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## February 25, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

### PLAN FOR PASTOR ALEX'S PARENTAL LEAVE

We celebrate with Pastor Alex and his wife Renna as the birth of their first child approaches!

Baby Zuber is due to arrive the first week of March, but we know that babies arrive on their own schedule. This means Pastor Alex's parental leave could begin any time in the next few weeks! His leave begins on the day of the baby's birth and will continue for 12 weeks.

We are pleased to announce that during Pastor Alex's leave, **Kathy Thompson will be serving as our Interim Worship and Care Assistant**. This is a 10-hour a week position, focused on pastoral care and worship support. Kathy and Pastor Lauren will work closely together to ensure these areas of ministry remain strong.

Faithful, gifted volunteer leaders have stepped up to oversee other areas of Pastor Alex's responsibilities. Please don't hesitate to reach out to these coordinators if you have questions or would like to get more involved in these ministry areas, either on a temporary or long-term basis. The church office can help connect you with these leaders; simply call 540-434-3496 or email info@muhlenberglutheran.org.

<u>Area of Ministry</u> Middle School Youth Senior High Youth Lutheran Campus Ministry	<u>Congregation Coordinators</u> Rachel Peters Gibsons, Moyers, Kolodinskys Haley Tabor and Sarah Orem	Staff Liaison Pastor Lauren Pastor Lauren Ashley Saunders
Lutheran Campus Ministry	Haley Tabor and Sarah Orem	Ashley Saunders
Young Adults	Jenna Guenther	Pastor Lauren

We pray for a safe delivery for Baby Zuber and many blessings on Pastor Alex's and Renna's growing family. And we look forward to welcoming Pastor Alex back in late May/early June!

### Today's Worship Information

#### PRELUDE

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child Spiritual/arr. Wissinger

OFFERTORY Fairest Lord Jesus L. L

L. Larson

#### COMMUNION

Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley Traditional/arr. Wissinger

PREACHING MINISTER ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

PRESIDING MINISTER ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

#### CRUCIFERS

8:30 ~ Larry Blade 11:00 ~ Linda Alley

#### LECTORS

8:30 ~ Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller 11:00 ~ Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller

#### LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

8:30 ~ Wylie Walton 11:00 ~ Kathy Thompson

#### SOUND TECHS

8:30 ~ Bill Wightman 11:00 ~ Mark Byerly

#### USHERS

**8:30** ~ Margie Miller, Jeannette Norfleet **11:00** ~ The Perritt Family

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30 ~ Robert Alley, Larry Blade, Bill Whitmire, Gus Kagey
11:00 ~ Robert & Linda Alley, Cheryl Hoak

#### MUSICIANS

Judith Ofcarcik, Organist Gloria Dei Ringers ~ Kath Wissinger, Director Brendan Miller, Cello Cantors ~ Kathy Thompson (8:30) Terry Caywood (11:00)

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ? (CONT'D)

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

At the Feb. meeting, Congregation Council...

- 1. Appointed Nathan Leonard and Chris Orem to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, joining Pete Weaver, and Ex Officio members Pastor Lauren Eanes and President Meg Wightman.
- 2. Approved a Job Description for Interim Worship and Care Assistant position to work part time with Pastor Lauren during Pastor Alex's parental leave. Responsibilities include working with Pastor Lauren and the Care Committee providing a caring presence on Sundays and through visitation, assist with worship preparation, preach at least one Sunday, and lead a small group during Lent.
- 3. Voted to approve Kathy Thompson to serve in the role of Interim Worship and Care Assistant during Pastor Alex's 12-week parental leave. (Please thank Kathy for agreeing to serve our congregation in this way.)
- 4. Spent a significant portion of our time discussing the stewardship needs on our campus and how they might be addressed. Items for discussion include: the church organ, the MAC roof and utilities, and the Ott Street House.

Additionally, I want to let you know we have placed a **Resource Notebook** at the Connection Center which will house this year's approved Congregation Council and Congregational Meeting minutes, the 2024 Spending Plan, the 2023 Annual Report, our newly Ratified Constitution, as well as weekly Funds Reports (*relocated from our current notebook* — *see article on next page*).

Peace be with you, Meg Wightman, Congregation Council President mlccouncilpres@gmail.org

### This Week at Muhlenberg

#### LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY (LCM) Tuesdays, 5:30 pm

We gather for dinner EVERY Tuesday, here in the Campus Room (downstairs). It's a free meal and time of fellowship and prayer for any college student in the area. For more information, contact Peer Minister Haley Tabor (haleyntabor@gmail.com). If you're interested in supporting LCM or helping to provide a meal, contact Sarah Orem (oremse@gmail.com).

#### **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

See pages 4 - 8 for details about all our Lenten worship, recitals and activities. Copies of the Lenten newsletter are available at the Connection Center.

#### WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Led by Pastor Lauren, this study gathers each week to look ahead to Sunday's lessons. Meets via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556</u> Or by phone ...DIAL IN – **301-715-8592** and enter Meeting ID / Passcode: **200491556**#

### COMFORT MAKERS Thursdays, 8:00 am – 12 noon

Join us **Thursdays in Wayland Hall**. For more information, contact Linda Morrison (<u>lindamm778@gmail.com</u> or 540-383-5085).

#### FOOD COLLECTION REMINDER NEXT Sunday, March 3

On the first Sunday each month, we collect non-perishable food for Patchwork Pantry. Please check the <u>Giving Page</u> on our website for a full list of acceptable items. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

### Muhlenberg News

### UPDATED NOTEBOOKS

Historically we have had a single notebook at the Connection Center. Its primary purpose is to provide sign-up sheets and Funds Reports that communicate details of our weekly offering/income. Last fall, we moved the notebook closer to the Sanctuary entrance hoping more people would see it and sign up to participate — it worked!

Congregation Council has decided to share minutes of their meetings and minutes of our Congregational Meetings to make more details available. It is also a good location for additional information so you have one resource to find most documents of interest.

So, we will now have two notebooks in the Gathering Area:

- 1. **Sign-Up Notebook** (located on a stand close to the Sanctuary entrance), containing sign-up sheets for the following...
  - Worship Assistants
  - Altar Flowers
  - Meals
  - Other Miscellaneous Events
- 2. **Resource Notebook** (located at the Connection Center), containing the following...
  - Weekly Funds Reports
  - Approved Council Minutes
  - Approved Congregational Meeting Minutes
  - 2024 Standing Committees
  - 2024 Spending Plan
  - 2023 Annual Report
  - Ratified Constitution

If you have questions, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (540-434-3496 / depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org).

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# JOIN MUHLENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH DURING LENT FOR A R(EVOL)UTION!



**LENT** is a time of reflection and self-examination during the 40 days before Easter. We are invited to engage in faith practices like prayer, fasting, giving, and acts of love, as we walk through the mystery of Jesus' journey from death to life. This year, we'll be guided on that journey by the gospel of Mark. We'll see how God is on the loose, breaking into our world. Through Jesus, God is overthrowing the established order and bringing a fundamental change to the way we live and interact with one another, with the love of Christ at the center. It's a R(EVOL)UTION!

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

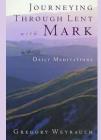
**SUNDAY MORNINGS**, we'll examine a different way each week that God is bringing about change in our world. These texts will guide us:

TODAY (2/25) March 3 March 10 March 17 Mark 10:32-52 Mark 12:1-17 Mark 12:28-44 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

From Strength to Service From Power to Justice From Cheap Honor to Costly Love From Stability to Transformation

## LENTEN DEVOTIONS ~ BACK IN STOCK!

Journeying Through Lent with Mark is a Christ-centered guide to the Gospel of Mark for daily devotion during Lent. Each day provides a meditation based on a passage from Mark's Gospel with reflection questions and a prayer, giving us time each day to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and on our lives as followers of Christ. Books are available in the Gathering Area, with a suggested donation of \$8 each. To contribute to devotionals, place your check (made payable to MLC, designating Lenten Devotional) in the offering plate or the wooden box located next to the devotionals.



## JOIN MUHLENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH DURING LENT FOR A R(EVOL)UTION! (continued)

### WHY GROUPS

**THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**, we'll gather in small groups to further explore how God is bringing about change in us. Last year, we called our small groups *Why Groups*, and we'll continue to use that name this year. But instead of the primary question being *Why*? it will be *How*?. *How* is God at work in the world, and *how* is God calling each of us to be a part of it?

The planned groups are listed below. If you can't find one that works for your schedule, get in touch with Pastor Lauren and she'll help you organize a group at a time that works for you!

You can sign up for a Why Group at <u>http://tinyurl.com/mlclent2024</u>, or by calling the church office. This five-week small group experience might just revolutionize the way you think about your faith—join in the conversation!

Time	Place	Convener	Notes	Dates
Sunday	Muhlenberg Gathering	Kelly Zuber	Bring a bag lunch	Feb 25,
12:30 pm	Area		with you	March 3, 10, 17
Sunday	TBD	TBD	This one's in the	Feb 25
4:00 pm			works! Contact Pr.	March 3, 10, 17
			Lauren if you'd like to	
			co-lead this group.	
Wednesday	Muhlenberg Nielsen Room	Kathy	Light soup supper	Feb 28
6:00 pm*		Thompson	provided	March 6, 13, 20
Thursdays	Mr. J's – S. High Street	Mark		Feb 29
9:00 am		Warner		March 7, 14, 21
		Dave Barnes		
Friday	2/23 Clementine Café	Pastor	We'll visit a new	March 1, 8, 15, 22
12 Noon	3/1 Our Community Place	Lauren	restaurant each week	
	3/8 Indian American Café	Eanes	(Everyone will buy	
	3/15 Capitol Waffle Shop		their own lunch)	
	3/22 Capital Ale House			
Saturday	Muhlenberg Nursery &	Lauren	For parents and their	March 2, 9, 16, 23
10:30 am	Gathering Area	Fuller	kids	

\*If you'd prefer to meet in a slightly larger group, or you're unable to make a 5-week commitment, consider attending the Wednesday evening group! This group will be for any and all who are available to come, whether you come one week or all five. The nursery will be available Wednesday nights until 8 pm for Why Group conversation and those that may want to fellowship further after the meal.

## MUSIC DURING LENT

A "joyful noise" will be heard throughout the Lenten season with these wonderful musical programs for children and adults alike. For more information about these events during Lent, contact Interim Music Minister Linlin Uta (<u>uta@muhlenberglutheran.org</u> or 540-434-3496).

### LENTEN MIDDAY RECITALS – Thursdays in Lent, 12:00 noon

Our Music Ministry is pleased to offer a series of five half-hour recitals each Thursday at 12:00 noon during the Lenten season. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, these 30-minute musical moments have been a spiritual blessing to all, both to the listener and performer. We are excited to offer an array of varied talents this season:

- THIS Thursday (2/29), Michael Richardson, Baritone ~ A DMA candidate at JMU will perform classical and sacred vocal music.
- March 7, Dr. Steven Brancaleone , pianist ~ Recent graduate from JMU, Dr. Brancaleone will perform classical piano works.
- March 14, Elizabeth Williams, organist ~ Our beloved former Music Minister will perform organ music.
- March 21, Linlin Uta, pianist ~ Our interim Music Minister, DMA candidate at JMU, will perform piano works from the Romantic period.

These amazing mid-day recitals have always been performed free of charge and open to all. We will continue to do so, however, there will be an opportunity to offer a monetary donation at each recital to help support the Music Ministry here at Muhlenberg. Recitals will also be live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube.

### **CHERUB CHOIR AND YOUTH ENSEMBLE**

Cherub Choir and Youth Ensemble rehearse immediately following the 11:00 am service, and continuing each Sunday through March 24. Both groups will sing and play in worship on Sunday, March 17 (11:00 am service only) and on Easter Sunday, March 31 (11:00 am service only). Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

• Rachel Peters will lead the **Cherub Choir** rehearsals (ages 4 - grade 2) held in the choir chancel in the Sanctuary. They will rehearse from 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm.



• Linlin Uta will lead the **Youth Ensemble** (grade 3 and above) and will meet in the Music Room. They will rehearse from 12:15 pm – 1:10 pm. Youth will not rehearse today, (2/25).

# LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH 2024 LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent, Local & Global Outreach is coordinating a hands-on project for our congregation on behalf of Lutheran World Relief (LWR). They are holding a drive to supply Personal Care Kits, one of LWR's most requested items, to those in need. You are invited to share your LOVE (EVOL) with our neighbors around the world.

We are asking for their suggested items during these Lenten five weeks in order to make as many complete kits as we can at wrap-up. There is a donation box in the Gathering Area where you may donate each week or all at once if that's easier for you. The following items, weeks 1-5, make one complete kit.

- Week 1 Sunday, Feb.18: One new light-weight (not fluffy as thin dry quicker in the sun), dark-colored towel (between 20"x40" and 27"x52").
- Week 2 Today (2/25): Two or three bath-sized bars of soap (in original wrapping).
- Week 3 Sunday, Mar. 3: One adult toothbrush (in original packaging).
- Week 4 Sunday, Mar. 10: One sturdy comb (remove packaging).
- Week 5 Sunday, Mar. 17: One metal nail clippers (remove packaging).

LWR is asking for these new, undecorated items specifically as they want to ensure that all the kits are identical for all.

We participated in a similar project for LWR in 2020 with great success; let's see if we can gather even more this year! If you have any questions, you can email Vicki Heitsch (vaah@earthlink.net).

### **EASTER FLOWERS** ~ LILIES, HYDRANGEAS & HYACINTHS

The tradition of Easter Lilies in the church are a beautiful way to remember and honor loved ones. We have added some additional, seasonal color to the mix by offering **Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas, and Hyacinths**. The cost per plant is \$25, with a limited number of plants available. To reserve your Easter flowers, do the following:



- Sign up online (<u>https://forms.gle/toT2dg8xtn8ab9HGA</u>), at the Connection Center, or call Louise Layman (*540-442-1524*).
- Pay for Easter Flowers (write your flower preference on the memo line). Place your check in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office (281 East Market Street, Harrisonburg 22801). Payments reserve flowers.

Flowers may be picked up Easter Sunday after the 11:00 am service. **Sign up deadline is Sunday, March 17** (no additional flowers will be ordered after that date).

## HOLY WEEK

The Triduum (The Three Days) is the ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation, which plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings them with him to resurrection life. The Three Days is one liturgy, extending from Thursday evening through the Easter Vigil. You are invited to conform your life to the worship rhythms of the church on these three days:

#### Palm Sunday, March 24, 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Palm Sunday is focused on Jesus' willingness to upset the status quo of the empire's kingdom, and subvert the powers and principalities with a new revolution. This r(evol)ution of love transforms the world!

#### Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm

We heed Christ's commandment to love one another as we wash each other's feet and share the meal he instituted.

#### Good Friday, March 29, Ecumenical Walk, 12 noon and Worship, 7:00 pm

Annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical prayer walk, 12 noon – 1:00 pm. We hear the passion of Christ from the Shenandoah Valley Biblical Storytellers, the narrative of Jesus crucified and reigning from the cross.

#### Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 8:00 pm

This is the high point of the church's year, the night, the very night, the Passover of Christ from death to life. This year's Vigil will be a simplified version of the traditional liturgy. We'll begin with the lighting of the new fire, and process into the sanctuary for the reading of the Word. 16 readers will share with us the entirety of the Gospel of Mark, for a truly epic experience of the Gospel story. We'll then gather around the communion table to celebrate the first resurrection meal. Following the service, we'll extend the celebration of Easter with food and fellowship.

#### Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:30 am and 11:00 am

The ultimate r(evol)ution of love came about through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! On Easter Sunday, in word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love.

Join us for our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** inside the MAC at 9:45. In addition to the hunt there will be an opportunity to have a family picture taken and printed, games, and activities for kids of all ages.

### Visit our Lenten Webpage for links and our Holy Week schedule: www.muhlenberglutheran.org/Lent2024

### MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

### MUHLENBERG CUB SCOUT PACK

Muhlenberg is considering chartering a Cub Scout pack in our community and needs volunteers to be a part of that effort, especially someone to be a dedicated Chartered Organization Representative (COR). This position is the link between the pack and the church. They are a part of the unit's key-3 leadership team that includes the COR, the pack committee chair and the Cubmaster. The COR works with the unit to help them succeed and ensure the pack has adult volunteers that uphold the values of both organizations.

The position also serves as the voice of Muhlenberg within the local council. Chartered organizations make up the body of Virginia Headwaters Council, and the COR is the voting representative.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Sarah Sunde (<u>sunnysunde@gmail.com</u>) or Matt Phillippi (<u>matt.phillippi@virginiaheadwaters.org</u>).

**QUILT: COLLECTING SIGNATURES** Don't Miss the Chance to Sign A Square for the Anniversary Quilt. We have more than 200 quilt squares signed by members and staff. Our goal is 284 squares for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt. We want to make sure all our members, regular visitors, digital worshipers, and staff are represented on this very special "signature" quilt. We have signatures from some of our most senior homebound members all the way to our youngest worshipers just learning to write their names. Kelly Zuber will be in the Gathering Area during the Faith Formation hour and after the 11:00 service with quilt signing supplies, so be sure to stop by so every member of your family can sign a square.

## **CREATION CARE TIP**

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and intentional sharing. Let's heed the call to be stewards of



God's Creation. Let's be mindful of the ways our daily habits impact our common home and all those with whom we share it. On behalf of future generations, may we answer God's call.

### LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH

**NEW NAME, SAME MISSION** 

The Local & Global Mission Committee has changed its name to **Local & Global Outreach!** Our committee requested the name change to put our mission in our name. Local & Global Outreach works to provide the congregation with opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving those in need locally in our community and globally around the world.

If serving others is also your passion, please join us. For more information, speak with any committee member: Karen Thomsen, Vicki Heitsch, Sue Totty, Susan Lawrence, or Wanda or Bruce Hamilton.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

Below are the attendance figures for last Wednesday's (2/14) Ash Wednesday services.

- 35 ~ Noon Service
- **57** ~ 7:00 pm Service
- 21 ~ Well*stream* Worshippers

### Comfort Makers News

#### MUHLENBERG COMFORT Makers Recognized

The American Red Cross recognized our Comfort Makers recently for "donating beautiful quilts for patients at Veterans" Hospitals and Care Centers in Virginia." (see note and certificate below) Thank you for your hard work and dedication, Comfort Makers!

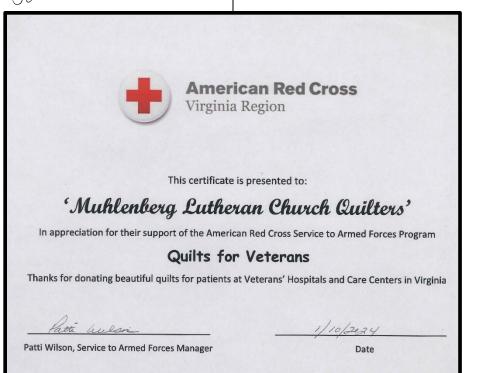
Thank you for the Warmth and Comfort You provided for Our active and refired Service members

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need worship servants: lectors, ushers, communion assistants, etc. **Sign up** in the notebook at the Connection Center **for March**, **including Holy Week services**. Signing up really helps the schedulers avoid time calling/emailing. One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or *contact Kathy Thompson* (*thompskb@jmu.edu* or 540-578-4830). If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

#### Worship + Sermons > Serve in Worship

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.



## Youth News

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERINGS Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 23, 10 am – 12:30 pm for a High School youth gathering at the Kolodinskys' house! Join us for brunch, fun, and fellowship, open to all 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Additional gatherings are planned for April 27 at the Gibsons' house, and in May TBD at the Moyers' house. Let the host families or Pastor Lauren know if you're interested in attending or have any questions!

### **CONFIRMATION CORNER**

Confirmation isn't just for middle schoolers! All the baptized who have been confirmed are called to grow in faith and affirm God's promises in their life. You can support the hard work of our middle school students by reflecting on these Confirmation Corner thoughts each week. Here's a confirmation prompt for this week:

From <u>What Should We Expect When We Read the</u> <u>Bible?</u> by Dr. Darrell Jodock:

We should expect to find out about God's here-and-now relationship with us. The Bible does talk about life after death. By faith we trust that God who has been so very loving and generous with us in the present will continue to be gracious to us-even beyond death. But that expectation grows out of the relationship. It is not the core of what is believed or of what the Bible is about. Luther almost never talked about hell and seldom talked about heaven. He rejected the idea he had been taught-that salvation was the end goal of life. He thought instead that being saved was the same thing as being in right relationship with God here and now. Whatever one says about life after death, one thing is for sure. For Luther it is not a reward. It is an extra gift from a gift-giving God.

### COMMUNITY NEWS BACH AROUND THE CLOCK March 16, Christ Lutheran Church

Bach Around the Clock, a twelve-hour extravaganza of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach will be held March 16, 9:00 am -9:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta Street, Staunton).



This daylong free program is presented in partnership with the Heifetz International Music Institute. Superb performers will play and sing the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, who wrote intricate string compositions, hundreds of organ and keyboard works, and over 300 cantatas. The hourly schedule as well as a digital program will be posted at www.heifetzinstitute.org/event/bach-around-the-clock-2024-free/.

Donations are encouraged at the event, or potential patrons may contribute until March 9 by contacting Dr. Paul Weber at <u>paul.weber49@gmail.com</u>. For further information call (828) 244-5264. Come and enjoy the elegant music of Bach in Christ Lutheran Church's acoustically vibrant space!

The weekly deadline for routine articles for *The Chimes* is Thursday at 8:00 am. Requests for a series, inserts or fullcolumn articles should be made two weeks in advance. *Submit information to Parish Administrator Linda Depoy:* (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org /540-434-3496)

### **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

#### **RECENT ATTENDANCE**

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent inperson and online viewership:

2/11	8:30 Holy Communion	
	11:00 Holy Communion	
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers	
	Total Views this Week	
	Hours Viewed this Week	
2/18	8:30 Holy Communion	60
	11:00 Holy Communion	
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers	

#### **NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER**

The 2024 fiscal year is upon us with an ambitious ministry spending plan to support God's work in our community. We all need to work together to ensure our gifts and offerings are covering monthly expenses for our ministry programs, staff, property upkeep, and care. As Treasurer, it is my hope that through the generosity of the community the deficit decreases to balance the budget.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 2024		
	2024	2023
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$28,837	\$35,374
Total Receipts	\$36,360	\$42,981
Total Expenses	\$68,295	\$57,513
Excess Income/(Expenses)	\$(31,935)	\$(14,532)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan Giving to Other Designated Funds **Total Giving** 

\$ 7,985.20
\$ 13,120.00
\$ 21,105.20

To give online, scan here  $\rightarrow$ 



### WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

February 26 — March 3, 2024

If viewing electronically, you can click the links below to access meetings and services.

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Mon	2:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
Tues	-	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed		Bible Study via <u>Zoom</u>
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thu	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
	12 noon	Lenten Midday Recital
Sun	Third Sunday in Lent	
	Food Pant	ry, Lay Communion and
	Name B	Sadge Sunday
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:45 am	Christian Formation in person
		& via Zoom
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person and
		Livestreamed via Facebook and
		YouTube
	12:15 pm	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	12:15 pm	Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
	-	



Each week, we will lift up in prayer five households from our congregation. Our prayer families for this week are:

> Bob, Jennifer, Merrill, Lily, Schuyler and Annika Harmison Dorothy Harpine Weston & Julie Hatfield Jennifer and Eli Hawkinberry Faye Hayes

Please note: if you notice an unintentional omission in our list or prefer your name not be listed, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (540-434-3496 or <u>depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org</u>