



# The CHIMES

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**March 14, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

## **WHAT'S THE BUZZ**

### **MUHLENBERG FINANCE MANAGER**



**GREAT NEWS!** We are very excited to announce that we have a new Finance Manager. After a search and interview process, we have hired an exceptional person for this position – Elizabeth Fletchall. Many of you know Elizabeth from her faithful service as a Council member and as an engaged member of our congregation. Among her many talents, Elizabeth also brings education and experience in business and church finances to this position, having most recently served as the Administrative Assistant and Treasurer for a local church. She will start her new position tomorrow (3/15). Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth to her new role. Thank you for your prayers throughout our process.

*Mark Warner, Personnel Committee Chair*

*We are also looking for a Youth Minister.*

*See page 9 for details.*

## **TODAY AT MUHLENBERG**

### **CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF THE WELLSTREAM**

One year ago on March 11, 2020, we announced an initiative in digital ministry known as *The Wellstream*. We planned to begin live-streaming our Sunday worship services as a means of reaching a wider digital community and keeping our members connected to worship when life called them away. On March 13, 2020, we officially made the call to move all worship services online in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and *The Wellstream* became our exclusive means of gathering for worship.

Today marks a strange anniversary, but one we choose to celebrate in light of the ways our digital ministry has grown and expanded over the last year. We give thanks to the generous and anonymous donor who allowed us to get *The Wellstream* started initially, and all who have contributed their creativity and skills to this ministry over the last year. In this timeframe we have shared nearly 200 videos online, with over 8,300 hours of content viewed on our platforms, and 76,000 total views on Facebook and YouTube.

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## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join your Muhlenberg friends and family for education and fellowship via [ZOOM](#) each Sunday from 8:30 – 11:00 using this link:

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84731416878](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878)

8:30 – 9:00 Communion Service via Zoom  
9:00 – 11:00 “Coffee Hour” Fellowship  
9:30 – 10:00 K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class  
9:30 – 10:00 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
9:30 – 10:30 Adult Faith Lens Class  
9:30 – 10:30 Adult 40-Day Journey Class  
10:15– 10:30 Pre-K Story Time  
11:00 Worship on [Facebook](#),  
[YouTube](#), [Wellstream Phone](#)

- **Pastoral Care** ~ If you would like a private word with the pastor on call, we will provide a breakout room for you.
- **Small Group Fellowship** ~ Want to catch up with a small group of friends? We have private breakout rooms for that!

If you don't have a reliable internet connection, call in on Sundays at 1-301-715-8592 and enter the Meeting ID: 84731416878.

### WELLSTREAM PHONE

We want all members to have the opportunity to “participate” in worship and hear The Word. **Wellstream Phone is a service that works from your home or cell phone — no internet required. Simply call the number below and select an option. Information will be available by 11 am each Sunday.** Contact Linda Depoy (434-3496) with any questions.

**Wellstream Phone Number:**

**1-434-205-8777**

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

2/28	8:30 Communion	24
	11:00 Total Live Views	106
	Total Views this Week	455
	Hours Viewed this Week	151.8
3/7	8:30 Communion	21
	11:00 Total Live Views	98

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through February 2021			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$91,128	\$137,879	\$99,702
Total Receipts	\$112,491	\$162,758	\$124,225
Expenses	\$161,230	\$180,714	\$157,885
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$48,739)</b>	<b>(\$17,956)</b>	<b>(\$33,660)</b>

*Offering information is not available this week.  
Please see next week's issue of The Chimes.*

To give online, scan here ➔



Muhlenberg is not suspending its ministry through this unprecedented time, and we ask you not to suspend your financial contributions either. We are committed to maintaining our ministries, even if they are in a different form for now. We also want to be able to continue to support the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

You can make a one-time or recurring donation through the [donation page](#) on our website, or mail your check to the church:  
281 E. Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF THE WELLSTREAM

It's impossible to fully know the reach of this ministry in the past year.

The *Wellstream* will continue connecting us online as our primary means of worship while COVID-19 restrictions remain in effect, and it won't stop when we get back together. The *Wellstream* will allow Muhlenberg to offer a hybrid model of worship, both in-person and online, that will let us connect with a wide community of people around the state, country and world. We are excited to see where this ministry grows, and the ways it allows us to continue to share the message of God's abundant grace, even through the most difficult days.

### PARKING LOT SERVICE

#### HOLY WEEK/EASTER ACTIVITY BAGS

Join us for a brief worship service **TODAY (3/14), 4:00 pm**. We'll share communion and have bread available or bring your own if you're more comfortable.

The Christian Formation team will hand out Holy Week and Easter activity bags for all ages. They include crafts, coloring sheets and booklets that will explain the "Three Amazing Days" (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). As we put these bags together, it was our prayerful hope they will enhance your journey to the Cross of our Salvation.

If you collected items for **Baskets of Promise**, please bring them to the service and place them in the wood bins. The JAMers youth group will assemble the kits.

If you are unable to attend the service and want an activity bag or have Baskets of Promise items, contact Diane Bayer (804-363-8523 or [bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY MID-DAY WORSHIP

Ecumenical leaders are leading a mid-day Lenten Worship each **Wednesday, 12:15 pm**. Services are about 20 minutes long, shared live on our [YouTube](#) page and available for viewing later. Click [HERE](#) or use the link below to access this week's service:

[https://youtu.be/\\_sMDwed-uZ4](https://youtu.be/_sMDwed-uZ4)

### MINI RECITALS

Every **Thursday at 12:15 pm**, a live-streamed, 15-20 minute concert will be hosted by Elizabeth Williams. Eat your lunch to the sounds of beautiful music, live on Muhlenberg's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**3/18** - Elizabeth Williams, piano: "All Bach" program celebrating the birthday of J. S. Bach

**3/25** - Catherine Creasy, French horn; Elizabeth Williams, piano: sacred greats for horn and piano



# LENT AT MUHLENBERG



## LENT 2021: *UNEXPECTED*

Below are some ways to engage in our Lenten Journey; more information can be found at [www.muhlenberglutheran.org/Lent2021](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org/Lent2021). Click on the links provided for each activity, or see the next page for links to all our Lenten worship and activities.

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Join your friends each **Wednesday through March 24** for connection and formation. We invite you to make a commitment to learn and grow together in faith by participating in the following opportunities via [ZOOM](#) or use the phone-in option:

Phone: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 812 2682 5160 Passcode: 212430

#### 1. **Book Study of *Stamped from the Beginning* with Pastor Alex ~ 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Repentance is central to the season of Lent and racism is a sin. As we seek to repent from the sin of racism that manifests in personal and systemic ways throughout our nation and lives, we must learn how we got here. *Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi will serve as our guide to these conversations. We will bring the lens of faith and repentance to conversation around racism in our history and our present. The book is divided into 5 sections which we will cover each week.

#### 2. **Prayer and Contemplative Practices with Linda Alley ~ 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Would you like something fresher and deeper for your prayer time? Learn about five types of contemplative prayer and practice them during this 5-week workshop. Most types encourage more listening than speaking and more spacious rest than effort. Led weekly by Linda Alley, each half-hour session will include teaching, practice and feedback.

*Interested in both options? Join Prayer and Contemplative Practices first. You will be given the option to join the Book Study (already in progress) at 7:30.*

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## LENT 2021: *UNEXPECTED* (CONT'D)

### 3. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Lauren ~ 10:30 – 11:45 am**

Explore the parables Jesus tells on his journey to Jerusalem. Pastor Lauren leads this discussion-based group in a deep dive into the gospel of Luke. Join via [ZOOM](#) or use the phone-in option:

Phone: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 200 491 556 No passcode required

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP ~ 6:30 – 7:00 PM**

Sign on to the same [ZOOM](#) link and phone-in option as our Wednesday classes **for conversation and fellowship**, with classes beginning at 7:00 pm. *There will be no Holden Evening Prayer during Lent.*

### **DAILY DEVOTIONS**

Lent is a 40-day season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus. Throughout the season, our Daily Digital Devotionals will focus on Lenten Micropractices. Through our [Muhlenberg Digital Devotionals Facebook Group](#) or [in your email inbox](#), you'll find a new practice to guide you each day on your journey of preparation. Some practices can be done on the spot, some during the day, and others will take some time and/or prep work. Traditionally, there are three pillars of Lent: praying, fasting, and alms giving, which come to us from Matthew 6:1-18. Our micropractices rotate through these themes, along with additional practices that don't fit neatly in one of those categories ("more"). You're encouraged to share photos or reflections in our Facebook Group or on Social Media using #UnexpectedLent with how these Lenten Micropractices revealed *Unexpected* grace. Printed devotionals are available from the Connection Box or contact Linda Depoy to have a copy mailed to you.

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## LINKS FOR LENTEN WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study via [ZOOM](#): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>**

Phone: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 200 491 556 No passcode required

**Wednesday Mid-Day Worship via [YouTube](#):** (link changes weekly)

3/17 ~ [https://youtu.be/\\_sMDwed-uZ4](https://youtu.be/_sMDwed-uZ4)

**Wednesday Night Fellowship/Classes via [ZOOM](#)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81226825160?pwd=RnRVdXJ4Rm9kNDIvTnAxemRKVHBFUT09>

Phone: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 812 2682 5160 Passcode: 212430

**Thursday Mini Recitals: [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)**

## WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS AT HOME

Each week, we'll share favorite soup recipes from fellow Muhlenbergers that you can make at home. Recipes are available in *The Chimes*, from our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page, or delivered to your inbox (make sure you're signed up for our email list — the form is on our [website](#)).

**This is Pastors' Partners Week with recipes from Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex's spouses.**

### WEST AFRICAN PEANUT SOUP

Submitted by Nathan Eanes

4 cups low-sodium vegetable broth  
2 cups water  
1 medium red onion, chopped  
2 tablespoons peeled and minced fresh ginger  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 bunch collard greens (or kale), ribs removed and leaves chopped into 1-inch strips  
¾ cup unsalted peanut butter (chunky or smooth)  
½ cup tomato paste  
Hot sauce, like sriracha (AKA rooster sauce)  
¼ cup roughly chopped peanuts, for garnish  
Cooked brown rice, for serving (optional)  
Shredded chicken breasts (optional)

Combine the broth and water in a medium Dutch oven or stock pot. Bring the mixture to a boil, then add the onion, ginger, garlic and salt. Cook on medium-low heat for 20 minutes. In a separate pan, cook chicken breasts (optional).

In a medium, heat-safe mixing bowl, combine the peanut butter and tomato paste, then transfer 1 to 2 cups of the hot stock to the bowl. Whisk the mixture together until smooth, then pour the peanut mixture back into the soup and mix well. Stir in the collard greens and season the soup with hot sauce to taste.

Shred and add the chicken breasts to the soup (optional). Simmer for about 15 more minutes on medium-low heat, stirring often. Season with additional salt or hot sauce if desired. Serve over cooked brown rice if you'd like, and top with a sprinkle of chopped peanuts.

### VEGAN WILD MUSHROOM STROGANOFF SOUP

Submitted by Renna Nouwairi

8 oz. wild mushroom mix, sliced (*I use baby bella, shiitake and oyster*)  
1 Tablespoon olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
½ a sweet onion, chopped  
1 Tablespoon sherry vinegar  
1 Tablespoon tomato paste  
5 cups vegetable broth  
½ cup full fat coconut milk  
2 cups wide noodles (egg or vegan noodles)  
Salt and Pepper to taste

In a soup pot, heat the olive oil on medium high. Add the sliced mushrooms, onions and garlic. Sauté until the mushrooms and onions are cooked, about 3-5 minutes. The onions should be translucent. Season with salt and pepper. Now add the sherry, and stir to get any bits off the bottom of the pot. Then add the tomato paste, stirring it into the mushrooms and onions. Now add the veggie broth and coconut milk. Stir to combine. Taste and add a bit of salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil.

Now add the noodles, reduce the heat a bit and simmer until the noodles are cooked al dente. Check the package instructions for how long that will probably be according to the type of noodles you have. Taste and season as needed. Serve immediately! (Serves 4)

## REMEMBER & HONOR LOVED ONES



Want to remember or honor a loved one with a lily? **Cost per plant is \$20.**  
To reserve your lily, do the following:

1. **Sign up** online by clicking [HERE](#) or call Louise Layman at 540-442-1524.
2. **Pay** for lilies (write “lilies” on the memo line). Mail your check to the church office (281 East Market Street, Harrisonburg 22801). **Payments reserve lilies.**

*Lilies may be picked up at the Easter Sunday (4/4) parking lot service, 4:00 pm.*

**Sign up deadline is Sunday, March 21** (no additional flowers will be ordered after that date).



## ALTERNATIVE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

If you wish to remember a loved one in a different way during this Holy Season, we offer a local opportunity to support the **Habitat Faith Build**. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home.



Here's a message from Congregation Council President Karen Thomsen:

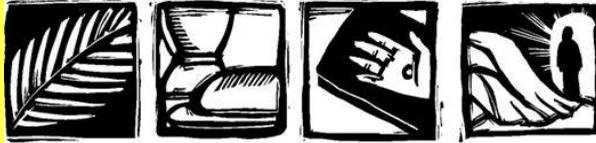
*More and more I am aware of God's abundance in my life. As I lay my head down at night I am thankful for a warm bed and a safe home. But what about my neighbors? Not just those that live next to me but all of my neighbors? Do they all have safe homes to live in and if not what can I do about it? During Lent we have another opportunity to directly impact our neighbors by giving to our Habitat Faith Build through our alternative giving. Our community is stronger when all of our neighbors have safe affordable housing. If you have questions or want to know more about our Faith Build participation please contact me.*

*Karen Thomsen (540-421-4431)*

1. **Sign up** by clicking [HERE](#) or call Karen Thomsen at 540-421-4431.
2. **Make your contribution.** Ensure correct credit/designation by indicating “**Easter Habitat Faith Build**” on the memo line. Mail your check to the church office (281 East Market Street, Harrisonburg 22801).

We will publish the name of your loved one(s) in *The Chimes* on Easter Sunday (as we do for lily donations). **Sign up deadline is Sunday, March 28.**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER



As we continue our *Unexpected* journey with Jesus, join us for worship during Holy Week and Easter!

Stop by the church **Friday, March 26, 3:00-6:00 pm** or **Saturday, March 27, 10:00 am-noon** to pick up a **Holy Week Worship Kit**, including live palms for Palm Sunday.

On **Palm Sunday** (March 28), we'll begin with an at-home Procession of Palms, celebrating as Christ comes into our midst, and then follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross through the reading of the Passion story from Luke. Worship will be at **8:30 am** on [ZOOM](#) and **11:00 am** on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

**Monday - Thursday of Holy Week** (March 29-April 1), we'll join with congregations around the Valley for daily worship at **12:15 pm** on YouTube (see next week's issue of *The Chimes* for links).

On **Maundy Thursday** (April 1), we'll remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, and Jesus' commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. Worship will include Holy Communion, and will take place on [ZOOM](#) at **7:00 pm**.

**Good Friday** (April 2) draws us to the cross, as we worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) at 12:15 pm through the Virtual Community Prayer Walk, an annual ecumenical tradition. We'll gather once more at **7:00 pm** on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) for a contemplative reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

Our **Easter Vigil** service (April 3) proclaims through story and song that God continually brings life out of death! Join us at **7:00 pm** on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) for the lighting of the new fire, creative retellings of the salvation story by the Muhlenberg community, a remembrance of our baptisms, and a celebration of the night of salvation.

**Easter Day** (April 4) brings 3 opportunities for celebrating the resurrection with Muhlenberg. We'll join in songs of praise and the feast of Holy Communion at **8:30 am** on [ZOOM](#). At **11:00 am** on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#), gather around sacred words in a festive, musical celebration. At **4:00 pm**, we'll meet in person from the safety of our cars in the parking lot to proclaim Christ's victory over death, including Holy Communion.

Links to all these services are also available at [www.muhlenberglutheran.org/lent2021](http://www.muhlenberglutheran.org/lent2021). We look forward to celebrating these holy days with you and the ones you love.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### UPDATE FROM THE GATHERING TOGETHER TASK FORCE

The Gathering Together Task Force met recently to review the current situation regarding COVID. While we are all encouraged by vaccine distribution and lower rates of infection in our area, we recognize that we must still remain vigilant in our fight against COVID. We see hope on the horizon, but we remain committed to our protective measures until it is truly safe to gather in person. Therefore, current guidelines for Muhlenberg will remain in place.

We continue to support and encourage online connections, and will happily set up a Zoom meeting for any group wishing to gather in this way. We'll be keeping an eye on vaccination and infection rates, as well as statewide and local restrictions, as we move into the summer. We are grateful for the people of Muhlenberg's resilience and faithfulness through this challenging time, and welcome any feedback you have.

#### *Gathering Together Task Force*

*Neil Alexander, Erin Burke, Cynthia Page, Kevin Stees,  
Crystl Whitmire, Greta Willis, Pr. Alex, Pr. Lauren*

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*Devotional booklets for  
April-June are  
available from the Connection Box.*

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### YOUTH MINISTRY AT MUHLENBERG

As you have heard in recent weeks, Congregation Council has been working diligently to update and implement our Strategic Plan. As part of that plan, Council has examined the staffing needs to accomplish our spiritual development goals. One very important component of the plan is to uplift our focus and attention on youth ministry.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hiring a part-time Youth Minister. This person will provide dynamic leadership and oversight for youth ministry at Muhlenberg. In addition, our new Youth Minister will nurture a vibrant and growing Christian faith in young people grades 6 - 12 and their families.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in exploring this opportunity, you can find the job description and application instructions on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

Please lift up our search in your prayers.

### CREATION CARE TIP



*Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. Contact Ramona Sanders for more information: ([rsanders97@verizon.net](mailto:rsanders97@verizon.net) or 433-1165)*

Visit [waterfootprint.org](http://waterfootprint.org) to learn more about your water footprint. Say a prayer of gratitude every time you sip water today. Choose a reusable water bottle and commit to using it instead of purchasing individual, disposable water bottles.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

### NEW COMMUNICATION TEAM

#### Calling future members of the Muhlenberg Communication Team!

Muhlenberg is seeking volunteers who wish to help the church improve the breadth, consistency and quality of our communications with members and the community. These days effective and consistent communications are so important — and we would love your help making our messages heard online, in print, on social media, and more.

As this will be a volunteer team, we will try to work around people's individual schedules the best we can. We meet monthly via [ZOOM](#) on Ministries Night (second Monday of each month).

If you have gifts to share in the areas of digital communication, web or graphic design, media production, or any other aspect of communications, we would love to have you on board! If you are interested or have questions, contact Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBERS WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS

Members and friends who cannot read *The Chimes* online can request a copy be mailed to them weekly. If you know someone without online access, contact Linda Depoy (434-3496 or [depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving our weekly email newsletters? If not, first check your spam or promotions folders. To subscribe or verify that you are on the list, send your email address to Linda Depoy ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Chair Emily Wicht Carneal  
([emilwicht@gmail.com](mailto:emilwicht@gmail.com) or 421-1994)  
for more information.

### HABITAT FAITH BUILD

#### Event Date Change

The Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Blessing event has been changed to **March 28**. Muhlenberg will be given several time slots in the afternoon so that we may safely write prayers and messages on the framing boards. Many of our confirmation youth and families will participate on site at this event. You may also participate by writing your own message, prayer, or blessing on a piece of paper to be either stapled to a framing board or on a card that will be saved and given to the families at the home dedication ceremony. All blessings may be placed in *Faith Blessing* envelope in the Connection Box or mailed to the church (281 E. Market Street, Harrisonburg 22801), attention: *Faith Blessing*, and they will be taken to the event. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome these families and let them know that their new home is surrounded by God's love and ours.

Karen Thomsen

[kethomsen25@gmail.com](mailto:kethomsen25@gmail.com) or 540-421-4431



## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION (CONT'D)

### OPEN DOORS

The Local & Global Mission Committee gives a big thank you to all who volunteered for Muhlenberg's week to host Open Doors! We had a successful week serving a total of 289 meals. Whether you offered prayers, prepared food, helped serve, donated supplies, or contributed monetarily, thank you for being a part of ensuring that Open Doors is able to continue serving those in need of shelter.

Open Doors is a low-barrier shelter that welcomes anyone age 18+, even if they have a criminal record or are struggling with substance abuse issues. It is a little like God's love, which is unconditional.

Recently, Open Doors announced that a guest had moved out of the shelter and into his own apartment. Dave is a veteran who has utilized the shelter's services for years. Often, there are strings attached to housing vouchers and some may not be able to meet those conditions because of issues they are still battling. Members of Muhlenberg, other local churches, and the community made sure that Dave, along with many others, had a warm meal and a bed until he was ready to move on. Thank you for showing God's unconditional love in such an important way.



### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE (LDR)

Beginning February 14, a polar vortex descended over the United States. Subfreezing temperatures and heavy snow swept across the country, impacting millions of people. The harsh conditions severely impacted Southern states, such as Texas, which lack the infrastructure to handle freezing temperatures and record-setting snow and ice. This has led to power, food and water shortages throughout the region. At its peak, 4.5 million homes and businesses in Texas were without power. With bursting pipes and broken water systems, around 10 million Texans are facing water disruptions. As temperatures rose, melting ice and snow caused more water damage.

100% of your gifts given to LDR go directly to aid in disaster relief. Here are ways you can give:

- **Online:** [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).
- **Phone:** 800-638-3522 (Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 Central Time).
- **Mail:** make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response, designate *US Severe Storms* and send to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering:** make checks payable to Muhlenberg; designate *Lutheran 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](http://thrivent.com) Disaster Response for details.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

For details, contact Music Minister Elizabeth Williams ([williams@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:williams@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

### ADULT CHOIRS

Celebration Singers & Sanctuary Choir meet via Zoom every other **Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm:**

**March 16 & 30 April 13 & 27**

### TWEENS AND TEENS

Meets **Tuesdays, 5:00 – 5:30 pm** via Zoom.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For details, contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer (434-3496 or [bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org))

### STORIES & ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

#### PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Check out Muhlenberg's website for stories and activities you can download and print.

## YOUTH NEWS

### CONFIRMATION/ALPHA TEENS

Save these dates: **April 11 & 25 and May 16.** We will gather together at Hillandale Park, **1:00- 3:00 pm**, Shelter #1 just like we did in the fall. Bring your Bible and notebook. We are looking forward to being together again!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### March 15-21

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

- Mon. 2:00 pm** Weekly Staff Meeting  
**6:30 pm** Congregation Council Mtg.
- Tue. 5:00 pm** Tweens and Teens  
**7:00 PM** Adult Choirs
- Wed. 10:30 am** Wed. Morning Bible Study via [ZOOM](#)  
**12:15 pm** Ecumenical Worship, click [HERE](#)  
Wednesdays in Lent via [ZOOM](#)  
**6:30 pm** Fellowship  
**7:00 pm** Classes
- Thu. 12:15 pm** Lenten Mini Recital via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Sun. Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
[Sunday am ZOOM link](#)  
**8:30 am** Communion Service  
**9:00 am** “Coffee Hour” begins  
**8:30 am** Communion Service  
**9:00 am** “Coffee Hour” begins  
**9:30 am** K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class  
**9:30 am** 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
**9:30 am** Faith Lens Class  
**9:30 am** 40-Day Journey Class  
**11:00 am** Service Livestreamed via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

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@muhlenberg.lutheran.org/434-3496](mailto:depoy@muhlenberg.lutheran.org/434-3496)

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