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**April 9, 2023**

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER DAY

### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### EASTER & THE EASTER SEASON



Easter is the crown of the church year, the queen of feasts, and as such it lasts for a week of weeks (7 weeks). The Day of Resurrection is celebrated with gold paraments to give it unique prominence. The paschal candle burns near the altar throughout the season as a sign of the presence of the risen Christ. Lilies, symbols of the resurrection, surround us. Our liturgy is enhanced with processions, the return of the "Alleluia" and joyful music. We invite you to join us each week in Easter as we worship, pray, learn, support and serve together in ministry and mission.

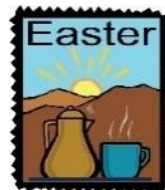
*With so many gathering today, please wear a nametag to help others learn your name. Supplies are in the Gathering Area.*



### EASTER BREAKFAST

**Today (4/9), 9:30 – 11:00 am**

Join in the Easter potluck breakfast in the Muhlenberg Activities Center (MAC) from 9:30 – 11:00 am! Bring your favorite dish to share and join in fellowship. All are welcome, even if you didn't bring a dish—come and enjoy! If you are attending the first service, you can drop your food off before worship, if you'd like, as folks will be there to receive and hold any goodies. Please contact Barbara Roadcap (540-830-1896 or [bbroadcap@gmail.com](mailto:bbroadcap@gmail.com)) with any questions.



**Breakfast**

### EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES



Join us **TODAY (4/9)** during the Christian Formation hour (9:45-10:45 am) for an Easter egg hunt and craft activities for families. All ages are welcome. Young children will have the opportunity to hunt eggs while older kids will have the challenge of a scavenger hunt.

### NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Due to the special Easter activities, there are **NO** classes **TODAY**.

*See page 8 for details about our normal class schedule.*

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### 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.

#### FOOD COLLECTION UPDATE

Thank you, Muhlenberg, for your generosity!! The April 2 donations for Patchwork Pantry totaled 90 pounds of nutritious food and included...

14 bottles of ketchup

11 bottles of mustard

6 jars of mayonnaise

3 bottles of relish

The bin for our special collection will be in the gathering area all month. **Let's see if we can reach our goal of 65 of each condiment!!**

### STAFF HOLIDAY

Easter Monday is a staff holiday, so we will not check voicemails/emails **TOMORROW (4/10)**. We wish you a blessed Easter!

## THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

### CHOIR REHEARSALS

Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir **will not rehearse April 11 and 12**, respectively, and will resume the following week.

### 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> Or by phone ...DIAL IN – **301-715-8592** and enter Meeting ID / Passcode: **200491556#**

### 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 **NEXT Sunday, April 16**. If you would like to join Muhlenberg, please fill out the information form at...

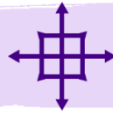
<https://forms.gle/m5vmdEXbRgH7FAtv6>

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 [canes@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:canes@muhlenberglutheran.org) or Pastor Alex at [zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org)).



Lent With Muhlenberg  
Lutheran Church, 2023



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## LENT WRAP UP

Our Lenten series *Why?* has been a fruitful time of faithful questions and reflection on following Jesus.

Over 80 people participated in *Why Groups*, gathering once a week for four weeks to reflect on Scripture and life together. Feedback from the groups was positive, with many participants reporting lively conversation and deeper connections. A few groups have decided to keep meeting regularly! In case you missed it, we plan to offer short-term small group opportunities several times a year.



Provocative questions were placed on the *Why Cross* throughout Lent, and the pastors did their best to answer them in a concise way! These questions and responses were printed in *The Chimes* (available on the [Muhlenberg website](#)) and recorded for Facebook and Instagram, if you'd like to go back and reflect on them. Several people also shared deeply personal reflections on the question "What is your 'Why?'" and we are grateful for these responses that helped us all reflect on our faith. Many have asked if we plan to continue to offer an opportunity for questions and answers related to the Christian faith and the answer is yes! Keep an eye on *The Chimes* for information about how to submit a question going forward.

Our Lenten recital series was filled with extremely gifted musicians, and the six-week series brought week after week of powerful, moving music. Many thanks to Elizabeth Williams for the work she did to coordinate these recitals, and especially for the music she shared during her final recital here at Muhlenberg before her retirement in May.

The congregation responded generously to the invitation to support Church World Service this Lent. Hundreds of personal and household items were given to be shared with our new neighbors, refugees being resettled here in the Valley. We were grateful for the work of Rockingham Girl Scout Troop 713 as they volunteered their time to organize and pack up the donations.

Although Lent is coming to a close, we know the work of discipleship and seeking the "Why" of our lives is not over. We hope and pray that this season has deepened your faith and increased your connection to God and to one another. As we move into the Easter season, we'll focus around the theme "Walking in Newness of Life" as we explore ways to continue the journey as followers of Jesus.

# EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies, Hydrangeas & Hyacinths



## EASTER FLOWERS

*Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory or in honor of those we wish to remember on this special day. If you are a donor, you may pick up your flower after the 11:00 a.m. service. (If you signed up and your name is not on the list, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy.)*

### DONOR

Mike & Jenni Aulgur and Family  
Brenda, Lisa and Amanda Branner  
Amy Burke  
Dana, Robert, Sam and Kaiti  
Crittenden  
Jacob Dunlap and Victoria Herring  
  
Jeremy & Lauren Fuller  
The Good Family  
Lola Heffner  
Chuck & Jill May  
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Lori Oliver and Kathy von Reden  
The Saunders Family  
Lisa Snider  
Malcolm & Judy Wilfong  
The Wilsons  
Bob & Diane Wolfe

### IN MEMORY OF ...

John Aulgur  
Lee Branner  
My Parents  
Virginia Gleason, Emmett Gleason  
and John Crittenden  
Jack & Nancy Walling,  
Monroe Herring and Beulah Dunlap  
Maggie and Megan Fuller  
Joey Good  
Sister and Brother, Shirley Crawford and Jack Quick  
Louise Perry  
Chuck's Parents  
Jill's Parents  
Libby Clatterbuck  
Our Parents  
Marvin Flowers  
Eleanor Jean Snider  
Ronald & Helen Wilfong and Edith Baber  
Jo Umberger  
Roger Wolfe

# EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies, Hydrangeas & Hyacinths



## EASTER FLOWERS (CONTINUED)

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Dana, Robert, Sam and Kaiti  
Crittenden  
Dana Crittenden  
Jacob Dunlap and Victoria Herring  
  
The Good Family  
Bob Neumann  
The Saunders Family  
Lisa Snider  
Kathy Thompson  
Malcolm & Judy Wilfong

### IN HONOR OF ...

Our Sons and Their Families  
Mary Crittenden  
  
Linda Fischer  
Carolyn Herring, Gerald Dunlap,  
Orlie H Wood Jr., and Alice Wood  
All First Responders  
Our Grandchildren ~ Ben, Kylie Jo and Parker  
Laverne Saunders  
Marvin Leo Snider  
Elizabeth Williams and our Music Ministry  
Bob Huffman





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SAVE THE DATE!



We have an exciting and busy spring planned at Muhlenberg! Every Sunday has something exciting happening. Keep an eye on *The Chimes* for more details.

For now, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us!

#### **April 16 ~ New Member Sunday**

*Want to join? See page 2.*

#### **April 23 ~ Ecumenical Earth Day worship at Turner Pavilion**

*More info in next column.*

#### **April 30 ~ Lutheran Campus Ministry Senior Recognition**

*Let's send our college seniors off with a blessing!*

#### **May 7 ~ Confirmation Sunday**

*Join two of our youth as they affirm their baptism at 11:00 am.*

#### **May 7 and 14 ~ Photo Directory Days**

*More info coming--Start practicing your smiles now!*

#### **May 21 ~ Commitment Sunday**

*A special day to wrap up our spring stewardship campaign.*

#### **May 28 ~ Pentecost Sunday AND Elizabeth Williams' retirement celebration/Farewell and Godspeed.**

*Plan to attend a special luncheon in Elizabeth's honor at 12:15 pm.*

#### **June 4 ~ High School Senior Recognition**

*We'll pray for our youth as they prepare for graduation.*

## EARTH DAY

### COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join the Harrisonburg community at Turner Pavilion in downtown Harrisonburg **Sunday, April 23 at 9:45 am** for a celebration of faith, fellowship, and God's



creation! Muhlenberg is one of seven congregations coming together for this special event, which will include music, Scripture and reflection, and a celebration of Holy Communion. Pastor Lauren will preside at communion and Bishop Bob Humphrey will offer our sending benediction. There will also be supervised activities for children during the service, led by our own Children's Minister Ashley Saunders.

*This worship service will take place of all Christian Formation classes that day for children, youth, and adults. We will have regular 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship at Muhlenberg — you're welcome to attend worship here AND/OR at the Turner Pavilion if you'd like!*

### COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS

Those who cannot read *The Chimes* online can request a copy be mailed to them weekly. If you know someone without online access, contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 540-434-3496), and we will be glad to mail an issue each week.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### COMMUNION IN THE PEWS



#### Holy Communion

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion and are unable to come forward, communion is served in the pews. **Please raise your hand as the Lay Assisting Minister comes into the sanctuary with the elements.** In addition to bread and wine, **grape juice and gluten-free bread** are also available. Please indicate your preference to the Lay Assisting Minister.

### CREATION CARE

Composting is something that people have done for generations. With separation from our food source, it has become easy to see food scraps as nothing more than trash. Leftovers, organic trash, and even leaves raked from lawns are collected together. With time and tending, decomposition generates heat that breaks these items down. They become rich soil for new planting.



## ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church has two active Endowment funds. The Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund is available to assist members who attend seminary. Our current recipient, Mycah McNett, is completing her final semester at United Lutheran Seminary.



The second is the Mission Endowment Fund. Proceeds from the interest gained from this investment fund are used to assist programs in alignment with Muhlenberg's mission outside the church's budgeted items. The church Council selects the recipients, which have included the Harrisonburg Rockingham Free Clinic, First Step (a local domestic violence shelter) and our Wellstream program and its equipment. Suggestions for future designees are always welcomed.

Your gifts to the endowment funds through weekly giving, designated memorials, and estate planning, help this extension of Muhlenberg's ministry. For more information, contact Endowment Committee Chair Doris Stone ([dmstone99@gmail.com](mailto:dmstone99@gmail.com) or 540-289-5520).

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### COFFEE HOUSE EVENT

I am looking for some creative and energetic high schoolers (grades 9-12) who might be interested in performing at our first ever Coffee House at Muhlenberg! The date for this event will be **Friday, May 26 beginning at 7:00 pm.**

I'm looking for instrumentalists, vocalists, poetry readers, one-acts.... you get the idea! All performances should be 5 minutes or less, to allow time for many to show off their talents.

We will have our first meeting after Easter, TBA, to discuss details, but for now, if you are interested in being a part of Muhlenberg's first ever coffee house, please email me ([williams@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:williams@muhlenberglutheran.org)). Elizabeth Williams

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES**

Christian Formation for all ages happens on Sunday mornings 9:45 - 10:45 am. Adult classes are offered with hybrid options for participants to join in-person or via Zoom. **Zoom** participants can log in with the *Sunday Mornings at Muhlenberg* link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878>

### **Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Muhlenberg Activities Center (MAC) and Outside** *(weather permitting)*

Led by Children's Minister Ashley Saunders, kids will have an opportunity to grow together through the "Living the Word" curriculum, which follows the Narrative Lectionary. Kids will enjoy learning biblical stories, doing activities to put the stories into action, and building strong relationships. Older students will have the opportunity to help share the stories with younger students to cultivate a collaborative community.

### **6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group and Bible Study (Confirmation) ~ Augsburg Room**

Led by Pastor Alex, our confirmands will grow together in their understanding of faith and what it means to live out our baptismal calling. This class will offer opportunities for learning and engagement in and out of class as students participate in a year-long game. We'll work together to outsmart *Lartin Muther*, Martin Luther's diabolical twin who wants to undermine the Lutheran movement. We need the help of our youth because we've unfortunately discovered... *The Bishop is Missing!*

### **High School Youth Group and Sunday School ~ Kairos Room**

Our High School students will be a part of the Faith Lens class on Sunday mornings, studying the Narrative Lectionary text for the day and discussing how we can live out and apply its message to our lives (*see below*). Beyond Sunday mornings, we'll have the opportunity for some exciting Youth Group events.

### **Faith Lens Senior High School and Adult Class ~ Kairos Room**

Youth and adults partner in an intentional intergenerational discussion about the Narrative Lectionary text for the day, and lively conversation ensues! Explore the background and context of Biblical texts, and consider how it applies to our lives today. Convener: Jean Helmick

### **40-Day Journey Adult Class ~ Nielsen Room**

In this interactive class for adults of all ages, participants read and discuss Christian literature. Convener: Tilton Weaver



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION (CONT'D)

### VBS IS JUST ON THE HORIZON

**August 7 - 11**



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be August 7 - 11 (in the evenings). VBS is a great opportunity to spend a week focused on Jesus and community. We have decided on the *Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs* curriculum.

Participants will explore what all living things need to live—*shelter, food, water, air, and community*—and how we can have compassion for the living earth, especially in their local ecosystems. Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, reciprocity, and kinship, participants will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God's creation.

## 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](http://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

### KAIROS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders this summer are encouraged to mark their calendars for **June 25 - 30** when the Virginia Synod will host Kairos at Roanoke College. "*Kairos*" is the New Testament Greek word for "special time." It is used whenever God's people want to talk about a time of change, of renewal, of God's special work in the believer and the community. This event is an opportunity for youth who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for a week, to gain a fresh experience of the grace and presence of God in that community, and to develop habits for discipleship that can be taken home as they live out their baptismal call to be followers of Jesus. To learn more about the event, click [HERE](#). The registration deadline is **April 24**; to register, click [HERE](#). Contact Pastor Alex with any questions.

### SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Are you on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram or Twitter? Why not Like or Follow Muhlenberg? Get informative updates regularly throughout the week, photos, videos, prayers, and inspirations/ devotionals. It is also a great way to let your friends know about your church and our ministry. Find us on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) by searching for Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @MuhlenbergLC.



## LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at Muhlenberg serves students attending James Madison University, Bridgewater College, Eastern Mennonite University, and Blue Ridge Community College. All are welcome to join us, even if you do not have a Lutheran background, as we strive to build a community where all people are seen, heard, and valued. LCM also strives to connect students with faculty and staff who are Muhlenberg members to form friendships and support that transcend the campus and classroom.



LCM members have access 24/7 to the campus room at Muhlenberg to gather, study, eat, and be our community center. We gather regularly throughout the semesters for food, fellowship, and conversations about faith and life. For more information, follow along with us on Instagram and Facebook @LCMatMLC, or contact Pastor Alex Zuber (540-309-2414 or [zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org)).



*LCM students and Pastor Alex gather around fireside for fellowship.*

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

### MINNICK SCHOOL

#### Art Show & Sale Open House

**Thursday, April 20, 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

Stop by Minnick School (1661 Virginia Avenue) to see the work of some creative minds, enjoy food from Mr. J's Bagels & Deli, and chat with students about their masterpieces. RSVP by April 14 to [philanthropy@enCircleAll.org](mailto:philanthropy@enCircleAll.org).

### PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)

People Helping People has had a very busy beginning of the year. We have seen unprecedented client numbers with more people coming with their



utilities already disconnected resulting in large bills that are all due at once to reconnect. Even with our help being limited to \$400 a year per household (split up \$200, every six months), the donation dollars are just not meeting the need. Our donations for January were less than \$5,000; however, we gave over \$14,000 to 88 households. In February we gave \$10,500 to 51 households. As we close March over \$12,000 has been distributed to 72 households.



This is the time to help our neighbors in need. Please consider donating by mailing a check directly to PHP (281 E. Market Street, Harrisonburg 22801) or by placing your check in the offering plate and designating "PHP." Muhlenberg continues to serve the community in so many ways, and we look forward to continuing to serve alongside.

*Leeanne Shepherd, Executive Director  
People Helping People*

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION (CONT'D)

### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

At a moment's notice natural disasters, like the powerful tornadoes that hit the South, Midwest and even places (like Delaware) that don't normally have tornadoes, can cause widespread destruction. Please pray for those impacted.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) 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, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

100% of your gifts given to LDR go directly to aid in disaster relief. Visit the Connection Center for more information. 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 tornadoes (or the disaster you wish to support) and send to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering plate:** make check payable to Muhlenberg and 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.

## GREAT COMMUNITY GIVE

April 19, 2023

The **Great Community Give** is a way for local non-profits in our community to be lifted up and fundraise together. Through our



Local & Global Mission ministry, Muhlenberg supports Second Home Learning Center, People Helping People, Minnick School, Patchwork Pantry, Open Doors, Bridge of Hope, Valley Interfaith Action, Virginia Interfaith Center, First Step, Our Community Place, Church World Service, and Habitat for Humanity, in addition to hosting Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care Center. If you are moved to provide additional support to any of these non-profit organizations or others of your choice, please go to the following website on April 19 to make your donation...

<https://www.greatcommunitygive.org/>

## VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

### POWER IN THE SPIRIT:

#### SEEKING & FINDING ~ July 13 - 15



This inspirational conference occurs each year for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders — teachers, music directors, choir members, council and committee members, family life consultants, deacons, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## REMINDERS

### KIDS AND THE NURSERY

Children are always welcomed and encouraged to be a part of our worship services, and their presence and participation are important! Activity packs are available in the Gathering Area that include quiet activities related to worship and the weekly Scripture reading. We also have a weekly children's message in worship.

For our very youngest (birth to age 4), quality childcare is provided each Sunday in the nursery 8:15 am - 12:30 pm, so little ones will have a safe space to be during worship and Christian Formation.

### 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. 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.

### ACCESS SERMONS ONLINE

Following the Narrative Lectionary allows us to tell a continuous story of faith week after week. If you missed or would like to revisit a particular sermon, you can find a [playlist on YouTube](#) that is updated weekly! Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) to see the sermons posted, and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#)!

### WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AT 11 AM

Digital ministry is an essential part of our community. Our *Wellstream* service at 11:00 am allows those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a hybrid service of Holy Communion. This means cameras will be on during worship. Cameras are primarily focused on worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. *We will not intentionally focus on congregation members in the pews*, but you may briefly appear in view depending on your seat. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberg.lutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberg.lutheran.org)) for possible solutions. You're welcome at any time during worship in the sanctuary to connect on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) to comment a word of welcome or peace to those worshipping online!

### 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?
- 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](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 540-434-3496).



## 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.

Lutheran Campus Ministry's Why Group enjoyed pancakes this past week and celebrated a birthday!



*Recent Choral Performances by the Cherub and Tween Choirs, and the final Lenten Performance by JMU Junior Vocal Performance Major Alexandria Hunter.*



*Pastor Alex mixes pancake batter while reading aloud Matt. 25 to Lutheran Campus Ministry participants.*



## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Pastor Lauren and Children's Minister Ashley Saunders had a wonderful time with Muhlenberg youth at the "Welcome to the Table" Class! Children in grades 2 - 5 were invited to learn about the gift of Holy Communion and how it weaves together the whole church on earth and in heaven. The class explored the lessons of "A Place for You" by Daniel Erlander, and toured the Sacristy and the Altar to gain a deeper understanding of their call to faith and community through the welcome table and the sacraments. The final class was held at the church Saturday, April 1 to have breakfast, continue the conversation, and bake communion bread together. Thank you to all who participated!





## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

### MAC KITCHEN CLEAN UP THANK YOU!

Many thanks to coordinator Meg Wightman and the numerous helpers that came March 25 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.

*Barbara Roadcap*

(540-830-1896, [bbroadcap@gmail.com](mailto:bbroadcap@gmail.com))

## 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](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors and editor.*

✦ To all those who helped prepare our space and hearts for worship as we journey through Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection of Our Lord, we thank you for all you do and have done, things seen and unseen, that help make our ministry here so special!



## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

|      |                                   |      |
|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| 3/26 | 8:30 Holy Communion .....         | 75   |
|      | 11:00 Holy Communion .....        | 106  |
|      | 11:00 Wellstream Worshippers..... | 40   |
|      | Total Views this Week .....       | 141  |
|      | Hours Viewed this Week .....      | 89.8 |
| 4/2  | 8:30 Holy Communion .....         | 90   |
|      | 11:00 Holy Communion .....        | 139  |
|      | 11:00 Wellstream Worshippers..... | 40   |

### 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          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                | 2023YTD<br><u>Actual</u> | 2023YTD<br><u>Budget</u> | 2022YTD<br><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                |
| <b>Excess Income/(Deficit)</b> | <b>\$(14,343)</b>        | <b>\$(21,011)</b>        | <b>\$(29,101)</b>        |

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| Giving in support of our Spending Plan | \$ 8,174.00        |
| Giving to Other Designated Funds       | \$ 512.50          |
| <b>Total Giving</b>                    | <b>\$ 8,686.50</b> |

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**April 10 - 16, 2023**

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

|      |   |
|------|---|
| Mon  | Easter Monday ~ Church Office Closed  |
| Tues | 1:00 pm Staff Meeting   |
| Wed  | 10:30 am Bible Study via <a href="#">Zoom</a>   |
| Sun  | Second Sunday of Easter<br>Receiving New Members<br>8:30 am Holy Communion in person<br>9:45 am Welcome Event for New Members<br>9:45 am Christian Formation in person<br>& via <a href="#">Zoom</a><br>11:00 am Holy Communion in person and<br>Livestreamed via <a href="#">Facebook</a> and<br><a href="#">YouTube</a> |



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

*Darryl and Diane Nash*

*Gustaf Nelson, III*

*Dianne Neumann*

*Sue Nicoll*

*K. Roy and Anna Nilsen*

*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 [depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)).*

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](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) /540-434-3496) Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran).