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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

WELCOME OUR PASTORAL CANDIDATE!

Today is a very important day in our call process. We welcome our second pastoral candidate who will lead worship and preach.

In an effort to continue to protect the anonymity of our candidates, we will be using only their first names. We ask you to help us honor their anonymity by not sharing with others outside of our congregation their names or any other information about them.

After the 11:00 service today, we will have a potluck lunch in the MAC where you will have the opportunity to informally interact with both of our candidates. Please join us!

The Call Committee welcomes any feedback you may have on the co-pastor candidates' ability to fulfill the top five ministry tasks that were identified by members who completed the survey: preaching and worship, leadership, interpreting theology, administration, ministry in crisis and interpersonal climate. We understand that you are not able to observe all these tasks; however, any feedback is valuable.

You may email your feedback to Mark Warner at mjwcarpediem@gmail.com or leave a note at the office with Mark's name on it c/o Linda Depoy. **Please provide your feedback by noon Tuesday, April 17.**

If someone you know missed worship today there is still a chance to see our pastoral candidate. Come to the Nielsen Room **Tuesday, April 17, 2:30 pm or 7:00 pm** to view a video of today's service. If you have comments or concerns after viewing the video, please get them to Mark Warner immediately.

We are at a pivotal and exciting time in the life of our congregation. We ask for your continued prayers and support. *God's Peace.*

Tim Peifer, Congregation Council President

Mark Warner, Call Committee Chair

WELCOME GUESTS

We are blessed to welcome our guests today. We have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area (main church entrance) and ask that you complete a blue guest card and/or sign our guest register. If you prefer, you may scan this QR code or visit us at www.muhlenberglutheran.org to securely register online.



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

GO-GO GROUP BREAKFAST (55+)

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group at Thomas House in Dayton **THIS Tuesday, April 17, 8:30 am.** Contact Dan Werner at 433-3912 for more information about the group and its activities.

WORSHIP TUESDAY

Muhlenberg is hosting the Shenandoah Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod for a meeting Tuesday. You are invited to join us for a short eucharist at 11:00 am.

ISSUES AT THE END OF LIFE

Meets **Tuesday, 5:30 - 6:25 pm** in the Nielsen Room.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL NEWS

Thrivent financial representatives, Sherry Ritenour and Walt Morgan, will be available **Sunday, April 29** in the Gathering Area. They will take questions and share information about Thrivent Action Teams, Thrivent Builds, and Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent helps members take an active role in helping charitable causes they are passionate about in their community and around the world. Stop by and see how Thrivent members “Live Generously” and make a difference.

BAPTIZED, NEW CHILD OF GOD

Last Sunday we privately welcomed **Connor Patrick Linn** into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family. Connor is the son of Kevin and Kristen Runion Linn and the grandson of Bob and Johanna Runion. His sponsors are Andrew and Kacey Runion. Welcome to the Lord’s Family, Connor!

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	78	Wed Noon	12
9:30 Worship	128		
11:00 Worship	<u>187</u>		
Total	393		

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

ENDOWMENT

This space features one committee/ministry each week. Highlights are provided so we become more familiar with their work.

The MLC Endowment Fund has reached a balance of \$500,000 – an amount never achieved before. The Endowment Committee is encouraged and hopes to see continued giving and growth through estate planning, designated memorial gifts, and weekly offerings. We will continue to share information about this fund with MLC in various ways. Please consider this way of giving for the future – which also results in present day funding for non-budgeted items through dispersal of a percentage of the fund’s interest that accrues.

For more info, contact Janet Simmons (gandjsimmons@gmail.com / 434-5258).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 2018			
	Y-T-D <u>Actual</u>	Y-T-D <u>Budget</u>	Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$159,197	\$183,919	\$171,897
Total Receipts	\$188,620	\$215,505	\$202,670
Expenses	\$211,060	\$249,037	\$217,887
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$22,440)	(\$33,532)	(\$15,217)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan:	\$	7,761.90
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	6,053.58
Total Giving for the Week	\$	13,815.48

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

March Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$658

To give online, scan here →



VISITOR & NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

“COME AND SEE” LUNCH AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION

Have you been visiting Muhlenberg? Are you considering membership? Are you curious or just want to learn more about us? We invite you to explore with us what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, a follower of Jesus and a member of the Muhlenberg family. We will meet after worship for a **“Come and See” Lunch Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 pm** in Wayland Hall (downstairs). This will be an informal time to ask questions and make connections over pizza and dessert.

Then, if you're interested in pursuing membership or if you've recently joined and haven't attended an orientation, we invite you to meet with us for a **Prospective Member Lunch and Orientation, Sunday, April 29, 12:15 – 2:30 pm** in Wayland Hall. We'll discuss more in depth the mission and ministries of Muhlenberg and how you can be part of the life of this congregation as a member or an associate member.

New members will be received Sunday, May 20 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.

If you are interested in attending **either lunch, please sign up at the welcome desk or in the activities notebook at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area.** For more information, contact Kathy Thompson, Chair of the Evangelism Team (thompsonkb@jmu.edu / 540-578-4830), Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org / 434-3496), or the pastors.

SECOND HOME NEWS

GREAT COMMUNITY GIVE

The Great Community Give is a single day of giving to partnered local nonprofits to promote charitable giving in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The Great Community Give is an initiative of [The Community Foundation](#).



Show your love **April 18, 6:30 am – 8:00 pm** by giving a little — and together, we'll do a lot for the causes we care about. Whether you donate \$10, \$20, \$100 or more, it adds up to an incredible day of support for the nonprofits that meet needs, enrich our lives, and build a community we all enjoy.

Second Home is one of the 50+ agencies participating in this event. We hope to raise \$5,000. Can we count on your support? To donate, go to greatcommunitygive.org and check out all the participating agencies. You can also scan this QR code and go directly to the Second Home page. Second Home is setting up its event headquarters in the MAC on April 18. Our volunteers will be happy to help you make your online donations to your favorite non-profits.



The students and staff of Second Home Learning Center have been working hard to present The Wizard of Oz to their families, church members, and wider community. Come enjoy the fun and bring a friend! *If you would like to contribute to student meals during tech rehearsal week April 16-19 or make food donations (cookies, brownies, prepackaged concessions) for the performances, please use the link below to sign up or contact Tammy Offenbacher-Koogler (tokrk@aol.com or 271-7748).*

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BEQ5q98Qk4XJTv35oMOXsYAZPYrJsidjALRRwp2LrS0/edit?usp=sharing>

Second Home Learning Center

Proudly Presents



April 20th and 21st at 7^{pm}

April 22nd at 3^{pm}

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Activities Center

281 East Market Street- Harrisonburg

www.secondhomeva.com

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MUHLENBERG NEWS

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are always in need of worship servants: lecturers, ushers, acolytes, communion assistants/stewards, greeters, sound techs, etc.

Sign up for the month of May in the notebook at the Connection Center! One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or *contact Kathy Thompson (578-4830 or thompskb@jmu.edu)*.

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

Worship + Community > Worship: What to Expect > Worship + Music Leadership

CREATION CARE TIP



Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. Contact Ramona Sanders for more information: 433-1165 or rsanders9@verizon.net.

Buy your dog a leash made of canvas or hemp. Most dog leashes are made of nylon. Nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas associated with global warming, is emitted during the production of nylon. Replacing all of the nylon pet leashes in the United States would prevent the release of the same amount of greenhouse gases produced by 250,000 households per year.

Note: There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day **THIS Saturday, April 21, 8 am - 12 pm** at Rockingham County Landfill: 813 Greendale Road, Harrisonburg.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE WORKDAY

The Property Committee has scheduled a workday for **Saturday, May 5 beginning at 8:00 am**. The event will be held rain or shine. Our main focus will be adding gravel beside the new walkway behind the MAC. We always appreciate and need your help. If you can attend for only an hour or two, you are more than welcome to participate. Please bring your work gloves, shovel, and/or rake. We look forward to seeing you! Have questions? Contact Property Committee Chair Chris Harbin (charbin1177@gmail.com / 578-4615).

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Council Liaison Karen Matthias (434-4625 or kfmatthias@gmail.com) for more information.

*Please do not feel overwhelmed by the number of opportunities to help our neighbors both near and far. The Local and Global Mission ministry team likes to inform the congregation of the many opportunities to use our time, talent, and/or resources to help others. **If you wish to participate, choose the organization that touches your heart**, knowing that others will be drawn to help with different needs.*

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN (OGT)

OGT is preparing to ship a container of Aid to Liberia in early June.



There is an urgent need for school supplies, especially black and white speckled composition books, pencils, and wall mounted sharpeners. Collections will be held **April 29 and May 6**. Please place donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. If you would like to help but prefer a cash donation, place it in the offering plate and indicate OGT on your check and envelope. If you have questions, *contact Hans Barthmus (hbarthmus@comcast.net / 434-0209)*.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action (FIA) is an interfaith assembly of area faith congregations who act locally as a body to effect policy changes in areas of social justice. After reflection and discernment, FIA recently came up with three “asks”...

- To eliminate the financial burden of the \$1 per day fee currently paid by family members of inmates at our local jail and the \$3 charged for local inmates transferred to Middle River Regional Jail.
- To engage in a careful and open selection process for the hiring of a well-qualified Community Justice Planner.
- To establish protocols for all juvenile justice cases to be screened for a restorative justice process.

Here are some steps to become involved::

- Visit Faith in Action’s webpage (www.harrisonburgfaithinaction.org) for more information and opportunities for direct volunteering.
- Attend the **City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00** when a public hearing will be held on the three “asks.” Council members are more likely to be moved to action when large numbers of people support a position. A county public hearing will be held soon.
- Sign a petition in support of the three “asks.” Petitions are available in the Gathering Area or from either of our covenant representatives who can also provide more information: *Nancy Martin-Finks* (nanmart777@comcast.net / 421-8199) or *Russell Presnell* (russellepresnell@gmail.com / 746-3562)

See complete details at the Connection Center or stop by the FIA table in the Gathering Area today.

YOUTH & CAMPUS NEWS

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Blessings, Brunch & De-stressors

NEXT Sunday, April 22 at the 11:00 service, there will be a blessing on your upcoming finals. Afterward we will go for brunch at the Artful Dodger. The Campus Room will be well stocked during the next two weeks. Talk to Maren Corliss or Mycah McNett for the room’s access code. We’ll have fresh fruit, coffee, tea, chips, coloring pages, and more available. Any special requests? *Text Mycah at 703-336-7278.*

JUNIOR HIGH SERVANT EVENT

At the Water’s Edge is a servant event **July 15-20** for youth who have completed the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. We spend the week together experiencing Christian life through worship, fellowship, and service. Of course, we also have some fun at the water’s edge! If you are interested, *contact Mycah McNett* (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org / 434-3496).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) for more information.

SHARING GOD’S WORD

Classes **begin in designated locations Sundays at 9:30**. Children should be picked up immediately following the 9:30 liturgy.

Children’s Church is held during the 11:00 service for children 3-7 years old. After Children’s Time with the pastors, children are escorted downstairs to the Nielsen Room. Children return to their parents in the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace.

Pick up a green Christian Formation brochure from the Connection Center. It contains more information about classes for children and adults.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer
(434-3496 or bayer@muehlenberglutheran.org)
for more information.



SUMMER OF SERVICE Intergenerational Program Sundays, June 10 – August 26 9:30 in the MAC

The Summer of Service programs held the last three years had wonderful success and we are offering it again this summer! Various agencies in our area will come to share what they do. We hear a Bible story and discuss how we are putting our faith into action as we do a hands-on service project for the agency of the day!

If you have a local agency you would like us to learn more about, please contact Diane Bayer with that agency's name and contact person – **deadline is TODAY.**

The program will start Sunday, June 10 at 9:30. (Children 0-2 years old have a class in the nursery during the 9:30 liturgy hour.) Children 3 years – 5th grade meet in the church for the *Children's Time*, then go to the MAC to join 6th – 12th grade youth and adults of all ages.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“JESUS, THE STORYTELLER”



Jesus, The Storyteller
VBS 2018
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Come and join the fun
at VBS 2018!

JUNE 24-28 IN THE MAC

Dinner at 5:30
VBS from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

For children 3 years old to 5th grade
(6th -12th graders are asked to be helpers).

Stay tuned for adult opportunities.

Mark your calendars and get ready for a week of fun as we explore faith together!

Registration forms will be available
in the Gathering Area soon.

*Contact Diane Bayer if
you are interested in helping
with this fun, faith-forming event.*

JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

This is the space for sharing joys, thanks, and concerns of our congregation, our synod, and the wider church. Please lift these up as a part of your daily prayers. To share joy, thanks, or concern (e.g. birth, illness, injury, or death of an immediate family member; thank-you and congratulatory notes, etc.), contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy at 434-3496 or depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the editor and pastors.

✠ John Mulder has retired from serving as Co-Chair of the Property Committee. We give thanks for his many years of dedicated service. If you have questions or concerns about our facilities, *please contact Chair Chris Harbin (charbin1177@gmail.com or 820-7047).*

✠ What a birthday - you made turning 90 fun! Thanks to all my Muhlenberg family for cards, calls, flowers and gifts. You are all very dear to me. God bless you! *Katie Ray*

✠ We give thanks to God for the birth of Braxton David Randolph born April 9. He is the grandchild of Tony and Sandy Randolph and the second child for their son Brad and wife Jody.

✠ Thank you for the generous donations to our Lenten Alternative Giving recipients. Since January 2018, Patchwork Pantry received donations totaling \$1,216.57 and ELCA World Hunger received \$1,525.00. The total Lenten alternative for 2018 exceeded 2017 by \$640!

✠ **The JAMers** (MLC Elementary youth) thank everyone who participated in the event for Lutheran World Relief. They put together 75 personal care kits. Working together using our hands to do God's work, we can make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER!

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1132-1143, (Year B).

Mon. 1 John 3:10-16 Thu. Acts 3:17-26
Tue. 2 John 1-6 Fri. Acts 4:1-4
Wed. Mark 16:9-18 Sat. Mark 6:30-34
Sun. 1 John 3:16-24

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 16-22, 2018

Mon.	6:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting
Tue.	8:30 am	Go-Go Group Breakfast
	11:00 am	Eucharist
	5:30 pm	Issues at the End of Life
	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed.	12 noon	Holy Communion
	4:45 pm	Cherub Choir
	5:15 pm	SonShine Singers
	7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Fri.	7:00 pm	Wizard of Oz
Sat.	7:00 pm	Wizard of Oz
Sun.	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Christian Formation Classes
	12:15 pm	"Come and See" Lunch
	3:00 pm	Wizard of Oz

The **weekly deadline** for routine articles for *The Chimes* is Thursday at 8 am. Requests for a series, inserts or full-column articles should be made two weeks in advance. Submit information to Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496).

Additionally, **requests to utilize space in the Gathering Area on Sunday or post information at the Connection Center** should be made to Linda as soon as planned, but no later than Thursdays at 8 am.

Check bulletin boards for community information.

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