



The CHIMES

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

✚ Greetings from Gary Calleo. I was recently elected Congregation Council President. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our congregation in this role. My wife, Lesa, and I have been Muhlenberg members since 2007. I worked at RR Donnelley (now called LSC Communications) for 38 years and held a variety of management/leadership positions. I retired almost 3 years ago and was elected to Council in December 2017. I previously held the position of Council President at Messiah Lutheran Church in Indiana from 2003 – 2004. I look forward to fulfilling my duties as Council President and leading us to fulfill our mission and vision in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the ELCA.

Congregation Council President Gary Calleo

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

NAME BADGE SUNDAY

TODAY (and the first Sunday of each month) we wear name badges to be welcoming and learn each other's names. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Nametags, markers and stickers are available in the Gathering Area.

LAY COMMUNION



This ministry equips members to bring Holy Communion to our homebound and sick members who wish to be included in a monthly extension of our Sunday morning worship. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving home communion, even if it's on a temporary basis, *contact Paula Caldwell at 383-6365 or paulafaye417@gmail.com.*

FOOD COLLECTION

TODAY we collect non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry, which also needs paper products (paper towels, wraps, food storage bags, toilet tissue, etc.), cleansers (dish, laundry, all-purpose), diapers (sizes 1-5), and all types of personal hygiene products. Thanks for your support.

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 securely register online at www.muhlenberglutheran.org.



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meets **TOMORROW, May 6, 6:30 pm** in the Augsburg Room. For details, *contact Louise Johnson* (gfriend07@verizon.net or 433-1047).

ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets **TOMORROW, May 6, 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. *Contact Jennie Warner* (mjwarner1@aol.com or 476-2020) for details.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION

Have you recently joined the church? Are you considering membership? Are you curious or just want to learn more about Muhlenberg?

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. Please join us for a **Prospective Member Lunch & Orientation, Sunday, May 19, 12:15 – 2:30 pm** in Wayland Hall (downstairs). 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 associate member.

New members will be received Sunday, June 16 at the 11:00 service.

If you are interested in attending the Prospective Member Lunch and Orientation, 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, Evangelism Chair*
(thompskb@jmu.edu or 540-578-4830) or
- *Pastor Lauren*
(miller@muhlenberglutheran.org / 434-3496).

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	82	Wed. Noon	10
9:30 Worship	94		
11:00 Worship	<u>120</u>		
Total	296		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$147,417	\$206,145	\$159,197
Total Receipts	\$204,678	\$238,320	\$188,620
Expenses	\$210,086	\$256,040	\$211,060
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$5,408)	(17,720)	(\$22,440)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	25,750.81
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>6,801.61</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	32,552.42

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL PETERS!

Our Cherub Choir Director Rachel Peters received her Masters of Education Degree with a concentration in Educational Leadership from JMU this past Thursday. Rachel graduated with a perfect 4.0! Not bad for a full-time teacher/ and wife/part-time children's choral director! We are so proud of you, Rachel!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Virginia Synodical Women's Organization, Southern Valley Conference is offering a time of study, fellowship, and fun as we gather for our annual Spring Bible Study **Tuesday, May 14 beginning with coffee at 9:30** at Pleasant View Lutheran Church in Staunton.

Pastor Lauren will lead the study based on Galatians 3:28 – related to this year's theme, *All are Welcome*. Details available at the Connection Center. Come and bring a friend! Have questions? Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 pm** at Katie Ray's home (1585 Pine Court) for their last meeting until fall. Contact Marilyn Jarrells (marilynnjarrells@gmail.com or 246-5753) for more information.

POWER IN THE SPIRIT

CHILDREN
OF THE SAME
HEAVENLY
FATHER



Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for anyone who wishes to explore God's Call to serve through joyous worship, Bible study,

keynote addresses, workshops and fellowship. Join Lutherans from all across the state for this faith-filled conference held **July 11-13 at Roanoke College**. For more information ...

- Visit the Connection Center
- Contact Diane Bayer (434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org)
- Visit vasynod.org

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

Second Home is a ministry here at Muhlenberg. Without it, many young children in the neighborhood would go to an empty house after school. With their parents working, the children would be on their own to do homework and feed themselves a healthy snack.

For this month, we ask you to donate **canned fruit** (large cans or individual cups) **Sunday, May 19**. Place donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. If you wish to help and prefer to make a cash donation, designate *Second Home food* on your check/envelope.



REMINDERS

CONTACTING PASTOR LAUREN

Email Pastor Lauren anytime at miller@muhlenberglutheran.org. Reach her anytime by calling the church office (434-3496).

- During office hours, ask to speak with Linda Depoy. She has Pastor Lauren's schedule and can assist you.
- After hours, leave a message on Pastor Lauren's voice mail, and it will be immediately forwarded to her cell phone. She will respond as soon as possible.

URGENT PASTORAL VISITS



With Pastor Lauren serving as our solo pastor, Pastor Bill Nabers has graciously agreed to help with urgent pastoral care until we call an Associate Pastor. You may see him making visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and members' homes. We are grateful for his ministry among us!

SUMMER SCHEDULE



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Last year's summer service schedule was a big hit with many members. **Starting June 2, service times will be 8:45 and 10:30.** We will have fellowship between services every Sunday, and Christian Formation will meet five Sundays throughout the summer.



MUHLENBERG'S SUMMER

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAYS

**Sundays, June 9 & 30, July 14 & 28,
August 11: 11:45 am – 2:00 pm**

Starting Sunday, June 9, beginning at 11:45 in the MAC, we will have an intergenerational program. In the past, we have had wonderful success with our **Intergenerational Summer Sunday School.** Lunch will be provided and various agencies in our area will come and share what they are doing. We will 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. **All ages are invited to take part in these meaningful family activities** (remember a family is whoever lives in your home). *Please contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) for more information.*

MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP



Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. For more information, contact Ramona Sanders (rsanders9@verizon.net or 433-1165).

Water your plants first thing in the morning or late in the evening. Soil retains moisture better when the temperatures are cooler so you'll use less water if you avoid watering them in the heat of the day.

ATTENTION

MINISTRY/GROUP LEADERS

Is your Bible study, circle meeting or other activity taking a break for summer?



Ensure the space you would like to use this fall is available by **reserving the room now** and having it published on the church calendar. To do so, *contact Building Use Coordinator Lori Reich:*

- Email your request to buildinguse@muhlenberglutheran.org
- Leave a message via building use voicemail (434-3496).
- Complete a request form (located beside the church mailboxes). Return completed forms to the Building Use mailbox.

Requests will be answered as soon as possible.

REMINGTON WILLIS UPDATE

Muhlenberg's own Remington Willis is serving as a member of the Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network in California. To learn more, stop by the Connection Center for a copy of her Month 7 and Month 8 updates.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Local & Global Mission Chair
Karen Matthias (kfmatthias@gmail.com or 434-4625)
for more information.



BRIDGE OF HOPE

NEXT Sunday, May 12 in honor of Mother's Day, the Local & Global Mission Committee will hold a special appeal for funds and new volunteers to support Bridge of Hope. Your generous support will help single-parent families (with children under 18) facing homelessness in our community. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (make checks payable to Muhlenberg, and designate *Bridge of Hope* on your check and envelope). Bridge of Hope Director Chris Hoover Seidel will be in the Gathering Area next Sunday to share information and answer questions.

DONATE ANYTIME

Muhlenberg members can donate to many organizations (People Helping People, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response, etc.) and Muhlenberg funds (e.g. Second Home, Clothing Fund) via the offering plate at any time. For a complete list, see **pages 6 & 7** or visit the Connection Center. Designate the name of the organization or fund on your check and envelope.

Please do not feel overwhelmed by the number of ways to help those in need. **If you wish to participate, choose the organization that touches your heart**, knowing that others will be drawn to help with different needs.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For more information, contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

SHARING GOD'S WORD

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

Children's Church is held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays during the 11:00 service for children 3-7 years old.

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

INTRODUCING AARON CYUSA

Muhlenberg's New Rwanda Student

We are pleased to introduce our third scholarship student, Aaron Cyusa, who is in 8th grade at the Rwamagana Lutheran School.

Muhlenberg Sunday Christian Formation class offerings help pay for our student to attend the school. If you would like to be part of this sponsorship, you can make a donation via the offering plate. Designate *Rwanda Student Fund* on your check and envelope.

JAMERS FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Westover Park, pavilion # 2. We will provide the hotdogs, plates, napkins, cups and drinks and **ask each family to bring a dish to share.** This is our last regular meeting until September. Let's make this a fun family event. ***Please let Diane Bayer know you will attend so we can have enough supplies.***

LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSION FUNDS

Muhlenberg members can donate to any of the following organizations and Muhlenberg funds via the offering plate at any time. Please designate the name of the organization on your check and envelope. This complete list is also available at the Connection Center.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER - Provides immediate relief to those who are hungry. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished. www.elca.org/hunger



ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE - Brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response



SECOND HOME - A mission of Muhlenberg that provides affordable before and after school child care, academic support, nutritious snacks, mentorship, and enrichment activities for young students in Harrisonburg. www.secondhomeva.com



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - A cooperative ministry of 52 churches that provides financial assistance to community members in emergency situations. www.peoplehelpingpeople-harrisonburg.org



PATCHWORK PANTRY - Food pantry mission of Community Mennonite Church, just a few blocks from Muhlenberg. www.facebook.com/patchworkpantryva/



OPEN DOORS - Seasonal emergency thermal shelter that provides breakfast, dinner, mobile medical care and a place to sleep during cold weather months. www.valleyopendoors.org



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LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSION FUNDS (CONTINUED)

MINNICK SCHOOL – HARRISONBURG - A Lutheran Family Services school which helps students achieve academic, behavioral and developmental goals so they may return to their home public school or pursue a path to meaningful work.

Lutheran
Family Services
of Virginia

www.lfsva.org/educational-services-minnick-schools



ADULT MISSION FUND - A fund used to purchase supplies, pay group fees, and support other needs for Muhlenberg adult mission trips.

CLOTHING FUND - Provides assistance to Trinity (Presbyterian Church) Clothes Closet to purchase underwear and socks for children and urgent clothing needs for others as needs arise.



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN - Christian volunteer network that ships food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 67 different countries, including the USA. www.ogt.org



RWANDA SCHOOL PROJECT - Provides high quality secondary education in Rwanda. www.rwandaschoolproject.org/rwamagana-lutheran-school



THE NICARAGUAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER on Ometepe Island (CICRIN) - Non-denominational Christian Center that strives to improve the lives of at risk Nicaraguan children by providing schooling and housing and services to help preserve and reunify families. www.cicrinus.org



REFUGEE SUPPORT – Provides support for local refugee service agencies that strive to improve the livelihoods and outcomes for refugees, with a priority on dignity and cooperation.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Provides scholarships for international students.



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 pastors and editor.

✚ We offer sympathy to Sue Koch and family following the death of her mother, Londa Kathryn “Kay” Haraughty April 25. Arrangements are being made out of state.

✚ We offer sympathy to the family of The Rev. Warren Strickler who passed away April 29. Warren and his wife Joan were deeply involved members of Muhlenberg after his retirement. They moved to Maryland to be closer to family, but maintained their membership here. A memorial service is planned at Muhlenberg May 18 at 11:00 am.

✚ Many thanks to the congregation for remembering us with an Easter lily and goodies. *Dick & Jo Umberger*

✚ Thank you for your generous recent donations to bless others with affordable childcare and free clothing locally, and to feed our neighbors in need across the globe. To God be the glory! Through the Lenten alternative giving petition, we raised **\$750 for Second Home and \$220 for ELCA World Hunger**. Through donations to the Muhlenberg Clothing Fund, we raised **\$260 for underwear for Trinity Clothes Closet**. (A total of \$600-\$700 is needed annually to continue to donate at our current level of giving.)

Local & Global Mission Committee

DAILY DEVOTIONS

PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW's 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1143 - 1153, (Year C).

Mon. Acts 9:19b-31 **Thu. Rev. 5:1-10**
Tue. Acts 26:1-18 **Fri. Rev. 6:1-7:4**
Wed. Luke 5:1-11 **Sat. Luke 12:29-32**
Sun. John 10:22-30

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 6-12, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Ruth Sigmon Circle
7:00 pm Eldercare Support Group

Tue. 4:45 pm SonShine Singers
5:30 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Celebration Singers
7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers

Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Christian Formation

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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