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G. F. Handel's *Messiah*— The Passion of Jesus Christ



Maundy Thursday, April 21, 7:30 PM: St. Paul's UMC
Good Friday, April 22, 7:30 PM: First Lutheran Church

During Holy Week, the adult choirs from St. Paul's UMC and First Lutheran Church will join forces with a chamber orchestra and present the Passion of Jesus Christ musically set by G. F. Handel in *Messiah*.

Handel's setting is much different from other passion and oratorio settings. These genres are typically organized around characters and action; one would expect recitatives and arias sung by Jesus and Judas, and brief choral settings by the mocking crowd, all fully depicting passion week. In Handel's setting however, the protagonist, the Messiah, never actually appears. In fact, the actual appearances of Jesus are avoided throughout the entire *Messiah*; even biblical quotations of Jesus are changed to the third person. (i.e. scripture from Matthew "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give your rest," becomes "Come unto Him all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.") There is no direct narrative; theology is the drama. When action is referenced, it is the theological summary of the action that constitutes the subject matter. Hence, the musicians must unfold and reveal in cohesion, contrast and dramatic power the theology of the story.

Rehearsals with orchestra will be Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. at 1st Lutheran, and Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Easter Sunday, the joy of Christ's resurrection will be shared musically by numerous St. Paul's members.

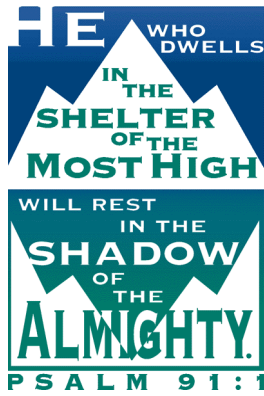
Carillonneurs and Tower Bells in 9 a.m. service
(new arrangement specifically for St. Paul's adult handbell choirs)
He Arose: An Easter Medley

Sanctuary Choir in 9 a.m. service
I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Howard Helvey)

Brass Ensemble in 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

Praise Team and Youth in 11:30 service





PSALM 91:1

Musings on God-things

My friend Gloria emailed me the other day to say she had a new ‘Sienna comment.’ Sienna is her four-year-old granddaughter who is always saying wonderful, amazing things.

Sienna and her brother Roman, who is six, were riding along in the car, when out of the clear blue, Sienna told him that God was always with them. Roman in exasperation replied, ‘no he isn't.’ Sienna replied back emphatically, ‘Roman, God is like your breath; you can't see him, but he is always with us!’ What a profound statement from such a little person.

When I talked to my mother a few days later, she told me that she was all prepared for giving the children’s sermon at her church when something happened to make her rethink it. She had spent the day with her brothers and sisters at what they call their ‘monthly sibling get-together.’ It was dark when she arrived home. She put the car in the garage, took her things into the house and then went out to get the mail. She lives in the country and has a driveway to walk down. As she headed to the mailbox, she had a feeling that someone was following her. She looked around and there she saw her shadow, as big as you please. She paused and thought about that; her shadow made her feel like how it is with God - always there and always with us. She kept thinking about this and decided to change her children’s sermon and tell her story of walking to get her mail.

So, on Sunday as my mother told the children about her walk down the driveway to the mailbox in the dark, the kids hung on her every word. They felt her relief when she discovered it was only her shadow. And then she told them that our shadow is like God, because he is always at our side wherever we are, whatever we are doing. Hopefully these little ones will remember her analogy. And hopefully we’ll all remember too that God is like our breath and like our shadow – always with us, always watching over us, always there for us.

In Christian Harmony,
Brenda Prediger



Happy Birthday!



April 8	Grace Ridnour	Chancel Bells
April 10	Nick McGraw	Sanctuary Choir
April 11	Katie Morton	Cherub Choir
April 18	Chris Crilley	Sanctuary Choir
April 24	Liam Morrison	Cherub Choir\
April 27	Grant Anton-Jensen	Wesley Bells
April 28	Bradon Young	Star Choir



Happy Easter

BIOGRAPHY OF KERRY KUPKA - TRUMPET PLAYER AND MEMBER OF TOWER BELLS



Kerry was born and raised in Cedar Rapids.

He has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is currently employed at Rockwell Collins as a Mechanical Design Engineer.

Kerry's parents still live in the same house in which he grew up on the northwest side of town. His brother now resides in Rochester, New York, with his wife and daughter. Kerry's twin daughters, whom have been homeschooled, will be graduating high school this spring and enrolled in college this fall.

Kerry's principle hobby outside of music is golf; he plays as much as possible. He gets up at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings so he can play 18 holes and still be home to spend the day with his family. Surprisingly enough, he usually has the course pretty much to himself. (Editor's note: Is that really a surprise so early on a Saturday morning?)

In addition, Kelly is a certified scuba diver, although he hasn't had the opportunity for many years to pursue that interest.

He has been playing the trumpet since fifth grade through his time at Iowa State where he played in the university's jazz band. Since then, he has played mainly at church. In addition, he will be starting to learn the french horn this summer.

Kerry enjoys playing jazz and classical music and listens to a classical station during work.

He can't really point to a specific memory, but Kerry always enjoyed the camaraderie of his high school marching band. They would meet at the high school, load up instruments and people into cars, and then caravan to Kingston for the game. Afterwards, they would typically go out for pizza.

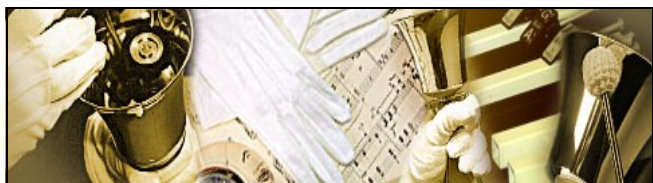
"Both my girls play piano. It is a real joy to sit at home and listen to them just play for the joy of it. As I have been blessed with the ability to play an instrument, I enjoy being able to share that talent with the church when the opportunity arises."

Chapel Choir Musical



May 15, 10:30 AM

Chapel Choir and friends will present in the 10:30 a.m. worship on May 15, 2011, Allen Pote's and Tom S. Long's musical *The Tale of Three Trees*. Based on an American folk tale, the musical tells of three trees' dreams and how these dreams relate to their capabilities and the unimaginable results.



Handbell Happenings

Kevin Lodge

Director of Handbells Ministries

Kathy Colton

Director of Youth Handbells

April Schedule

April 3	Wesley Bells	9:00 a.m. service	<i>Trumpet Tune Finale</i>
April 10	Chancel Bells	9:00 a.m. service	<i>Praise and Exaltation</i>
April 24	Tower Bells/Carillonneurs	9:00 a.m. service	<i>He Arose: An Easter Medley</i>

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Choir
Wesley Bells
Chancel Bells

Carol A. Tralau, Director
Kathy Colton, Director
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ENSEMBLE	REHEARSAL	TIME	LOCATION
Youth Ensemble (6th-12th)	Sunday	4:30-5:15 p.m.	Choir Room
Wesley Bells (7th-8th)	Wednesday	7:30-8:15 p.m.	Room 325
Chancel Bells (9th-12th)	Sunday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Room 325

April Schedule

April 3	Wesley Bells	9:00 a.m. service	<i>Trumpet Tune Finale</i>
	Youth Choir	9:00 a.m. service	communion hymns
April 10	Youth Choir	9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services	<i>Father, Forgive Us</i>
	Chancel Bells	9:00 a.m.	<i>Praise and Exaltation</i>
April 24	Youth Choir Members	11:30 a.m. service	(EASTER SUNDAY)
	Youth Choir/Chancel Bells	NO REHEARSAL	



Children's Activities

Star Choir

Janet Schroeder, Director

Deb Gillespie, accompanist

Cherub Choir

Wendy Morton, Director

Colt Ballou, accompanist

Chapel Choir

Kelly Truax, Director and accompanist

ENSEMBLE	REHEARSAL	TIME	LOCATION
Star Choir (Pre-school)	Wednesday	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Room 307
Cherub Choir (K-2nd)	Wednesday	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Room 101
Chapel Choir (3rd-4th)	Wednesday	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Room 117

April Schedule

April 10	Star Choir	9:00 a.m. service	TBA
	Chapel Choir	9:00 a.m. service	<i>Prayer for Tomorrow</i>
April 17	Cherub Choir	9:00 a.m. service	<i>Ride Through Jerusalem</i>
May 15	Chapel Choir and friends	10:30 a.m. service	<i>The Tale of Three Trees</i>



Proposed Schedule for April 2011



April 2 5:30 p.m. Matt German
 April 3 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Can You Drink the Cup?*
 Wesley Bells *Trumpet Tune Finale*
 Youth Choir communion hymns
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann, Deanna Weber *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
 Matt German, David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut
 11:30 a.m. Matt German, David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson

April 9 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield
 April 10 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
 Star Choir TBA
 Chapel Choir *Prayer for Tomorrow*
 Youth Choir *Father Forgive Us*
 Chancel Bells *Praise and Exaltation*
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann, Youth Choir *Father Forgive Us*
 Matt German, David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut
 11:30 a.m. Matt German, David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson

April 16 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield
 April 17 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Ride on King Jesus*
 Vocal Chamber Ensemble *Wade in the Water*
 Cherub Choir *Ride Through Jerusalem*
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann
 Matt German, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut
 11:30 a.m. Matt German, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson

April 21 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's: St. Paul's and 1st Lutheran's Choirs
 (Maundy Thursday) Lenten portion of *Messiah*
 April 22 7:30 p.m. at 1st Lutheran: St. Paul's and 1st Lutheran's Choirs
 (Good Friday) Lenten portion of *Messiah*

April 23 5:30 p.m. Craig Dove
 April 24 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*
 Carillonners and Tower Bells *He Arose: An Easter Medley*
 Brass Ensemble
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann, Matt German, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut
 11:30 a.m. Matt German, Dennis McPartland, Youth

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