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4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING-ALONG

Over the years, many people have said, "I wish I could sing in a large choir with an orchestra" or "I've always wanted to sing in a full production of Handel's Messiah." Once again the opportunity is here and it will take a very limited time commitment. The American Guild of Organists, and the First Presbyterian Church Concert Series proudly present the fourth annual Fargo-Moorhead Community Messiah Sing-Along.

This event will be patterned after the sing-alongs of the past three years. Orchestra members and soloists will rehearse in advance of the event, then singer participants will arrive one hour before the event to rehearse the difficult sections on music. Then, at the appointed hour, the performance begins. Any individual may sing in this performance regardless of musical skill level or background, and no advance preparation is necessary. A section of the performance area will be set aside for those persons who do not wish to sing. For those who need it, child care will be provided.

The organizers have arranged to hire many of the finest orchestral musicians in the area along with the most highly recognized regional singers as soloists: Peter Halverson, Lucy Thrasher, and Daniel Gast. We invite the public to serve as the chorus for a large scale and high quality performance of Handel's oratorio masterpiece.

The performance, which is sponsored by the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the First Presbyterian Abendmusik Concert Series, will be Sunday, December 7 at 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church of Fargo (650 2nd Ave. N.). For those who wish to sing, there will be a 45 minute rehearsal at 6:30 that evening. (No other advance preparation is required)

Admission \$5.00 Performers and Audience members
\$1.00 Students (any institution)

Singers may bring their own copy of Messiah or purchase a score of chorus parts prepared for the event for \$2.00. Tickets will be available at the door only. For additional information call 293-6311, Gary Thrasher



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

December:

7 - Messiah Sing-along at
First Presbyterian in Fargo at
7:30 p.m.

13 - Holiday handbell music
at Barnes & Noble
Booksellers, beginning around
noon.

January:

12 - Concordia College
Organ Students Recital at
Trinity Lutheran Church in
Moorhead at 7:00 p.m.

February:

7, 14, 21, 28 - Handbells -
Collaboration with F-M
Communiversity at Olivet
Lutheran Church Fellowship
Hall in Fargo from 10:00 a.m.
to noon.

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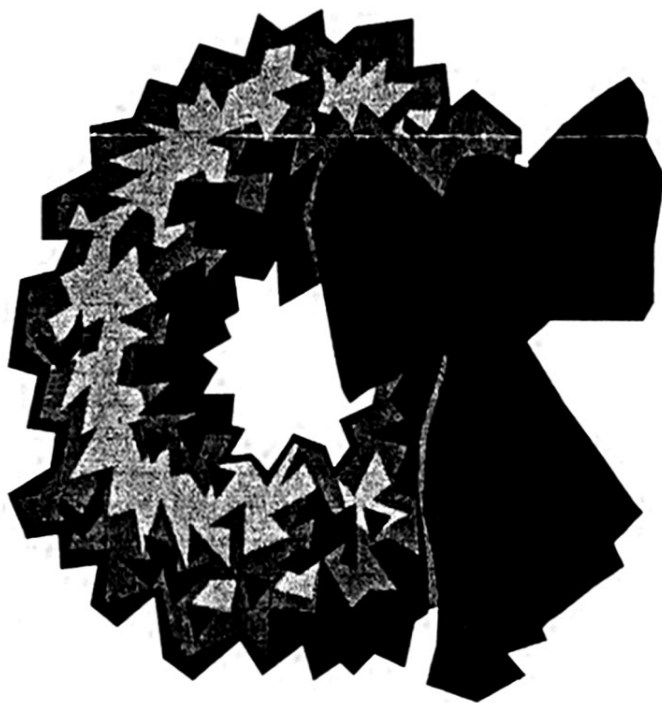
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Announcements

NEEDED: a new membership data base person! Carolyn Hensrud will be happy to train a new person to take over the mailing list duties of our chapter. Computer required! Currently using My Mail Manager, with Windows 95. Call 280-2189.

CHOIR MUSIC: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Casselton, ND, has choir music which they can no longer use and are willing to give to anyone for the price of postage. Most are SATB, Unison or suitable for youth choir. The number of copies varies between 10-20. For a list contact Lucille Kingsley, P.O. Box 414, Casselton, ND 58012, leave a message at 701-347-4626 or email Bobnlucille@aol.com.



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Upcoming Events

December:

- ⇒ 11 - Michael Olson will present his annual recital of organ music for the Christmas season at First Lutheran Church in Fargo at 7:15 p.m.
- ⇒ 14 - Michael Olson will present the same recital at Mayville Lutheran Church in Mayville, ND at 2:00 p.m.
- ⇒ 15-19 & 22-23 - Christmas organ recitals at the Fargo Theatre from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- ⇒ Every Wednesday (Except Dec. 24 and 31): Michael Olson and other organists will present weekly recitals starting at 12:45 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. If you wish to participate please contact Michael at 293-0284.



Pipedreams

- December 7 - Until Shiloh Comes...music of expectation and exultation for the Advent Season.
- December 14 - In Quiet Joy...celebratory compositions in a variety of dynamic levels on Christmas themes.
- December 21 - Holiday International...savoring seasonal organ repertoire from many lands.
- December 28 - American Christmas... from Georgia to California and New York to Kansas, we offer joyous greetings from around these United States.

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