



The CHIMES

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

† For a summary of Churchwide Assembly, see p. 2 and visit the Connection Center.

† Update on the Ott Street House:

The Ott Street House (which the church purchased last year) is slowly becoming the next location for People Helping People. In addition to painting and cleaning the inside, we've gotten it connected to the church phone system, ordered signage, and have been working with the City of Harrisonburg on handicap ramps and parking spaces. People Helping People currently shares office space with Second Home in the MAC and looks forward to moving to the Ott Street House early this fall.

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

JACK STONE JERNIGAN

Baptized, A New Child of God

Welcome Jack, son of Doug & Judy Stone Jernigan and grandson of John & Doris Stone, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 10:30 service this morning! Jack's sponsors are Amanda Dotson and Andrew Dotson. Welcome to the Lord's family, Jack!



CONFIRMATION/ALPHA TEENS

Kick-off meeting **TODAY, 9:00 am** in the Nielsen Room (downstairs). (Yes, that's during the first service.) Gather to enjoy some food and learn more about this year's confirmation and Alpha Teens ministry, then head upstairs for worship at 10:30 am. Middle school ministry is open to all 6th - 8th graders and their families regardless of whether they're members at Muhlenberg or not, so feel free to invite friends or neighbors who may be interested!

WELCOME GUESTS

We are blessed to welcome our guests today. We have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area (main church entrance) and ask that you complete a blue guest card and/or sign our guest register. If you prefer, you may scan this QR code or securely register online at...



muhlenberglutheran.org



Please wear a nametag for the next few weeks to help Pastor Alex learn your name.

Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

REMEMBER ... NEXT SUNDAY

NAME BADGE SUNDAY

Make a badge so fellow members can learn your name.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTED

(no glass jars, please)

LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS

SERVING OUR SHUT-INS

ELCA NEWS

WE ARE CHURCH

By Mycah McNett



Over 900 voting members and hundreds of guests arrived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 5-10 to attend the Churchwide Assembly (CWA) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). CWA meets every three years. Attendees are nominated by their synods at the previous year's Synod Assembly. We vote, worship together, share meals, hear reports, and we pray. This was my first CWA and I was truly amazed and so grateful for a church that proclaims the Gospel boldly and lives out Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors in the world.

Highlights of the business conducted during CWA included:

- Re-elected Presiding Bishop Eaton.
- Declared the ELCA a Sanctuary church.
- Denounced white supremacy.
- Denounced gun violence.
- Passed a social statement on Faith, Sexism, and Justice.

If you have questions about CWA, contact one of the pastors.

FINANCIAL NEWS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:45 Worship	138	Wed. Noon	10
10:30 Worship	<u>175</u>		
Total	313		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$394,194	\$468,713	\$399,185
Total Receipts	\$448,659	\$527,322	\$453,433
Expenses	\$486,101	\$580,411	\$479,360
Excess Income/ (Expenses)	(\$37,442)	(\$53,089)	(\$25,927)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan \$ 6,478.50

Giving to Other Designated Funds \$ 1,075.50

Total Giving for the Week \$ 7,554.00

See Connection Center notebook for details.

August Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$9

To give online, scan here →



REVISED PROCEDURE FOR CONTACTING OUR PASTORS

Email our pastors anytime:

eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org

zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org

Reach them anytime by calling the church office (434-3496).

- During office hours, ask to speak with Linda Depoy. She has the pastors' schedules and can assist you.
- After hours, leave a message on their respective voice mail. You will be given an option to reach them directly in case of a pastoral emergency.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Monday, September 2, 6:30 pm in the Augsburg Room for a Bible study from the June *Gather* magazine titled, "For Just Such a Time As This," Session one, Esther the Queen. The Bible text covers all 10 chapters of Esther. It will be helpful to read these chapters to spur good discussion. All Muhlenberg women are welcome! For more info, *Contact Louise Johnson* (gfriend07@verizon.net or 433-1047).

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship hours continue through next Sunday, September 1. **September 8, we return to three worship services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am.**

Christian Formation will resume at 9:30 each week (visit the Connection Center or see p. 4 for details).

PASTOR JOE IS RETIRING!

Pastor Joe Vought served Muhlenberg from 1997-2008 before taking a call to Community Lutheran Church in Sterling, VA. He brought positive change to Muhlenberg and many members loved him dearly. Pastor Joe and Pastor Dave Nelson were the first co-pastorate in the Virginia Synod, a model that requires extreme trust and respect for your co-worker.

Pastor Joe has announced his retirement! His last Sunday will be September 29. We will collect cards for him in the back of the sanctuary **September 1, 8, & 15** or place them in Linda Depoy's mailbox. **Deadline: September 15** to allow time to mail. *Contact Linda* (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) with any questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Contact Music Minister Elizabeth Williams (434-3496 or williams@muhlenberglutheran.org) for more information.

ATTENTION: ALL CHOIR MEMBERS (AND NEWBIES TOO!)

Rehearsals will begin soon! I want to thank all of my "current choristers" for their ongoing participation and dedication to singing God's praises! Whether you are new to Muhlenberg, or simply new to singing ...

WE HAVE A GROUP FOR YOU!

Celebration Singers (10th grade and up): begins **Tuesday, August 27**, rehearses **6:30 – 7:30 pm**. We sing at the 8:00 or 9:30 service on Sundays. A "joy of singing" is your only requirement!



Sanctuary Choir (10th grade and up): began **Wednesday, August 21**, rehearses **7:00 – 8:30 pm**. We sing at the 11:00 service on Sundays. Former choral singing is graciously welcomed!

SonShine Singers (grades 3-6): begins **Tuesday, September 10, 4:45 – 5:25 pm**.

Cherub Choir (ages 4 – 2nd grade): begins **Tuesday, September 10, 5:30pm – 6:00pm**.

Gloria Dei Ringers (Handbell Choir): begins **Tuesday, September 3, 7:00– 8:30 pm**. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please *contact Handbell Director Kath Wissinger* (longwalk3@aol.com or 289-6973) for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FESTIVAL DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30 AM

Class information for September 2019 – May 2020

SHARING GOD'S WORD



Christian Formation is *Sharing God's Word* by providing Bible studies, women's groups, an elementary youth group, fellowship, and Sunday morning Christian Formation groups. Here are opportunities for all ages, birth to adults:

Newborns to 2-year-old children meet in the nursery (north end of Gathering Area). The Nursery Coordinator will bring children into worship for Children's Time with the pastors and then return them to the nursery where they will listen to simple Bible stories and songs.

Children 3 years to 3rd grade start worship in the Sanctuary. After Children's Time with the pastors, children go to their classes listed below:

- Preschool children go to the Teddi Nelson Education Wing (upstairs).
- Children K-3rd grade go to the MAC (Muhlenberg Activities Center – behind the church) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, they go to the Nielsen Room (downstairs) for Children's Church and then return to their families in worship during the Sharing of the Peace.

Children in grades 4-5 gather at 9:30 upstairs in the MAC.

~ **Special project Sept. 8: K-5th graders take part in ELCA Day of Service.** ~
See p. 5 for details.

All children should be picked up from their classes immediately following the end of the 9:30 service.

Grades 6-12 – see p. 1 for **Confirmation (grades 6-8)**. Watch *The Chimes* for high school class info.

All adults are invited to take part in one of these adult classes that meet downstairs:

- **Living & Learning through the Lens of Faith:** reads the Lectionary Bible passages for the week and discusses how to apply their message to our lives. All are welcome. Meets in the Library.
- **40-Day Journey: Readings, Reflections & Spiritual Growth:** an interactive class where Christian literature is read and discussed. Meets in the Kairos Room.
- **Young Families:** 3rd Sundays are fellowship. All other Sundays, we will discuss how to raise our children in faith. Meets in the Campus Room.

Children's Church begins September 15. See p. 7 for details.

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer
(bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496) for more information.

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

We have several opportunities for you to make a difference in our community and beyond.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, September 7. Muhlenberg will join Grace Lutheran in Waynesboro and 17 other churches at Kate Collins Middle School (1625 Ivy Street, Waynesboro) to “Rise Against Hunger.” Our goal is to pack over 25,000 meals for school children in Haiti where lunch is often their only meal. Hats or hairnets required. **Arrive by 9:45 and plan to be finished by 12:30.** Sign up at the Connection Center. Feel free to arrange car pools. Families with children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages are welcome. There are jobs for those who prefer to sit. *For more information, visit riseagainsthunger.org or contact Karen Matthias (kfmatthias@gmail.com or 434-4625).*

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

After the Children’s Time **Sunday, September 8**, children in PreK – 3rd grade will join the 4th & 5th grade students in the MAC to take part in the ELCA Day of Service. They will make a bag meal for the children of Second Home to take home Monday afternoon.

SERVICE PROJECT

As part of our ELCA Day of Service, we will gather **8’ 2x4 SPF (SPRUCE-PINE-FIR) boards for Habitat for Humanity.** You can be part of the ELCA Day of Service by either donating the boards or by making a monetary gift for the boards to be purchased. *~continued next column~*

SERVICE PROJECT (CONT’D)

The Boards will be in the MAC on the Day of Service for all to either draw a blessing picture or write a prayer. These boards will then be used to frame a Habitat home with God’s blessings.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR CARS.”

Muhlenberg has a number of members who have difficulty making it to church, due to mobility or transportation issues. On Sunday, September 8, for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, we’d like to make an extra effort to help those folks get to worship. If you’d be willing to give someone a ride that day, please contact care coordinators *Sandy Randolph* (cerprek@gmail.com or 828-2033) or *Linda Morrison* (glenn778@comcast.net or 383-5085).

Likewise, if you or someone you know is in need of a ride, please let Sandy or Linda know so we can get you paired up with someone who lives nearby.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” T-SHIRTS

We are ordering Muhlenberg Lutheran Church “God’s Work. Our Hands.” t-shirts for those who plan to take part in the Day of Service or participate in mission trips or general church events in the community.



If you would like to order a t-shirt, please sign up in the notebook (inside pocket) at the Connection Center **TODAY!** Include your name and size! Suggested donation: \$10. Have questions? Contact *Diane Bayer* (bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496).

MUHLENBERG NEWS

CREATION CARE TIP

Buy Local: As you shop, look for products made as close to your community as possible. Since it reduces the amount of energy needed to transport goods to market, buying local helps reduce global warming and air pollution. Buying local keeps money local. A dollar spent on locally made goods generates twice as much income for the local economy as money spent on imported goods.

LOCAL GLOBAL MISSION NEWS

Contact Local & Global Mission Chair

Karen Matthias (kfmatthias@gmail.com / 434-4625)
for more information.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE



**People
Helping
People**

In coordination with our inter-generational faith formation event, the Local and Global Mission Committee (LGM) is petitioning the congregation for monetary contributions to People Helping People (PHP). If you wish to help, indicate PHP on your check and envelope.

SECOND HOME NEWS

SECOND HOME BEGINS

Tuesday, August 20 was the first day of Second Home's 12th year of operation. We are excited to welcome our new and returning staff members, students and their families for another year of safety, fun, and learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support — prayers, donations, and volunteering. We can only continue this vital mission with the community's help. Let the new year begin!

REMINDERS

BE ALERT!

Second Home and Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care Center have geared up after the summer break. We have approximately **200 children on our campus** Monday - Friday, along with all the pedestrian and car traffic that comes with hosting them.



Please be extra alert and slow down in the parking lot to avoid accidents and injuries. Pedestrians, instead of walking behind cars, please use sidewalks to avoid potential injury.

ATTENTION

MINISTRY/GROUP LEADERS:

**The fall schedule is already filling up.
Be sure to get your requests in early.**

Do not assume space used in the past will be available again without booking it.

BUILDING USE REQUESTS

We joyfully share our campus with many different ministries and groups. We need your help to ensure the space you want to use or a suitable alternative is available. To schedule space, contact Building Use Coordinator Lori Reich **before you plan an event**. Changes to previous requests should also go to Lori.

- **Email** your request to buildinguse@muhlenberglutheran.org
- **Leave a message** via building use voicemail (434-3496).
- **Complete a request form** (located beside the church mailboxes). Return completed forms to the Building Use mailbox.

Requests will be answered as soon as possible.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Contact Pastor Alex Zuber
(434-3496 or zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org)
for more information.

UPPERCLASSMEN, WELCOME BACK! FRESHMEN, WELCOME HOME!

JMU, EMU, and Bridgewater students have all moved in this week and BRCC began classes last Monday! Lutheran Campus Ministry season is upon us! It's an exciting time of year, and a great time for Muhlenberg members to extend a warm welcome to any of the students joining us in worship.

Students interested in joining Lutheran Campus Ministry are invited to contact Pastor Alex (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org) for more information.

LCM @ MLC

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church (MLC), referred to as LCM@MLC, plans to kick off the year **NEXT Sunday, September 1**, with a blessing of all JMU, Bridgewater, EMU, and BRCC students, faculty, and staff at the 10:30 service! We'll have a "Welcome Lunch" for all LCM folks after worship at Mark and Jennie Warner's house.

If you'd like to attend the lunch, contact Sarah Sunde (sundesa@jmu.edu).

If you're interested in providing transportation for students, contact Pastor Alex (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org).

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Contact Christian Formation Minister Diane Bayer
(434-3496 or bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org)
for more information.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:30 AM
Visit the Connection Center for details about Christian Formation Sundays, adult opportunities, and more! See p. 4 for details.

*You are encouraged to pick up a green **Christian Formation brochure** from the Connection Center. It includes information about all our Christian Formation opportunities. We hope you will find one or more that fulfills your needs as we grow together in faith!*

JAMERS

Elementary Youth Group

This youth group is for students in grades 2-5. Please join your friends **Sunday, September 8, 12:15-2:00 p.m. in the MAC** (Muhlenberg Activities Center). We will have lunch together (provided) and play some fun group building games as we get to know each other better. We will also make ice cream sundaes.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church begins **Sunday, September 15** and is held every Sunday in the Nielsen Room (downstairs) for ages 3 – 3rd grade.

- **1st & 3rd Sundays – 11:00**
- **2nd & 4th Sundays – 9:30**

It begins after the Children's Time with the pastors. Leaders take children downstairs for Children's Church. They return to their families in the sanctuary during Sharing of the Peace!



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 at depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org or 434-3496. Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✦ The Board and volunteers of Patchwork Pantry would like to thank Muhlenberg for its faithful monthly donations of money, food and paper products. The mission of the Pantry is to “give a three-day supply of staple foods once a month to City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County residents who are in need.” Muhlenberg has been a partner with the Pantry for many years. So far this year, in addition to food and paper products, Muhlenberg has given \$425 to use to purchase food at a reduced rate from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Your efforts on behalf of Patchwork Pantry are deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Jackie Wells (Board Member)

✦ The Christian Formation Ministry team wants to thank Margie and Bob Miller and their amazing kitchen team: Mildred Lynn, Betty Lawrence, JoAnn Huffman, Doris Sipe and Carol McCormick for cooking the meals for our 5 Intergenerational Sundays. You all are faithful servants, and we thank all of you for giving of your time to provide our wonderful meals. May God continue to bless each of you as you so willingly use your Hands for God’s Work!

DAILY DEVOTIONS

PRAYING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

For individual and family use. Scripture citations taken from ELW’s 3-Year Daily Lectionary, p. 1143 - 1153, (Year C).

Mon. Hebrews 11:1-7
Mon. 1 John 4:1-6
Tues. Acts 7:44-53
Wed. Luke 19:45-48
Thu. Hebrews 12:3-17
Fri. Acts 17:1-9
Sat. Luke 6:1-5
Sun. Luke 14:1, 7-14

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 26 — September 1, 2019

Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
Tue. 6:30 pm Celebration Singers
Wed. 12 noon Holy Communion
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Last Day of Summer Worship Schedule:
8:45 & 10:30 am Holy Communion
Food Pantry, Lay Communion &
Name Tag Sunday

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

Additionally, requests to utilize space in the Gathering Area on Sunday or post information at the Connection Center should be made to Linda as soon as planned, but no later than Thursdays at 8 am.

Check bulletin boards for community information.
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