



# The CHIMES

## MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GRACE

*Muhlenberg Lutheran Church strives to be a Wellspring of God's Grace in Jesus Christ.*

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

† The Call Committee has continued its faithful work in discerning Muhlenberg's needs and a pastoral candidate's gifts for Associate Pastor. We have completed a round of second interviews and are excited about presenting a candidate to Council this month. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and guidance as we continue in the call process.

*Karen Thomsen, Call Committee Chair*

† 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 members since 2007. 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*

### 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](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org).*



### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### BRIDGE OF HOPE

In honor of Mother's Day, the Local & Global Mission Committee is holding 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 who are 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 give a Temple Talk at all services and be in the Gathering Area to share information and answer questions after services.

#### LILLIAN IRVING WOLZ

#### Baptized, A New Child of God

Welcome Lillian Irving Wolz, daughter of Katie Sensabaugh & Ryan Wolz, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 11:00 service. Lillian's sponsors are Omar & Hannah Gonzalez and Chip & Diane Bayer. Welcome to the Lord's family, Lillian!



## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **THIS 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](mailto:marilynnjarrells@gmail.com) or 246-5753) for more information.*

### 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, NEXT 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](mailto:thompskb@jmu.edu) or 540-578-4830)  
*or*
- *Pastor Lauren*  
([miller@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:miller@muhlenberglutheran.org) / 434-3496).

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	85	Wed. Noon	7
9:30 Worship	111		
11:00 Worship	<u>135</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>		

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through <b>March 2019</b>			
	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
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$5,408)</b>	<b>(17,720)</b>	<b>(\$22,440)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	10,140.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>5,686.20</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	\$	<b>15,826.20</b>

*See Connection Center notebook for details.*

**April Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$117**

To give online, scan here →



*Best Wishes to*



*Pr. Lauren & Nate*

### CARD SHOWER

Pastor Lauren and Nate Eanes will be married Sunday, May 26 at Camp Caroline Furnace. We are having a card shower **Sundays, May 19-June 2**. A basket for cards will be available at the back of the sanctuary. You can also drop a card off to the church office during the week.

On **Sunday, June 2**, we will celebrate Pastor Lauren and Nate's marriage during fellowship time between services.

## THIS WEEK (CONT'D)

### SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Virginia Synodical Women's Organization, Southern Valley Conference is holding its 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! *For more information, contact Diane Bayer (434-3496).*

### STRICKLER MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for The Rev. Warren Strickler will be held at Muhlenberg **this Saturday, May 18, 11:00 am**. A reception will follow in the Gathering Area.

### SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

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.

## 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](mailto:rsanders9@verizon.net) or 433-1165).*

The sunny skies and warmer temperatures offer the perfect opportunity to save energy. Dryers account for 6% of total electricity consumed in the United States and cost an average of \$80 per year to operate. Using a clothesline will cut back on your energy consumption and leave your clothes smelling as fresh as a summer day.

## 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

**11:45 am - 2:00 pm**

**June 9 & 30, July 14 & 28, August 11**

**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](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) for more information.*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For more information, contact  
Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer  
([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

### JAMERS FAMILY PICNIC

Next 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.

### A WORD FROM PASTOR LAUREN

Has this month's sermon series on Revelation left you wanting to learn more about this often-misunderstood book of the Bible? You can order a copy of *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Lutheran theologian Barbara Rossing on the order form at the Connection Center. The cost is \$12, and can be paid at the time of pick up. Books ordered before May 12 will be available for pickup on May 19. Contact Pastor Lauren with any questions.

### SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Please pray for the family of Eddie Rader, Sr. who passed away Wednesday, May 8. A graveside service was held Saturday, May 11.

## 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. Rev. 15:1-4                      Thu. Rev. 10:1-11  
Tue. Acts 9:32-35                      Fri. Rev. 11:15  
Wed. John 10:31-42                      Sat. Rev. 11:16-19  
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 13-19, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting  
Tue. 1:30 pm Sophie Moeller Circle  
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  
Sat. 11:00 am Strickler Memorial Service  
Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion  
9:30 am Christian Formation  
4:00 pm JAMers picnic

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](mailto: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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