



The CHIMES

175 Years

MUHLENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

Equipping All People to Live Out Christ's Love

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September 29, 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members today during both worship services! Please see next week's issue of *The Chimes* for photos and information about the newest members of the Muhlenberg community. Today, simply introduce yourself over a slice of cake in the Gathering Area!

ACTION SUNDAY

TODAY (9/29)

Join us for another Action Sunday! In the Gathering Area, you and your family will have an opportunity before, between, or after services to help assemble "Welcome Baby" bags for gifting when a family in the congregation welcomes a new baby. These bags are full of items that will help families as they transition to living with a new little one. Everything is provided through a **Thrivent Action Grant***. We just need your hands and feet to assemble the kits. Join us today to share some love — it's Action Sunday!

**see page 7 for more info about Action Grants.*

PIANO AND ORGAN RECITAL

TODAY (9/29), 2:00 pm

Muhlenberg's own gifted Music Minister Matthew O. Thomas will play a recital at Muhlenberg this afternoon. This piano and organ recital will include music of



Scarlatti, J.S. Bach, Mozart, Franck, and Ginastera. After the recital, please stay for a reception in the Gathering Area, hosted by the Chancel Choir. Join us for an afternoon of music and bring your family and friends!

LAST SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH

TODAY (9/29), 12:15 pm

High school youth are invited to the Campus Room for a time of food, fellowship, learning and service.

TODAY'S WORSHIP INFORMATION

PRELUDE

8:30 *Sonata in B Minor* D. Scarlatti
11:00 *Turn Yours Eyes Upon Jesus* arr. D. Wyrzten

OFFERING ~

8:30 *Turn Yours Eyes Upon Jesus* arr. D. Wyrzten
11:00 *Here I am, Lord* arr. O. Young

POSTLUDE ~ *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*
(BWV 876) attrib. to J.S. Bach

PREACHING MINISTER ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

PRESIDING MINISTER ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

LECTORS

8:30 ~ Linda Morrison
11:00 ~ Mark Warner

CRUCIFERS

8:30 ~ Bill Whitmire
11:00 ~ Caroline Leopard

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:30 ~ Gus Kagey, Susan Gallaher,
Bill Whitmire, Linda Morrison
11:00 ~ Mark Warner, Corey Reed,
Malcolm Wilfong, Greta Willis

USHERS

8:30 ~ David & Susan Lawrence
11:00 ~ The Fletchall Family

SOUND TECHS

8:30 ~ Mark Byerly
11:00 ~ Todd Hedinger

MUSICIANS ~ Matthew O. Thomas, Organist
Chancel Choir (11:00)
Linlin Uta, Piano

TODAY (CONT'D)

THRIVENT WORKSHOP

TODAY (9/29), 9:45 am

Today's topic is Financial Foundations: Your Blueprint to Thrive. Workshops are held in the Augsburg Room and are open to all. *See page 5 for details.*

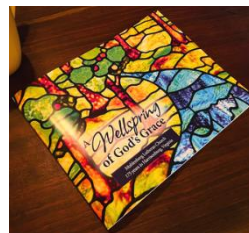
LAM LUNCHEON

TODAY (9/29), 12:30 pm

Lay Assisting Ministers (LAMs) will gather in Wayland Hall for food, fellowship, support and helpful information/tips from the pastors. All current LAMs are asked to attend. Interested in learning more about serving as a LAM? Please join us or contact Mary Elizabeth Skinner (homeofjuno@msn.com or 540-383-8556) for info.

PICK UP MUHLENBERG'S NEWEST HISTORY BOOK TODAY!

Muhlenberg has been blessed with an updated account of our 175 years, carefully compiled by Muhlenberg member Terry Caywood. This beautiful book is available to all households (one per family) at no cost. If you'd like to purchase an additional copy, they are available for \$10 each. Stop by the Gathering Area **TODAY** (9/29) to pick up your book. You may also contact the church office during regular office hours (M-F, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm) to arrange to get your book. We hope you enjoy diving into this newest telling of the Muhlenberg story!



CHURCH BUILDING FOR SALE!



Not our actual church building, of course... but an expertly crafted wooden replica of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church by the Cat's Meow Village. It's a meaningful keepsake specially commissioned for our 175th Anniversary. The 3/4" thick heirloom piece measures 4 1/2" high x 7 1/2" wide. Each replica is \$25. Order deadline is October 27, with delivery in early December—just in time for Christmas gifts! Order forms are available in the Gathering Area. You can place an order in person between services today or turn your order into the church office during the week. If you have questions, contact Dave Barnes (barnesda09@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK AT MUHLENBERG

PASTORS AT SYNOD GATHERING

Monday - Wednesday

Pastor Alex and I will attend the Virginia Synod's Gathering of the Ministerium tomorrow (9/30) – Wednesday (10/2). But, you may ask, what's a Ministerium? The word "ministerium" itself has roots dating back to the colonial church in North America and is used to describe ministry done in collaboration and partnership. In an effort to build and maintain collegial relationship and foster collaboration and partnership, this gathering takes place as one part of connecting rostered leaders with one another but also churches with one another. So for three days each October pastors and deacons gather to be reminded that we need one another to most faithfully serve in our particular contexts. We'll be worshipping, learning,

sharing ideas, and renewing our covenant with one another. We'll be (mostly) accessible through our cell phones if there is an emergency. For less urgent matters, please email and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. We appreciate your prayers for all pastors and deacons this week!

Pastor Lauren

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

This semester LCM gathers for dinner **in the Campus Room** (downstairs). Contact Haley Tabor (haleyntabor@gmail.com) for details.

GLORIA DEI RINGERS

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

If you're interested in learning about ringing with the handbell choir, contact Director Kath Wissinger (longwalk3@aol.com or 540-289-6973).

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Led by Pastor Lauren, this study gathers each week to look ahead to Sunday's lessons. Meets via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/200491556>.

MIDWEEK SERVICE

THIS Wednesday (10/2), 12:00 noon

Join us for a 25-minute worship the first Wednesday each month. All are welcome, with a special emphasis on including those who have mobility challenges. A light lunch will be provided afterward for a time to share food and fellowship. The Care Committee will coordinate rides to and from the service. Contact Pastor Lauren or Linda Morrison (lindamm778@gmail.com or 540-383-5085) if you're interested in giving or receiving a ride or helping with lunch.

THIS WEEK (CONT'D)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

THIS Wednesday (10/2), 5:30 pm

The Property Committee will meet in the Gathering Area. For more information, contact Mark Byerly (msbyerlype@comcast.net or 540-421-1478).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

THIS Wednesday (10/2), 6:30 pm



All God's critters and their caretakers are invited to gather for a special blessing. This joyful gathering at Hillandale

Park (shelter #12) honors the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi (c. 1180–1226), patron saint of animals and the environment. Bring your pet (leashed or in a carrier) or a photo (if their temperament isn't suited for such a gathering!). Those without pets are more than welcome to join in the fun as well! Muhlenberg hosts this annual event in partnership with Trinity Presbyterian, Otterbein United Methodist, Park View Mennonite, and Shalom Mennonite.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

The Sanctuary Choir and Celebration Singers made the decision to come together as one — the Chancel Choir. For more information, contact Music Minister Matt Thomas (540-434-3496 or thomas@muhlenberglutheran.org).

COMFORT MAKERS

Thursdays, 8:00 am – 12 noon

Join us in Wayland Hall. For more information, contact Linda Morrison (lindamm778@gmail.com or 540-383-5085).

MEN'S GROUP

THIS Thursday (10/3), 9:00 am

All are welcome to our monthly men's group which meets the **first Thursday of each month** at Mr. J's Bagels (1731 S. High St.), 9:00 am for fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact Mark Warner (mjwcarpediem@gmail.com) or Dave Barnes (barnesda09@gmail.com).

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING CIRCLE

THIS Saturday (10/5), 10:00 am

Join us in the Gathering Area to create a prayer shawl through knitting or crocheting. For more information, please contact Jackie Wells (540-434-6283 or jswells62@verizon.net).

GIVING OF THE WORD

NEXT SUNDAY (10/6)

Next Sunday is *Giving of the Word Sunday* when we remember our commitment to the children, youth and families of our congregation. We will pray over them and equip them with the Word as they continue their faith formation. This is an opportunity for children 2 years - 2nd grade to receive a Spark Story Bible, and kids 3rd - 5th grades to receive a Spark NRSV Bible during Children's Time. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, contact Children's Minister Ashley Saunders (saunders@muhlenberglutheran.org) and let her know which Bible you want your child to receive and what service you will attend. If you have a youth (6th - 12th grades) who would like to receive a Lutheran Study Bible, please contact Pastor Alex (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org).

FOOD COLLECTION REMINDER

NEXT Sunday (10/6)



We collect non-perishable food items, paper products, cleansers, diapers, and all types of personal hygiene products for Patchwork Pantry. Please check our website's [Giving Page](#) for a full list of acceptable items. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

CONFIRMATION FOR ALL AGES

NEXT Sunday (10/6), 6:00 pm

Affirming our baptisms is not just something for youth! All of God's people are called to gather around the Word and grow together into our vocation as Christ's disciples. To that end, everyone is invited to join us **NEXT Sunday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Nielsen Room for Confirmation Class with the confirmands and their parents/guardians. Dinner will be provided, and you'll have the opportunity to learn and grow while supporting our youth in this valuable season of growth. We'll focus on Luther's Small Catechism and the foundations of our faith this month. Contact Pastor Alex (zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org) if you have any questions, if you'd like to help provide meals each month, and/or if you're planning to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THRIVENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Make the most of the gifts God has provided you. Through this workshop series presented by Thrivent Financial, we will provide information on how to prepare for important milestones in your financial journey. All workshops are open to the Muhlenberg community and will be at 9:45 am in the Augsburg Room.

TODAY (9/29) ~ Financial Foundations: Your Blueprint to Thrive ~ Discover what's behind the money decisions you make, learn how you can deal with setbacks and continue to move toward your financial goals.

October 6 ~ College Planning 101 ~ Help your student choose the right college for their needs and interests. Plus, get tips on the basics of admissions and financial aid.

October 20 ~ Financial Foundations: Investing for Retirement ~ Four smart retirement strategies and tactical changes you can make to build your retirement foundation.

October 27 ~ Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials ~ Explore estate strategies and tools to make your final wishes clear.

DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 20, 12:15 pm

Diamond Members (those who are age 75 plus), please save the date for our Diamond Jubilee luncheon and social gathering in the MAC. You will receive a mailed invitation soon. Plan to join us as we celebrate YOU! Please RSVP to Sandy Randolph (cerprek@gmail.com or 540-828-2033).





Our 175th Anniversary Celebration Continues this Fall!

LOCAL HISTORY AND MUHLENBERG SPEAKER SERIES

October 13 ~ 'A civil war has ensued, which has convulsed our whole land': Harrisonburg and Muhlenberg during the Civil War

Civil War historian (and former Muhlenberg member) **Dale Harter** will give a presentation on the Civil War in Harrisonburg, 1861-1865. Dale will provide an overall look at the war in Harrisonburg and talk about how the church and its members were directly affected by the conflict.

November 10 ~ Glimpses into 1849: Virginia Lutherans, Harrisonburg, & Muhlenberg

Muhlenberg member **Robert Alley** will give a presentation about the formation of the Lutheran Church in Virginia in the late 1840's as the Muhlenberg congregation was founded.

November 17 ~ Early History of Harrisonburg

Local historian **Evan Knappenberger** will share his expertise on the founding and early days of the Harrisonburg community.

Each presentation will be held in the Nielsen Room from 10:00 am until 10:45 am.

TOURS OF MUHLENBERG

History Tour

Wednesday, October 9 at Noon and 6:00 pm; Sunday, October 13 at 1:00 pm

Learn the history of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in this guided tour of the main church building. Hear the story of how the house of worship we know and love today came to be, and get to know the faithful people who stewarded this story.

Mission and Ministry Tour

Wednesday, October 16 at Noon and 6:00 pm; Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 pm

Explore the mission and ministry of Muhlenberg in this unique prayer tour of the building and grounds. Learn unique parts of our history of service to the community and join in praying together for a faithful future.

Art and Architecture Tour

Wednesday, November 6 at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 pm

Discover the art and architecture of Muhlenberg in this guided tour of the church building and grounds. Sacred art and sacred space have helped generations of the faithful to learn God's story, and there are more stories being told around the halls of Muhlenberg than you may realize

Tours will begin in the Gathering Area!

MUHLENBERG NEWS

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At our September meeting, Council ...

1. Discussed the Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care Center's move from the rooms above the church offices and possible groups who might benefit from using that space. *Note: Second Home before and after school program remains in the MAC.*
2. Received the exciting news that the Congregation's application to the Lilly Foundation for a Clergy/Congregational Renewal Grant was selected. This nearly \$60,000 grant will help to financially support planned renewal activities for the congregation and for Pastor Lauren during her June-October 2025 sabbatical as well as assist with pastoral support/pulpit supply costs. *(Details to come)*
3. Provided feedback to the Personnel Committee regarding proposed Merit Review Policy for church employees.
4. Approved 2025 Health Insurance Plan for full-time employees.
5. Discussed internet upgrade needs.
6. Discussed next steps in discerning a potential Capital Campaign project for 2025 focused on replacing the organ, repurposing the Ott Street lot for new mission and ministry, and upcoming property needs. Congregational forums will be held this fall, and Council looks forward to thoughtful conversation and discernment.
7. Spent the bulk of our time discussing the 2025 Ministry Spending Plan draft, discerning what areas may need to be trimmed or cut in order to present a realistic Ministry Spending Plan without harming our congregation's ministries. Council will

continue this important work between our monthly meetings in order to provide a proposed Ministry Spending Plan that seeks to be faithful to God's call to our congregation *and* reasonable about our projected offerings and other income in 2025 at our November Congregational Meeting.

Peace be with us all,

Meg Wightman, Congregation Council President
mlccouncilpres@gmail.com

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS

Our Action Sundays are made possible by Thrivent members' access to Thrivent Action Team Grants. To learn more about Thrivent and the benefits of membership, please contact Thrivent Financial Advisor Sarah Sunde (sarah.sunde@thrivent.com).

CREATION CARE

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.



The **weekly deadline** for routine articles for *The Chimes* is **Wednesday at 12 noon**. 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)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Join us for Faith Formation for all ages at 9:45 each Sunday morning.

NURSERY

Quality childcare is provided each Sunday in the Nursery, 8:15 am - 12:30 pm, so little ones (birth – age 5) have a safe space to be during worship and the Faith Formation hour.

CHILDREN

This year we are having three classes in the MAC to better serve each age appropriately:

Pre-K - 1st grade will explore Bible stories and get to know who Jesus is. They will explore the stories through art, dramatic play and music.

2nd - 3rd grades will use both story style and NRSV Bibles to connect with the lectionary. They will explore what they have learned through games, art and adult-led discussions.

4th - 5th grades will dig deeper into the lectionary of the day and come to a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. They will have time to explore concepts with writing, art and Lego prompts to create something based on what they learned. They will work on projects for 6-week sessions and then display them in the Gathering Area for the congregation to see.

YOUTH

6th – 7th grades (Word) meet in the *Augsburg Room* each week for an in-depth Bible study on the focus text of the Narrative Lectionary. This class is open to all who wish to dive into the Bible texts. *Please note: Due to Thrivent workshops, this class will gather in the library through October 27.*

8th – 9th grades (Witness) class meets in the *Campus Room* each week for fellowship and study around the central themes of our faith. As we shift our approach to Confirmation toward a student-centered and discernment-led invitation to discipleship, this class will be an opportunity to explore what discipleship means. We'll study the catechism, integrate our faith into everyday life, learn from the ways others live out their faith, and explore the varying faiths of our neighbors.

ADULT CLASSES

Engaging with Henri Nouwen Devotionals

The group will read, ponder, discuss, and consider questions (and as usual generate more questions than we have answers to) surrounding the works of Henri Nouwen. This class meets in the *Nielsen Room* and is facilitated by Mark Warner. *Please note: On Sundays this fall when historical speakers are scheduled, this class will not meet so the group can attend the guest presentation.*

Civic Life and Faith

The group will explore three different topics – Refugees, Sexuality, and Race, spending 14 weeks on each topic. This class meets in *Pastor Lauren's office* and is facilitated by Karen Thomsen and Brad Moyers.

Parent Connection

Want a place to connect and have child-free conversation while our children are in the nursery or in Sunday School? This is an informal space, not a class, for parents to have a chance to get to know each other better. Join us in the Gathering Area Sundays at 9:45 am. We understand that life (and children) are unpredictable, so join as you are able.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Child Day Care Center (HRCDCC) as they move into their new home! We've had the privilege of partnering with the HRCDCC for 14 years here at Muhlenberg, sharing our space with this important community resource since January 2010. Their dream has always been to have a larger space of their own, where they could serve not just preschoolers, but also infants and toddlers. After many years of fundraising, hard work, and COVID setbacks, they have officially opened their new building at 111 E. Market Street! Their original plan was to continue to run a Pre-K program in our building and have the younger kiddos down the street. But their new space was ready for the older kids earlier than they thought, so they have moved all of their program and staff to the new site. As part of the transition plan, for the next few months, they may occasionally take "field trips" to our playground as their playground is still under construction. We are so grateful for the work Harrisonburg-Rockingham Child Day Care Center does to provide affordable childcare to the Harrisonburg community and delighted that they've accomplished their dream!

What this means for Muhlenberg is that we now have classroom space available for a new community partner! There are three large classrooms and an office space on the top floor

of our main building already approved and licensed for child care. Do you know of a child care center/licensed care provider who is looking to expand? Please have them contact Pastor Lauren (eanes@muhlenberglutheran.org) or council president Meg Wightman (mlccouncilpres@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We already have a few leads and hope to find a way to continue to live out our mission — *to equip all people to live out God's love* — through this classroom space, ideally in early 2025.

THE STORY DOORS: PAST JOYS, FUTURE HOPES

Take a moment to contribute to our interactive community art project with the red *Story Doors* in the Gathering Area today! You can nail your favorite memories of Muhlenberg to one door, and your future hopes for our congregation to the other. Enjoy these memories and hopes shared by our community!



VIRGINIA SYNOD NEWS

EPIC CONFERENCE AT MUHLENBERG Saturday, October 19



Effective Practices for Innovative Congregations

(EPIC) is a one-day leadership development conference designed to strengthen congregational leaders for their ministry in the congregation and in the world. There will be four separate opportunities to attend the event at four locations throughout the Synod, **including one hybrid event here at Muhlenberg.**

During EPIC we will explore what it means to have Strong Connections with topics that explore how to have:

- Strong Connections in the Congregation
- Strong Connections in the Community
- Strong Connections in the Synod
- Strong Connections in the Wider Lutheran Expression
- Strong Connections in God

The event will feature times of worship and large-group presentations as well as small-group breakout sessions covering a variety of topics led by Synod staff and local leaders from each host area. We hope attendees will also share ideas and resources for some holy cross-pollinating!

Registration deadline for the Muhlenberg event is **October 10**. To register or for more information including event dates, times, locations, and workshop descriptions, visit <https://vasynod.org/epic>.

UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY (ULS) AGING GRACE-FULLY SEMINARS

ULS invites you to join the Aging Grace-Fully speaker series! Aging Grace-Fully examines how to age with grace and live, fully, with the physical, mental and social changes that are often difficult to accept when growing older.

Seek understanding and acceptance of these challenges in an eight-part series featuring leading authors who share their knowledge and experiences about aging including suffering, love and loss. All events will be livestreamed from the Gettysburg campus of ULS. The first two speakers and their books are...

- Rabbi Steve Leder, *The Beauty of What Remains*, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024
- Sloane Crosley, *Grief Is For People* Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024

For more information or to register, visit <https://ulsforms.wufoo.com/forms/q14a7kh117vl7oy/>. You can sign up for one or more speakers individually, or the whole series.

A CUP OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE: 2024 ALL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT November 7-9, Glen Allen, Virginia

Our world feels more divided than ever. Polarization, racial violence, and inequity leave us asking, "Is it even possible to heal?" Award-winning author and theologian Dr. Jacqueline A. Bussie believes it is. The retreat will focus on her book *Love Without Limits – Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions*. She challenges us to practice a love so deep it subverts the social order, so radical it scandalizes the powerful, so vast it excludes no one. Pastor Colleen Hetrick will be the retreat chaplain. To register **by October 11** or for more info, visit <https://alwretreat.org/>.

REMINDERS

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 doorbell system on one of the Gathering Area doors. It's the first step in an 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 is 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 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!

WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AT 11 AM

Digital ministry is an essential part of our community. Our *Wellstream* service at 11:00 am allows those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a hybrid service of Holy Communion. This means cameras will be on during worship. Cameras are primarily focused on worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. *We will not intentionally focus on congregation members in the pews*, but you may briefly appear in view depending on your seat. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt (perritt@muhlenberg_lutheran.org) for possible solutions. You're welcome at any time during worship in the sanctuary to connect on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) to comment a word of welcome or peace to those worshipping online!

ACCESS SERMONS ONLINE

Following the Narrative Lectionary allows us to tell a continuous story of faith week after week. If you missed or would like to revisit a particular sermon, you can find a [playlist on YouTube](#) that is updated weekly! Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) to see the sermons posted, and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#)!

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 raise your hand as the Lay Assisting Minister comes into the sanctuary with the elements.** In addition to bread and wine, **grape juice and gluten-free bread** are also available. Please indicate your preference to the Lay Assisting Minister.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some interesting statistics from our recent online viewership:

9/15	8:30 Holy Communion	63
	11:00 Holy Communion	122
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	35
	Total Views this Week	72
	Hours Viewed this Week	67.9
9/22	8:30 Holy Communion	69
	11:00 Holy Communion	83
	11:00 Wellstream Worshippers.....	33

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Income exceeds expenses in August for several reasons: increased gifts and offerings (thank you for your faithful giving), a grant from the Virginia Synod for Campus Ministry, and proceeds from the yard sale. The deficit remained stable. We anticipate seeing the deficit decrease as fall ministries and programs swing into full gear and expenses are stable into the fall.

Sarah A. Sunde, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through August 2024			
	2024 YTD Actual	2024 YTD Budget	2023 YTD Actual
Gifts & Offerings	\$361,263	\$503,333	\$348,442
Total Income	\$460,774	\$589,851	\$497,259
Total Expenses	\$515,719	\$592,131	\$525,598
Excess Income/(Deficit)	\$(54,945)	\$(2,280)	\$(28,339)

Giving in support of our Spending Plan	\$ 18,935.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ 565.00
Total Giving	\$ 19,500.00

To give online, scan here →



WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

September 30 — October 6, 2024

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

Tues	6:00 pm	Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed	10:30 am	Bible Study via Zoom
	12:00 noon	Midweek Worship
	5:30 pm	Property Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Blessing of the Animals
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thu	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
	9:00 am	Men's Group
Sat	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group
Sun	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Food Pantry, Lay Communion and Name Badge Sunday	
	8:30 am	Holy Communion in person
	9:45 am	Faith Formation in person & via Zoom
	9:45 am	Thrivent Financial Workshop
	11:00 am	Holy Communion in person and Livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Family Class



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

Karl & Kathy von Reden

Matthew Wade, Kelly Atwood and Emerie

Billy Walton

Chris, Addie and Ella Walton

Wylie & Diane Walton

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

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