



The CHIMES

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

MESSAGE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR

(Members, a letter with details was mailed Wednesday, 5/22. The Chimes you receive at church will also have details.)

It is with joy and thanksgiving that today the Call Committee shares with you the name of our primary candidate for Associate Pastor.

Next week the congregation will have the opportunity to see firsthand why the Call Committee and Congregation Council are thrilled to recommend this candidate to be our new Associate Pastor.

The candidate deeply believes they are called to serve at Muhlenberg at this point in their ministry. We prayerfully hope the congregation will share this view after meeting the candidate, worshipping with them, and hearing them preach.

The candidate was the unanimous choice of the Call Committee. After extensive interviews, viewing of sermons, meetings, dinners, and discussions with all the candidates, it was clear that this candidate's gifts in ministry would be a

perfect fit for Muhlenberg. Their strength and passion for preaching, teaching, and building community is truly impressive. They believe they are at their best when they work as part of a ministry team and desire to build strong relationships with church staff and all members of the congregation.

The next few weeks are exciting ones for the future of Muhlenberg. I look forward to introducing you to the candidate May 29 at our Meet and Greet (*see p. 3 for details*) and hope you will also plan to hear them preach and preside at either service June 2.

Karen Thomsen, Call Committee Chair

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The new schedule begins next Sunday.

(see p. 4 for details.)

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.



TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

FROM PASTOR LAUREN...

Thank you for all of your prayers as I get married this weekend! Your love and support has meant so much to me, Nate, and the kids. Since many have asked: yes, I will be changing my surname to “Eanes.” So it’ll be like you have a whole new pastor when I return! We look forward to celebrating with you next weekend.

Note: Pastor Lauren will be out of the office and unavailable through **May 31**. Pastor Mark Radecke will preside at the noon service Wednesday, May 29.

CARD SHOWER

We are collecting cards **TODAY** through **Sunday, June 2** for Pastor Lauren and Nate. Please leave your card in the basket at the back of the sanctuary or drop it off at the church office during the week.



NEXT Sunday, June 2, we will celebrate Pastor Lauren and Nate’s marriage during fellowship time between services.

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE

Pastor Bill Nabers will continue to provide urgent pastoral care. If you have an urgent need while Pastor Lauren is away, leave a voicemail message for Parish Administrator Linda Depoy. She will contact Pastor Bill as soon as possible.

WELCOME PASTOR PAUL

Today we are pleased to welcome Pastor Paul Weber to lead us in worship. Pastor Paul was part of our interim pastoral team, and we look forward to hearing his message this morning.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	67	Wed. Noon	11
9:30 Worship	112		
11:00 Worship	<u>117</u>		
Total	296		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through April 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$231,661	\$273,132	\$232,615
Total Receipts	\$267,821	\$311,915	\$267,822
Expenses	\$279,355	\$336,155	\$278,780
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$11,534)	(\$24,240)	(\$10,958)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	8,302.70
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	7,720.26
Total Giving for the Week	\$	16,022.96

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



LINDA DEPOY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Parish Administrator Linda Depoy is having back surgery June 10. She will be out of the office 6 – 8 weeks, likely returning late July. She will work from home after the first few weeks, as her doctor allows.

Administrative Assistant Crystl Whitmire will continue her own work and pick up some major priorities from Linda’s position: preparing worship booklets and *The Chimes*, answering emails and calls, and providing support to others when she can. She will not be in the office every day, but our faithful volunteer office assistants will be. Please email Linda as you normally do — she or Crystl will provide assistance as soon as possible.

Attention ministry leaders, if you have a project coming up that needs Linda’s assistance, please contact her this week.

PASTORAL CANDIDATE VISITS MUHLENBERG

MEET & GREET

The Call Committee will host an evening of refreshments and fellowship in the MAC **Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.** This is an opportunity for you to meet and greet our primary candidate for Associate Pastor.

Note: Due to additional traffic in the parking lot as parents pick up their children from Second Home and Day Care, please arrive after 6:15 or wait in the Gathering Area until then to go to the MAC.

PASTORAL CANDIDATE TO PREACH **NEXT Sunday, June 2,** our candidate will preside and preach at both services. If you miss the Meet & Greet and attend the 10:30 service, you may want to come early to meet the candidate before the service starts.

CALLED

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Called Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 service (approx. 11:45) **NEXT Sunday, June 2.**

The only business to be conducted is to vote on extending a call to our candidate and approving a compensation package.

A letter with details was mailed this past week to all voting members. Extra copies are available at the Connection Center today.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

We wish you a happy and safe Memorial Day. The church office is closed tomorrow.



VOCAL CHOIRS

No rehearsals for Celebration Singers or the Sanctuary Choir this week.

PARKING ALERT & REMINDER!

If you park in a numbered space at the lot on the corner of Ott and Water Streets (behind the MAC), **your car may be towed!** That lot is leased by Urban Exchange and no other vehicles are permitted.

You may park in the “sister lot” with un-numbered spaces closer to the church (beside the white house) for worship services and weekday church activities after 5 pm.

Additionally on Sundays, you may park in the **Farm Credit lot** across E. Market St. or the law office **Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver lot** between West Water Street and Newman Avenue. Visit the Connection Center for a parking map.

PARKING COURTESY

From young families juggling little ones to older members and all those in between, there are many folks whose lives could be made a little easier or safer by parking closer to the church entrances. While we have a few designated handicapped parking spots, at times on Sunday morning those can be full.

For the June 2 Called Congregational Meeting, let's be especially hospitable to others who might simply be helped by a closer space. If you usually park closer, maybe take a spot a little further back so that others may have a safe spot. Thank you for your consideration.

SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 8:45 & 10:30



Last year's summer service schedule was a big hit with many members. **Starting NEXT Sunday, 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. *(see details below)*



INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER 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).

JUNE 9 PROGRAM DETAILS

The first program June 9 will be presented by the Migrant Education Program. We will put together personal hygiene kits and have a clothing drive *(see p. 6 for details).* *Please contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) with questions.*

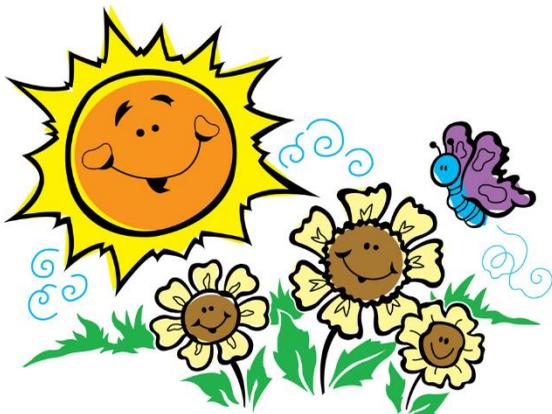
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



POWER IN THE SPIRIT

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. This year's theme is, "Children of the Same Heavenly Father." 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



MUHLENBERG NEWS

BOOKS ON REVELATION

Pastor Lauren has placed orders for books requested. Some of them are in and are available from the table outside her office in the administrative hallway. More are coming soon.

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.net4 or 433-1165).



Members of Congress care about the viewpoints of their constituents and take their feedback into account when it's time to vote. Your letter could help influence their vote on issues ranging from expanding local recycling programs to drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Get tips for writing a letter to your representatives at www.pfaw.org.

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.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

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

NEW BRIDGES IMMIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER

The Center is in need of volunteers. The mission of this center in Harrisonburg is to “engage immigrants, connect cultures, and build community.” Volunteers are needed to answer the phone and greet people in the office. There is also a need for volunteers willing to transport clients to their appointments. If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful community agency, please contact New Bridges Immigrant Resource Center at 540-438-8295 or online at newbridgesirc.org.

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE Mark Your Calendar

The ELCA Day of Service is Sunday, September 8. On **Saturday, September 7**, for the fourth year in a row, Muhlenberg will join Grace Lutheran in Waynesboro and 12+ other churches to “Rise Against Hunger.” Last year 100 people joined together, and in just 2-3 hours we packed 24,000 meals that were sent to feed school children in Haiti. For many children in Haiti, their school lunch is their only meal of the day.

Please consider joining us this year. Families, youth, college students, and adults of all ages are welcome. Children as young as 5 have participated with their parents in the past. There are jobs for those who need to sit as well. For more info, visit riseagainsthunger.org or contact Karen Matthias. Watch *The Chimes* for details.

CLOTHING DRIVE

In coordination with the June 9 Intergenerational Summer Sunday, we will collect gently used or new cool weather clothing for young male workers who will be living in the nearby migrant camps this fall. Needed most are men’s small and medium sized (and some large) sweatshirts and sweatpants, jeans, hoodies, sweaters, jackets, long sleeved shirts, underwear and socks. Occasionally a family may need children’s warm clothing for ages 8-13. Place donations in the designated bins in the Gathering Area **June 2 and 9**.

Then on June 9, stay through lunch and early afternoon to learn more about Migrant Education here in the valley as part of the intergenerational event!

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Recent natural disasters devastate the areas they hit. 100% of your gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response go directly to aid in disaster relief. Here are ways you can give:

- **Online:** www.elca.org
- **Phone:** 800-638-3522 Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 Central Time
- **Mail:** send checks made payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and designated for *California Fires* to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
- **Offering plate:** make check payable to Muhlenberg and designate *ELCA Disaster Response* on your check and envelope
- **Via Thrivent:** Thrivent Financial members can direct their Choice Dollars to Disaster Relief and/or make a personal donation that will be matched by Thrivent. Visit thrivent.com Disaster Response for details

REMINDERS

CONTACT INFORMATION

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With our ever-changing lifestyles, it's sometimes difficult to be sure everyone has your correct contact information. Have you recently ...

- moved?
- cancelled your home phone?
- changed your cell phone number?
- changed your home/work email address?

If so, please be sure your information is updated with the church. Contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

DID YOU MISS WORSHIP RECENTLY?

If you miss worship one Sunday, chances are you feel a bit out of the loop. Extra copies of *The Chimes*, worship booklets, and sermons (when available) can be picked up from the credenza in the administrative hallway. Stop by and catch up on what you've missed. You can also find *The Chimes* at muhlenberglutheran.org.

While Pastor Lauren is serving as our solo pastor, other priorities don't permit posting printed sermons. **However, audio sermons are posted online each week.** Look for printed sermons to be available once we have called an Associate Pastor.

YOUTH NEWS

For more information, contact Mycah McNett (mcnett@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

ALPHA TEENS SUMMER TRIP

Attention rising 7th - 9th graders: this summer's trip is **July 21-26** at Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp! We will be at the Hammock Hangout. Please sign up through the camp website.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

SHARING GOD'S WORD

Today is the last day of regular Christian Formation classes for the season. See p. 4 for details about summer opportunities beginning June 9.

Children's Church will resume in the September.

God's Love ...

See it!

Learn it!

Share it!



CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

Special *busy bags* for children are available in the Gathering Area.

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 depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✚ Thank you for all the flowers, cards, visits, and prayers I have received over the past several months. *Betsy Gaylor*

✚ We recently received a thank you note from Lutheran Family Services of Virginia for our \$500 donation to Minnick School's breakfast program. Many students qualify for free or reduced lunches, however breakfast would not be available without donations.

Their note states that "... knowing that [breakfast is provided at school] lifts a burden for many of our students. Proper nutrition better equips students to learn and grow." Donations designated for Minnick School may be placed in the offering plate anytime.

✚ A special thanks to all the JAMers and their families for a wonderful picnic last Sunday. With so many attending, it made for a delightful afternoon. Parents, great job playing the kids "Faith Talk questions" game with your children. Blessings to all those in 5th grade who will rise up to Alpha Teens; I have enjoyed each of you over the last 4 years and will miss all of you! God bless you. *Diane Bayer*

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. Revelation 21:5-14
Tue. Revelation 21:15-22
Wed. Luke 2:25-38
Thu. Ascension of Our Lord
Luke 24:44-53
Fri. Revelation 22:6-9
Sat. John 1:14-18
Sun. John 17:20-26

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 27 — June 2, 2019

Mon. Memorial Day
Church Office Closed
Tue. 7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
Sun. Ascension Sunday

Summer Service Times:

8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
11:45 am Called Congregational Mtg.

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 Parish Administrator 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.

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