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April 17, 2022

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER DAY

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

EASTER & ITS 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.

EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Join us **TODAY (4/17)** 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.



EASTER SUNDAY PRECAUTIONS

We look forward to welcoming many worshippers today and want to continue to worship safely! For those most comfortable worshipping in a space where everyone is masked, **the balcony is designated a "mandatory masks" area.** In the main part of the sanctuary, masks will not be required, though they continue to be welcomed. Communion will be with prepackaged elements consumed at our seats, to minimize the risk of sharing germs at the Lord's Supper.

As we share the peace, we ask you to be mindful of others' comfort levels with distance and touch. Though we're thankful COVID cases in our area are relatively low, we know the pandemic has not disappeared. We continue to ask if you have any symptoms of illness at all, please worship online rather than in person.

THE WOVEN CROSS

The Woven Cross in the Gathering Area stands as a reminder of the ways each of us is claimed in love and grace by Jesus, and that we are all woven together in grace. **Today you are invited to bring flowers to decorate the cross, and you are welcome to take a family picture around this sign of God's transforming love.**

EASTER LILIES

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

DONOR

Brenda Branner, Lisa & Amanda
Mary Washam
Mary Washam
Mary Washam
Elizabeth Fletchall
Olivia Rishell
Robert & Diane Wolfe
Frank & Betty Lambert
Lola Heffner
Sue & Mike Koch
Sue & Mike Koch
Roger and Gus Kagey
Christine Gray Sears
Sharon S. Gray
Leo Snider
Richard Stees and Family
Bob Neumann

IN MEMORY OF ...

Lee K. Branner
Doris Washam
Harry & Zena Swadley
Bill & Edith Washam
Zack Fletchall
Dallas and Dorothy Cashwell
Roger Wolfe
Michael Cullers
Shirley Crawford
John & Kay Haraughty
Zane & Myra Koch
Walter Alvez and John Francis Kagey
Katie Ray
Katie Ray
Eleanor Jean Snider
Linda Stees
Our Parents



DONOR

Roger & Gus Kagey

IN HONOR OF ...

Celeotina Bagnasco

ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Special offerings to Church World Service are given to the Glory of God and in memory of those we wish to remember on this special day.

DONOR

Bruce & Karen Matthias
Kathy Thompson
Phyllis Sonner
Susan Gallaher
Juanita Whitmire

IN MEMORY OF ...

Loved Ones
Katie Ray
Loved Ones
Katie Ray
Bud Whitmire



THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

STAFF HOLIDAY

Easter Monday is a staff holiday so we will not be checking voicemails and emails **TOMORROW (4/18)**. We wish you a blessed Easter!

STAFF MEETING TIME CHANGE

Weekly staff meetings have been moved to **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**. We make every effort to have volunteer office coverage, but please note calls may not be answered during this time. Please leave a voicemail message, and we will return your call as soon as possible.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir **will not rehearse April 19 and 20**, respectively, and will resume the following week.

Gloria Dei Ringers **will rehearse April 19**.

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Join us **each Wednesday at 10:30 am** for Bible study via **ZOOM**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>

REUSE/RECYCLE

SUNDAY MATERIALS

To reduce paper waste, we are now reusing worship booklets and extra issues of *The Chimes* between services. (As always, we encourage you to take *The Chimes* home with you.) Please place materials in the designated basket. We thank Linda Morrison who has volunteered to take Sunday materials and office paper to the recycling center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MISSION ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 pm

The Mission Endowment Committee is meeting with its financial advisor, Terry Crowgey of CAPTRUST, in the church library to review its portfolio. If you would like to know how the money in Muhlenberg's Mission Endowment Fund is invested, please join us.

If you have an interest in serving on the Committee, please contact Doris Stone (dmstone99@gmail.com or 540-289-5520) and come to the meeting on April 27.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 1

Confirmation, often called Affirmation of Baptism, is a course of learning, discernment, and service for youth from 6th to 8th grade, where they learn what it means to live into their baptisms.



Join us as we celebrate the hard work and faithfulness of our Muhlenberg youth who are choosing to publicly affirm their Baptism this year. **During the Christian Formation hour (9:45 - 10:45 am), there will be a celebration including refreshments and an opportunity for Confirmands to share Personal Faith Statements before their Affirmation of Baptism during the 11:00 am service.**

Join us as we celebrate this milestone step and new beginning for **Isaiah Campbell, Ainsley Hargens, Annika Harmison, Kat Kolodinsky, Sam McKeever, Keira Miller, Ryan Moyers, and Billy Perritt.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (CONT'D)

PRAY SHAWL KNITTING CIRCLE Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm



Join us in the Gathering Area as we continue this prayerful ministry and spiritual practice. Whether you knit or crochet, are experienced or just learning, you are invited to join us as we pray and stitch together prayer shawls that will bring comfort, solace, celebration and joy to those in need. “We celebrate our God who knits us into wholeness, who enables us to care for others, who encircles the world in an eternal shawl of love and compassion.” Susan S. Jorgensen, *Knitting into the Mystery*

SECOND HOME YARD SALE

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm



You are invited to participate in the community yard sale to benefit Second Home Learning Center. The event will be held on Muhlenberg’s campus. (Rain date: June 4.)

This is an opportunity to have a personal yard sale and keep the profits, while supporting Second Home through table/space rental fees. We are offering 3 options for rental space:

- Prime for \$40-includes two parking spots and 2 tables. This reservation allows for a parked car, should you need it.

- Regular for \$25-includes one parking spot and 1 table. This reservation allows for a parked car, should you need it.
- Basic for \$15- includes a spot to set up only. No tables provided and no car allowed.

Set up time will be 6:00 am. The yard sale will begin at 8:00 am and conclude at 1:00 pm. All items need to be cleared from Muhlenberg’s campus by 2:00 pm. To sign up for a table/space, please click [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Nadina Pupic at phpharrisonburg.staff@gmail.com.

If you want to sell, buy or do both, we look forward to seeing you there!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE WORKDAY

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Property Committee has scheduled the first workday of the year! The event will be held rain or shine. Projects include painting the nursery, landscaping/mulch, working on the fire escape, and various other important beautification projects. We always appreciate and need your help. If you can attend for only an hour or two, you are more than welcome to participate. Please bring your work gloves, shovel, and/or rake. We look forward to seeing you! Have questions? Contact Property Committee Co-Chair Steve Reich (reichsa@jmu.edu or 540-908-0609).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR (CONT'D)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KATIE RAY

Sunday, May 15 after 11:00 am Service



We give thanks for the life of Katie Ray who died January 17. Katie was a member for many, many years. A funeral service was held January 29, and the family is eager to welcome everyone to a Celebration of

Life for Katie **Sunday, May 15. We will worship together at 11:00 am, then regather at Purcell Park, shelter #2 to share fellowship, food, and memories of Katie.**

VOICE/PIANO RECITAL Sunday, May 22, 3:00 pm

It is always a joy and pleasure to witness the amazing young talents of our Muhlenberg teens! The Music Ministry is pleased to announce **Emily Eppard and Alice Wightman** will present a duo voice/piano recital in the sanctuary. Emily, a graduating high school senior, and Alice, a rising high school junior, will perform a variety of musical styles including classical, sacred, and secular works. This recital is open to all. Please plan to attend and show your support for these incredible musicians!

BRIDGE OF HOPE CONCERT Thursday, May 26, 6:30

Muhlenberg is hosting a piano duet fundraiser for Bridge of Hope. Stephen and Carolyn Sachs will perform a piano duet featuring classical, classical pop, and show tunes. Watch *The Chimes* for more information.



MUHLENBERG NEWS

RIISING AGAIN FOR THE GOSPEL

You may have noticed we have not been standing for the reading of the gospel for several months. The reason is practical: The Narrative Lectionary assigned readings between Christmas and Easter have been very long. In some cases, they've been an entire chapter of the gospel of John! We know it can be difficult even for the hardiest of legs to remain standing for that extended period of time, so we've remained seated as the gospel has been shared.

At Easter and continuing forward, the gospel readings will return to a more moderate length, and we will return to our regular practice of standing during the reading of the gospel. We do this to honor Christ's presence among us in the Word. Christians have been standing during the gospel reading in worship since the 200's, so we join a long line of faithful Christians as we rise to praise Christ in our midst each Sunday.

CREATION CARE TIP

Take time today to reflect on all the activities you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with the earth and with all life. Conclude your Lenten Creation Care practice by making a personal pledge to serve God and others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.



MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY

Since 1981, David Hill has faithfully served as our chairperson of the Altar Guild. Ever wonder who changes the paraments for each season of the church year? Orders our communion wine? Ensures our eternal flame stays lit? David's incredible gift of behind-the-scenes service has done all this and more to support our weekly worship. This June, David will retire after 41 years of dedicated Altar Guild ministry. We'll be recognizing him and his service this summer, but in the meantime, we're looking for a group of folks who will step up to shepherd this ministry. (Yes, David does so much it's going to require multiple people to take his place!)

This is a meaningful way to serve God and our congregation, and it can be done at times that are convenient to your schedule during the week. It's also something that a parent and child can do together, so if you're looking for a way to help your child learn how to serve, this could be a wonderful opportunity. Please contact Pastor Lauren if you're interested, or would like to learn more.

DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Our most up-to-date printed directory is available in the Gathering Area today. Please take one per family and review your information. If updates are needed, contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy at depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496. Please especially note the email address we have on file for you for accuracy (see the article from Finance Manager Jane Eanes in the next column for details).

FROM OUR FINANCE MANAGER

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Starting in June 2022, for those of you who have email, we would like to begin sending your Muhlenberg contribution statements to you via email instead of through the mail. For those without email, we will be happy to continue providing you with a paper copy of your statement. The reasons for this change are twofold:



- First, this is a much faster and safer way for you as a donor to receive and save your statements. It is easier to retrieve and less likely to get misplaced. It can also be shared more easily with a tax preparer or other financial advisor.
- Second, utilizing email instead of the post office will save on cost and staff time, going hand in hand with our Strategic Plan.

We will be sending statements to your email address we have in our system. If your email address has changed recently, please contact me at the email address or phone number below so I can update your information. Additionally, if for some reason you would prefer to receive a paper statement rather than an emailed copy, please also let me know so that I can make note of this request. Finally, please contact me also if you have questions regarding the first quarter statement that was mailed recently.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make this small change in our financial communication method. And thank you for your generous support to Muhlenberg.

Jane Eanes, Finance Manager
finance@muhlenberglutheran.org
434-3496

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

In line with our Strategic Plan, a dedicated Christian Formation hour has been established so that our call to growth and learning is no longer competing with worship. From **9:45-10:45 am**, join us for classes open to all ages. Adult classes will be offered with hybrid options for participants to join both in-person and via Zoom. In-person participants will have plenty of room to space out with physical distancing. Zoom participants can log in with the *Sunday Mornings at Muhlenberg* link:

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

Pre-K to 5th Grade: MAC Main Room and Outside (weather permitting)

Led by Children's Minister Ashley Saunders, kids have an opportunity to grow together through *Holy Play* based on the narrative lectionary: doing activities to put the stories into action and building strong relationships. Older students have the opportunity to help share the stories with younger students to cultivate a collaborative community.

Devotional Classics Adult Class meets in the Nielsen Room (downstairs). This is an interactive class for adults of all ages, where participants read and discuss Christian literature. The facilitators are Mark and Jennie Warner.

Faith Lens Adult Class meets in the Kairos Room (downstairs). Participants read the Narrative Lectionary text for the day and discuss how to live out and apply its message to daily life. The facilitator is Jean Helmick.

6TH – 12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP AND BIBLE STUDY

Led by Karen Thomsen and Pastor Alex, our students will grow together in their understanding of scripture, the Lutheran tradition, and what it means to live out our faith. We spend time each week studying the scriptures we hear in worship and providing space to check in and care for one another. This group meets in the Campus Ministry room (downstairs).

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING Middle & High School Youth Events and Service

Keep an eye on *The Chimes* as Virginia Synod youth events are returning, and we're excited to attend them together! For rising 9th -12th graders, Kairos will be held June 26 – July 1. (see Youth News on page 8) We're also planning fellowship and service events for our youth group to stay connected over the summer!

VBS IS JUST ON THE HORIZON

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be a week in early August (tentatively August 7-13). VBS is such a great opportunity to spend a week really focused on Jesus and community. I need your help. There are two great curriculums on my radar, and I need some input from you and your family on what interests you the most.

The first is **Passport to Peace** from Menno media. Passport to Peace, an interactive curriculum that explores five Bible stories, encourages children to listen to and learn from people who are different, notice the needs of others and seek to help, creatively work to keep everyone safe, and refuse to respond to conflict with violence.

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VBS IS JUST ON THE HORIZON (CONT'D)

The other is ReNew: the Green VBS from Sparkhouse. Grounded in Jesus' Parable of the Sower, ReNew connects the Bible and creation care for kids with five fun-filled days.

Both offer activities to help us think outside of our community and see the world around us. I would love to hear your input by May 15. Email me at saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org.

Ashley Saunders, Children's Minister

YOUTH NEWS

KAIROS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Kairos will be held **June 26 (Sunday evening) - July 1 (Friday noon) at Roanoke College**. Kairos is our week-long faith formation event, offered each summer for youth who will be 9th - 12th graders in the fall. Several times each day, we gather the entire Kairos group of about 175 youth and adults for lots of singing, skits, fun and prayers; then participants gather in small groups that meet throughout the week. Kairos has many special features: event theme t-shirts, Open Talent Mic Show, faith testimonies, comic relief, reflection time, prayer stations, speed friending, t-shirt fashion show, and more!

"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 a chance for youth who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for an entire week, to have 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.

SECOND HOME NEWS

I would like to express my greatest appreciation to all of you who have continued to support Second Home Learning Center. It's been over 7 months since we became an independent non-profit agency and continued our mission in partnership with Muhlenberg. We have been going strong serving our low income neighbors with low cost yet high quality before and after school care. When the children are with us, they are safe, eat healthy, and are engaged in academic, social-emotional, and enrichment activities. This spring we have a weekly robotics workshop, arts and crafts, and STEM and literacy activities focused around the season and holidays. Pop-up produce stands have enhanced our families' access to fresh vegetables and fruit. Last but not least, rehearsals for our annual musical production, *Beauty and the Beast* are in full swing.

Second Home Learning Center once again is participating in the Great Community Give, an online giving event organized by the Community Foundation to support hard working local nonprofits. Early giving is until April 19th and the main giving day is on April 20th! There are many causes and nonprofits you can donate to and if you give to Second Home Learning Center, you will support local families, their children, and education. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 during this event. If you are not comfortable with online donations, you can drop off cash and check donations at Second Home between 2:00 and 6:00 pm until April 20th and we will make sure they are counted into the total of our fundraiser. Thank you for your continuing support.

Krisztina Szekely, Executive Director

SCAN ME



LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

GREAT COMMUNITY GIVE

April 20, 2022



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 People Helping People, Minnick School, Second Home Learning Center, Patchwork Pantry, Open Doors, Bridge of Hope, Virginia Interfaith, Faith in Action, First Step, Church World Service, and Habitat for Humanity. 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 20 to make your donation:

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

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

RESPONDS TO CRISIS IN UKRAINE

The Ukrainian crisis has left us shocked, horrified, outraged and wondering how we can possibly help. Fortunately, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Lutheran churches across the United States are joining together to rush needed supplies to those caught in the crisis.

To expedite relief to those in need, please make donations online directly to LWF at LWR.org/match.

If you do not have internet access, we can still ensure your gift helps make a difference. Make your contribution to Muhlenberg and designate LWR on the memo line.

MUHLENBERG ANSWERS THE CALL

The Local and Global Mission team thanks everyone who participated in Muhlenberg's Lenten service project. Two full carloads of items were delivered to the Church World Service office over the Lenten season. The staff at Church World Service is extremely grateful for our gifts of personal hygiene and household items. The need continues to be great as their office works to resettle refugees in our area.

In addition to items collected, we also received monetary donations for the Lenten service project and Alternative Giving, totaling \$1,750.

Muhlenberg members also continue to show their support for those who are hungry through monthly donations to Patchwork Panty. 140 lbs of food was collected in April!!!

Generosity is alive and well at Muhlenberg! Thanks be to God!



CAMPUS MINISTRY

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Lutheran Campus Ministry



Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Are you a student at JMU, Bridgewater, EMU, and BRCC? We would love to connect with you and perhaps get you involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry! Contact Pastor Alex (zuber@muhleberglutheran.org) or follow @LCMatMLC on Instagram!

VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

IN-PERSON SYNOD GATHERING July 15-16 ~ Registration is Open



In conjunction with Power in the Spirit, the Virginia Synod looks forward to gathering in person to celebrate ministries of service from around the Synod, worship together, and learn from one another.

Everyone can attend. Unlike an Assembly where the number of participants is limited, anyone in the Virginia Synod can attend the Synodical Gathering. Congregations are encouraged to send at least two leaders, but anyone interested can register.

There are **two options for Registration:**

- **On-Campus Housing** includes the event, one-night lodging on the campus of Roanoke College, plus Friday lunch, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast. The cost will be \$140.
- **Commuter** includes the event, Friday lunch, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast. The cost will be \$100.

You are automatically registered for the Synodical Gathering if you attend Power in the Spirit. Since the Synodical Gathering will be in conjunction with Power in the Spirit and the schedules will overlap, everyone registered for Power in the Spirit (which begins on July 14) will be registered for the Synodical Gathering.

Even if you can't attend the whole gathering, you are invited to be a part of a Festival Worship Service at College Lutheran Friday, July 15 at 7:00 pm.

Click [HERE](#) to register

YOUTH SYNOD ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Virginia Synod Youth Assembly will be held online **Saturday, June 11, 3:30-5:30 pm.** The youth assembly is for Virginia Synod youth in grades 7-12, and there is no cost to attend. The assembly is planned and led by the Virginia Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Board. For more information or to register, click [HERE](#).

POWER IN THE SPIRIT July 14-16 ~ Registration is Open

What does it mean to be a leader in the Church and a follower of Jesus? The words of Saint Thomas reveal a disciple whose faith in Jesus makes him willing to go where Jesus goes, even when danger and death are real possibilities. For Thomas, it's better to be unsafe with Jesus than to stay behind as Jesus heads into dangerous places.

For the Church today, we just may be called to a similar faith that goes with Jesus—even into danger. At Power in the Spirit 2022 we'll explore these themes, and more!

Come and learn! Come for fellowship! Come to serve your neighbor! Come to Power in the Spirit 2022!

Download the Power in the Spirit Booklet for more information: [Power in the Spirit 2022 Booklet \(April 4, 2022\)](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.



REMINDERS

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.

WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AT 11 AM

Digital ministry is now 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, and we want to be sure our community knows what to expect. Cameras will be 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@muhlenberglutheran.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 or 434-3496).

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 or 434-3496).

NEW NICHEs AVAILABLE

An additional 24 Columbarium niches have been added to the Caring Corner. The Property Committee has made upgrades to this room with lighting, including eternal spotlights shining on the niches. If you are interested in a niche or want additional information, please contact Bill Compton (437-8933 or compton1080@gmail.com).

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

4/3 8:30 Holy Communion 61
 11:00 Holy Communion 88
 11:00 Wellstream Worshippers..... 52
 Total Views this Week..... 268
 Hours Viewed this Week..... 81.7

4/10 8:30 Holy Communion 66
 11:00 Holy Communion 118
 11:00 Wellstream Worshippers..... 32*

* experienced technical difficulties

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

As the first quarter closed, gifts and offerings continue to lag behind what was budgeted and also in comparison to the previous year. Expenses exceed income, thus we continue to show a deficit. While a deficit at this time of year is not unusual for most congregations (as a significant percentage of gifts and offerings tend to come during the final month of the year), our Congregation Council is keeping an eye on this and continuing to be thoughtful stewards of the generous gifts you are giving, while moving forward in our mission to equip all people to live out Christ's love.

Personnel is the largest expense and the most critical to equip the saints. Property and maintenance is the second largest expense and is currently comparable to past years. MLC is fortunate to have a team who carefully cares for this campus. God's love is overflowing with abundance for each of us. Take time to consider how you can contribute your time, talents, and treasures to MLC. Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 2022			
	2022 YTD Actual	2022 YTD Budget	2021 YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$119,307	\$153,750	\$139,724
Total Income	\$147,510	\$175,937	\$166,778
Expenses	\$202,043	\$211,828	\$230,688
Excess Income/(Expenses)	\$(54,533)	\$(35,891)	\$(63,910)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan \$ 15,519.22
 Giving to Other Designated Funds \$ 530.00
Total Giving \$ 16,049.22



To give online, scan here →

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 18 - 24, 2022

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

- Mon** **Easter Monday ~ Church Office Closed**
- Tues** 1:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm Gloria Dei Ringers
- Wed** 10:30 am Wed. Morning Bible Study
 via [ZOOM](#)
- Sun** Second Sunday of Easter
 8:30 am Holy Communion in person
 9:45 am Christian Formation via [ZOOM](#)
 11:00 am Holy Communion in person and
 Livestreamed via [Facebook](#) and
[YouTube](#)

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/434-3496)

Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://www.facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS LOCATIONS

Note: Christian Formation classes will not meet today. Children will participate in an Easter Egg Hunt or Scavenger Hunt.

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

These classes meet downstairs in the church:

- Grades 6 -12** ~ Campus Room
- Devotional Classics Adult Class** ~ Nielsen Room
- Faith Lens Adult Class** ~ Kairos Room

To attend virtually, use this Zoom Link:

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