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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At Monday's meeting Congregation Council...

- Celebrated being certified as "GOLD" level from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Living Wage Campaign - certifying that all employees make at least \$15/hour. (We join 4 other local congregations who have attained this certification). *See page 6 for details.*
- Celebrated that the church van has been sold for \$23,000 to the local after school program, *On the Road Collaborative*. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the organization. (The decision to sell the van was made at the November congregational meeting to help meet our aspirational budget). Be sure to thank Trustee Adam Copeland for heading up the van sale.
- Heard a report from the Entrepreneurial Task Force presenting creative ideas on how to best make use of our building and property for living out our mission (and perhaps receiving additional income as well!) Congregation Council approved the team's proposal to further investigate the installation of electric car chargers in the Water Street Parking lot. We will keep the congregation informed as this possibility develops.

- Learned the Property Committee will have a new doorbell/church entry system installed in the near future to provide additional security and access to the building.

(See page 6 for an additional update from the council)

Peace to you,

Meg Wightman

Congregation Council President

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TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

PASTOR ALEX AT VMRC

This morning Pastor Alex is leading worship at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community for their regular 10:00 am community worship service. We are grateful for opportunities for Muhlenberg to serve together with ecumenical partners, and Pastor Alex is delighted to be able to join residents of VMRC in worship today.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

COMFORTS ON DISPLAY

Are you cozy and comfortable today in the pew? Aren't they beautiful! Imagine the joy one of these warm comforts will bring to someone who needs warm winter bedding.

Over the past 20 years, Muhlenberg has made more than 2,500 comforts to give to local, national & international disaster relief projects.

Comforts were blessed at services last Sunday and may be purchased: large ~ \$55; youth ~ \$40; baby ~ \$35. Proceeds pay for batting and other supplies. If interested, pin your name and phone number on the comfort you choose, and someone from the Comfort makers group will be in touch with you. (pins, pens and paper are available on the bell table at back of the Sanctuary)

Comfort makers meet Thursdays in Wayland Hall 8:00 am – noon. All are welcome! For more information, contact Linda Morrison (lindamm778@gmail.com or 540-383-5085).

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Today (3/26), 9:45 am

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am



Pastor Lauren and Ms. Ashley invite all children in grades 2-5 to join them in a *Welcome to the Table* class to learn about the gift of Holy Communion and

how it weaves together the whole church on earth and in heaven. As we go through the lessons of *A Place for You* by Daniel Erlander, children and their families will be guided to a deeper understanding of their call to faith and community through the welcome table and the sacraments.

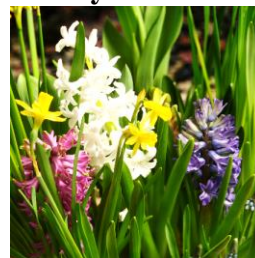
Children in grades 2-5 are welcome to attend, whether you're waiting for your First Communion or you've been joining in the feast and want to learn more. Class will be held at 9:45 am **TODAY (3/26)**, during the Christian Formation hour. We will have our final class at the church Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 am to have breakfast, continue the conversation, and bake communion bread together.

To sign up, email Children's Minister Ashley Saunders (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org)

EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies, Hydrangeas & Hyacinths

Easter Lilies are a beautiful way to remember and honor loved ones. This year, we are adding seasonal color to the mix, offering **Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas and**



Hyacinths. The cost per plant is \$25. To reserve your Easter flowers, do the following:

- Sign up online by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting our [Lenten webpage](#), 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 (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 TODAY (3/26)** (no additional flowers will be ordered after this date).

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

We gather each week to look ahead to Sunday's lessons. Led by Pastor Lauren, we meet via **ZOOM**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>

LENTEN RECITAL

Thursday at 12 noon

Our Music Ministry is pleased to offer the finale to a series of recitals during Lent.

- **March 30, Soprano Alexandria Hunter** – JMU Junior Vocal Performance Major. She will perform African-American Spirituals and classical works by Mozart & Ravel.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join us in the Gathering Area to create a prayer shawl through knitting or crocheting. No experience necessary! If you desire a prayer shawl to give to someone, please contact Jackie Wells (540-434-6283).

PROPERTY COMMITTEE WORKDAY

Saturday, April 1, 8:00 am – 12 noon



The Property Committee has scheduled a church workday for **THIS Saturday** to accomplish outdoor and indoor projects as weather permits. Bring your work gloves and join us! Coffee and donuts provided. For more information, contact Russell Presnell (russellepresnell@gmail.com or 540-746-3562).

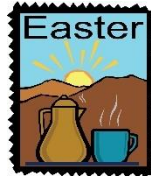
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EASTER BREAKFAST

April 9, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Join us for a potluck Easter Breakfast to be held in the MAC in connection with children's activities. It will be a great time to share a brunch with others!

Please contact Barbara Roadcap (bbroadcap@gmail.com or 540-830-1896) with questions. She will be there early to hold any items brought in. We also welcome any volunteers!



Breakfast

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

The Children's Ministry team needs your help Easter Sunday. Volunteers are needed to set up the Easter Egg Hunt that will be outside the MAC at 9:45 am, and extra adults will also be needed in the nursery at both services. If you are available to help, there is a sign-up sheet next to the children's materials at the Welcome Desk or you may choose to email Ashley (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org).

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*Devotional booklets for
April - June are
available at the Connection Center
and in the Connection Box outside*

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FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Worship on **Palm Sunday, NEXT Sunday, April 2**, begins with a procession from the Gathering Area to the Sanctuary to reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the Blessing of Palms. After glorious and uplifting anthems of praise from the choirs, the tone shifts quickly to the story of Jesus' suffering and death.

Palm Sunday begins the holiest week of the year for Christians as we enter into the story of Jesus' passion. On Thursday, we will commune with him at the Last Supper. On Good Friday we will watch him die on the tree of the cross, and on Saturday at the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate his rising and our rising with him in baptism.

The Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will deepen your faith and your life and make Easter Sunday's worship an even greater gift. Of course, it doesn't stop there. The Easter season stretches on for seven weeks of joyful celebration! *See page 5 for details about Holy Week services and activities.*

Note: On Palm Sunday if you prefer to take a seat in the Sanctuary during the procession, you are welcome to do so.



ABOUT OUR PALMS



Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was celebrated by using palm branches, according to the Gospel of John. Lutherans around the world recount this story of Jesus, re-enacting the waving of palms on Palm Sunday.

To ensure that palms are harvested in a more environmentally sustainable way whereby harvesters can earn a fair income for their labor, Muhlenberg Lutheran Church is purchasing "eco-palms" for Palm Sunday. As far back as March 16, 2008, Lutheran World Relief has partnered with Chamaedorea Palm Certification Project to build support for eco-palms in the United States. Purchasing eco-palms benefits farmers, families and communities in cooperatives where they are grown. It's a way each of us can walk-the-walk with Jesus on Palm Sunday.

For those worshipping at home, palms will be available in the Connection Box Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1. You may pick them up any time those days.

PALMS / COMMUNION DELIVERED

If you are unable to attend worship in person on Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we would like to bring palms and communion to your home. Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex will stop by the homes of all who request a visit. **Please call the church office (540-434-3496) by THIS Thursday, March 30 to sign up.**



Join us in ancient and holy practices recalling Jesus' final week and glorious resurrection.

Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 2, 8:30 am and 11:00 am*

With palm branches in our hands, we sing "Hosanna" to our king, then follow Jesus to the cross. Walter Wangerin, Jr.'s "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" invites us into the drama of Christ.

Maundy Thursday ~ April 6, 7:00 pm *

In this deeply moving service, we reflect on Jesus' final words and actions with his disciples, with individual confession and forgiveness, foot washing, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday ~ April 7, Ecumenical Walk, 12 noon and Worship, 7:00 pm*

Annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical prayer walk, 12 noon – 1:00 pm. *see page 6.*

We continue the journey through the Great Three Days, as we read the passion story from the gospel of Matthew, pray for the whole world for which Christ died, and honor the cross as a sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation.

Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, April 8, 4:00 pm

This family-friendly service is the pinnacle of the church year, as we hear the story of salvation and joyfully share in the first celebration of Easter. Members of several local congregations will join us for this Saturday afternoon, ecumenical worship.

Easter Sunday ~ April 9, 8:30 am and 11:00 am*

On the day of Resurrection, we gather for a joyous celebration of Christ's victory over death! Come and worship! Also on Easter morning...

- 9:30 - 11:00 am ~ Bring a dish (breakfast casserole, breads, fruit, etc.) to share for the Easter Breakfast Potluck inside the MAC
- 9:45 am ~ Join the fun on the MAC lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt and other activities for kids of all ages.

*Services marked with an asterisk will also be live-streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (CONT'D)

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK

Friday, April 7, 12 noon – 1:00 pm

The 36th annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical Good Friday prayer walk, based on the “Stations of the Cross,” will be held **Friday, April 7, from 12 noon to 1:00 pm**. The walk begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and ends at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, stopping at a total of 10 downtown churches and public buildings. Led by someone carrying a large cross, the group stops at each station where a member of the “Biblical Storytellers Guild” (many of whom are Muhlenberg members) will tell a passage from the Gospel of Matthew and a local pastor (one of whom is Pastor Lauren) responds with a prayer. This is a contemplative, communal, and spiritual practice of shared ecumenical worship and witness that has been going on every year in downtown Harrisonburg for 36 years. Please join us! The walking route is accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.

MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE

Use hydrogen peroxide (HP) instead of bleach when you wash a load of whites. HP is just as effective for whitening your clothes but has none of the harmful environmental effects of bleach. HP is simply water with an extra oxygen molecule. It is produced naturally in the environment when sunlight mixes with water. Add a cup of 3% HP to your wash as an inexpensive and color-safe alternative to bleach; your clothes will look great and you'll be safeguarding marine life.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE:

EXTERIOR WORK AT THE CHURCH

Part of the fun of having an older building are the surprises that come in its upkeep! In the process of getting bids from painting contractors to repaint our exterior fire escape on the west end of the building, one of the contractors tested the chipping paint and discovered that the base layer tested positive for lead. Because of this, we're going to have to have a more extensive (and expensive!) process for painting than we'd planned. We've hired an EPA Lead Safe Certified contractor to oversee the process, so we can be sure we are doing everything right and preventing any contamination or exposure on our property, especially to the children at the daycare.

Over the coming weeks, you'll see a wooden barrier go up around the stairwell, as well as plastic sheeting that will collect any little bits of paint that come off as they're sanding the stairwell. Soon we'll have a shiny new 3 layers of paint sealing the stairwell and ensuring that we're safe for years to come! The stairwell will be accessible as a fire escape throughout the project, but we ask that folks stay away from the work site except in an emergency.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

Jesus was able to walk through locked doors (see John 20) but entering Muhlenberg's building is sometimes a little harder for those who come to the church on a weekday! For the safety of all who use our space during the week, all doors remain locked at all times. Until our new system is installed, when you arrive at the church, we ask you to call the church's main phone number, located on a sign on the Gathering Area doors, and a staff person will come to open the Gathering Area door for you.

LIVING WAGE CERTIFICATION



Muhlenberg has been certified as a Harrisonburg-Rockingham Living Wage Certified Employer at the Gold (highest) level! We join 87 other local businesses and congregations who are committed to paying employees a living wage. The Living Wage Campaign is a project of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a non-partisan coalition which advocates racial, social, and economic justice in Virginia's policies and practices through education, prayer, and action.



Muhlenberg's pastors and Executive Committee receive the certification certificate from Campaign Steering Committee Members Ramona Sanders and Janet Harvey.

CONTACT INFORMATION

With our ever-changing lifestyles, it's sometimes difficult to be sure everyone has your correct contact information. Have you recently ...**moved. cancelled your home phone, changed your cell phone number, or changed your home/work email address?**

If so, please be sure we have your updated information by contacting Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

NEW MEMBERS

If you've been worshipping at Muhlenberg, we invite you to become a member! You're already a part of our community and official membership doesn't change that, but it does make it easier for us to communicate with you and help you get more connected. You also have a say in congregational life as a member, since only members can vote in congregational meetings. Membership requires simply a willingness to keep journeying with this faith community to see where God leads us!

We will receive new members in worship **Sunday, April 16**. If you would like to join Muhlenberg, please fill out the information at...

<https://forms.gle/m5vmdEXbRgH7FAtv6>

and also plan to join us that day for a welcome event at 9:45 am in Wayland Hall (downstairs in the main church building).

If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to one of our pastors (by calling 540-434-3496, or emailing Pastor Lauren at eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org or Pastor Alex at zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of worship servants: lectors, ushers/greeters, crucifers, sound techs, etc. **Sign up** in the notebook at the Connection Center for **April**. 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 (578-4830 or thompskb@jmu.edu)*. If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website: [**Worship + Serve in Worship**](#)

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

This Lenten season, Local & Global Mission invites you to support the mission of Church World Service (CWS). Each week we collect needed items:

TODAY (3/26) - Cleaning items

April 2 - Pillows and sheets (twin and full size)

For more information including a complete list of items, visit the Connection Center or our [Lenten webpage](#) or contact Sue Totty (540-478-3073 or svtotty@gmail.com).

BRIDGE OF HOPE

Urgent need! Bridge of Hope is needing neighboring groups of 4-8 people to serve as a social support system for a mom and her children that have been recently brought into the program. The program has resources to expand and hopes to serve 10-15 families facing homelessness by the end of the year. It is a three-way partnership that includes the family, the case manager who connects the family with resources to reach their goals and **Neighboring Volunteers** who serve as a social support system. All training and materials are provided by the Bridge of Hope staff. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer for a single mom facing homelessness in our community please contact Wanda Hamilton (whamilton48@gmail.com or 450-405-3118).

SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION

Sundays in April

The Local & Global Mission Committee's focus for April is Patchwork Pantry (70 South High Street, Harrisonburg). It is entirely volunteer operated and distributes food and supplies to make sure no one in our community goes hungry. The pantry currently serves 60 - 65 households regularly every Wednesday night. Also, in the past few months they've had more limited choices through free USDA programs.

Each Sunday in April, our committee is asking for specific donations of **ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and relish**. The pantry will distribute these items in May to help families be prepared for warm weather meals. These items are occasionally available from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, but are nearly always in tiny little restaurant packages. Let's see if we can reach the **goal of 65 of each condiment!**

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

WHY GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS

All college students are invited to join us in the Campus Ministry Room **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm** for a free dinner and conversation as a *Why Group*. We'll have a time of fellowship and conversation in a space where your questions about faith and life are always welcome. Contact Pastor Alex if you can join us or have any questions!

The **weekly deadline** for routine articles for *The Chimes* is **Thursday at 8:00 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@muhlenberglutheran.org /540-434-3496)
Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://www.facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

SUNDAY CLASS LOCATIONS

Pre-K – 5th Grade meet in the Muhlenberg Activities Center [MAC] (behind the church)

These classes meet downstairs in the church:

Grades 6 - 8 ~ Augsburg Room

40-Day Journey ~ Nielsen Room

Faith Lens High School & Adult Class ~ Kairos Room

To attend virtually, use this Zoom Link:

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

TALKING ABOUT HOLY WEEK WITH KIDS

It can be difficult to navigate the story of Jesus' death with children. Many parents are very careful to protect their kids from being exposed to unnecessary violence, so when faced with the violence and torture of the cross, we're not sure what to say. Author Traci Smith has a very helpful article that can assist adults in honest, age-appropriate conversations.

<https://www.growchristians.org/2021/04/02/the-violence-of-the-cross-and-children/>

CAROLINE FURNACE NEWS

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp in Fort Valley, VA is a place to encounter God in God's creation and through an intentional Christian community. Week-long summer camp experiences are available for kids and youth, as well as families and adults! Check out the schedule at carolinefurnace.org and register today. If cost is a concern, reach out to one of the pastors to learn how Muhlenberg can help.

SENIOR HIGH NEWS

SENIOR HIGH

WHY GROUP ON SUNDAYS

Our High School youth are invited to join us each week in March for a *Why Group* in the Campus Room after the 11:00 am service. We will have lunch together, and share in a time of fellowship and conversation around our *Why Group* topics of the week. Let Pastor Alex know if you plan to attend or have questions.

KAIROS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Rising 9th – 12th graders this summer are encouraged to mark their calendars for **June 25 - 30** when the Virginia Synod will host Kairos at Roanoke College. To learn more about the event, click [HERE](#). To register online, click [HERE](#). Contact Pastor Alex with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

MAC KITCHEN CLEAN UP THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the numerous helpers that came on Saturday to help with a housecleaning for the MAC kitchen. Many things were sorted and organized, updated and areas relabeled. There are some supplies that are needed and Fellowship has created a wish list of dish cloths (not towels), hot pads, utensil organizers (3 different sizes for in the drawers), and 3 booster seats for kids. If you have any of these items to share, please let me know. Thanks in advance!

Barbara Roadcap

(540-830-1896, bbroadcap@gmail.com)

“THE WHY CROSS”

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

We are highlighting two of your questions this week.

“Why do we take more than we need?”

This is a question that Christians have been wrestling with since the beginning of the church, and it’s an important question to ask of others and especially of ourselves often! Jesus speaks a great deal about selfless living, and in his letter to the Romans, Paul writes, “I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” (Romans 7:15)

Later on, Augustine of Hippo would coin a phrase in Latin that our own Martin Luther would talk about quite a lot: *Incurvatus in se*. This means “curved or turned inward on oneself.”

Why do we take more than we need? Because we often think only of ourselves, rather than the needs of others. Why? Sin causes us to turn inward rather than living outwardly for others.

But through grace received as a gift, and repentance as an act of faithfulness God can turn us outward again. We gather in community often, and I think one of the important things we can remind ourselves and one another about is this simple message: You are enough, We are enough, There is enough.

We are meant to trust in God’s abundance that is all around us. But I think we’ll keep asking this question forever, and we’ll have to keep trusting in God’s love and mercy to open our hearts to be selfless, even after we have been selfish. +*Pastor Alex*

“Why do we doubt, even knowing God is with us?”

This question makes me think of my favorite story in scripture from Matthew 14. The disciples are in a boat together and they get caught up in a storm. Suddenly they see Jesus walking across the water toward them, and they’re afraid. But Peter pipes up and says, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” So Peter incredibly begins to walk on water too. But suddenly he sees the wind and the waves and grows scared. He begins to sink, and cries out “Lord Save Me.” Jesus reaches out a hand, catches Peter, and says, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

I mean... Peter can see Jesus... Doing something miraculous no less! Why would he doubt?

We often talk about receiving faith as a gift from God for us to steward. But in this story, and so often in our own lives, we take the gift of faith and invest it in the wrong things. Peter had faith enough to walk on water, but then put his faith in the waves and wind to consume him more than he did Jesus. When we doubt, often it’s not the lack of faith, but us putting the gift of faith into things like fear, comfort, personal biases, or institutions, rather than putting our faith in the one who called us out on the waters in the first place.

When we doubt—and we will—I pray that we’ll have Peter’s words springing to our heart, “Lord save me.” We are called to put our faith in nothing less than Christ who saves. So have no fear, doubt is a part of faith, and the one who gives faith to us as a gift will be there to catch us whenever we’re sinking. +*Pastor Alex*

DIGITAL MINISTRY

To help share information from our social media with those who don't have access or may have missed it, we are including recent posts in *The Chimes*. Posts may come from Muhlenberg's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY WITH BRANDON STEES

On Tuesday March 21, we shared a reflection by Brandon Stees, helping the Muhlenberg community celebrate one of Brandon's favorite days of the year: World Down Syndrome Day (WDS)! WDS happens annually on March 21, and it is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDS being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.



The WDS theme for 2023 is “With Us Not For Us.” So in that spirit, we thought we'd let Brandon himself explain why this day is so important to him and many others around the world .

“[Don't] put people in a box. We want to be more inclusive and have more opportunities. If we put [people with Down Syndrome] in a box, then we just don't know them. Inclusive practices really can shine for many people, especially those with Down Syndrome,” Brandon said. “It's very hopeful, I have to say, that God creates us, and makes us unique. We have different talents, [and] for people with a disability, I know it's like a struggle, but at the same time it's beautiful. There are a lot of people who have different strengths and different interests... God makes us each unique!”

We join Brandon and many others today in the work of moving on from the outdated charity model of disability, where people with disability were treated as objects of charity, deserving of pity and relying on others for support. A human rights-based approach views people with disabilities as having the right to be treated fairly and have the same opportunities as everyone else, working WITH others to improve their lives. We give God thanks today for Brandon and all those who represent the beautiful diversity of God's creation. Today and every day let us be sure they are included.

See Brandon's comments on Instagram [HERE](#).

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

3/12	8:30 Holy Communion	55
	11:00 Holy Communion	106
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	42
	Total Views this Week	130
	Hours Viewed this Week	74.0
3/19	8:30 Holy Communion	50
	11:00 Holy Communion	85
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	37

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Income and expenses are tracking similar to last year. Muhlenberg received funds in February from the Virginia Synod for Lutheran Campus Ministry programs. We are grateful the Synod continues to support this important ministry. We also continue to receive Thrivent Choice Dollar support and are grateful to those who designate Muhlenberg as a recipient.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through February 2023

	2023 YTD <u>Actual</u>	2023 YTD <u>Budget</u>	2022 YTD <u>Actual</u>
Gifts & Offerings	\$74,918	\$105,667	\$81,526
Total Income	\$105,245	\$128,129	\$103,936
Total Expenses	\$119,588	\$149,140	\$133,037
Excess Income/(Deficit)	\$(14,343)	\$(21,011)	\$(29,101)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 11,874.45
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 852.42
Total Giving	\$ 12,726.87

February Thrivent Choice Dollars ~ \$323

To give online, scan here →



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

March 27 – April 2, 2023

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

Mon	1:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
Tues	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed	10:30 am	Bible Study via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	6:30 pm	Lutheran Campus Ministry <i>Why Group</i>
Thu	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
	12:00 noon	Lenten Recital
Sat	8:00 am	Property Work Day
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Circle
	10:00 am	Welcome to the Table
Sun	Palm 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	Tween/Teen Choir Rehearsal



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

*Mycah McNett
Bob and Margie Miller
Maxine Miller
Diane Mincey
Janelle Mitchell*

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 depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org).