



The CHIMES

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

As the call process moves forward, I have good news to share with you. We have identified two candidates we would like to meet in person. Our goal is to use the time we have together to explore in great depth their interest in coming to Muhlenberg to serve as our pastor as well as our interest in considering them for this role.

We will meet informally over a meal, tour our church and community, and engage in a formal interview. This is a special time in the process for both the candidates and the Call Committee.

While this is an important step, it is not the final step. There will be ample opportunity to reflect and pray, that perhaps one of these individuals may move forward in our process.

Because scheduling anything in the summer is a challenge, we anticipate completing the in-person interviews by mid-September.

Your prayers and support continue to be an important part of our work, and we thank you!

Ted Sudol, Call Committee Chair

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

GO-GO GROUP LUNCH (55+)

Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group **Wednesday, August 1, 1:00 pm at Traditions.** Call Dan Werner (433-3912) for more information.

FOOD COLLECTION

NEXT Sunday, August 5

in the Gathering Area, we will collect non-perishable food for Patchwork Pantry. No glass jars please. The Pantry is also in need of paper products (paper towels, wraps, food storage bags, toilet tissue, etc.), cleansers (dish, laundry, all purpose), diapers, and all types of personal hygiene products. Thank you for your support.



Food Collection

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 to securely register online visit us at www.muhlenberglutheran.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THRIVENT FINANCIAL APPRECIATION EVENT



Thrivent Financial representative Sherry Ritenour is hosting a Member Appreciation Event and invites you to join her **Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 pm** in the Nielsen Room. **Please RSVP by August 4.** See p. 3 for details.

WOMEN AND JUSTICE ELCA Draft Social Statement



Virginia Synod Council member Judy Casteel will lead a discussion concerning the Women and Justice draft social statement

Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 pm in the Nielsen Room. This is an opportunity for us to have a voice, and share our thoughts with the church at large.

After all Synods have shared their input, the draft will be adapted and presented to the Churchwide Assembly in 2019. It will be voted on as a new ELCA Social Statement.

You can read the draft by visiting ELCA's website (www.elca.org) and typing "Women and Justice" in the search bar. Please join us! Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberg.lutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions.

SOUTHERN VALLEY CONFERENCE GATHERING



Meet with Bishop Bob Humphrey and his staff **Sunday, August 19, 4:30 pm.** See p. 5 for details.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	130	Wed. Noon	12
10:30 Worship	<u>134</u>		
Total	264		

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSION (LGM)

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

The mission of the LGM team is to provide relief for unmet needs for food, water, clothing, housing, health issues, and disasters both locally and around the globe. Please join our team the second Monday of each month at 7 pm in the church library to help determine how to best utilize Muhlenberg's time, talent, and resources to benefit God's people in need.

Contact Council Liaison Karen Matthias at 434-4625 or kfmatthias@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 2018			
	Y-T-D <u>Actual</u>	Y-T-D <u>Budget</u>	Y-T-D <u>Last Year</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$338,395	\$388,760	\$353,526
Total Receipts	\$385,909	\$437,053	\$400,204
Expenses	\$410,000	\$481,918	\$430,204
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$24,091)	(\$44,865)	(\$30,000)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan:	\$	7,020.04
Giving to Other Designated Funds:	\$	<u>3,495.00</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	10,515.04

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here →





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SHARE YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES

I'm hosting a Member Appreciation Event and would love for you to join me.

Thrivent members are amazing and are making a difference every day by using their **ABCs**. Let's share some ideas on Thrivent **Action Teams**, how to participate in Thrivent **Build** opportunities and the importance of your Thrivent **Choice Dollars**.

Enjoy an evening of fun and refreshment. Bring a friend.

EVENT DETAILS:

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church
281 E Market St
Harrisonburg, VA

HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Sherry Ritenour, FIC

A brief educational presentation will precede the event. Dinner will be served.

Please RSVP by August 4, 2018. Call Sherry Ritenour at 540-325-4233.

No products will be sold at this event.

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MUHLENBERG NEWS

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.



Turn your car off while you wait. For every minute your car idles, it emits almost 7 grams of pollutants like nitrous oxides and carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. You can also save gas by reducing excessive idling. If 10% of the U.S. population avoided idling for 5 minutes per day, we could lessen CO2 emissions by 1 million tons and save more than 422,000 gallons of gas every year.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

A HUGE thank you to those who donated **50 jars of peanut butter** to help fill Second Home's pantry. Part of our mission is to provide nutritious snacks before and after school. Learning cannot occur when children are hungry. Good nutrition, along with strong mentors, tutoring, and enrichment for success in school are critical factors in helping children overcome the oppression of poverty. Watch *The Chimes* and social media each month to see how you can contribute to the nutritional wellbeing of God's children.

If you would like to contribute a specific snack food weekly or monthly, contact Susan Gallaher (palosva@gmail.com or 540-908-0073).

If you would like to contribute through tutoring, mentoring, providing enrichment opportunities, or volunteering in other ways, contact Krisztina Szekely or Leeanne Shepherd (secondhomeharrisonburg@gmail.com or 432-7989).

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

Summer will soon be over for Harrisonburg City kids and we want to be sure Second Home students and teachers have supplies they need to start the school year. Local and Global Mission will collect school supplies in the designated bin in the Gathering Area **NEXT Sunday, August 5 and again on Sunday, August 12. Tax Free Weekend is August 3-5.**



Below are just a few of the items needed. A complete list of items is available at the Connection Center.

If you would like to help but prefer not to shop, please consider a donation to Second Home's general operating fund. Designate "Second Home Back to School" on the memo line and envelope.

- colored pencils
- pencil sharpeners (individual, med. size)
- markers (washable, permanent & dry-erase)
- backpacks
- Elmer's glue (gallon sized)
- card stock
- paint brushes
- Sharpies (all colors/sizes)
- rulers
- Germ-X Hand Sanitizer
- boxes of tissues
- Clorox wipes
- plastic folders with prongs
- spiral notebooks
- Ziploc bags (snack, quart, gallon size)
- journals
- pencil boxes
- batteries (AA, AAA, 9V)
- painters tape (blue or green)



VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA

2018 CONFERENCE GATHERING

SOUTHERN VALLEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST, 19 AT 4:30 PM

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

417 SALEM CHURCH ROAD, MOUNT SIDNEY,

VA 24467

Meet with Bishop Humphrey and his staff as our Synod Office works to bridge connections with each other. We want to learn from you in what ways can the Synod office best serve you and the communities in which you are located.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE

God's work.
Our hands.

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. The date for the **2018 "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is September 9** or a time that works best for individual congregations.

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated Day of Service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. The event has quickly become an anticipated way to be "church together" and "church for the sake of the world." All of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let's do this work together!

MINNICK SCHOOL

We will **paint classroom doors at Minnick School** (1661 Virginia Avenue) starting at **9:00 am Saturday, August 18**. The school is part of Lutheran Family Services and offers students a chance to achieve academic, behavioral and developmental goals in an alternative setting. Coordinators are Susan Lawrence and Jackie Wells. We can use your help! Sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center. Supplies provided. Contact Susan (lawrensj@comcast.net or 540-908-0073) for details.

Lutheran
Family Services
of Virginia

VIRGINIA BLOOD Services BLOOD DRIVE

As part of our Day of Service, Virginia Blood Services will be here **September 9, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm**. What better way to serve than to give the gift of life!? Contact Linda Morrison (glenn778@comcast.net or 383-5085) with any questions. Eat iron-rich foods until then!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christian Formation's Day of Service activity will be packing lunches for Second Home students **September 9 at 9:30**. Children and adults are invited to participate. The lunches will go home with the Second Home children Monday, September 10. Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) for details.



HURRICANE RELIEF TRIP

We have reserved the workweek of November 5-9 for our Florida adult mission trip. Can't go on the trip but want to help? Monetary donations can be made to Muhlenberg, designating Adult Mission Trip on the memo line of your check and envelope. Visit the information table in the Gathering Area **Sunday, September 9**. You can learn more about the trip and purchase/order your Muhlenberg shirt. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the trip. Contact Herb Amato (amatohk@jmu.edu or 540-830-7910) for more information.



Watch *The Chimes* for additional information and ways to serve.

JUNIOR HIGH SERVANT EVENT



Seven Muhlenberg youth attended the Junior High servant event in Virginia Beach.

◀ Tuesday we prepared food for packing at *Operation Blessing*.

➤ Wednesday morning we sorted through donations for *Good Mojo*, a thrift store outreach for *For Kids*.



◀ Wednesday afternoon we shucked and packed corn for the food bank.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children PreK – 5th grade start in the sanctuary at 8:45 to hear the Pastor's message, then go to the MAC for their class.

Summer of Service Projects



Children and adults are invited to a time of serving. Meet in the MAC the following Sundays at 9:00 am!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency/Projects</u>
TODAY & August 5	Minnick School Breakfast boxes
August 12 & 26	People Helping People Summer Survival kits
August 19	Second Home Snack Boxes

SECOND HOME NEWS

TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you love children? Second Home is looking for teachers for its after school program, Monday - Friday when Harrisonburg City Public Schools are open. We are looking for people with a degree (or near completion) in education, psychology, social services, or a related field and or experience in working with children. Any offer will be contingent on successful national fingerprint background check.



Please apply now for an August 15 start date. Send cover letter, resume, and at least three references to Krisztina Szekely at 2ndhomedirector@gmail.com.

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.	Hebrews 13:17-25
Tues.	Acts 20:17-38
Wed.	Luke 15:1-7
Thu.	Colossians 1:9-14
Fri.	Colossians 3:12-17
Sat.	John 4:31-38
Sun.	John 6:24-35

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

July 30 – August 5, 2018

Mon.	2:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
Wed.	12 noon	Holy Communion
	1:00 pm	Go-Go Group Lunch
Sun.	8:45 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
		Food Pantry, Lay Communion & Name Badge Sunday
	9:00 am	Summer 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 (depay@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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