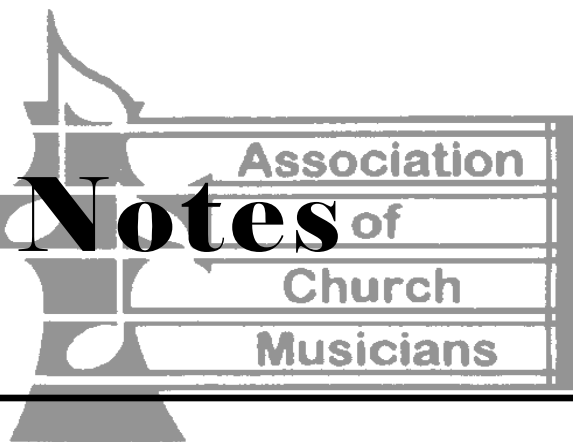


Church Music Notes

JANUARY 2007



Dr. John Behnke Hymn Festival Sunday, January 28, 2007

WE NEED YOU!

Singers & Ringers Needed for Hymn Festival

ACM has invited Dr. John Behnke, Professor of Music from Concordia University Wisconsin, to present a hymn festival at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, on Sunday, January 28, 3:30pm. The festival created by Dr. Behnke is titled "The Light of God" and will include him as composer, organist, and director.



SINGERS: Choirs or individual singers can sign-up for the festival by sending an e-mail to Mark Bloedow at mbloedow@gslcwi.com. Choir directors are encouraged to teach their singers the music in advance of the group rehearsals. Two group rehearsals will be held on Sunday, January 14 & 21, 2:00 to 3:00pm at Good Shepherd. The choral music includes *See In Yonder Manger Low* (Concordia Publishing House, 98-3463); *Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light and Salvation* (Choristers Guild, CGA 981); and *Psalm 150: Now Praise the Lord* (Concordia Publishing House, 97-6096 full score with reproducible choral parts). *Additional hymn material will be provided as needed.*

RINGERS: If you are interested in playing in the Festival Handbell Choir, please contact Mark Bloedow, mbloedow@gslcwi.com. Rehearsals will be held on the same dates above, January 14 & 21 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Please take a moment now to send Mark Bloedow (mbloedow@gslcwi.com) an e-mail if you are interested in participating so you can be put on the e-list for festival updates.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you and working with Dr. Behnke!

President's Letter

Dear ACM Members & Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope this note finds you enjoying the warmth of the Christmas season and the satisfaction of many special musical memories celebrating the birth of Christ. Thank you for giving of yourself and sharing your gifts to uplift others with your music ministry during this special time.

As we look to January, ACM is very pleased to welcome Dr. John Behnke who will lead us in his Epiphany Hymn Festival, "The Light of God." This festival will feature Dr. Behnke's wonderful hymn arrangements and settings of well known and beloved hymns of the church. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to make this event a success. Singers are needed for the festival mass choir and ringers for the festival bell choir. Please look over the articles on page 1 and 3 with full details about the rehearsals and music needed. Should purchasing the music be a hindrance to your participation, please let us know. WE NEED YOU!

Also, please remember the request from last month for your photos and descriptions from the Christmas season. Please send a photo or two with a short description to Linda Warren (linda.warren@tds.net). We hope to include them in the February newsletter as a way for all of us to become more connected and aware of the wonderful church music gifts we have in our member churches and community.

On behalf of the ACM Executive Board, thank you for your continued support and involvement in ACM's programs and events. Looking forward to gathering in January for the "Light of God" Hymn Festival!

Blessings, Mark Bloedow, ACM President/AGO Dean

Upcoming Events of Interest

Saturday, January 6, 7:30pm, Lessons & Carols with the Madison Diocesan Choir at St. Peter Catholic Church, Madison. A free-will offering will be collected. For more information, contact Patrick Gorman at 608.821.3081.

Sunday, January 7, 4:00pm, Epiphany Prayer Service, with the Sinsinawa Mound Civic Chorus. For more information, call 608.748.4411 or visit their website at www.sinsinawa.org. Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque, Iowa.

Sunday, January 7, 7:00pm, Twelfth Night Epiphany Service, featuring individual and combined choirs of Green County, at Grace Lutheran Church, 1025 15th Ave., Monroe, WI. Contact Ann U. Herr for more information at herr@wekz.net.

Monday, January 22, 9:00am to 4:00pm, The Psalm Retreat: A Day of Renewal for Clergy, Liturgists and Church Musicians, with leader Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. Registration deadline is January 15, cost is \$50.00. For more information, call 608.748.4411 or visit their website at www.sinsinawa.org. Sinsinawa Mound, the Motherhouse for the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is located in southwest Wisconsin on County Road Z, off Highway 11, about five miles northeast of Dubuque, Iowa.

Positions Available

(for more listings, see our website at www.madisonacm.org)

Choir Director West Middleton Lutheran Church (ELCA), 3763 Pioneer Road, Verona, WI, seeks a Director to lead an existing vibrant Adult Choir. The applicant must possess strong musical and interpersonal skills, and be able to encourage congregational members to share their musical talents. Time commitment is one Thursday rehearsal, and one Sunday service per week, September through May, with additional commitment around Christmas and during Holy Week. Contact the church at the address above or at 608.833.5815 or through our website, www.wmlchurch.org.

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Keep in Touch...

Send submissions for

Church Music Notes to:

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is January 15 for the February issue.

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Hymn Festival Schedule

The schedule for the festival on Sunday, January 28 is as follows:

1:00-2:30pm, Mass Rehearsal with festival choir & bells with Dr. Behnke

2:30-3:00pm, Individual group or solo rehearsal

3:00-3:30pm, Regrouping, guest arrival/seating

3:30-4:45pm, Hymn Festival

4:45-5:45pm, ACM reception for Dr. Behnke, participants and guests

In the Spirit of Holiday

*In the spirit of holiday,
May each of us find many ways to give;
Not just the chance exchange
Of something from a closet
For one not on your list
But something that, when it is gone,
Leaves a space,
That invites another's joy.*

*In the spirit of holiday,
May there be silences
That welcome memories of those passed on
But who live again in special ways
At holidays.*

*In the spirit of holiday,
May there be time
To savor beauty of a tree or wreath,
Or of a song you would rather hear again
Than go on to the next -- Time to stop
And let the season's beauty bless the soul.*

In the spirit of holiday,

*May there be an urge
To plant new seeds --
Secretly or quietly --
From which some stranger's happiness may flourish;
A nurturing balm that lasts
Beyond the bright, descending ball
That has come to symbolize endings and beginnings.*

*In the spirit of holiday,
May there be a yearning and a striving
Toward peace.
May there be a consciousness of thankfulness.
May there be forgiveness
And the drying of tears.
May there be an awakening
Of yet a greater understanding
Of love.*

*And may the spirit of holiday persist
Throughout our days.*

By Janiece Kent



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