



# 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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**October 27, 2019**

## REFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

### TODAY AT MUHLENBERG

#### REFORMATION & CONFIRMATION

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a monk and Catholic priest living in Germany, posted his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door. We mark this as the beginning of the Reformation and today is the festival of Reformation Sunday. But this day isn't just about history. On this day, we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news that makes us free from sin through Christ's death and resurrection!

**At the 11:00 service**, we rejoice with and hold in prayer these young people as they step forward to affirm their baptism and faith with their parents, friends, mentors, and the Muhlenberg family. This marks a milestone in their lives of faith and in our congregation as they become confirmed adult voting members of the congregation.

Please welcome the following confirmands:

**Caleb Thomas Dove**

**Owen Tanner Wells**

**Liam Richard Wightman**

#### GATHERING THE NAMES OF SAINTS

Today is the last day to 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 next Sunday: All Saints Sunday through the First Sunday of Advent as an opportunity for us to remember how our saints link us together in faith.

#### 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).*



## TABLE TALKS

### Human Sexuality

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 have 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

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 Worship	67	Wed. Noon	10
9:30 Worship	73		
11:00 Worship	<u>147</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</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	\$ 18,547.50
Giving to Other Designated Funds	\$ <u>8,953.50</u>
<b>Total Giving for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 27,501.00</b>

See Connection Center notebook for details.

September Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$344

To give online, scan here →



## REVISED 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 AT MUHLENBERG

### REMINDER



Daylight Savings Time ends.  
Turn your clocks back one hour  
this Saturday night, Nov. 2.

### REMEMBER ... NEXT SUNDAY

#### NAME BADGE SUNDAY

*Make a badge so fellow members can learn your name.*

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTED

*(no glass jars, please)*

#### LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS SERVING OUR SHUT-INS

## 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).*

If you have children, consider organizing a costume swap with the neighbors. Your kids will get an almost-new costume that might have otherwise gone to the landfill. You can also brainstorm ideas for an eco-friendly Halloween costume. Rent a costume, buy a secondhand costume at a thrift store, or raid your closet to come up with creative ideas.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### “WHEN FAITH HURTS” Training in Lexington

**November 12-13** Project Horizon is a domestic violence shelter in Lexington, VA. Victor Vieth will provide a FREE two-day training on where faith communities and child abuse and neglect intersect. The event will be held at Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Vieth made a splash in the child advocacy community when he published a paper claiming that we can end child abuse entirely in this country in only three generations. Working with faith communities is one of the steps in making that happen.

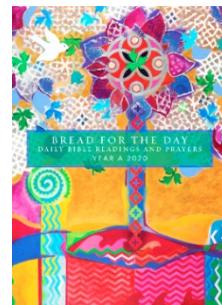
If you're interested in attending, contact Pastor Alex ([zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:zuber@muhlenberglutheran.org) or 434-3496).

### BRIDGE OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

The annual Locavore LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR Event will take place **Saturday, November 16 at 5:30 pm** (doors open at 5pm) in the MAC. There will be delicious locally-sourced food, engaging speakers, and auction fun! Please join us to help end family homelessness. Learn more at: <https://sites.google.com/view/help-end-family-homelessness/home>

### “BREAD FOR THE DAY” RESOURCE

Starting January 1, we will discontinue publishing a daily lectionary in *The Chimes*. The appointed daily lessons are listed in our hymnal and devotional booklets will continue to be available in the Gathering Area. If you would like another convenient resource for a Daily Lectionary, contact Pastor Alex by **December 2** to order *Bread For the Day* for 2020. You can use *Bread for the Day* for personal, household, or group devotions. This is the perfect resource for anyone to engage with God's Word on a daily basis, and mark the changing of our church seasons with prayer.



## GET CONNECTED

We have outgrown the Connection Center! What a wonderful problem to have. Information that is less time sensitive will be available in an acrylic display at the Gathering Area exit, just around the corner from the elevator. This new display will house materials like brochures, columbarium information, Simply Giving forms, financial and endowment information, and information about Second Home and People Helping People.

The new display will free up space at the Connection Center for more time sensitive information. Be sure to visit often and stay connected!

### ~ UPDATED INFORMATION ~ DID YOU MISS WORSHIP RECENTLY?

If you miss worship one Sunday, chances are you feel a bit out of the loop. There are many ways to see what you missed:

- **Website:** *The Chimes* and sermons (including audio) are posted on our website at [muhlenberglutheran.org](http://muhlenberglutheran.org).
- **Gathering Area:** previous issues of *The Chimes*, worship booklets, and sermons (when available) are now available on the long table close to the nursery for your convenience.
- **Administrative Hallway:** *The Chimes* and worship booklets continue to be available on the wall across from the church office.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### LISTENING CAMPAIGN RESULTS

As Muhlenberg's representatives to Faith in Action, we wanted to share that *Affordable Housing* was chosen as the focus of the next campaign. Faith In Action's Issue Committee will now determine the group's approach to Affordable Housing. We will keep you informed about our progress and how you can continue to support Faith In Action.

Through this Listening Campaign, we were able to discern a number of issues that our congregation believes would be useful to address. We have communicated these to our pastors and are so grateful to the congregation of Muhlenberg for sharing in open, authentic, relational, and serving conversations with us.

*Nancy Martin-Finks and Cathy Copeland*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are always in need of worship servants: lectors, ushers, acolytes, greeters, communion assistants/ stewards, sound techs, etc.



**Sign up** in the notebook at the Connection Center for **December and Christmas Eve services**. Signing up helps the schedulers avoid time calling/emailing. One-on-one training can be arranged – just indicate the training needed on the sign-up sheet or *contact Kathy Thompson* (578-4830 or [thompskb@jmu.edu](mailto:thompskb@jmu.edu)). If you prefer to sign up online, follow the path below from our website:

### Worship + Sermons > Serve in Worship

Prefer to work behind the scenes? We have many opportunities – talk with Kathy to learn how you can serve.

## SECOND HOME NEWS

# SECOND HOME MUSICAL

## The Addams Family Young@Part

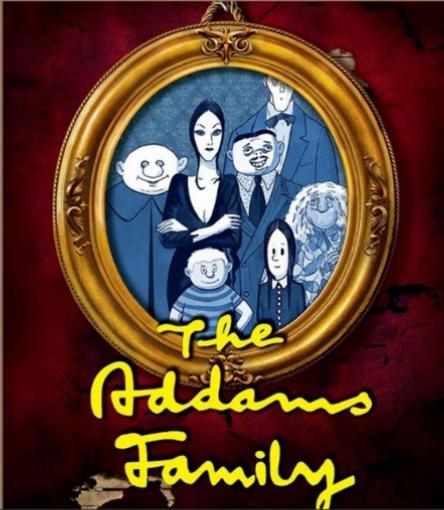
November 1 & 2 at 7:00 pm  
November 3 at 3:30 pm

*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 from your VIP reserved seating. Dinner at 5:00 pm; show begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available from the Second Home office during operating hours. Seating is limited, so get your ticket soon.

SECOND HOME PLAYERS INVITE YOU TO

DINNER AND SHOW WITH  
THE ADDAMS FAMILY



*The*  
**Addams  
Family**

NOVEMBER 2, 2019 5:00 PM  
MUHLENBERG ACTIVITIES CENTER  
CALL 540-432-7989 E-MAIL  
SECONDHOMETHEATER@GMAIL.COM

THE ADDAMS FAMILY Young@Part®, A NEW MUSICAL  
Book by MELISSA LEE and CHADWICK KYLE  
Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA  
Based on Characters Created by CHARLES ADDAMS  
Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Oken, Roy Furman, Michael Lewin, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Decca  
Theatricals, Scott M. Simon, Stuart Oken, Terry Allen, Andrew, Stephen P. Mitchell, James C. Heffernan, Ed Price,  
Jan Theatricals, Pittsburgh CulturalTrust/Steinkamp, Jones, Tenary/Dary Kapranos, The Weinman Company/Carmina, LLC, Adam Zasloun  
Title Theatricals: By Special Arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical  
Young@Part® Edition: Adapted by Matt Tomerewski and originally workshoped at Broadway Workshop in NYC/EST

## REMINDERS

### 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 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)).

### JOIN US!

If you are a college student and haven't joined Lutheran Campus Ministry at Muhlenberg, be sure to contact Pastor Alex today to learn ways you can become involved.

## CONFIRMATION/ALPHA TEENS

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

### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

There will be **no class** for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders Sunday, November 3 nor Sunday, December 1. Plan to attend worship as a family for All Saints Sunday, November 3 and join in Advent-ure Sunday festivities following worship on December 1.

### 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 are in the Gathering Area. Please return forms to Pastor Lauren **TODAY!**

## 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:*

**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@muhlenbergslutheran.org](mailto:bayer@muhlenbergslutheran.org))  
for more information.

Pick up a green Christian Formation brochure from the  
Connection Center for details about our opportunities.

### 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.

### PARENTS with CHILDREN MUSICIANS GRADES K – 5

Parents, if you have a child in grades K-5 who can play an instrument, please contact Diane Bayer. We hope to assemble a group to play music as part of the annual Children's Christmas program scheduled for Sunday evening, December 15. We would like to know how many children can participate and what instrument they play.

### ADVENT-URE SUNDAY PREVIEW

In the Gathering Area **NEXT Sunday** there will be a display of some of the things that we do as part of our Advent-ure Sunday activities. Stop by the table and take a look and plan to join your church family on Sunday December 1, as we prepare for Advent.

## JAMERS

Mark your calendar for Sunday Nov. 10 from 12:45-2:15; we will host a Thanksgiving meal for JAMers and their family. Parents are invited to bring a food item to share. *As a way of giving thanks for all our blessings, we will collect food items to go into our "Thanksgiving box", for "People Helping People", so they can have a Thanksgiving meal for their family.*

**We will collect stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn etc.** We hope you can join your friends for a time of fun, food and fellowship as we thank God for all his gifts.

Parents please contact Sarah Eppard ([sarah\\_eppard@merck.com](mailto:sarah_eppard@merck.com)) or 298-2055 to let her know what you are bringing and how many will attend in order to have enough food for all.

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

✠ I would like thank the members of Celebration Singers, Sanctuary Choir, Music Ministry accompanist Linlin, and guitarist Kyle Knappenberger for their due diligence in preparation for today's Reformation Sunday Services. I am so appreciative of your commitment to the Music Ministry. You are truly a blessing to me, and you enhance my faith journey each and every week. Love you all!

*Elizabeth Williams, Minister of Music*

## JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS

✠ With great sadness and with great hope in the promise of the resurrection, we share the news of the death of Riley Reich, 16-year-old son of Lori and Steve Reich.

Lori and Steve are grateful for the congregation's prayers, but ask that they be granted space to grieve in the coming days. **Instead of a phone call or visit, please feel free to send an email or a card.**

In lieu of flowers, they ask for memorial donations to Second Home.

Memorial service will be this Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 pm followed by visitation with the family in the MAC.

*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

✠ We pray for Mary Pat Kesecker who suffered multiple injuries from a fall and is currently at Sunnyside.

✠ Congratulations to Roger Kagey and Gus Alvarez on their wedding October 18 at the Harrisonburg Courthouse.

## 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. 1 Corinthians 6:1-11**

**Tue. James 5:7-12**

**Wed. Luke 22:39-46**

**Thu. 2 Timothy 3:1-9**

**Fri. 2 Tim. 3:10-15**

**Sat. Luke 1:46-55**

**Sunday: Luke 6:20-31**

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**October 28-November 3, 2019**

**Mon. 2:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting**  
**6:30 pm Congregational Council**

**Tue. 4:45 pm SonShine Singers**  
**5:30 pm Cherub Choir**  
**6:30 pm Memorial Service**

**Wed. 10:30 am Wed. AM Bible Study**  
**12 noon Holy Communion**  
**7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir**

**Thu. 8:00 am Comfort Makers**

**Fri. & Sat. 7:00 pm Second Home "The Addams Family" Musical**

**Sat. Daylight Savings Time ends.**

**Sun. All Saints Sunday**  
**8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion**  
**9:30 am Christian Formation**  
**3:00 pm Second Home Musical**

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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