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September 3, 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

CREATION CARE TREE PLANTING TODAY

At the conclusion of each worship service today, we will process outside for a Tree Planting Liturgy, led by Sister Phyllis Cox (see bio below). As we conclude our Creation Care series, we plant this tree as a visual sign of our commitment to caring for God's creation.

For a complete description of our *Creation Care: Food and Faith* series, see the August 20 issue of *The Chimes* (hard copies are available in the Gathering Area or visit our website).

WELCOME, SISTER PHYLLIS COX!



Sister Phyllis Cox, ELCA Deacon, was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Service in October 2021. She has been active in Synod activities since her

youth, most recently chairing the Tapestry Team, which weaves together the Synod's justice ministry threads. Sister Phyllis was welcomed into the Deaconess Community of the ELCA in 2022 through the Rite of Reception after graduating from Lutheran

Theological Southern Seminary with a master's degree in Christian Ministry in 2021. Her call is Faith Community Outreach Coordinator with Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, a nonprofit organization that addresses justice issues in marginalized communities. She completed the Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith with Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary's Center for Climate Justice and Faith. Her Sacred Action Project was the development of a Tree-Planting Litany to accompany the planting of trees for any VA Synod congregation. We are grateful for her presence with us this morning and her leadership of our tree planting!

For more info on the Virginia Synod Tapestry Team, visit <u>vasynod.org/ministries/tapestry/</u>.

For more information on Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, visit <u>vaipl.org/</u>.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY TODAY

The first Sunday of the month is Fellowship Sunday. Please look for the Fellowship Committee's table in the Gathering Area, and join us for light refreshments between services. Please wear a name tag as you meet and greet others in our faith community!

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

CARING FOR CREATION AT COMMUNION

During our Creation Care series (August 20-September 3), we are sharing bread from Mill Song Bakery here in Harrisonburg. All of Mill Song's breads are naturally leavened; they do not use any commercial yeast in their breads. They also do not buy any flour, but stone mill their own flour on-site weekly, and source their grains from the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The small cups in which we receive our wine are Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI®) Certified Compostable, and are made from a bio-resin made from corn. Each week these cups are transported to a commercial composting facility, where they'll compost within 100 days.

We'd like to continue to make our communion meal ecofriendly and connected to the earth. If you'd like to be part of a rotation of people to bake bread for communion, or if you'd be willing to be part of a team of people who clean and sanitize small glass cups after worship each week, please contact Pastor Lauren (eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org).

FOOD COLLECTION TODAY (9/3)



Today we collect non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry in the Gathering Area. No glass jars please. The Pantry is also in need of paper products (paper

towels, wraps, food storage bags, toilet tissue, etc.), cleansers (dish, laundry, all-purpose), diapers, and all types of personal hygiene products. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Make checks payable to Muhlenberg, noting "Patchwork Pantry" on the memo line.

LAY COMMUNION

Lay Communion Ministers will be blessed and sent forth this morning. They bring communion to homebound members once a month. If you are interested in receiving home communion or serving as a Lay Communion Minister, please contact Pastor Lauren or Linda Morrison.

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY Starts this Wednesday (9/6)

Join Pastor Lauren each Wednesday at 10:30 am for Bible study via ZOOM. This class dives deep into the upcoming Sunday's scripture text. Experience the sweep of God's salvation story over the course of the year by attending each week, or drop in occasionally as your schedule allows. No previous experience in Bible study necessary, just a desire to explore!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556
Or by phone ...DIAL IN – **301-715-8592** and enter Meeting ID / Passcode: **200491556**#

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY Gathering Wednesday (9/6), 6:00 pm

We hope that Muhlenberg will be a place where you will find renewal and a community rooted in God's grace. We hope as well that Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) will be a space in which you can find friendship, support and care as you journey through this season of discernment and new studies.

Our first official LCM gathering of the semester will be **THIS Wednesday**, **Sept. 6**, **6:00 pm** here in the Campus Room (downstairs). For more information, contact Pastor Alex (<u>zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org</u> or 540-309-2414). Welcome back, and have a great semester!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER This Saturday, September 9!!



This Year Marks the 10th Anniversary of "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. On Sunday, September 10,

congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA's 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

One way Muhlenberg will participate in this special milestone is by joining other area churches in the **Rise Against Hunger** event **Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro.** Rise Against Hunger is an international aid program feeding those who are chronically hungry around the world with dehydrated meals of rice, vegetables and other fortified ingredients. Our task that day is to assemble 40,000 meals, pack them, and make them ready to ship out!

For planning purposes, please let Karen Thomsen know if you plan to attend. Carpooling is possible and encouraged so stay tuned for more details. This is a wonderful event that allows us to truly be the "hands and feet" of Christ. You can contact Karen by phone, text, or email (kethomsen25@gmail.com or 540-421-4431).



PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP Saturday, Sept. 9, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join us in the Gathering Area to create a prayer shawl through knitting or crocheting. No experience necessary; we'll teach you! If you desire a prayer shawl to give to someone or have yarn you would like to donate to the group, please contact Jackie Wells (540-434-6283 or jswells62@verizon.net).

FINAL PHOTO SHOOTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY DIRECTORY!

Next Sunday (9/10) & Sunday, Sept. 17

Thank you to all who have updated their information and had their photo taken for our updated Community Directory!



We're holding two final photo shoots for the updated directory **NEXT Sunday**, **Sept. 10 and again Sunday**, **September 17.** You do not need to sign up; please just come and have your photo taken for the directory if you're among the few who have not already done so. We will be set up in the Gathering Area from 8:00 am approx. 12:30 pm.

Thank you for your time and cooperation! If you have any questions, please email Communication Minister Christian Perritt (perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org) or Parish Administrator Linda Depoy (depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or reach either of them at the church office (540-434-3496).

HELLO My name is Today and each first Sunday we ask you to be intentional about wearing a nametag to help others learn your

name. Supplies are in the Gathering Area.

Mark Your Calendar

COMFORT MAKERS Thursday, September 14, 8:00 am

If you can tie a knot, want to help keep your neighbors warm, and have an hour or 3 to spare for others. come ioin us! Starting September 14, we meet every Thursday at 8:00 am in Wayland Hall (downstairs in the church). We work from about 8:00 am-12:00 pm, but we welcome you for any time during those hours. If you haven't tried it, come by and see what we're all about. All are welcome! For more information, contact Linda Morrison (lindamm778@gmail.com or 540-383-5085).

CHURCH PICNIC FALL IN TO FOOD AND FUN! Sunday, Sept. 17, 4:00 pm

Join us for Muhlenberg's annual church picnic Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 pm! Come to Purcell Park, Shelter 2 (by the wooden play structure) for food, fellowship and fun. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided; we'll eat at 5:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and a chair or blanket for seating, as well as any outdoor games you'd like to play. To spread the culinary wealth, we suggest if your last name begins with:

- **A-F**, please bring a salad;
- **G-N**, please bring a side dish;
- **O-Z**, please bring a dessert.

If you have a signature dish, feel free to bring that instead!



MUHLENBERG NEWS

NEW DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM

Knock, knock! Who's there? You are, and you're trying to get into the church! You may have noticed there's a new doorbell system on one of the Gathering Area doors. It's the first step in a new entry system to make our building more secure and easier for people coming to church during the week!

During the week: When you arrive at the church, come to the Gathering Area doors and press the doorbell (instructions are posted on the door). When the call is answered, please identify yourself, and the door will be unlocked remotely so you can enter. Please note that the office is staffed Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you arrive outside of those hours, there's still a good chance someone will be here, but please call before you come to be sure. Please do not use the red doors at the back of the building — for security reasons, these doors are now reserved for Day Care use only.

On Sundays: Our practice for the past few years has been to unlock only the Gathering Area doors for entry on Sunday mornings, allowing for greater security. All doors can be used to exit the building.

If you regularly enter the church (for example, if you are part of the Altar Guild, and need to be able to access the building during off hours to set up) and/or if you currently have a key, we will be assigning PIN numbers to unlock the door via the keypad on the entry system. We plan to rekey all exterior doors at a later phase in the entry system project, so keep an eye on *The Chimes* for more information about how to get a PIN number and turn in your key. Thank you for your undoorstanding as we learn this new system!



"Fall In" Weekend SEPTEMBER 9 - 10!

Saturday, September 9

God's Work. Our Hands. Service Project ~ Rise Against Hunger

Muhlenberg and other area congregations will join together for "Rise Against Hunger" at 10:00 am at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. Our task that day is to assemble 40,000 meals, pack them, and make them ready to ship out! Please let Karen Thomsen (kethomsen25@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend. Carpooling is possible and encouraged. See page 3 for details.

Sunday, September 10 Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am

In our Sunday morning worship, we'll fall in to a sermon series based on the Narrative Lectionary focused on the overall theme of identity. Who am I? Who are we? What happens when we have an identity crisis? And most importantly: Who is God in the midst of these struggles? When we feel like we're falling, or failing, or frenzied, God's Word will call us back to who we are and whose we are.

As we explore this theme together, you're invited to fall in to a rhythm of worship and learning on Sunday mornings, with new classes offered for all ages. Fall in to a new small group through our four- week "Why Groups" in October. Fall in to an activity that allows you to share your gifts, whether that's helping on a property work day, singing in the choir, volunteering at a service project, or joining any of the other opportunities happening this fall.

Faith Formation for all Ages, 9:45 – 10:45 am and Roller Skating Fun at Funky's, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

See pages 5 & 6 for details about Faith Formation classes. Join us for a private roller skating party at Funky's! We'll have the rink all to ourselves 3:00 - 5:00 pm! Skate rentals are covered, and snacks and drinks will be provided. This is open to all families with kids from Pre-K to High School.

Faith Formation on Sundays

Fall In to Faith Formation on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am!

Our main education time happens Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 am for all ages. 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 (available in our Friday email, on our homepage, and at *muhlenberglutheran.org/Fall2023*)

Pre-K to 5th 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. They will learn biblical stories, do activities to put the stories into action, and build strong relationships. Older students will help share the stories with younger students to cultivate a collaborative community.

Middle School Sunday School - *Augsburg Room* - 6th through 8th graders are encouraged to join each week for an in-depth Bible study together on the focus text of the Narrative Lectionary. This class is open to all middle schoolers, and will serve as the foundation of our Confirmation curriculum. Classes will afford our students the opportunity to learn more about important biblical figures, central stories in scripture, and learn with peers about applying the lessons to our daily life.

NEW CLASS! High School Sunday School - Campus Room - 9th through 12th graders are encouraged to join together each week for fellowship, conversation, and learning among friends. You've been confirmed—now what? You have doubts—is that allowed? What does it mean to live out your faith publicly in the world? This class will be one that leaves "Room for Questions" as our youth find space, time, and community in which they can grow and learn together. We hope this class will be youth-led, guided by the questions on their hearts and rooted in a study of scripture together. We trust that together we'll build a safe space for searching!

Confirmation - 1^{st} Sundays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm - 6^{th} through 8^{th} graders are invited to participate in the journey of growth and discernment as they prepare to Affirm their Baptisms. At the conclusion of their 8^{th} grade year, students will have the opportunity to share their faith statements and take on the covenant of baptism for themselves. In preparation for this moment, students will join together weekly for Sunday School, prepare individual reflections on Sunday worship, and serve the community together. Our Confirmation Curriculum is on a three-year rotation of topics including "the Small Catechism," "Lutheran History/Theology," and - the focus of this year - "The Bible." While Biblical study is a part of the entire confirmation process, this year we'll take a closer look at the stories of scripture on Sunday mornings, and then have monthly classes to learn broad themes and the history of the Bible with an eye toward Lutheran theology. This monthly class will happen the 1^{st} Sunday each month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm with dinner provided. Confirmation students and their parents/guardians are expected to attend. The monthly class is also open to anyone in the congregation who would like to learn alongside our confirmands, and continue the lifelong journey of affirming their baptisms! If you are interested in being a part of the Confirmation class and/or helping to provide monthly meals, contact Pastor Alex.

Faith Formation on Sundays (cont'd)

Faith Lens Adult Class - *Kairos Room -* Join in lively conversation focused on the Bible text used in worship that day. Explore the background and context of biblical stories, and consider how they apply to our lives today. *Convener: Jean Helmick*

40-Day Journey Adult Class - *Nielsen Room* - Join a journey that deepens your spiritual life using excerpts from the work of author Madeleine L'Engle. Participants read a brief excerpt, respond to engaging questions, and join together in prayer. Order a copy of the book on our Fall 2023 webpage, or just drop in and check out the class! *Conveners: Mark and Jennie Warner*

NEW CLASS! Civic Life and Faith - September 10-October 15 - Pastor Lauren's Office - The old adage says to never discuss "religion, politics, or sex," but this class will invite you into conversation about two of the three! Disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the ages have had to figure out how to serve God within a political society, and we are no exception. This six-week class will follow the ELCA's study curriculum for a closer look at the intersections of our Civic and Faith lives. See the Newsletter for more information. Convener: Karen Thomsen

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.



To start the semester, we plan to be "The Club That Does Nothing." You heard that right, nothing! Your schedule as a college student is already over saturated, so take this time to just be present, not busy.

Sabbath is a commandment of our God, so doing nothing is sometimes faithful! We'll feed you, we'll talk, we'll pray, but other than that, there are no plans. Just join for a time of laid-back community that cares for each other. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, starting on September 6, in the Campus Ministry Room to joyfully and faithfully do... nothing.

LCM members have access 24/7 to the Campus Room at Muhlenberg to gather, study, eat, and be our community center. For more information, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @LCMatMLC, or contact Pastor Alex Zuber (540-309-2414 or zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org).

Music

Choirs are open to all, even if you haven't participated in the past. If interested, contact Music Minister Wade Meyers for more information (meyers@muhlenberglutheran.org or 540-434-3496).

Adult Choirs (10th Grade and up)

Celebration Singers ~ Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

This ensemble revels in a mix of unison singing and harmonies, and diverse genres. Your love for singing is the only ticket in! Sings at most 8:30 am Sunday services.

Sanctuary Choir ~ Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

A tapestry of melodies, from the Renaissance era to the latest in choral music, awaits you. Prior choral experience is helpful but not mandatory. Sings at 11:00 Sunday services.

Children's Choirs

Cherub Choir ~ Sundays, November 12 – December 17, 12:15 – 12:45 pm

Catering to the spirited voices from ages 4 – grade 2. Guided by Rachel Peters, these cherubs will serenade the congregation on the second Sunday of Advent and the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service. Practice sessions will unfold in the music room.

Youth Choir ~ Sundays, November 12 - December 17, 12:15 - 12:45 pm

For grades 3-9; under the guidance of Music Minister Wade Meyers, this choir is prepping for an enchanting performance on the second Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Join the melodies in the Sanctuary.

Handbell Choir

Gloria Dei Ringers ~ every Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Under the expert hand of Handbell Director Kath Wissinger, the Sanctuary will resonate with the timeless tones of handbells about once per month.



For full details about all our fall events, activities, small groups, and classes, visit...

muhlenberglutheran.org/fall2023

MUHLENBERG NEWS (CONT'D)

NURSERY COORDINATOR POSITION SEARCH

We are continuing our search for our next Nursery Coordinator. With many new families in our community, it is a wonderful opportunity to care for our members and welcome all who enter our doors by having someone on hand each week to care for our youngest members. Our new Nursery Coordinator will support the mission of the congregation by providing a faithful, safe, nurturing, clean and loving environment.

If you or someone you know may be interested in exploring this opportunity, you can find the job description and application instructions by clicking **HERE**. Please lift up our search in your prayers.

PARKING COURTESY

From young families juggling little ones to older members and all those in between, there are many folks whose lives could be made a little easier or safer by parking closer to the church entrances. While we have a few designated handicapped parking spots, at times on Sunday morning those can be full. Let's be hospitable to each other and visitors who might simply be helped by a closer space. If you usually park closer, maybe take a spot a little further back so others who need it may have a safer spot. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

CREATION CARE



Did you know one-third of all food in the United States goes uneaten? The majority of this wasted food ends up in

landfills, combustion facilities, or down the drain to the sewer system. Preventing food from going to waste is one of the easiest and most powerful actions you can take to save money and lower your climate change footprint by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and conserving natural resources. Learn more about how to prevent wasted food at home at https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Our Congregation Council spent the bulk of our August 21 meeting continuing our work with the Constitution Task Force (Cathy Copeland, Brad Moyers, Pastor Lauren Eanes) at making proposed revisions to our out-of-date Constitution. We intend to have revised documents available for review and feedback in October for our first of two congregational meeting votes Sunday, November 19 between services.

**Voting members, please mark your calendars for the Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 19 at 9:45.

(FYI: Per our current Constitution, Voting Members are members by confirmation, transfer or affirmation of faith who attend worship and contribution of record to the congregation. A quorum of at least 50 Voting Members is required for a Congregational Meeting).

Peace be with you,

 $\label{lem:meg} \textit{Meg Wightman, Congregation Council President $$ \underline{\mbox{mlccouncilpres@gmail.com}}$$

FAITH FORMATION

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for teachers to help with the children's Faith Formation hour (9:45 – 10:45) starting September 10. Join our children Pre-K - 2nd and 3rd - 5th grades to play team building games and do activities based on the Narrative Lectionary. **No experience required** — just a willing heart to get to know a great bunch of kids.

Contact Ashley Saunders (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org) if you would like to be on the schedule.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS



Have you always thought that gifts to endowment funds needed to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars? The Muhlenberg Lutheran Church Endowment Committee would

like you to remember that any gift compiled with others can grow funds that far exceed the Muhlenberg's individual donations. endowment funds (The Mission Endowment Fund and the Seminary Scholarship Fund) have nearly doubled in size through sound, professional investments. A small amount doubled is no longer small. Please consider giving to this mission outreach resource during your lifetime through your regular designated offerings or designated memorials. Estate planning and insurance beneficiary assignments are ways to support this mission after you're gone. For information. contact Endowment more Committee Chair Doris Stone (dmstone99@gmail.com or 540-289-5520).

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

PREACHING MINISTER ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

PRESIDING MINISTER ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

CRUCIFERS

8:30 ~ Bill Whitmire

11:00 ~ Cheryl Hoak

LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS

8:30 ~ Mary Elizabeth Skinner

11:00 ~

LECTORS

8:30 ~ Crystl Whitmire

11:00 ~ Brett Tjaden

SOUND TECHS

8:30 ~ Tom Pippert

11:00 ~ Bazil Gibson

USHERS

8:30 ~ Karen Thomsen, Bob Neumann

11:00 ~ Melissa, Henry and Billy Perritt, Alice Wightman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30 ~ Bill & Crystl Whitmire, Pam & Mark Briehl

11:00 ~ Cheryl Hoak, Sue Koch, Brett Tjaden

MUSICIAN ~ Wade Meyers, Music Minister



CELEBRATION CORNER

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 <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u> pages.

THANKS FOR COMING AND IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE TO THE GREAT COMMUNITY PLAY DATE!

Special Thanks to Vicki Heitch, Karen Thomsen, and Ashley Saunders for their work putting together The Great Community Play Date Saturday (8/26). This event brought together Muhlenbergers and our three school partners: Second Home, Harrisonburg/Rockingham Day Care, and Minnick School kids for games, fellowship, food and more! With your generosity, we are gifting these three organizations with much-needed play equipment and supplies. **It's not too late to donate!** Visit the Gathering Area display or our webpage for a list of items still needed and bring them to the Gathering Area **TODAY** (9/3). www.muhlenberglutheran.org/playdate.html



TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent inperson and online viewership:

8/20	8:30 Holy Communion	62
	11:00 Holy Communion	
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers	
	Total Views this Week	
	Hours Viewed this Week	81.0
8/27	8:30 Holy Communion	72
	11:00 Holy Communion	103
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers	

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

In June, gifts & offerings were consistent with last year and expenses trended slightly higher. As we enter into the second half of the fiscal year, I anticipate the deficit will widen unless there is an increase in gifts and offerings. With summer vacations, you may not be physically present, but remember to continue giving to Muhlenberg.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 2023				
	2023 YTD	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	
Gifts & Offerings	\$302,682	\$369,833	\$301,117	
Total Income	\$430,553	\$448,453	\$377,964	
Total Expenses	\$447,976	\$510,678	\$317,724	
Excess Income/(Deficit)	\$(17,423)	\$(62,225)	\$60,240	

Giving in support of our Spending Plan
Giving to Other Designated Funds

Total Giving

\$ 10,668.70
\$ 15,145.00
\$ 25,813.70

July Thrivent Choice Dollars - \$53

To give online, scan here



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 4 - 10, 2023

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

Mon	Labor Day, Church Office Closed		
Tues	1:00 pm	·	
	6:30 pm	Ö	
	-	Gloria Dei Ringers	
	7:30 pm	Mule 'N Burgers w/Cheese Game	
Wed	10:30 am	Bible Study via ZOOM	
	6:00 pm	Lutheran Campus Ministry Gathering	
	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	
Sat	10:00 am	Rise Against Hunger	
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Knitting Circle	
Sun	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
	"Fall In" to Community		
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person	
	9:45 am	Faith Formation in person	
		& via ZOOM	
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person &	
		Livestreamed via Facebook and	
		YouTube	
	3:00 pm	Fun at Funky's Skating	



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

Pete and Tilton Weaver Chris, Danielle, Conor, Owen and Molly Wells Jackie Wells Dan Werner Tim and Katy Wessel

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).