

# Church Music Notes of

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## ACM Schedule for 2006-2007

### Plan now to join us for these upcoming events!

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February, Church Music Appreciation Dinner and Member Recital, details to be announced.

March, Hands-on Pipe Organ Experience, details to be announced.

Sunday, May 6, ACM Annual Meeting and Dinner, details to be announced.



## President's Letter

By the time you read this newsletter, we will already have gathered for our Fall kick-off event at the home of Dennis Douglas—thank you Dennis for once again hosting the festivities and thank you to all those who brought food items to share.

ACM's Program Committee, chaired this year by John Krueger, is very excited about the events planned for the upcoming season, including a hymn festival with noted composer, organist and handbell director Dr. John Behnke, from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon. For this event we will need singers for a festival choir and ringers for a festival handbell choir. Details will be included in the next newsletter and on the ACM website ([www.madisonacm.org](http://www.madisonacm.org)). See above article for other programs planned for this season.

As we move into our new season, one other event will be the transition of our *Church Music Notes* newsletter to an online-only publication. This Summer the board evaluated our operating budget and the expenses associated with mailing the newsletter each year. In order to maintain our current membership fee and use more of those dollars for programming, the board voted unanimously to move ahead with an online version of the newsletter beginning with the October issue. Each month you will receive an e-mail notification from ACM with a link to the newsletter. As in past months, you will also be able to view previous newsletters online from the ACM website. To alleviate any concern about lengthy downloads, please know that we will not be sending the newsletter as an attachment or in the body of an e-mail—just a link directing you to the online PDF version which you can choose to print on 8 ½ x 11 paper. Persons who do not have e-mail/web access should first consult with their ACM church contact person to have a copy printed. If that is not possible, please contact ACM. The board carefully evaluated this decision at two meetings this Summer as a way to maintain a good financial situation for ACM and continue offering you and the community excellent and diverse programming with local, regional, and national clinicians and artists. Thank you in advance for your support of this transition. We appreciate your support!

Lastly, I'm looking forward to another fantastic year for ACM...please join us!

Blessings, Mark Bloedow, ACM President/AGO Dean

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## Choristers Guild President's Letter

Dear Choristers Guild Members,

We had our first informational/planning meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

We started planning for the Summer Music Camps to be offered in June of

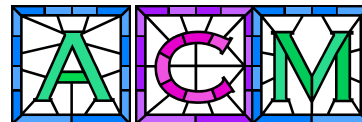
2007, including possible format, clinicians, dates and locations. We are all very excited to get this wonderful opportunity started in our community.

At the meeting we also discussed the Choristers Guild Festival scheduled for the Spring of 2008. We are very interested in having an anthem commissioned for the festival. Several composers names were recommended and we have started the process of finding the right person.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. Please bring text selections to be recommended for the anthem along with any ideas and suggestions for the Summer Camp and Choir Festival. If you are unable to attend the meeting but still want to help, please contact me at [sholtz@gslcwi.com](mailto:sholtz@gslcwi.com) or 608/271-6633, ext. 118. Thank you!

Sarah Holtz

Madison Area Choristers Guild President



### Positions Available

Some of these entries have been edited due to space. For a complete listing of these and other position openings, please check our website at [www.madisonacm.org](http://www.madisonacm.org).

**Director of Music Ministry:** Hope Lutheran Church in **McFarland, WI** is seeking a candidate with knowledge of appropriate church music and the role of music in Lutheran worship and demonstrated skill and competency and working knowledge of instruments. For more information, contact the church office at 608.222.0422 or Mary Ackerman at 608.249.3904 or mail resumé to Hope Lutheran Church, 3702 County Rd AB; McFarland, WI 53558.

**Choir Director:** Growing, vibrant United Methodist church in **Oregon, WI** seeks choir director for blended worship services. Director is responsible for traditional, contemporary, and praise group leadership, although the position can be split into two positions. Experience with children and youth a plus. Call People's United Methodist Church at 608.835.3755 for full job description or visit their website at [www.peoplesumc.org](http://www.peoplesumc.org).

**Choral Music Director:** Vibrant, progressive UCC church in **Madison, WI** seeks musician to direct adult and youth vocal choirs. Applicant for this part-time position must be strong choral musician with directing and leadership skills and familiarity with Christian music, past and present, work with church staff to coordinate church music program. Send resumé to Lake Edge United Church of Christ; 4200 Buckeye Road, Madison, WI 53716 or [lakeedge@lakeedge.org](mailto:lakeedge@lakeedge.org).

**Adult Choir Director:** St. Paul Lutheran Church (ELCA) in **Beloit, WI** is searching for an Adult Choir Director. Duties include selecting anthems, training and directing choir for regular and special church services, working with accompanist and coordinating with the Pastor. Choir sings from September through May with additional services during Lent and on Christmas Eve. Choir rehearses Thursday evenings and prior to the Sunday Services. Send resumé to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 617 St. Lawrence Ave., Beloit, WI 53511, fax to 608.365.8764, or call the church at 608.375.7064.

**Minister of Music (part-time):** First English Lutheran Church of **Whitewater, WI** is seeking a qualified individual to oversee and direct its adult and children's choirs. Successful candidate will also work closely with Pastoral and other Music Staff to select music and to provide music leadership for worship services. Position involves up to 10 hours per week. Contact: First English Lutheran Church, 401 W. Main Street, Whitewater, WI 53190, 262.473.5076, [felcsec@idcnet.com](mailto:felcsec@idcnet.com).

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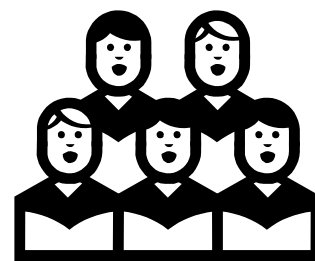
## Upcoming Music Events at Sinsinawa Mound

The Sinsinawa Mound Civic Chorus invites adult singers to join them as they come together to celebrate their passion for music and prepare for the fall series of concerts. This fall, the chorus will be presenting concerts in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, including concerts to honor the 200th Anniversary of the birthday of their founder Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP, on September 9, September 24, and October 8. No prior musical experience is necessary to join the chorus, but there is a registration charge. The chorus meets 7:00-9:00pm every Thursday, beginning August 22.

Bill Kehl will again lead his popular drumming retreat "The Rhythms of Life" from 7:30pm Friday, September 8 to 4:00pm Saturday, September 9. Kehl is a former member of the eclectic folk/acoustic group Northern Lights, and will provide a variety of drums on which you will delve into the background of the human rhythmic experience and explore uses of drumming in various cultures. There is a fee for the retreat.

The Sinsinawa Mound Children's Choir is preparing to begin its Fall semester Monday, September 11, under the direction of Sister Marie Juan Maney. Children ages three and up of all faiths are invited to join in singing, music study and performance. The choir meets every Monday evening from 6:30-8:00pm. Scholarship funds are available.

For more information on these events, call Sister Marie Juan Maney at 608-48-4411, ext. 807 or visit the website at [www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter). Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in Southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about 5 miles northeast of Dubuque, Iowa.



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**Sunday, September 24, 7:00pm**, Organ recital by Kathrine Handford, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona, WI. Ms. Handford is the organist at Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, WI. Free-will offering will be taken. Call the church at 608.222.1241 for more information.

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### Ongoing:

Check the website for Luther Memorial Church in Madison, WI for the next season of Wednesday noon half-hour organ recitals by Director of Music Bruce Bengston. Recitals will start again for the year in September. For more information go to [www.luthermem.org](http://www.luthermem.org). Concertgoers are welcome to bring their lunch along.

The next season of Friday Noon Musicales at the First Unitarian Society in Madison, WI will begin on Friday, October 6 with music for piano and flute, featuring Music Director Dan Broner on piano and flutist Gary Leisman. The weekly recitals begin at 12:15pm and last around 45 minutes. Feel free to bring your lunch.

IT'S TIME to renew your ACM and AGO memberships! If you need a new form or know someone who would like to join the group, go to our website at [www.madisonacm.org](http://www.madisonacm.org) for a printable form.