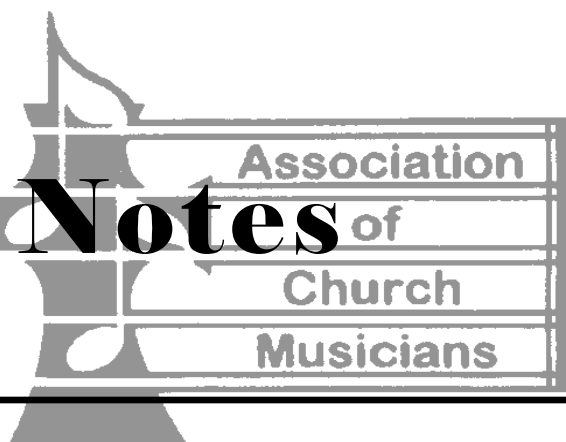


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Dr. John Behnke Hymn Festival Sunday, January 28, 2007

Singers & Ringers Needed for Hymn Festival

ACM has invited Dr. John Behnke, Professor of Music at Concordia University Wisconsin, to present a hymn festival at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, on Sunday, January 28, 3:30p.m. Dr. Behnke (pictured at right) will be the organist, director and composer for the festival he created titled "The Light of God."



SINGERS: ACM Choir Directors are asked to sign-up singers from their church and teach them the music in advance of the two group rehearsals on Sunday, January 14 & 21, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, Central Campus. The choir music includes favorite hymns and

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).

RINGERS: If you are interested in playing in the ACM Handbell Choir for this festival, 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.

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

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!

Upcoming Musical Events of Interest: Music of the Season

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 12:15pm, Friday Noon Musicales at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison. Dec. 1, Music by Schubert, Purcell, Mozart and More with Rachel Edie Warrick, soprano; Dan Weinstein, bass; Vincent Fuh, piano. Dec. 8, Music by Prokofiev & Schumann, Kyle Coolidge, piano. Dec. 15, Annual Carol Sing. For more information, call 608.233.9774 or go to www.fusmadison.org.

Friday, December 1, 7:00pm, The Fayrfax Ensemble presents "O magnum mysterium," its annual lessons and carols concert at Grace Lutheran Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Avenue, Madison. Join them for an evening of Advent and Christmas music from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The Fayrfax Ensemble is an early music vocal quartet under the direction of Ann Edahl: Ann Edahl—soprano, Jane Ferris—mezzo-soprano, Steve Johnson—tenor, Mike Peterson—bass. Free-will offering will be accepted.

Sunday, December 3, 2:00pm, Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst (German Christmas Communion Service), St. John's United Church of Christ, 1714 14th Street, Monroe, WI. Annual service conducted entirely in German, with singing of familiar Germanic carols. Complete English translation provided. For more information, call the church at 608.325.2165 or visit www.MonroeSwissSingers.org/germanservice

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, Advent Duos, Advent Organ Recital Series (12:15-12:45pm) and Free Soup Luncheons (11:30am), on the 10th Anniversary of the Holtkamp Tracker Pipe Organ at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison. Dec. 6: Mark Bloedow, organist, with Jared Stellmacher, pianist and duo-organist and Diane Madsen, pianist. Dec. 13: Jared Stellmacher, organist, with Terri Wilke, pianist. Dec. 20: Ramona Allen, organist, with Kathleen Otterson, alto and Sherri Swartz, flute. Free soup luncheons are in the Fellowship Hall, e-mail reservation request or ask for more information at gs.music@hotmail.com.

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, Wednesday Noon Organ Concert Series continues at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue, Madison. Feel free to bring a lunch if time is short. Parking is available in Luther Memorial's garage off Conklin Place (the alley) just off Mills Street, in spaces marked "members only." For more information, call 608.258.3160 or go to their website at www.luthermem.org.

Friday-Saturday, December 8-9, 7:30pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6101 University Avenue, Madison, and **Sunday, December 10, 3:00pm** at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1609 University Ave., Madison, Madison Area Concert Handbells is celebrating its tenth anniversary with three performances of "The Best of Bells of Christmas," featuring a selection of the best pieces from the past nine Bells of Christmas concerts, including vocalists and guest artists on flute, organ and percussion plus caroling by the audience. Tickets available at Borders Book Shops, Orange Tree Imports, Westside Antiques Mall and at the door. Advance: Adults \$12, Seniors/Youth \$9. At the door: Adults \$15, Seniors/Youth \$10. For more information, call 608.845.2476 or visit MACH at www.madisonhandbells.org.

Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10, 7:00pm, For Unto Us, joint Christmas Concert with Good Shepherd Lutheran Chancel Choir and Choral Bells (Mark Bloedow, Director) and Childrens and Youth Choirs (Sarah Holtz, Director); and St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Sanctuary Choir (Charles Thomley, Director) and Handbell Choir (Dennis Douglas, Director), with Jared Stellmacher, organist and the Camerata String Quartet. Christmas songs and carols with Christmas choruses from Handel's Messiah. Dec. 9 at St. Stephen's, 5700 Pheasant Hill Rd., Monona; Dec. 10 at Good Shepherd, 5701 Raymond Rd., Madison. \$5.00 suggested donation. Reception following. Please contact gs.music@hotmail.com for more information.

Sunday, December 10, 2:00pm, 14th annual "Enter the Season With Song" Concert at Saint Peter Catholic Church, 5001 N. Sherman Ave., Madison, featuring tenors Bill Frederick and Steve Johnson with Ann Simonson, soprano, Gail Wagner, alto and instrumentalists. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Madison area Hospice Centers. A Christmas CD will also be available for sale to benefit Hospice. A reception will follow. Call 608.249.6652, for more information or e-mail liturgy@stpetersofmadison.org

Sunday, December 10, 3:00pm, All Music Sunday performance of Laud to the Nativity by Ottorino Respighi and other pieces at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr., Madison, featuring Rachel Edie Warrick, soprano; Cheryl Rowe, alto; Bruce Gladstone, tenor and The Society Choir and Instrumentalists, Dan Broner, conductor. Donation requested. For more information call 608.233.9774 or go to www.fusmadison.org.
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Sunday, December 17, 4:00pm, Lessons & Carols with the Madison Diocesan Choir, Bishop O'Connor Center. No admission fee, but bring a non-perishable food item. More information, call Patrick Gorman, 608.821.3081.

Wednesday, December 27, 7:00pm, Third Day of Christmas Carol Sing at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue, Madison. Featuring Bruce Bengston, organist and conductor, and the Luther Memorial Choirs and handbell choir. For more information, call 608.258.3160 or go to their website at www.luthermem.org.

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, 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.

President's Letter

Dear ACM Members & Friends,

We're now in our third month of the online newsletter. I certainly have enjoyed seeing the color graphics and photos accenting our articles.

We've all heard the saying "a picture is worth a thousand words."

The photos, especially, help personalize our efforts.

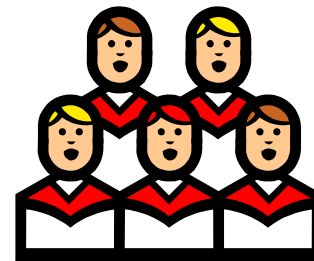
To expand on this a little, it would great to hear from you about your services and concerts this Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany season. Please consider sending a picture or two with a short description to Linda Warren at: linda.warren@tds.net I see this as an opportunity for all of us to become more connected and aware of the wonderful church music gifts we have in our member churches and community.

To close out our last newsletter of the year, I want to thank you for being a member of ACM. Your continued involvement and support is very much appreciated. On behalf of the ACM Executive Board, I extend a warm and heartfelt blessing to you and yours for a season of joy this Christmas and throughout the year.

Blessings,

Mark

P. S. Please look over the John Behnke Hymn Festival information on page one and send me an e-mail if you can sing, ring, or help...we need you! E-mail Mark Bloedow at mbloedow@gslcwi.com





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