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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

CALL COMMITTEE / COUNCIL UPDATE

I am grateful for all the faithful work our Call Committee has done to bring us to an exciting place in our Call process. Council is working with the Call Committee as we discern candidates.

We greatly respect the process of listening to the Spirit as we seek to engage a candidate whose gifts in ministry best match our needs around Word and Sacrament.

Part of the Call process that Council has assigned significant weight to is their wish to interview candidates before we designate a primary status. In that way you are assured that our Call Committee and Council fully support the candidate we put forth for consideration.

We are prayerfully eager for our next steps!

Tim Peifer, President of Congregation Council

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.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

CHERUB CHOIR SINGS TODAY

Today the Cherub Choir (ages 4 – 2nd grade) sings, led by Director Rachel Peters. Rachel comes to us with considerable education and interest in teaching our children to sing.



*O God, from my youth
you have taught me,
and I still proclaim
your wondrous deeds.
Psalm 71:17*

FORWARDING FAITH CAMPAIGN

Today we continue our *Forwarding Faith* campaign. There is a Temple Talk this morning and another insert in *The Chimes* that provides additional information. Please visit the Connection Center for materials previously distributed.

Council has challenged members with a three-year pledge goal of \$40,000. We will share more this week about how you can pledge. See p. 6 for an example of the Statement of Intent form that will be handed out next Sunday.

*For more information, contact
Kati Derrick (coachkati@hotmail.net).*

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LUNCH & ORIENTATION

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

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. We invite you to meet with us for a **Prospective Member Lunch & Orientation, TODAY, 12:15 – 2:30 pm** in Wayland Hall. 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, October 7 during the 11:00 service, followed by a reception.

For more information, talk with Evangelism Committee Chair Kathy Thompson (thompskb@jmu.edu or 540-578-4830), Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depay@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496), or the pastors.

SERVICE FOR AUDREY BEERY

A funeral service for Audrey Beery will be held **TODAY at 3:00** here at Muhlenberg. The family will receive friends in the Gathering Area beginning at 2:00. Please continue to pray for Audrey's husband Norwood, her son Richard, and her extended family, including Jean Snider (Audrey's sister).

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
Hurricane Florence has devastated areas it hit. 100% of gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) 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 LDR 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:** members can direct Choice Dollars to Disaster Relief and/or make a donation that will be matched. Visit thrivent.com Disaster Response for details.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	80	Wed. Noon	9
9:30 Worship	101		
11:00 Worship	<u>104</u>		
Total	285		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through August 2018			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$450,902	\$538,003	\$486,025
Total Receipts	\$522,084	\$609,355	\$556,274
Expenses	\$557,501	\$652,612	\$575,802
Excess Income/	(\$35,417)	(\$43,257)	(\$19,528)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$	8,485.35
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$	<u>8,331.95</u>
Total Giving for the Week	\$	16,817.30

See details in the notebook at the Connection Center.

To give online, scan here →



THIS WEEK

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meets **TOMORROW, October 1, 6:30 pm** in the Augsburg Room. The Bible study *Repentance* is from the September issue of *Gather* magazine. We invite all women to join us. For details, *contact Louise Johnson at 433-1047.*

ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets **TOMORROW, October 1, 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. *Contact Jennie Warner (mjwarner1@aol.com or 476-2020) for details.*

GO-GO GROUP (55+)



Are you 55+ and enjoy fellowship with others? Join the Go-Go Group for lunch **THIS Wednesday, October 3, 1:00 pm** at Olive Garden. *Call Dan Werner (433-3912) for more information.*

COMFORT MAKERS FALL ACTIVITY

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 8 am – 12 noon in Wayland Hall. Join us whether or not you can sew. All are welcome! *For details, contact Margie Miller (romar57@comcast.net or 820-3995) or Linda Morrison (glenm778@comcast.net or 383-5085).*

FOOD COLLECTION REMINDER

NEXT Sunday, October 7 in the Gathering Area, we collect non-perishable food **for the Salvation Army**. No glass jars please. Thank you for your support.



DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCH

For our members 75+ years old

Sunday, October 7 at 12:15 in the MAC. The Care Committee plans an Italian meal. *To RSVP or for details, contact Sandy Randolph (cerprek@gmail.com / 828-2033).*

INSTALLATION: NEW DATE

You are invited to the installation of Pastor Bill Nabers **Sunday, October 7, 4:00 pm** at St. Jacobs-Spaders Lutheran Church. Reception follows. *See bulletin boards for details.*

CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICE

Muhlenberg's Sanctuary Choir is going on tour, and you don't want to miss it! Our Sanctuary Choir will be featured as the Guest Choir for the upcoming Choral Evensong Service to be held at Emmanuel Episcopal, Harrisonburg **NEXT Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 pm.**

This 45-minute service offers an opportunity for prayer, singing of hymns, chanting of the Psalms, and listening to beautiful choral music. We hope you will plan to attend and experience this 500-year-old tradition of Choral Evensong (Evening Prayer), as well as supporting your fellow singing choir members here at Muhlenberg.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **Tuesday, October 9, 1:30 pm** in the Kairos Room. Katie Ray will have the program. All are welcome!

BRIDGE OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

Locavore dinner **Saturday, November 3, 5:30 pm** in the MAC. Watch *The Chimes* for details.

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.



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.



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.



Switch to a manual can opener. The electric can opener sitting on your kitchen counter only uses a little bit of energy (about .18 kWh per month for the average 175-watt brand), but electric can openers require more resources to manufacture, are more expensive to ship, and take up more space in the landfill. If everyone in the US started using a manual can opener, it would save up to 648 million kWh of power.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN

Did you know?

Second Home (SH) offers substantial, healthy snacks twice daily to approximately 100 children. We collect non-perishable foods on the third Sunday each month. Watch *The Chimes* for what is needed most.

In addition, we are recruiting volunteers to provide perishable fruits, vegetables, and dairy (milk, cheese, and yogurt) weekly. Would you consider providing a perishable food once monthly throughout the school year? Example: drop off 50 bananas with a shelf life of 3 days to the kitchen in the MAC on the first Sunday (9:30-10:30) or the following Monday (6 am - 6 pm). Please contact Susan Gallaher (palosva@gmail.com or 867-5017) so she can coordinate the timing of donations to assure freshness and avoid waste.

Forwarding Faith: To aid in planning your pledge, below is an image of the Statement of Intent form you will receive next week.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

In gratitude to God and in celebration of the ministry of the Virginia Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I/we intend to contribute—personal, business, and economic conditions permitting—to **The Forwarding Faith Campaign** as follows (check one):

- \$ _____
- \$150 per month for 36 months → \$5,400
- \$100 per month for 36 months → \$3,600
- \$75 per month for 36 months → \$2,700
- \$50 per month for 36 months → \$1,800
- \$30 per month for 36 months → \$1,080
- \$20 per month for 36 months → \$720
- \$10 per month for 36 months → \$360
- \$5 per month for 36 months → \$180
- \$ _____ per month for 36 months → \$ _____

OR: I/we choose to complete this gift as follows: \$ _____ initially

OR: With the balance payable: Monthly Quarterly Annually Other: _____

The first payment on my/our pledge will be made on (date): _____

Name _____

Congregation _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____



CAMPUS & YOUTH NEWS

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

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY (LCM)

Are you faculty or staff at JMU? Mycah McNett and a pastor are eating lunch at DHall the first Tuesday each month. We're calling it *Lutherans who Lunch* - friends welcome! Next date is **THIS Tuesday, October 2**.

Free home-cooked dinners at **6:00 pm Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 24**.

We **need church van drivers** to pick up campus students from EMU & JMU Sunday mornings. We have many first year students with no car but eager to worship at Muhlenberg. If you can help, contact Mycah McNett.

ALPHA TEENS (6TH – 8TH GRADES)

Are you interested in participating in a lock-in **October 19-20**? There is a sign up sheet in the youth binder at the Connection Center.

LOST & FOUND (7TH – 8TH GRADES)

Lost & Found is the Virginia Synod's annual weekend retreat for 7th -8th grade youth. It will be held **November 16-18**. Registration forms are in the youth binder at the Connection Center. Please return them to Mycah McNett with a deposit of \$75 by October 14.

JCREW EVENT

Join JCrew and "Cracked Skull Charlie" for a Back to Skate party **Sunday, October 7!** Meet in the campus room immediately after worship, and we will travel together to Westover Skate Park to welcome Charlie back to the skating arena! Pizza and beverages will be provided. Bring your skateboards, rollerblades, roller-skates or anything else with wheels and join in the fun! Helmets optional...NOT!!!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

SHARING GOD'S WORD

Classes **begin in designated locations Sundays at 9:30**. 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. After Children's Time with a pastor, children are escorted downstairs to the Nielsen Room. Children return to their parents in the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace.

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

5TH SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH For Children Ages 3-7

After Children's Time with the pastors at the 11:00 service, Children's Church leaders will lead children downstairs to the Nielsen Room. Children will return to their parents in the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace



PASTOR'S CLASS

God in Odd Places is the topic of a six-week course Pr. Mark will teach **Tuesdays, October 16 – November 20, 6:00 –7:00 pm** in the Nielsen Room. Participants will examine and discuss religious themes from various items in contemporary culture, including short stories, cartoons, songs, letters to the editor, TV, movies, and more. Everyone is welcome!

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.

✚ I would like to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes, calls, and visits from members and Pastors of MLC. Thank you so much, I truly appreciate the support.

Richard Davis

✚ Muhlenberg's own Remington Willis is serving this year as a member of the Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network in California. If you would like to learn more about what Remington is doing, stop by the Connection Center in the Gathering Area for a copy of her "Month One Update."

MUSICAL SETTING

This fall we are singing a new musical setting of the liturgy composed by Pastor Paul. The music was inspired by Pastor Paul's setting of the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy), hymn #189 in the ELW. In October, we will add the Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God."



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. 1 Peter 1:3-9 **Thu. Galatians 3:23-29**
Tue. 1 John 2:18-25 **Fri. Romans 8:1-11**
Wed. Matthew 18:6-9 **Sat. Luke 16:14-18**
Sun. Mark 10:2-16

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October 1-7, 2018

Mon. 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
1:00 pm Go-Go Group Lunch
6:00 pm Lutheran Campus Ministry
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers

Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion
Forwarding Faith Commitment Week
Food Pantry/Lay Communion/ Name Badge
9:30 am Christian Formation
11:00 pm New Members Received
12:15 pm Diamond Jubilee Lunch
12:15 pm JCrew

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).

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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