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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is looking forward to welcoming two pastoral candidates to the Shenandoah Valley in the very near future. When each of the candidates comes to Harrisonburg, there will be time dedicated for a formal interview with the Call Committee as well as informal time for us to lead them on tours of the community and visits to Muhlenberg.

I wish I could tell you when these visits will be taking place, but I cannot do so. I trust that you understand. Truly, it is essential to the process that we be respectful of these pastors' current commitments and ensure that we do our very best to safeguard the confidentiality of their engagement in our call process.

I can assure you of this: It is the Call Committee's hope and prayer that in due time these next steps will lead us closer to a Sunday when a candidate will be welcomed by all of us and lead our worship service.

Ted Sudol, Call Committee Chair

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

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 **TODAY**.



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 our check and envelope.

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.



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

MINISTRIES NIGHT

Monday Evening, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Help Muhlenberg continue to grow during this time of transition by joining in as we strengthen our ministries, plan new initiatives, and serve one another and the wider community! **All committees welcome new members.**

Lutheran Campus Ministry will meet at 5:30 in the Campus Room.

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. The draft is available at www.elca.org. Please join us! Contact Diane Bayer (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions.

MINNICK SCHOOL

Join us for an early *Day of Service* project, as we **paint classroom doors at Minnick School** (1661 Virginia Avenue) starting at **9:00 am THIS Sat., 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. See p. 4 for other *Day of Service* activities.

Lutheran Family Services of Virginia

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	110	Wed. Noon	12
10:30 Worship	<u>116</u>		
Total	226		

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

YOUTH

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

Youth have had a full summer schedule! The National Youth Gathering took place in Houston where we learned *This Changes Everything!* The four signs of change were Call, Hope, Love, and Jesus. The Junior High Youth set out on the Servant Event in July for a week of learning about Homelessness in the Virginia Beach Area. Kairos finished off the last week in July with a week of intentional prayer, community, and faith exploring with youth from all around the Synod.

For more information, contact Clay Arthur (clay@muhlenberglutheran.org) or Mycah McNett (mccnett@muhlenberglutheran.org).

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	\$ 9,468.45
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 5,225.00
Total Giving for the Week	\$ 14,693.45

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

July Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$36

To give online, scan here →



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION



NEXT **Sunday, August 19**, we will collect *granola bars (Costco or family size)* to serve as snacks for students at Second Home. If you wish to help and prefer to make a cash donation, designate "Second Home food" on your check and envelope.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

We will bless K-12th grade students, teachers and staff at each service **NEXT Sunday, August 19**.



SOUTHERN VALLEY CONFERENCE GATHERING



Sunday, August 19, 4:30 pm at Salem Lutheran Church (417 Salem Church Road, Mt. Sidney). Meet with Bishop Bob Humphrey and his staff as the Synod office works to bridge connections with congregations. They want to hear from you how the Synod office can best serve its churches and their communities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for our annual Church Picnic, **Sunday, August 26** at Purcell Park, Shelter #2. Join us for games at 4:30.



The picnic meal will begin at 5:30. Watch *The Chimes* for details.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FESTIVAL DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 9:30 AM

SHARING GOD'S WORD



Christian Formation is *Sharing God's Word* by planning and implementing many opportunities for members to be involved: Bible studies, women's groups, fellowship events, elementary youth group, Sunday morning Christian Formation groups and more. Watch *The Chimes* for opportunities for all ages, birth to adults.

SECOND HOME GALA FUNDRAISER

Second Home's *New Orleans Jazz Club Benefit Gala* will be held at Bluestone Vineyard **Thursday, September 27, 6:00**



pm. Tickets go on sale in the Gathering Area Sunday, August 26. Watch *The Chimes* for more information.



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 **2018 "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is September 9** or a time that works best for individual congregations and their projects.

This event has quickly become an anticipated way to be "church together" and "church for the sake of the world." It 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!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable.

Grace Lutheran Church has invited Muhlenberg to join them and 11 other churches in the Southern Valley Conference for a *Rise Against Hunger* event **Saturday, Sept. 8, 9:00 am** at Kate Collins Middle School, Waynesboro. Last year we sent 12 volunteers, and we would like to send at least 15 this year. Youth are welcome. The goal is to assemble and package 15,000 or more dehydrated meals for distribution to disaster locations at a cost of \$0.35 per meal. Local & Global Mission is donating \$300 toward the cost of food.

Please sign up to help in the notebook at the Connection Center by Sunday, Sept. 2. *For more information, contact Karen Matthias (kfmatthias@gmail.com or 434-4625.)*



BLOOD DRIVE

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!? Sign up at vablood.org. Click on Blood Drives, then Schedule An Appointment. On the scheduling page, scroll down to choose "Muhlenberg" and "select" below. Choose the time you'd like to donate and fill in your information. If you prefer, sign up in the notebook at the Connection Center under "Special Events." *Contact Linda Morrison (glenm778@comcast.net or 383-5085) with any questions.*

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 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 sweatshirt. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the trip. *Contact Herb Amato (amatohk@jmu.edu or 540-830-7910) for more information.*

MUHLENBERG NEWS

NEW BUILDING USE COORDINATOR

Thanks be to God for Lori Reich who has agreed to share her time and talent as our new Building Use Coordinator. Lori, her husband Steve, and children Annaka and Riley have been Muhlenberg members for more than 10 years. Lori recently retired professionally, allowing flexibility to serve Muhlenberg in this capacity.

A BIG thanks to Mycah McNett who served as Interim Building Use Coordinator and created a new Google calendar system!

BUILDING USE REQUESTS

We joyfully share our campus with many different ministries and groups. We need your help to ensure the space you want to use or a suitable alternative is available. To schedule space, contact Building Use Coordinator Lori Reich **before you plan an event**. Also let her know about changes to previous requests.

- 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.

ATTENTION

MINISTRY/GROUP LEADERS:

The fall schedule is already filling up.

Be sure to get your requests in early.

Do not assume space used in the past will be available again without booking it.

NEW WEDDING COORDINATOR

We give thanks to Lesa Calleo for sharing her time and talent as our new Wedding Coordinator. Lesa and her husband Gary have been members of Muhlenberg for more than 10 years. Lesa will serve as Wedding Coordinator and Wedding Liaison. She will also recruit additional Liaisons as needed to work with individual weddings.

If you are interested in holding a wedding at Muhlenberg, email Lesa at vnccall@yahoo.com or call the church office at 434-3496.

WELCOME HEAVEN PROPST

We welcome Heaven Propst to our staff as the new part-time Nursery Coordinator Assistant. Heaven was highly recommended by Nursery Coordinator Crystal Weaver. Heaven has provided interim coverage in the nursery and always done a wonderful job caring for our little ones. She will be a great assistant. Welcome, Heaven!

ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Earlier this year, we purchased 19 new worship assistant robes. Several are now missing. If you took a robe home, please return it as soon as possible so assistants have the sizes they need available.

CREATION CARE TIP

Think twice before using your blow dryer. The average hair dryer uses 45kWh of energy a year. That's enough to burn a 60-watt light bulb for 3,259 hours. During warm weather, letting your hair air dry will save a lot of energy. On the days when you do use your hair dryer, be sure to unplug it when you're done so it's not using power needlessly.

MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

RWANDAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

Muhlenberg is helping Patrick, a Rwandan student, attend the Rwamagana School. Our missionary Robin Strickler started the school, and we also help to support it through the Rwanda School Project. Through our Sunday School offering, everyone who attends a Christian Formation class can be part of this wonderful ongoing opportunity to share our God given gifts with others.

A picture of Patrick and note from him can be found on the bulletin board outside Diane Bayer's office in the administrative hall. *Please contact Diane with any questions* (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

RUTH SIGMON STUDY BOOKS

Ruth Sigmon Women's Circle will be using *Gather* magazine for its study this year. Pick up your copy of *Gather* from the table outside Diane Bayer's office! *Contact Diane with any questions* (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).



CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

Special *busy bags* for children are available from ushers

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

ATTENTION ALL CHOIR MEMBERS (AND NEWBIES TOO!)

Rehearsals will begin soon! Thanks to all of our "current choristers" for your ongoing participation and dedication to singing God's praises! If you are new to Muhlenberg or simply new to singing and are interested in one of our choral groups, *please contact Music Minister Elizabeth Williams* (williams@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).



WE HAVE A GROUP FOR YOU!

- Celebration Singers** (10th grade and up)
Begins **Tuesday, August 21**, and rehearses **6:30–7:30 pm**. A "joy of singing" is your only requirement!
- Sanctuary Choir** (10th grade and up)
Begins **Wednesday, August 22**, and rehearses **7:15–8:45 pm**. Former choral singing is graciously welcomed!
- Cherub Choir** (ages 4 – 2nd grade)
Begins **early September**. Day and time to be announced soon.
- SonShine Singers** (grades 3 – 6)
Begins **early September**. Day and time to be announced soon.
- Gloria Dei Ringers** (Handbell Choir)
Begins **Tuesday, August 28, 7:00–8:30 pm**. If you are interested in learning more about this particular group, please *contact Handbell Director Kath Wissinger* (longwalk3@aol.com).

REMINDERS

PRAYER CARDS



Prayer
Requests

Thanks to a suggestion from one of our thoughtful youth, we have a prayer request box on the welcome desk in the Gathering Area. You can find prayer request cards in the back inside cover of the worship book in your pew or at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area.

On the form, you will see an option to share the prayer request with the “prayer chain.” Our prayer chain is an email group that receives and covenants to pray for these requests, as well as holding them confidential. To receive prayer chain emails (an average of 3 per week), contact Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

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!

Date

TODAY & Aug 26

August 19

Agency/Projects

People Helping People
Summer Survival kits

Second Home
Snack Boxes



“Principal Diane” of Minnick School is beyond grateful for our Summer of Service Project to provide breakfast food for her 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 (434-3496 or depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the editor and pastors.

✚ Thanks to everyone who made donations to People Helping People to provide gasoline and bus transit tickets to our neighbors needing help with transportation. July donations totaled **\$1,852**, which was nearly double our goal!

Donations can be made to PHP via the offering plate at any time. Just write your check payable to Muhlenberg and note People Helping People on your check and envelope.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

California fires have devastated 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 MLC 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.

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. Ephesians 4:17-24
Tue. 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Wed. Mark 8:1-10
Thu. Romans 15:1-6
Fri. Galatians 6:1-10
Sat. Matthew 7:7-11
Sun. John 6:24-35

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 13-19, 2018

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Ministries Meetings

Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
6:30 pm Women & Justice Mtg.

Sat. 9:00 am Painting at Minnick School

Sun. 8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
Second Home Food Collection
Back to School Blessing
9:00 am Summer Christian Formation
4:30 pm So. Valley Conference 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 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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