



# 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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**October 6, 2019**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **WHAT'S THE BUZZ?**

### **PASTOR ALEX AWAY TODAY**

Pastor Alex is in Blacksburg for a Campus Ministry retreat today. *See p. 7 for details.*

### **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~*

## **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).

## **TODAY AT MUHLENBERG**

### **FIRST SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

**TODAY** we wear **name badges** to be welcoming and learn each other's names. We receive **non-perishable food donations** for the **Salvation Army**. **Lay Communion Ministers** will take Holy Communion to our sick and homebound members.

### **DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCH**

**For our members 75+ years old**

**TODAY at 12:15** in the MAC. Didn't receive your invitation or RSVP? No problem, please join us.

### **CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICE**

Our Sanctuary Choir is going on tour, and will be featured as the Guest Choir for **THIS EVENING'S** Choral Evensong Service, **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 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.

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

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved the date for the upcoming Congregational meeting – November 17.
- John Mulder was appointed to serve with Dennis Baugh, Stefanie Eye and Pastor Lauren on the Nominating Committee.
- Bill Compton, Tim Peifer, and Greta Willis were appointed 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 baptism 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	66	Wed. Noon	14
9:30 Worship	93		
11:00 Worship	<u>140</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</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	\$ 8,043.00
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ <u>3,302.70</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 11,345.70</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.

## TODAY (CONT'D)

### FALL GATHERING



Join women of the Southern Valley Conference for worship, fellowship, and celebration as we come together for our annual Fall Gathering **TODAY, 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).

## THIS WEEK

### RUTH SIGMON CIRCLE

Meets **THIS Monday (10/7), 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.

### ELDERCARE SUPPORT GROUP

Negotiating the journey of eldercare together...we listen, we laugh, we cry, and we hope you'll join us! Meets **THIS Monday (10/7), 7:00 pm** in the Kairos Room. Contact Jennie Warner ([mjwarner1@aol.com](mailto:mjwarner1@aol.com) or 476-2020) for details.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 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.*

### SOPHIE MOELLER CIRCLE

Meets **THIS Tuesday (10/8), 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).

### 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.

### 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).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### TABLE TALKS

You are invited to join Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex in conversations we're calling "Table Talks." Martin Luther used to host conversations around his dining table about all sorts of topics, and we're hoping to use that model as we gather to discuss issues that affect us as people of faith. **Our first series of Table Talks will be about human sexuality.**

Table Talks will happen around the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area, and over a variety of days and times throughout the fall, so if you're interested in joining in the conversation, you should be able to find a time and place that works for your schedule. You can sign up for a gathering either at the Connection Center in the Gathering Area, or through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2x833z3>. Once you've registered, you'll be sent three articles that we ask all participants to read before attending a Table Talk session.

The goal of Table Talks is to seek greater understanding of various ways the Lutheran tradition has approached tough topics, and to foster relationship and understanding among diverse people in the Muhlenberg community. We hope you'll join us!

Contact Pastor Lauren or Pastor Alex with any questions:

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

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

434-3496

## SECOND HOME NEWS

### 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 collect 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 your check and envelope.

### SECOND HOME MUSICAL

#### The Addams Family Young @ Heart

**November 1 & 2 at 7:00 pm**

**November 3 at 3:30 pm**

*In the MAC. General admission tickets will be available at the door by donation. Doors open 30 minutes before each show.*

**Help us raise funds** by attending a "Dinner and Show Special" Saturday, November 2. Let us delight you with some Addams Family favorites followed by an exclusive meet and greet with cast and directors, and watch the show performed by Second Home students from your VIP reserved seating. Dinner at 5:00 pm; show begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets for the meal will be available in the Gathering Area after the 8:00 and 11:00 services **next Sunday, October 13**, or from the Second Home office during operating hours. Seating is limited, so get your ticket soon.

## MUHLENBERG NEWS

### GATHERING THE NAMES OF SAINTS



Through October 27, please share with us the names of saints (persons living or deceased) who have enriched your spiritual life or the life of the church.

On the table by the back door of the Gathering Area is a basket of red and white links and pens. We invite you to take a link and write the name of an individual who has helped you in your spiritual growth. You may take as many links as you like. Place completed links in the basket provided.

Links will be displayed in the Sanctuary beginning All Saints Sunday through the First Sunday of Advent. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to observe how our saints link us together in faith.

### 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).



Just say 'no' to plastic produce bags. About one million plastic bags are used every minute, and a single plastic bag can take 1,000 years to degrade. If you're already bringing reusable bags to the grocery store, you're on the right track. Purchase some reusable produce bags and help keep even more plastic out of the landfill.

## LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION

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

### 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 February 3-10, 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).



## REMINDER

### 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 by calling Linda Depoy (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 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 like to receive home communion (even if it's on a temporary basis), *contact Paula Caldwell ([paula\\_faye417@gmail.com](mailto:paula_faye417@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 AT VIRGINIA TECH

Pastor Alex and some of our Campus Ministry students are away today for the ELCA Region 9 LCM Fall Retreat hosted by *The Well*, LCM at Virginia Tech. The theme is *How to Talk about Faith* and brings Lutheran students from all across the Southeast US together for fellowship, worship, and faith formation.

### JMU FAMILY WEEKEND LUNCH

Next weekend is Family Weekend at JMU! All LCM students are encouraged to bring their families with them to worship **Sunday, October 13** for the 11:00 service, and join us for a Family Weekend lunch in the Nielsen Room after worship. To plan for food, please let Pastor Alex know how many family members you're bringing.

## CONFIRMATION/ALPHA TEENS

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

### LOST AND FOUND!

This VA Synod event for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders is **November 22-24** at Eagle Eyrie! Registration forms will be in the Gathering Area soon!

## JCREW

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meet at 12:15 in the Campus Room for all dates:

- October 13** - JCrew lunch and fun
- November 3** - Lunch and Puppy Farm
- November 17** - JCrew lunch and service
- December 15** - Trip to Massanutten Waterpark

## 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!



### JAMERS

**NEXT Sunday, October 13, 12:15 pm** we will have pizza in the MAC and then go to the Mulberry Farm Pumpkin Patch. Youth will walk the patch to pick a pumpkin, visit the Petting Zoo, and return to church to bob for apples! Christian Formation will cover costs. *We will attempt to reschedule in case of inclement weather.*

### YOUNG FAMILIES CLASS MEMBERS

The books that will be used for this class starting October 20 are here! They are on the table in the Campus Room, along with some handouts. Please take one book per family and any handouts you may need.

## 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 ([depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org)). Submissions will be printed with consideration for space and appropriateness at the discretion of the pastors & editor.

✠ Congratulations to Catherine and Justin Creasy on the birth of their daughter, Esme, Saturday, September 28.

## MORE REMINDERS

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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 ([depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

### SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Are you on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter? Why not Like or Follow Muhlenberg? Get informative updates regularly throughout the week, photos, prayers, and inspirations/devotionals. It is also a great way to let your friends know about your church and our ministry. Find us on Facebook by searching for Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @MuhlenbergLC.

## 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. Rev. 3:14-22      Thu. Rev. 2:8-11  
Tue. James 5:1-6      Fri. Rev. 2:12-29  
Wed. Matt. 19:16-22      Sat. Matt. 20:29-34  
Sunday: Luke 17:11-19

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### October 7-13, 2019

Mon.	6:30 pm	Ruth Sigmon Circle
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Eldercare Support Group
Tue.	1:30 pm	Sophie Moeller Circle
	4:45 pm	SonShine Singers
	5:30 pm	Cherub Choir
	6:30 pm	Celebration Singers
	7:00 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed.	10:30 am	Wed. AM Bible Study
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thu.	8:00 am	Comfort Makers
Sun.	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	JMU Family Lunch
	12:15 pm	JCrew Lunch
	12:15 pm	JAMers

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 ([depoym@muhlenberglutheran.org/434-3496](mailto:depoym@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.  
Like us at [facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran](https://www.facebook.com/muhlenberglutheran).