



# The CHIMES

**MUHLENBERG: A WELLSPRING OF GOD'S GRACE**

*Muhlenberg Lutheran Church strives to be a Wellspring of God's Grace in Jesus Christ.*

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**September 6, 2020**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **WHAT'S THE BUZZ**

### **PASTOR ALEX UPDATE**

We shared last Sunday that Pastor Alex was exposed to COVID August 18 and tested positive on August 30. Pastor Alex reports he is beginning to feel better and appreciates the grace of the congregation to allow him time to recuperate. He will return to work as soon as he is able. For details, click [HERE](#).

### **INTRODUCING THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY**

Eugene Peterson notes when we read scripture, we “see our stories in God’s.” **Beginning NEXT Sunday, September 13**, we will participate in God’s story as we follow the Narrative Lectionary in our weekly sermons and engage in study and reflection on these texts.

The Narrative Lectionary is designed to follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The weekly texts have been selected to highlight the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture, while arranged in a narrative sequence to help us see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement. By the time we conclude in May we will have touched on the great stories of scripture and gone more deeply into

their themes and context. You will also be able to make connections from God’s story and the stories of the saints of the faith, to your story!

Congregations of many denominations from all over the world have used the Narrative Lectionary since its development in 2010 at Luther Seminary. Muhlenberg joins a number of local congregations (Park View Mennonite, Trinity Presbyterian, First Church of the Brethren, Community Mennonite, and Shalom Mennonite) who will also use the Narrative Lectionary this year. You can learn more at [narrativelectionary.org](http://narrativelectionary.org).

## **TODAY AT MUHLENBERG**

### **BLESSING OF THE DEVICES**

Often the start of a new school year brings a “Blessing of the Backpacks,” but this year we’ll be doing a “Blessing of the Devices!” Since so many students of all ages and educators will be engaged in virtual/digital learning this fall, our worship service **TODAY** will include a special blessing for them and their devices during the Children’s Message. We invite you to have to have your devices with you as we worship this morning (Chromebooks, iPads, laptops...whatever they’re using to connect with teachers and classmates!).

*See pages 4-8 for a Task Force update and fall activities.*

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### WELCOME BACK TO OUR CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENTS

Lutheran Campus Ministry



Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Classes have begun for our Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) students at JMU, Bridgewater, EMU, and BRCC, with online and in-person options. This is certainly

going to be a weird semester, as we've already seen, but we will embrace the weird in the full confidence that God's grace and love will meet us in this season of uncertainty. Please keep our LCM students, faculty, and staff in your prayers for a safe and healthy semester.

We have an opportunity in worship **TODAY** (*during the Blessing of the Devices*) to surround these students in love and prayer, blessing the school year ahead. If you have questions about LCM, contact Pastor Alex ([zuber@muhleberglutheran.org](mailto:zuber@muhleberglutheran.org)) or follow @LCMatMLC on Instagram!



**WELCOME CHRISTIAN PERRITT**  
**Communication Minister Christian Perritt joins our staff THIS Tuesday, September 8!** He brings a wealth of experience from his 26 years as Creative Director at the Gravity Group. He is excited to use his gifts to help Muhlenberg tell God's story and our story. Christian, his wife Melissa, and their kids Billy and Henry have been Muhlenberg members for 10 years. Christian will be installed during worship next Sunday!

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### RECENT DIGITAL ATTENDANCE

While we aren't meeting in person, we are able to track our online viewership:

- 8/23: 102 Total Live Views**
- 385 Total Views**
- 109.4 Hours of Content Viewed**
- 8/30: 102 Total Live Views**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 2020			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$358,288	\$468,438	\$394,194
Total Receipts*	\$432,960	\$528,048	\$448,659
Expenses	\$451,756	\$572,118	\$486,101
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$18,796)</b>	<b>(\$40,070)</b>	<b>(\$37,442)</b>

\* Includes \$12,331.53 – federal PPP proceeds

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 31,025.75
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,349.77
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 34,375.52</b>

To give online, scan here →



Muhlenberg is not suspending its ministry through this unprecedented time, and we ask you not to suspend your financial contributions either. We are committed to maintaining our ministries, even if they are in a different form for now. We also want to be able to continue to support the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

You can make a one-time or recurring donation through the [donation page](#) on our website, or mail your check to the church: 281 E. Market Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

## TODAY AT MUHLENBERG (CONT'D)

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join your Muhlenberg friends and family for education and fellowship via [ZOOM](#) each **Sunday from 9:00 – 11:00** using this link:

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

- **Sunday School** ~ All are welcome to join.
  - **9:00:** Faith Lens
  - **10:15:** Kids Story Time
- **Pastoral Care** ~ If you would like a private word with one of the Pastors, we will provide a private breakout room for you and the pastor “on call.”
- **Small Group Fellowship** ~ Want to catch up with a small group of friends? We have private breakout rooms for that!

If you don't have a reliable internet connection, call in on Sundays at 1-301-715-8592 and enter the Meeting ID: 84731416878.

Livestreamed worship at 11:00 am on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) continues.

## WELLSTREAM PHONE

Are you missing out on worship because you don't have an internet connection? We want all members to have the opportunity to “participate” in worship and hear The Word. *Wellstream Phone* is a service that works from your home or cell phone — no internet required. Simply call the number below and select an option. Information will be available by 11 am each Sunday. Contact Linda Depoy (434-3496) with any questions.

**Wellstream Phone Number:**  
**1-434-205-8777**

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Our next session begins **THIS Wednesday, September 9, 10:30 am**. Participants will study the Narrative Lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday, including a deep dive into the text, information about the context, and connections between God's story and our stories. We'll also have a lot of fun and get to know each other better! All are welcome to join via [Zoom](#) using the following link:

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

Note: Please be sure the name listed on your Zoom account is identifiable. If it simply says “iPad” or a random list of numbers, you will not be admitted into the meeting because we are trying to prevent “Zoom bombers” from entering the space.

### WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE

We will have a brief prayer service on [Facebook](#). Tune in live or watch later.

### FALL KICK OFF

Load up in your car for a physically distant worship and fellowship experience to kick off the new program year at Muhlenberg!

- **Worship:** parking lot worship at 4:00 pm
- **Service:** Bring non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry
- **Learning:** Families can pick up Christian Formation class materials for their kids so they can participate online this fall
- **Devotions:** Pick up a daily devotional booklet to use at home. Also, you can borrow an ELW hymnal and/or a Bible to have for the fall for personal use. You will be notified when they must be returned to the church.



## **TASK FORCE UPDATE**

*From the Gathering Together Task Force:*

*Thanks to all who responded to the survey about Muhlenberg's fall ministries! The overwhelming response was a desire for Muhlenberg to maintain and expand our digital ministries, and not rush to in-person events. However, some did express a desire for increased in-person opportunities. And the biggest takeaway was that almost everyone is greatly missing the sacrament of communion.*

*After reviewing the survey, current COVID trends in Harrisonburg, our congregation's mission and vision, and input from staff and Congregation Council, the Task Force is recommending an expansion of worship opportunities and at-home devotional resources, while maintaining our current guidelines for use of the building and parking lot. A new 8:30 am Sunday worship service will take place via Zoom, and will include communion. The second Sunday of each month, an afternoon "Parking Lot Worship" will occur at 4:00 pm, also with communion, and as the name suggests, this will be in-person in our church parking lot. Our 11:00 am YouTube/Facebook Service of the Word worship will continue in its current format, with full liturgy, music, and sermon.*

*There are also many creative new opportunities for Christian Formation, Music, Fellowship, and Service being developed, and a full description of these events has been sent to every member household. Additionally, highlights of these opportunities are included on the next few pages. As always, if you have any questions or feedback for the Task Force, don't hesitate to contact any of the team members.*

*In Christ,*

*Neil Alexander*

*Erin Burke*

*Pastor Lauren Eanes*

*Cynthia Page*

*Kevin Stees*

*Crystl Whitmire*

*Greta Willis*

*Pastor Alex Zuber*

## FALL AT MUHLENBERG

*Staff is busy planning for fall at Muhlenberg. These pages will provide an overview of what to expect in worship, music, education, and more. Details were mailed to member households this week. Watch The Chimes for more information as plans develop.*

## WORSHIP

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Join your Muhlenberg friends and family for education and fellowship via [Zoom](#)\* each Sunday from 8:30 – 11:00 using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731416878>. Here's what Sunday mornings at Muhlenberg will look like beginning September 13:

- 8:30 – 9:00** Communion Service via Zoom
- 9:00 – 11:00** “Coffee Hour” Fellowship
- 9:30 – 10:00** Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class
- 9:30 – 10:00** 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- 9:30 – 10:30** Adult Faith Lens Class
- 9:30 – 10:30** Adult 40-Day Journey Class
- 10:15– 10:30** Pre-K Story Time
- 11:00** Worship on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and Wellstream Phone

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### ADDITIONAL WORSHIP, EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

#### First Sundays ~ 4:00 pm

Each first Sunday we will have a special worship, music, or education event:

- October 4** Blessing of the Animals, parking lot
- November 1** All Saints' Concert, in-person and live-streaming options
- December 6** Advent-ure Sunday, parking lot

#### Second Sundays ~ Parking Lot Worship, 4:00 pm

Each second Sunday we will have worship in the parking lot:

- September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13**

#### Wednesdays ~ Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm, livestreamed

We are excited to launch Holden Evening Prayer beginning September 16. This beautiful service will be led from the sanctuary by Linlin Uta, our Music Ministry Accompanist, and a rotating slate of singers, including the pastors.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Music Minister [Elizabeth Williams](#) for more information.

## ADULT CHOIRS

Meet via ZOOM every other week starting September 15.

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

September 15 & 29    October 13 & 27    November 10 & 24

### Sanctuary Choir ~ Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

September 16 & 30    October 14 & 28    November 11 & 18\*

\* two weeks in a row due to Thanksgiving

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: RESTRUCTURED AND NEW

Meet via ZOOM Tuesdays beginning September 15.

### Children's Choir ~ 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Cherub Choir and SonShine Singers will be combined into one choir for ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Miss Rachel will lead the group; if interested, contact her ([rgpeters@gmail.com](mailto:rgpeters@gmail.com) or 570-975-5457) by September 8.

### Tweens and Teens ~ 5:00 – 5:30 pm

A new choir for grades 6 - 8, led by Miss Elizabeth. If interested, contact her by Sept. 8.

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## HANDBELL CHOIR

### Gloria Dei Ringers ~ Tuesdays, 7:00 pm beginning September 8

Resume weekly outdoor rehearsal (weather permitting) at the home of Handbell Director Kath Wissinger. Contact her ([longwalk3@aol.com](mailto:longwalk3@aol.com) or 289-6973) for more information.



*Choirs are open to all, even if you haven't participated in the past.*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Classes are open to all. Contact Christian Formation Minister [Diane Bayer](#) for more information.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13 VIA ZOOM

### **Pre-K Story Time ~ 10:15 – 10:30**

Preschoolers will hear a Bible Story with Miss Sam Lewellen.

### **Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class ~ 9:30 – 10:00**

Children hear stories that follow the Narrative Lectionary. Join Miss Diane and Miss Kathy to hear and discuss a Bible story, perhaps play a virtual Bible game, and close with a prayer.

### **4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class ~ 9:30 – 10:00**

Children join Miss Holly to read and learn about Martin Luther using the graphic novel “Papa Luther” and a social distancing gathering to view the movie “Martin Luther.”

### **40-Day Journey Adult Class ~ 9:30 – 10:30**

An interactive class for adults of all ages where participants read and discuss Christian literature. Facilitators: Mark and Jennie Warner.

### **Faith Lens Adult Class ~ 9:30 – 10:30**

Participants read the Narrative Lectionary text for the day and discuss how we can live out and apply its message to our lives. Facilitator: Jean Helmick.

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## ADDITIONAL FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group and Bible Study**

Youth group and Bible study combined, 1:00-3:00 pm at Hillandale Park, led by Pastor Lauren and Karen Thomsen on the following dates: September 20, October 4 & 18, November 8 & 22, December 6.

### **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group and Bible Study**

Meets twice monthly. *Leaders are working on plans for the fall. Stay tuned for details.*

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study ~ 10:30 – 11:30**

Adult Bible study based on Narrative Lectionary; meets via [ZOOM](#), led by Pastor Lauren.

### **Pastors’ Book Club ~ Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**

Meets via [ZOOM](#) to discuss the book of the month:

September 23 *Raising a Rare Girl* by Heather Lanier

October 21 *Holy Chaos: Creating Connections in Divisive Times* by Amanda Henderson

November 18 *For All Who Hunger: Searching for Communion in a Shattered World* by Emily M.D. Scott

December 16 *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can be Made Right* by Lisa Sharon Harper

## **SPECIAL EVENTS & OFFERINGS**

*You'll want to mark your calendar so you don't miss these special events and offerings.*

### **September 13 ~ Fall Kick Off, 4:00 pm, parking lot**

Load up in your car for a physically distant worship and fellowship experience to kick off the new program year at Muhlenberg!

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- **Service:** Bring non-perishable food items for Patchwork Pantry
- **Learning:** Families can pick up Christian Formation class materials for their kids so they can participate online
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### **September 19 ~ Property Work Day**

### **September 27 ~ New Member Class, 1:00 – 3:00 pm via Zoom**

### **Date tbd ~ Diamond Jubilee**

### **October 4 ~ Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 pm, parking lot**

### **November 1 ~ All Saints' Concert, 4:00 pm, in-person & livestreaming options**

### **November ~ Congregational Meeting via Zoom, date and time tbd**

### **December 6 ~ Advent-ure Sunday, 4:00 pm, parking lot**

## **REPEATING MONTHLY EVENTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sundays ~ Special Event, 4:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mondays ~ Eldercare Support Group via [Zoom](#), 7:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays ~ Parking Lot Worship, 4:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays ~ Ministries Night via [Zoom](#), 7:00 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ~ Congregation Council Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm**

## **OTHER OFFERINGS**

### **Daily Devotions**

Devotions through the fall will correspond to our Sunday Narrative Lectionary texts. They are available on our website and through Muhlenberg's Daily Devotions Facebook group. Paper copies will be available at Fall Kickoff (9/13), or contact the church office anytime.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### PASTORS' BOOK CLUB

September's Pastors' Book Club selection is *Raising a Rare Girl* by Heather Lanier. This memoir about raising a child with a rare syndrome raises questions about what it means to be human, the deepest challenges of parenting, and society's attitudes toward disabilities.

The book is available at online retailers like Amazon and bookshop.org. Since it just came out, it is a little pricier than books we've done in the past. If you'd like to borrow a copy from the church to read, please contact Pastor Lauren and we'll do our best to get you one.

Join the conversation via [Zoom](#)

**Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 pm:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81394502762>

*Note: Just because we call this a book "club" doesn't mean there are any "membership" requirements! A different group gathers each month based on who is interested in the book. So feel free to jump right in, even if you've never attended before!*

## SECOND HOME NEWS

### LEADERSHIP NEEDED

 Second Home needs Board Members, teachers, and volunteers. Do you have some time to invest each week? For more information, contact Second Home's office staff ([secondhomeharrisonburg@gmail.com](mailto:secondhomeharrisonburg@gmail.com) or 432-7989).

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### CREATION CARE TIP

Contact Ramona Sanders (433-1165 or [rsanders97@verizon.net](mailto:rsanders97@verizon.net)) for more info.



There are still many reasons to be optimistic about a just, sustainable, clean energy future, and **we will share nine of Climate Reality's favorites** over the coming weeks.

**1. Coal is Burning Out, and Oil and Gas Aren't Far Behind** - The rapid decline of coal and the impending fall of oil and natural gas, which will do much more than just reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The fall in fossil fuels will also make our communities cleaner and safer and reduce susceptibility to respiratory illnesses like COVID-19.

**2. Renewables are the New Cool** - How are we replacing all that lost energy production from fossil fuels? With cheap, clean, renewable energy sources! In the last decade, as clean energy technology has grown vastly more efficient and productive, utility providers and businesses around the globe have jumped on board the renewables bandwagon for the most reliable of reasons – renewable sources of energy are just more cost effective. Solar is now cost competitive with fossil fuel energy, even without government subsidies.

**3. Efficiency is Everything** - To reduce GHG emissions quickly enough to avoid the worst effects of the climate crisis, we still need to use less energy. The International Renewable Energy Agency ([IRENA](#)) has estimated that in 2018 about \$240 billion was invested in energy efficiency projects across the building, transport, and industry sectors. IRENA also estimates that with ambitious government climate action, energy efficiency could account for more than 21.3 million jobs by 2050.

## VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

### ZOOM WEBINAR WITH THE REV. LENNY DUNCAN



**WHAT NOW?  
DISCUSSING THE SIN  
OF RACISM AND  
DISMANTLING  
SYSTEMIC RACISM.**

A ZOOM WEBINAR WITH  
VISITING THEOLOGIAN  
THE REV. LENNY DUNCAN

September 12, 2020 at 7 PM

Luther Memorial, Blacksburg invites Virginia Synod congregations to attend a Visiting Theologian Zoom Webinar with The Rev. Lenny Duncan entitled, “What Now? Discussing the Sin of Racism and Dismantling Systemic Racism.” This free webinar includes a moderated Q&A session, and will take place **Saturday, September 12, 7:00 pm.** Rev. Duncan is the author of [“Dear Church: A Love Letter to the Whitest Denomination in America.”](#) To register for the upcoming webinar, click [HERE](#).

## ELCA NEWS

### ELCA ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE

As church we are called to confess the sin of racism, condemn the ideology of white supremacy and strive for racial justice and peace. Beyond statements and prayers, we are also called to act and respond to injustices. We invite you to commit to anti-racist actions at [ELCA.org/RacialJusticePledge](https://www.elca.org/RacialJusticePledge).

### THE FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN

You are invited to study and reflect on Martin Luther’s treatise “The Freedom of a Christian” in 2020, its 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The treatise invites us to hear, share and experience the Lutheran witness of the Christian faith as it relates to God’s narrative of freedom in Christ. This initiative extends our engagement in the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Learn more at [ELCA500.org](https://www.elca500.org).

### LIVING LUTHERAN ON INSTAGRAM

Did you know *Living Lutheran* now has an Instagram page? Follow it at [@livinglutheran](#) for exclusive content and more ways to access the stories of the ELCA.

### ENTERING THE CHURCH

Staff continues to work mainly from home. **All doors are locked at all times.** To keep everyone safe, **we ask that congregation members refrain from coming to the church building unless necessary. If you need to be in the building, use the Gathering Area doors to enter and exit (NOT the back red doors which Day Care uses).** We suggest you wear a mask as much as possible. If you have something to drop off, arrange with a staff person to receive it ahead of time. Thank you!

### PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex are available for phone conversations, email, and video meetings, and in-person meetings as needed. Simply email or call the church office — they’ll be happy to hear from you!

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Chair *Emily Wicht Carneal*  
([emilywicht@gmail.com](mailto:emilywicht@gmail.com) / 421-1994)  
for more information.

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

*Local & Global Mission invites you to join us in prayer for brothers and sisters living both locally and globally that are suffering from injustice. Each month we will highlight a group in need of our prayers and support. We invite you to click on the links we provide to do more reading on your own. Each of us is called by Christ to love our neighbor!*

#### September Focus: Gemeinschaft Home



Gemeinschaft Home

Gemeinschaft Home is a live-in community in Harrisonburg where nonviolent offenders can transition from prison back into society while being offered support, education and

respect. Rooted in values such as mutual self-help, peers as role models, and work as therapy, it offers them a chance to learn and breathe, gaining the tools needed for productive living. Places like this have helped Virginia maintain the lowest recidivism rate in the country. Read more about Gemeinschaft and the valuable work they are doing by clicking this link:

<https://www.gemeinschafthome.org>

#### What can we do?

- Uplift in prayer those in transition, that they open doors to a better life.
- Consider donating. In honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they are having a fundraising campaign. Some of their projects include a residential women's program, a licensed counselor, and needed repairs.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Laura hit Louisiana and parts of Texas with devastating force, causing multiple deaths, major damage and leaving hundreds of thousands without power. With extremely dangerous storm surge and winds of at least 150 mph, it's one of the most powerful storms to hit the area in a century, and it left widespread destruction in its wake. Given the complexities caused by COVID-19, sheltering those impacted will be a challenge.

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. 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 Hurricane Response and send to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.
- **Offering:** 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.

## REMINDERS

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 your information is updated with the church. *Contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy* ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

### COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBERS WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS

Members of the congregation who cannot read *The Chimes* online can request a copy be mailed to them weekly.

If you are interested, or know a member who is, contact *Parish Administrator Linda Depoy* ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

### CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Miss Diane and Miss Kathy invite children to join Story Time **Sunday mornings at 10:15** via [Zoom](#). We will hear a Bible story and visit with our church friends. See p. 3 for sign in instructions.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 7-13

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

**Mon. Labor Day — Staff Holiday**

**Wed. 12 noon Service Livestreamed on [Facebook](#)**

**Sun. [Sunday AM Zoom link](#)**

**8:30 am Communion Service**

**9:00 am “Coffee Hour” begins**

**9:30 am K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class**

**9:30 am 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

**9:30 am Faith Lens Class**

**9:30 am 40-Day Journey Class**

**10:15 am Pre-K Story Time**

**11:00 am Service Livestreamed**

via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

**4:00 am Fall Kick Off, parking lot**

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 Parish Administrator Linda Depoy:*

[depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496)

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## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

We hope you have a safe, happy Labor Day.

