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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT
HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN CHURCH, BERGHOLZ, NY



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MARTIN LUTHER

PIPE ORGAN RENOVATION UPDATE

Earlier this year, our contractor has installed new steel above the stairway to the balcony and the platform that will be “home” to the organ pipes we purchased from Calvary Lutheran church.

They have also been at work on the balcony floor and risers, building a safer and more useful environment for our church musicians.



Our organ company disconnected the organ console from the organ case in order to reposition the cables below the floor and to rewire the organ to accommodate the organ pipes from Calvary. †

NEW&NOTES

Concordia Publishing House included another one of Melissa Forsey's hymns in their "Creative Worship" materials. It really is inspiring to think that congregations across North America sang her hymn on All Saints' Day, November 2009! Please let her know how much you value her contribution to our worship at HGL as well as to the church at large.

Reproducible Congregational Page
All Ye Saints Now Take Thy Places
Melissa Forsey, b. 1931 WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Henry Purcell, 1659-95, adapt.

1 All ye saints now take thy place - Round the throne of
2 Ye are now at home in heav'n. Saints of old and
3 Earth - ly sing - gles now de - part - ed. Saints and we are

Christ our Lord, And with voice - es strong and swell - ing
re - count His. Dwell a - love with God, our Fa - ther,
of - fer and post. How - ev'r light - en - der now, our - round thee

Join the hymn with one ac - cord. Al - le - lu - ia,
And with Christ be ye all - ways. Al - le - lu - ia,
To His faith may we hold fast. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia. Christ by high - est heav'n ad - ored,
al - le - lu - ia. Let all heav'n be filled with praise,
al - le - lu - ia. To be - hold our King at last.

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Melissa Forsey's hymn was sung across North America on All Saints' Day last year.



David Reinboldt poses next to one of the planes he uses as a flight instructor.

New HGL Musicians

DAVID REINBOLDT IS ONE OF OUR NEWEST HGL MUSICIANS. SINCE LAST DECEMBER, HE HAS OFTEN PROVIDED ORGAN MUSIC FOR WORSHIP, AND JOINED BOTH THE BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR.

He also has become our lead timpani player. David is a prolific composer too! He premiered his own organ composition for our Christmas Eve candlelight service, composed an arrangement of "Holy, Holy, Holy" for our Bell Choir (performed for the first time on Trinity Sunday – May 30, 2010) and composed a setting of the Agnus Dei for our Choir. David works as a flight instructor near the Niagara Falls airport.

Other new members of the choir include Doug Witkowski and Tim and Sue Selby; new Bell Choir members include Jen and Marilyn

Mitkowski. Their talents have made a significant contribution to our music program!

You too are welcome to experience the "Joy of Music" with our choirs (and bring along your friends!). Our choirs give you the opportunity to both "grow toward God" and "serve in Jesus' name" ...during rehearsals, you will focus on the meaning and theology of the words of the music; and you will learn how the music relates to the theme of each worship service as a whole.

Your leadership in presenting the hymns and liturgy along with

other music is a service that will be a blessing to other worshippers. And through the "camaraderie" of the choirs' rehearsals and social events you will develop new friendships (or reinvigorate old ones).

Beginning in September, our choirs will begin preparing music for Fall, Advent and Christmas. Don't wait and let someone else take the place that we are saving for you! We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursdays in the church balcony (6:30 for Bell Choir and 7:15 for Choir).

Any choir member can respond to your questions or you can contact: **David Werth** at 731-7183 djwerth@roadrunner.com †

MUSIC AND THE WORD

“The fathers and the prophets wanted nothing else to be [so] associated with the Word of God as music.”

“The fathers and the prophets,” wrote Luther, “wanted nothing else to be [so] associated with the Word of God as music. Therefore we have so many hymns and psalms where message and music join to move the soul.” Let me repeat that: “where message” – text – “and music” – tune – “join to move the soul.” This is an astonishing claim. To move, to shape, to form the living soul of the assembly – certainly this is the work of the Spirit – a work yet in which musicians actively participate. Yes, the musician may serve the demands of technical skill and artistry but more than this, **in the church**, the musician also serves the formation of faith and its many relationships. The selection of text and tune, the playing of organ, flute, piano, violin, or bell, the rehearsal of the assembly and the choir – all these are ordinary means, living gifts, through which the Spirit awakens to faith in the Holy Three and love for the neighbor in need. †

By **Stewart Torvend**. Excerpt from the keynote address at the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Biennial Conference, August 2–5, 2009, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD

Canticum Novum

THE MUSIC OF PAUL MANZ



The concert was dedicated to the memory of June Werth. Baptized and confirmed at Holy Ghost, June was the church secretary and an active member of St. John until joining the Church Triumphant in August 2007.

One of the Werth family's favorite anthems is "E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" by Paul Manz. June's family and friends sang that anthem for her funeral service and it was sung again at the close of this concert.

May 17, 2009 – Dr. Scott Hyslop of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan led us in music for the church year by Paul Manz for Choir • Children's Choir • Brass • Handbell Choir.

June loved church music. She encouraged her children to take organ lessons and to play for worship services. One of the first LP records she purchased was a complete recording of Handel's Messiah; and the Hallelujah Chorus was the last anthem sang with the choir at Holy Ghost while she was undergoing radiation treatment for brain cancer.

We are especially grateful to June and her husband, Marv, for donating the trumpet stop (61 pipes) to Holy Ghost for our pipe organ renovation project! The firm of Rothenbueger & Ploetz completed the installation of this stop just two weeks prior to the concert. †

Over 80 musicians filled the balcony to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Back by popular demand – Dr. Hyslop will return to Holy Ghost on September 26, 2010. Save the date for an uplifting and inspirational musical experience.

Dr. Scott Hyslop



SING TO HIM, SING PRAISES
TO HIM, TELL OF ALL HIS
WONDERFUL WORKS!

1 CHRONICLES 16:9

I REST ON HIS UNCHANGING GRACE

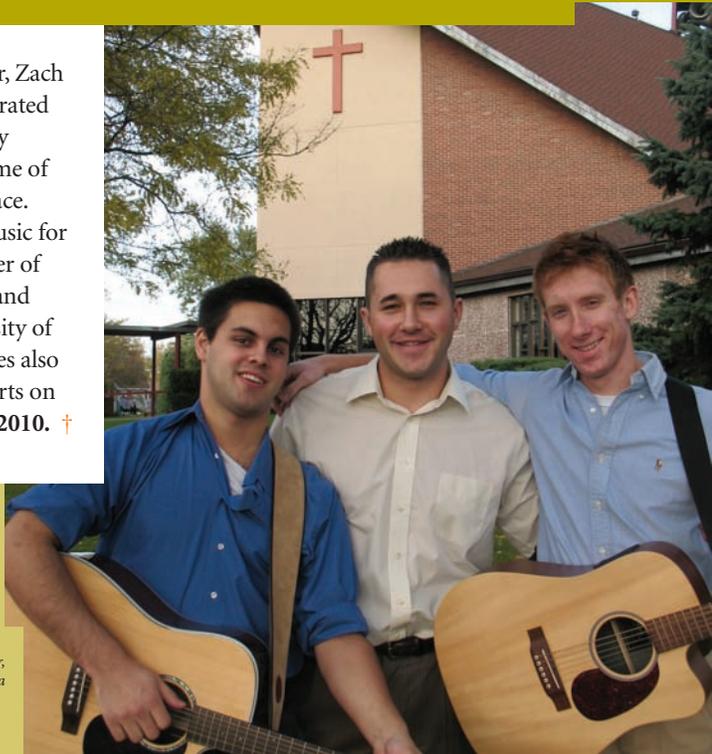
HOW DO OUR CHOIR MEMBERS
FEEL ABOUT SINGING?

"I feel good to sing out praise and to let people hear the good news about God forever."

HANNAH CARRIER

We're saving a special place
for you in the choir!
Come Join Us.

October 25, 2009 - Andrew Carr, Zach Carr and Andrew Scala inaugurated a concert series of contemporary music at HGL based on the theme of undeserved and unchanging grace. Zach Carr regularly prepares music for worship at HGL and is a member of the choir. Both of the Andrews and Zach are students at the University of Rochester. Enthusiastic audiences also greeted the group at their concerts on **January 18, 2010** and **April 18, 2010**. †



Left to right: Andrew Carr, Zach Carr, and Andrew Scala

PIPE ORGAN DONORS NEEDED

The second phase of our **organ renovation project** can proceed when we have sufficient funds to purchase more durable wind chests. Toward that end, the organ committee initiated a donor program giving members and friends of the congregation an opportunity to “buy” a set of pipes (there are 61 pipes in a typical set of pipes), a wind chest or the organ console. Prices for pipe sets range from about \$1,000 to \$4,000. The committee is happy to announce that since the program was initiated a growing number of the pipe sets have been fully funded!

Some pipes are still waiting for a “donor”! Your gift to the pipe organ fund should be given directly to Dolores Hill and she will deposit it in the committee’s Thrivent – Credit Union Account. Organ Fund envelopes are provided for your convenience in the envelope rack in the church narthex. You may also mail your contribution to Dolores at the following address:

Mrs. Dolores Hill | 4920 Shawnee
Road | Sanborn, New York 14132

FROM A CHURCH MUSICIAN

I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friends and colleagues who contributed their time and talents to our music organizations at HGL over the past year. Your dedication to service in worship is admirable, your joy in your work is delightful, and you are a fun bunch of people to be with too!

Over the summer months, plans are being made for a new season of choir, bell and instrumental music that will begin in September. As in prior years, a wide variety of musical genres will be represented, from classic to contemporary, and from Latin to African – with the purpose of winsomely presenting the Word to an increasingly diverse group of God’s people.

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In the meantime, don’t be surprised if folks involved in our music organizations invite you to join them in HGL’s music ministry. They experience something good – joy in God’s service as well as a creative and social outlet – that they want to share with you. Please prayerfully consider their invitation.

Soli deo Gloria,
David Werth †



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