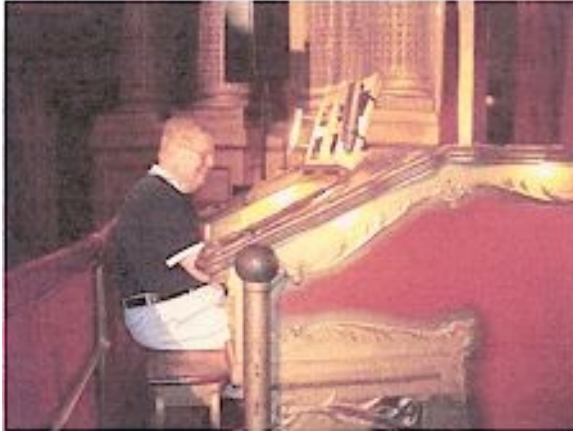


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Spectacular Kick-Off of ACM's 2011-2012 Season: June 18th at the Circus! (see pictures on opposite page)

A Fun Day—From Clowns to Buxtehude (article by ACM Board member Max Yount:)

On the page opposite this one you can see an image of Chuck Thomley smiling infectiously as he sat at the mighty Barton organ in the Al Ringling Theatre in Baraboo. Chuck had set up a wonderful outing for us at the theater with its theater organ, and at the Circus World Museum, where we will have fun with the calliope and the glockenspiel, and finally at Saint John's Lutheran Church, Reedsburg, where we will hear and play on the wonderful Noack tracker organ in the church. It is going to be a fun day, and in memory of Chuck, who really wanted us to have fun, I hope you mark your calendars and drive north a bit for a wonderful time together.

Below is the schedule.

10:00am, wearing the hats of Buster Keaton and Fats Waller, we will meet at the Al Ringling Theatre, 136 4th Avenue, Baraboo WI 53913. Brian Heller is our host in a fun time with the organ and offering a 1-hour tour of the theatre at a cost of \$5 per person. To get to Baraboo, go north on US 12. At Baraboo turn right onto South Blvd/US 12; turn right on 3rd Avenue; take the first left on Oak Street; and then shortly a left on 4th Avenue.

12:30pm, we leave the theatre and have lunch at The Log Cabin. It will be individual order and pay, but I need to make a reservation.

1:45pm, we don our clown personae and high-wire ambitions as we visit the Circus World Museum with Dave SaLaoutos as our host. The object of this visit is to see and play the calliope and the glockenspiel. Get ready to entertain BIG TIME!

3:00pm, we head west to Reedsburg, where we meet Diana McGlynn, organist, at St. John Lutheran Church, 307 6th Street, Reedsburg WI 59395. In preparation to see, hear and play the wonderful Noack organ, we will have to strip off our clown noses and stop acting like Buster Keaton, so that we can be brilliant children of Buxtehude, Praetorius, Bach and Distler. And be sure to bring something to play on the Great Principal, which I find to be the most beautiful in this area. By 4:30-5:00pm, we will head home to practice our next morning's preludes.

Please join the party! **We need you to pre-register by May 15. My email is <maxyount@gmail.com>**, and I will happily receive your "count-me-in"s.

Incidentally, the area is replete with attractions for the family. Wisconsin Dells is a little to the north, and the scenery is wonderful. I will clue you in that Deb Krauss Smith knows all the hot spots.

Happy Easter/Pentecost season to all, and I hope to see you in Baraboo and Reedsburg.



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Full Time Director of Music Ministries and Organist needed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, a large ELCA congregation in suburban Milwaukee, WI: searching for a dynamic and inspiring musician who will bring vitality to the music ministry of the congregation. The candidate should be passionate and dedicated towards helping members of all ages glorify God through worship, choirs and special music. Organ: 27 rank Hammes Foxe 2 manual Pipe Organ. A flexible compensation package is available for this position, including salary, benefits and the potential for housing. It is available as of June 1st, 2011. For more information please contact: Beth Dorsey, Parish Administrator at (262) 251-2740 or bethd@holycrosslutheran.org

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 1, 3:00pm at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona; and Saturday, May 7, 7:00pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6101 University Avenue, Madison. Madison Area Concert Handbells, with Music Director Mark Bloedow, presents "Americana Celebration!" Come ready to enjoy a grand old time reminiscing and enjoying some great American music. From folk songs, spirituals, and American hymn tunes to Broadway tunes, patriotic favorites, and sounds from the big band era...

Americana Celebration has it all! Discounted tickets are available in advance from Ward-Brodt Music, Metcalfe's Market, Hilldale, Borders East & Orange Tree Imports. Go to www.madisonhandbells.org for details.

Saturday, May 7, 10:30am – 2:00pm: Tribute to Mothers, "If It's Not One Thing, It's a Mother," at Sinsinawa Mound, will feature Rebecca Christian sharing stories and poems from her perspectives as a daughter, mother, and grandmother. Woven into the readings will be songs performed by Andrea Beacham of Dubuque, such as "My Mama Done Told Me," in her irresistible, bluesy voice. The event also includes an informal style show and a noon meal. To register, call (608) 748-4411 by noon on May 2. There is a fee.

Sunday, May 8, 7:30pm, UW-La Crosse Choir spring concert, including the Faure Requiem, at the English Lutheran Church, La Crosse, directed by Dr. Paul Rusterholz and accompanied by orchestra and organ.

Friday, May 13, 7:30pm, Organ Recital by Jerrad Fenske, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1833 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53726

Sunday, May 15, 6:00pm, Lloyd Harter will play an organ recital in the beautiful and historic First Lutheran Church, 400 West Avenue South, La Crosse. Admission is free.

Sunday, May 22, 3:00pm, Organ Recital by Robert Eversman in Eastman Hall at UW-Madison. Student recital, free of charge. Includes works by Bach, Buxtehude, Langlais, Rheinberger and Alain.

Wednesday, June 1 and each Wednesday through September 7, 7:00pm: The Summer Organ Concert at Sinsinawa Mound, featuring guest musicians from across the United States and Germany. We kick off the series with a concert June 1 by Mark McClellan of Iowa Falls, IA. McClellan has given recitals throughout the United States, Israel, Germany, Canada, Italy, and France. McClellan began his study of the organ at age nine with Eva J. Wisner of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and the Rev. Paul R. Peters of Waterloo, Iowa. The concerts are free and open to the public. For more information on these and other activities at the Mound, call (608) 748-4411 or go to 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 five miles northeast of Dubuque.

Monday, June 20 to Thursday, June 23: Handbell Week 2011 with David Weck will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church—West Campus, 7291 County Hwy PD, Verona. The four day intensive workshop is designed to expand handbell performance technique and musicianship. Each day is filled with rehearsals emphasizing hands-on learning through ringing some of today's best handbell music (Level 2+ to Level 4). Advanced instruction and a fun fast-paced group atmosphere make this a very enjoyable experience for both ringers and directors interested in improving their handbell performance. The week (Monday through Thursday) concludes with a public concert on Thursday evening, June 23, 7:00pm featuring the handbell selections from the workshop, all are welcome! A freewill offering at the concert is appreciated. For more information and to register, please visit www.maestromeb.com or contact Mark Bloedow at mbloedow@maestromeb.com.