorrow was

the end of the world, I would plant an apple tree today!" Whether Luther said it or not, I believe the quote reflects our purpose and mission. Like those in the year 1700 not knowing where the future would take them, we are planting seeds for our future celebrations, literally!

Yes, I know I have been ending each paragraph with an exclamation point. That's because we are hopeful in the actions of our ministries, both current and new. Exciting times are these we live!

I am excited by the planned celebrations and the new initiatives rolling out. Each goes hand in hand. Come join me in celebrating the past history and the hope and history created anew at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Peace, Pastor Scott

Shredding Event

Saturday, October 12th

A shredding truck will be in the St. James Lutheran Church parking lot on October 12th, from 9:00 AM till noon (or earlier if the truck is full). Documents will be shredded on a first come, first served basis (no businesses). Freewill donations will be accepted.

Items to be shredded

Paper, paper clips, staples, small binder clips, manila file folders

Items NOT to be shredded

Hanging file folders, fastener folders, three ring binders, ledger books, cardboard, x-rays, CDs, large binder clips

St. James Lutheran Church is located at 1101 East High Street in Pottstown.

Bus trip to see Carpenters tribute

Tuesday, October 22nd

“Yesterday Once More”, a tribute to Karen and Richard Carpenter, is showing at Penn’s Peak. Join the New Hanover Area AARP (you don’t need to be a member) for this musical show featuring many of the sister/brother duo’s famous hits. You will hear songs such as Close to You, We’ve Only Just Begun, Top of the World, Rainy Days and Mondays, Please Mr. Postman and more. Enjoy a family style lunch before the show. The cost is \$105.00. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9:45 AM. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Carol Griffith at 484-624-8314.

Pumpkin prayer



In *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs uses kid-friendly analogies for the Christian life. Many parents now use a Pumpkin Prayer while carving jack-o-lanterns in October. What a great reminder about everything God has done for us!

1. While cutting off the pumpkin top, pray, “Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you.” (See Proverbs 1:7.)
2. While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, “Remove the things in my life that don’t please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me forgive others.” (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
3. While making eyes, pray, “Open my eyes to see the beauty you’ve made in the world around me.” (See Psalm 104:24.)
4. While making the nose, pray, “I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at your many gifts.” (See James 1:17.)
5. While making the mouth, pray, “Let everything I say please you.” (See Psalm 19:14.)
6. While lighting the candle, pray, “Lord, help me shine your light to others through the things I do.” (See Matthew 5:16.)
7. Display your carved pumpkins as examples of how God’s love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)



October CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Carol Howells and Verdie Smith. Carol will celebrate her 95th birthday on October 15th and Verdie will celebrate her 91st birthday on October 26th. If you would like to send birthday greetings, here are their addresses.

Carol Howells

c/o Ruth Schlechter
291 Hope Drive
Blandon, PA 19510

Verdie Smith

2849 Big Road, Apt. 3116B
Zieglerville, PA 19492

Also celebrating a birthday this month

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Presley McNichol, Leona Renninger, Michael Smith, Jr. | 17 Aidan Beaver, Kylie McAndrew, Emma Wenerowicz |
| 2 Barbara Bower, Amy LeVan, Keith Renninger | 18 Olivia Helmer, Michael F. Smith |
| 3 Keith Weaver | 19 Carolyn Fleming, Jackson Solarz |
| 4 Malaina Meeker, Dot Pollock, Corinne Schnee | 21 Ainsley Lucas |
| 6 Carolina Hansley, Tina Hennessey | 22 Sue Swartz, Doug Weaver |
| 7 Connor Harrity, Donna Smith | 23 Suzanne Dodge, Valentina Sabastro |
| 9 Ashlie Gorman, Marsha Staub | 24 Cheyenne Cole |
| 10 Natalie Harrington, Teresa Yancik | 26 Julia DePaul, Bonnie Eichenlaub, Beckette Herold |
| 11 Aurelia Cardillo, Shane Forsyth, Richard Freed | 27 Maya Brunner, Donna Evans, Kenneth Grzywacz, Judith Kingsepp, David Rhoads |
| 12 Lindsey Waltermeyer, Ryan Weaver | 30 Jennifer Ammarell, Jim Dugan, Jared Pinter, Pr. Scott Staub, Sammy Young |
| 13 Kevin Brunner, Tim Evans, Georgann Geiser | 31 Bethany Bechtel, Monique Becker, Ronald Weller, Kassidy Williams |
| 14 Corey King, Diana Sisson | |
| 16 Ed Phillips, Abby Sauers, Seth 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
- 10 Josh and Morgan Fox
- 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
- 21 Ray and Fay Feick
- 23 Matt and Amy Marazas
Doug and Bette Senne
- 27 Jack and Kathleen Bowers
- 29 Joe and Kathy Jo Hoffman



In Praise of Pets

Sunday, October 6th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown, is hosting a pet event. All pets are welcome. Bring smaller animals in a carrier. All dogs must be leashed. Pastor Kay will bless the animals. Other participants include Gilbertsville Veterinary Hospital, Harley’s Hounds Dog Groomer and Home at Last Dog Rescue. At 2:00, a pet parade will begin. This event will be held rain or shine at the church located at 1101 East High Street in Pottstown. Parking is behind the building.



New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

2941 Lutheran Road
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

610-326-1335

newhanoverlutheran.org

facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch

Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Call for an appointment.



Council

Pastor Scott Staub

President Todd Rothermel

Food Ministry, Garden of Hope, Personnel

Vice-president Marty Hauser

Secretary Steve Eisenhart

History & Archives, Memorial Fund, Worship & Music

Treasurer Edward Becker

Audit, Finance, Stewardship

Financial Secretary Scott Geiser

Fellowship, Mission Service, Picnic Grove

Monique Becker

Peer Support Ministry

Jim Gross

Building Fund, Cemetery, Property

Yvonne Peto

Christian Education, Flutter

Nance White

Constitution, Mutual Ministry

Jeff Wise

Endowment



Staff

Pastor

The Rev. Scott Staub

Director of Children, Family & Youth Ministry

Seminarian Minister

Nikki Young

Church Office Manager

Susan Gutshall

Director of Music Ministry

Patricia Nyce

Food Ministry Director

Chris Fatzinger

Grace Band Director

Lindsey Waltermeyer

Bell Choir Director

Barbara Eisenhart

Sexton

Jen Boyer

Bookkeeper

Maria Boyer

Cemetery

Norm Hunsberger

