



# The CHIMES

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

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

*Open † Authentic † Relational † Serving*

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**September 29, 2019**

## MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

### WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

#### WHERE'S THE OTHER PASTOR?

If you attend worship at 9:30, you may have noticed that lately, there's only been one pastor there. During the Christian Formation (Sunday School) hour, Pastor Lauren teaches middle school confirmation every other week, while Pastor Alex works with the senior high youth on the alternating weeks. You'll see them both in worship at 9:30 on festival days, such as All Saints' Sunday. Otherwise, know that the "missing" pastor is hard at work sharing the faith with our youth during that hour.

~"What's the Buzz?" continued on p. 2~

### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Today is a festival day of the church, with special readings and changing the color of the paraments to white. Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and today we reflect on how we are all messengers of God's good news in Jesus Christ.



#### ISEYDA SERAYA ALI Baptized, A New Child of God

Welcome Iseyda, son of Seraya and Madenu Osman, into the Body of Christ and the Muhlenberg family at the 11:00 service this morning! Iseyda's sponsors are Yrsef Egu and Mariely Cardona. Welcome to the Lord's family, Iseyda!



BAPTIZED  
UNTO THE  
LORD

#### 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](http://muhlenberglutheran.org).



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ? (CONT'D)

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved the date for the upcoming Congregational meeting – November 17.
- We also appointed John Mulder to serve with Dennis Baugh, Stefanie Eye and Pastor Lauren on the Nominating Committee.
- We appointed three council members to serve on the subcommittee to review mission projects from the endowment fund.
- Pastor John Wertz from the Virginia Synod met with Council. He is an assistant to the Bishop and serves as Director of Evangelical Mission. His role includes providing support and resources for congregations and the leaders. Pastor John expressed his appreciation to Muhlenberg in our service to the community and the Virginia Synod.
- Approved August minutes are available at the Connection Center.

### A WELLSPRING SENDING

Our “Dismissal” from worship has changed to say, “We have been renewed at the Wellspring of God’s Grace! Now, go in peace! We go to be: Open ✠ Authentic ✠ Relational ✠ Serving, Thanks be to God!”

At Muhlenberg, we live out our baptismal vocation by striving to be “A Wellspring of God’s Grace,” a source of life and hope for our community and neighbors in need. This new dismissal is a way to reaffirm our mission and be reminded that if we are to be a wellspring of grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal—the means of grace God has given to us.

This repetition of our core values is a way of taking our mission to heart. As we recite this mission, we pray that these words don’t just stay words, but become a way of life!

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	84	Wed. Noon	17
9:30 Worship	112		
11:00 Worship	<u>177</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>		

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Through August 2019			
	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Last Year
Gifts & Offerings	\$443,246	\$529,440	\$450,902
Total Receipts	\$517,220	\$607,307	\$522,084
Expenses	\$565,839	\$670,551	\$557,501
<b>Excess Income/ (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$48,619)</b>	<b>(\$63,244)</b>	<b>(\$35,417)</b>

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 16,554.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,316.36
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 21,130.36</b>

See Connection Center notebook for details.

To give online, scan here →



### PROCEDURE FOR CONTACTING OUR PASTORS

Email our pastors anytime:

[eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org)

[zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto: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.

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

A seven-week series about how Lutherans interpret the Bible. **Wednesdays, 10:30 am** in the Nielsen Room through October 30. *Contact Pastor Lauren for details.*

### GO-GO GROUP (55+)

Are you 55 or older and enjoy fellowship with others? Join us for lunch **THIS Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 pm at Vinnie's**. *Contact Dan Werner (433-3912) for details.*

### COMFORT MAKERS FALL ACTIVITY

**Thursdays in October, 8:00 am – 12 noon** in Wayland Hall. Join us regardless of sewing ability. *For details, contact Margie Miller ([romar57@comcast.net](mailto:romar57@comcast.net) or 820-3995) or Linda Morrison ([glenm778@comcast.net](mailto:glenm778@comcast.net) or 383-5085).*

### FALL FEST AT CAROLINE FURNACE

*Come spend time with us in God's creation!*



**THIS Saturday, October 5**

JAMers (elementary youth group), their families and all Muhlenberg members are invited to Fall Fest at Camp

Caroline Furnace. It begins with a bluegrass worship at 11:00 am. Then we'll have lunch, make s'mores, create fall crafts, and go on a hike. All are welcome!

**JAMers will meet at church at 9:45 and return at 4:00. Parents, please let Diane know if you and your family will attend so we can coordinate driving.** Others interested may also carpool from church. *RSVP to Diane Bayer ([bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496) or visit [CarolineFurnace.org](http://CarolineFurnace.org) for more information.*

### DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCH

**For our members 75+ years old**

**NEXT Sunday, October 6 at 12:15** in the MAC. Postcard invitations have been mailed. If you didn't receive one, contact the church office to be sure we have your birth date. *To RSVP or for more information, contact Sandy Randolph ([cerprek@gmail.com](mailto:cerprek@gmail.com) or 828-2033).*

### FALL GATHERING

Join women of the Southern Valley Conference for worship, fellowship, and celebration as we come together for our annual Fall Gathering **Sunday, October 6, 2:00 pm** at Grace Lutheran Church, Waynesboro. The program will be "Enjoying God's Gifts of Nature — Blue Ridge Parkway." *For details, visit the Connection Center or contact Lola Heffner ([lolaheffner@comcast.net](mailto:lolaheffner@comcast.net) or 540-255-2066).*

### FOOD COLLECTION REMINDER

**NEXT Sunday, October 6** in the Gathering Area, we collect non-perishable food **for the Salvation Army**. No glass jars please. Thank you for your support.

### CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICE

Muhlenberg's Sanctuary Choir is going on tour, and you don't want to miss it! Our Sanctuary Choir will be featured as the Guest Choir for the upcoming Choral Evensong Service **NEXT Sunday, October 6, 5:00 pm** at Emmanuel Episcopal, Harrisonburg.

This 45-minute service offers an opportunity for prayer, singing of hymns, chanting of the Psalms, and listening to beautiful choral music. We hope you will plan to attend and experience this 500-year-old tradition of Choral Evensong (Evening Prayer), as well as supporting your fellow singing choir members here at Muhlenberg.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **Tuesday, October 8, 1:30 pm** in the Kairos Room. The program is from *Gather* magazine. For details, contact Marilyn Jarrells ([marilynnjarrells@gmail.com](mailto:marilynnjarrells@gmail.com) or 246-5753).

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the church library or members' homes. We are currently studying the book *The Rapture Exposed* and have several extra books. All women are welcome! *If interested, contact Linda Morrison* ([glenm778@comcast.net](mailto:glenm778@comcast.net) or 383-5085) to confirm the next meeting location.

### RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meets **Monday, October 7, 6:30 pm** in the Augsburg Room. The study will be from the July/August *Gather* magazine, *Session two, For just such a time as this*, covering Esther chapters 4 - 8. All women are invited to participate in a lively Bible discussion on the book of Esther. Come and bring a friend. For more information, contact Louise Johnson ([gfriend07@verizon.net](mailto:gfriend07@verizon.net) or 433-1047).

Please pick up your *Gather* magazine from the box outside Diane Bayer's office in the administrative hallway.

### DID YOU MISS WORSHIP?

If you miss worship one Sunday, you may feel a bit out of the loop. Extra copies of *The Chimes*, worship booklets, and sermons (when available) can be picked up from the credenza in the administrative hallway. Stop by and catch up on what you've missed. You can also find *The Chimes* and sermons on our website, [muhlenberglutheran.org](http://muhlenberglutheran.org).

## SECOND HOME FOOD COLLECTION

Without Second Home, many young children in the neighborhood would go to an empty house after school. With their parents working, the children would be on their own to feed themselves a healthy snack and do homework.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month, we ask you to donate specific items to help provide snacks



for Second Home students.

**Sunday, October 20**, we ask you to donate *peanut butter and grape/strawberry jelly*.

Place donations in the designated bin in the Gathering Area. If you wish to help and prefer to make a cash donation, designate "Second Home food" on the memo line of your check and envelope.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### CREATION CARE TIP

*Creation Care offers a simple tip that will help you protect God's earth. Contact Ramona Sanders for more information: 433-1165 or [rsanders9@verizon.net](mailto:rsanders9@verizon.net).*

One of the easiest ways to keep plastic out of the landfill is to refuse plastic straws. Simply inform your waiter or waitress that you don't need one, and make sure to specify this when ordering at a drive-thru. Purchase a reusable stainless steel or glass drinking straw.



## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

Contact Local & Global Mission Chair  
Karen Matthias ([kfmatthias@gmail.com](mailto:kfmatthias@gmail.com) or 434-4625)  
for more information.

Thanks to all who have shared time, talent, and resources to care for God's people in need over the past few months! We recently received thank you notes from the following:

- **Bridge of Hope** for our \$600 donation around Mother's Day.
- **ELCA World Hunger** for our most recent donation of \$1,400. A hand written note was included: *"Thank you dear people of Muhlenberg Lutheran for loving your neighbor in word and deed!"*
- **Orphan Grain Train** for our donation of \$2,238.71

### AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

- **Second Home** received school supplies sufficient to equip students/teachers for a great start! In addition, nearly \$700 was contributed to assist with purchasing much needed office equipment.
- **People Helping People** received \$1,100, \$400 of which was designated to help clients obtain IDs from the DMV.

### MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

**Priority Deadline for Applications is THIS Monday, September 30!** In partnership with CICRIN (Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center, Ometepe Island, Nicaragua), Pastor Mark and Tami Radecke invite you to consider joining them on a mission trip February 14-22, 2020. To date, eight people have registered. *Details are available at the Connection Center.*

### OPEN DOORS: SAVE THE DATE!

Muhlenberg will host Open Doors at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in February 2020. Open Doors provides shelter from November - March for anyone over the age of 18 who is experiencing homelessness in our community. Thirty faith communities participate in hosting the shelter that is located in churches in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County area. The shelter moves weekly to a new location.

From Monday, 2/3 - Monday, 2/10, volunteers from Muhlenberg will be needed to provide dinners, snacks, breakfasts, and overnight oversight. Open Doors provides a sense of community, fellowship and connection to those in our community who are often forgotten, ignored and overlooked.

More information will follow about volunteer opportunities! If your small group, Bible study or class would like to prepare the meal for an evening or if you can volunteer to serve, *please contact Susan Lawrence ([lawrensj@comcast.net](mailto:lawrensj@comcast.net) or 540-908-0073) or Emily Wicht Carneal ([emily.wicht@gmail.com](mailto:emily.wicht@gmail.com) or 202-805-3683).*

### DONATE ANYTIME

Muhlenberg members can donate to many organizations (People Helping People, ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Response, etc.) and Muhlenberg funds (e.g. Second Home, Clothing Fund) via the offering plate at any time. The complete list is available at the Connection Center. Designate the name of the organization or fund on your check and envelope.

Please do not feel overwhelmed by the number of ways to help those in need. **If you wish to participate, choose the organization that touches your heart**, knowing that others will be drawn to help with different needs.

## REMINDERS

### MAKING VAN RESERVATIONS

If your ministry group is interested in using the van, please follow these steps:

1. Check van availability by emailing [vanuse@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:vanuse@muhlenberglutheran.org) or calling Linda Depoy at 434-3496 when your trip is in its planning stages.
2. Make certain your group has an approved and trained driver, which requires the following:
  - a. Approval by our insurance carrier. Interested individuals need to complete an application by contacting Linda Depoy [434-3496] or Jim Doyle [421-8070]. Return completed application to Linda Depoy. (Approval generally takes a minimum of 10 working days.)
  - b. Vehicle orientation and test drive with Muhlenberg's Vehicle Coordinator. Once approved by our insurance carrier, the Vehicle Coordinator will contact the driver for a vehicle orientation and test drive. The Vehicle Coordinator will also review all necessary driver information and arrange to issue a key prior to the trip.  
  
Note: We have some approved, trained drivers that may be available if your group needs a driver.
3. Be sure you make contact with the Vehicle Coordinator several days before your trip to make or confirm arrangements for you to receive the key and any last minute instructions.

If you have any questions, *please contact Vehicle Coordinator Jim Doyle at 421-8070 or Parish Administrator Linda Depoy at 434-3496.*

### COMMUNION IN THE PEWS

For those who wish to receive Holy Communion and are unable to come forward, communion is served in the pews – please let an usher know. In addition to bread and wine, **white grape juice and gluten-free bread** are also available. Please indicate your preference for juice to the Lay Assisting Minister and take gluten-free bread from the small container beside the wheat communion bread.

### LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY

This wonderful ministry equips members to bring Holy Communion to our homebound and sick members who wish to be included in a monthly extension of our Sunday morning worship. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving home communion (even if it's on a temporary basis), *contact Paula Caldwell* ([paulafaye417@gmail.com](mailto:paulafaye417@gmail.com) or 383-6365).

### COMMUNICATING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Members of the congregation who are homebound and 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).

### USE OF PHOTOS

As we enhance our communication (website, monitors, brochures, etc.), we will include photos and videos of congregational life. **If you prefer not to have your image (or your child's image) included, please contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy** ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

For more info, contact Pastor Alex Zuber  
(434-3496 or [zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### LCM @ MLC

Lutheran Campus Ministry at  
Muhlenberg Lutheran Church



### JMU

- **LCM Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm** at the Student Success Center on campus.
- **Lutherans Who Lunch:** Open to all JMU students, faculty and staff! Watch *The Chimes* for future dates.

### Bridgewater and EMU

Pastor Alex is gathering students, faculty and staff on both campuses to talk about a good time for regular meetings on campus. If interested, contact Pastor Alex.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

For more info, contact Clay Arthur  
(434-3496 or [clay@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:clay@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

Meets at 9:30 in Room 218 in the administrative hallway (Mycah's former office).

## CONFIRMATION

For more info, contact Pastor Lauren Eanes  
(434-3496 or [eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

### SUNDAY MORNING CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes are geared towards preparing young people to affirm their faith. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students meet in the MAC, Room 210. This year, they will study the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students meet in Pastor Lauren's office for a Bible study connecting faith and everyday life.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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

### SHARING GOD'S WORD

Christian Formation classes begin **Sundays at 9:30** in designated locations. Children should be picked up immediately following the 9:30 liturgy.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is held every Sunday in the Nielsen Room (downstairs) for ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

- **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – 11:00**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



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 in faith together!

### JAMERS (ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP)

See Camp event details, p. 3.



### CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

Special *busy bags* for children are available from ushers.

## JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

This is the space for sharing joys, thanks, and concerns of our congregation, our synod, and the wider church. Please lift these up as a part of your daily prayers. To share joy, thanks, or concern (e.g. birth, illness, injury, or death of an immediate family member; thank-you and congratulatory notes, etc.) contact Parish Administrator Linda Depoy 434-3496 or ([depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoy@muhlenberglutheran.org)). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✚ What an honor for our own Roger Bergey! The Harrisonburg High School basketball court was named after him to honor his legacy as HHS coach.



✚ Maren Corliss, former Campus Ministry student, is serving in Hungary this year as a member of the YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) program of the ELCA. If you would like to learn more about Maren's work, visit the Connection Center for a copy of her September newsletter.



ELCA Young Adults  
in Global Mission

## 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.** Acts 4:1-12      **Thu.** 2 Cor. 8:8-15  
**Tue.** 1 Cor. 9:19-23      **Fri.** Eph. 2:1-10  
**Wed.** Luke 20:45-21:4      **Sat.** Luke 9:43b-48  
**Sunday:** Luke 17:5-10

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### September 30—October 6

<b>Tue.</b>	<b>4:45 pm</b>	<b>SonShine Singers</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Cherub Choir</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Celebration Singers</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Gloria Dei Ringers</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Wed. AM Bible Study</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Go-Go Group Lunch</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary Choir</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Comfort Makers</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Fall Fest – Camp Caroline Furnace Meeting</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am Holy Communion</b>	
	<b>Food Pantry, Lay Communion &amp; Name Badge Sunday</b>	
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Christian Formation</b>
	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Diamond Jubilee</b>
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong Service</b>

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](mailto: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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