



Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

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Dear people of Muhlenberg,

Everywhere we look, we see signs of new life around us. From the buds on the trees and the flowers in our yards, to the baby bunnies hiding in the bushes and the longer days bringing people outside to walk and enjoy the sunshine—all around us, we are reminded of the abundance of God's world. Even the stink bug I found in my living room last week reminds me of the new life that comes each spring!

At Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, we also see signs of new life around us! As we baptize babies at the font and taste the bread and wine of holy communion, we see new life being born in us. From the 30+ new members we welcomed last week to the longtime member who exclaimed, "Muhlenberg is alive again!" after a long pandemic season, we are reminded of the abundance of new life we receive in Christ.

Throughout this Easter season, **we invite you to continue "Walking in Newness of Life" as we explore the abundance of resurrection life.** Using the book of Romans as our guide, we'll see how we are set apart, mutually encouraged, justified by faith, and raised from the dead for newness of life. Together we'll explore our need to walk together, continue to innovate, share generously, and step up the ways in which we share God's love to a world that so desperately needs to recognize God's presence.

We'll consider how **our grateful response** in generosity empowers us to continue walking in newness of life, and allows others to walk with us. Your financial contributions allow us to reach out beyond our walls through our online *Wellstream* ministry, children's programs, service projects, small group opportunities, music ministry, and so much more as we continue to be a *Wellspring of God's grace in Jesus Christ*. We'll hear stories of new life in our midst through articles in *The Chimes*, mission moments, letters and more, and we'll share our hopes for an even more robust ministry in the year to come.

Over the next few weeks, please engage in the materials. Pray about how you can live into this new life in Christ, and generously share in the year to come. Then, on Intent Sunday, May 21, please bring your intent card with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to walk in newness of life!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lauren Eanes

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Wightman".

Meg Wightman, Congregation Council President

P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home the week of May 8 for you to return on May 21.