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Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Session 1: "TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE, TIS THE GIFT TO BE FREE..."

In this first session we will consider the thing that our congregation hears first—the **SOUND** of our choirs.

Is there a sound ideal that all choirs and choir directors agree upon?

Is there anything we can do as directors to make the sound of our choirs improve?

If so, then what things have the biggest impact?

Session 2: "TIS THE GIFT TO COME DOWN WHERE WE OUGHT TO BE..."

The sound that our choirs make is of critical importance, but this second session considers something that might matter even more—the **PHRASING** of our choirs.

Phrasing is to choirs what delivering the words of a script is to an actor. What we emphasize and how we get there has an enormous impact on our music making and worship leading. Are phrasing and musicality instinctual or can they be taught? What things can improve them, and what things get in the way?

Session 3: "AND WHEN WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE PLACE JUST RIGHT..."

Have you ever heard a choir sing out of tune?

Even if the choir's tone and phrasing are quite lovely, an out-of-tune choir can be hard to listen to.

Have you ever heard a choir sing really well in tune?

Even if a choir's tone is less than optimal, a choir that sings in tune can be heaven-on-earth.

In this third session, we consider **INTONATION**: what makes "in tune" and "out of tune." And more importantly, what (if anything) we can do about it!



Do you have what it takes to win \$1,000.00?! We are looking for people of all age ranges with all types of talent...from singing, dancing, and playing instruments...to magicians, comedians, and jugglers! If you have talent don't miss out on being a part of our very first talent show, The Midlands Has Talent, hosted by Leadership Lexington County.

Auditions will be held on August 13, 2016. Judges will determine which acts will make it to the final show on August 20, 2016. First place will win \$1,000.00! Prizes will also be given to 2nd and 3rd place winners as well as a People's Choice Award.

You can find the audition forms online at www.villagesquaretheatre.com. Registration ends August 6, 2016. The winner and their teacher (if applicable) will be featured in a Free Times ad.



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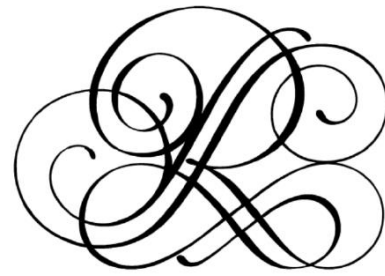
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Upcoming Fall Programs

Friday, September 16: Meet Some of Columbia's New Organists!

As part of a progressive dinner program, chapter members will journey to three churches where the new organist will present a short program following a dinner course. Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 16** for this enjoyable evening of food and fellowship as we welcome three new organists to Columbia. A brief biography of each musician follows:

David Turner assumed the position of Director of Music and Worship at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia in January 2016. He is the primary service musician and accompanist and director for the adult, children's, and handbell choirs. David holds a B.A. degree from Presbyterian College and served as Organist and Director of Music at Christ Episcopal Church in Greenville SC. David completed an extended music education residency in Solidaridad, Mexico and Cange, Haiti with the Lila Duo through which he co-founded The Haiti Music Project. He has presented workshops and sessions throughout the southeast on service playing and improvisation to organists and other instrumentalists including The Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians of South Carolina, The Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, and the Greenville SC chapter of the AGO. As a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians, he played host to the national convention in 2010. He is also an active member of the American Guild of Organists and has served in many leadership capacities within the organization.



Thomas Russell joined the staff at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia in early 2016 where he serves as Organist and Assistant Director of Music. Thomas holds a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music where he was awarded a full tuition scholarship and was the recipient of the 2010 Robert Baker Scholarship from the Yale Institute of Sacred music. He holds a Bachelor of Music (summa cum laude) from the University of South Carolina School of Music where he was the recipient of the Grace Steele Hawes Scholarship in Organ Performance. His major teachers include Thomas Murray, Dr. William H. Bates, Jeffrey Brillhart, and Dr. Ed Dunbar. Thomas previously served as Organist and Music Associate at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville TN; Organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Wallingford CT; and Organist at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville SC. In addition to serving as a performing organist and church musician, Thomas is also an active harpsichordist and teacher. In 2014 he and his wife Julie established the Covenant Conservatory, a music education ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

Dr. Andrew Kotylo arrived in Columbia in July 2016 where he joined the staff at St. Peter's Catholic Church. He is a native of Binghamton, NY, and holds degrees from the Indiana Jacobs School of Music (B.M., M.M., D.M.,) where he studied organ with Christopher Young and Larry Smith and choral conducting with William Jon Gray. Other teachers have included Carolyn Albaugh, the late Searle Wright, and John Schwandt. His doctoral document concerns the life and organ works of Searle Wright, and he was assisted in his research by a grant from the American Guild of Organists National Library at Boston University given by the widow of the concert organist E. Power Biggs. Church music has been an integral part of his life and work. In August 2008, he joined the music staff of Trinity Church ("on-the-Green") in New Haven CT where he was Associate Director of Music. He has also served Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX as organist; St. Paul's Cathedral (Episcopal) in Buffalo NY as assistant organist/choirmaster; the Church of the Nativity (Episcopal) in Indianapolis IN as music director/organist, and St. Thomas Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Bloomington IN as organist. Dr. Kotylo is a past dean of the Bloomington Indiana AGO Chapter and served on the planning board for the Region I 2015 Convention held in New Haven CT.



Also Coming Later in the Fall!

Monday, October 3: Dr. Matthew Whitehouse will perform a recital on the recently rebuilt Tellers pipe organ at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Friday, October 21: Katherine Johnson, winner of the 2016 Young Organist Competition, will perform a recital at Trinity Cathedral.

Welcome New and Returning Members

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS TO YOUR DIRECTORY.

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June, July & August Birthdays

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07/10 Sunjoo Lee
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**** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

COLUMBIA

****Christus Victor Lutheran Church**, 400 Harbison Boulevard, Columbia, SC 29212, is currently seeking a part-time Choir Director to partner with our Music Director/Organist in working with our choir. Time commitment includes weekly choir practice (usually Wednesday evenings) and regular and special seasonal worship practices and services. Should have a strong understanding of Lutheran theology, worship, and liturgy. Should also be familiar with ELCA worship resources such as Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Resumes may be submitted via regular mail to address above or by email to: pastorfredsuhr@bellsouth.net.

Park Street Baptist Church, 2204 Park Street, is seeking an Organist/Choir Accompanist. Sunday morning service with Wednesday night choir rehearsal. 3 manual Allen Renaissance digital and pipe combination organ with 9 ranks of Möller pipes. Yamaha C7 Grand. Salary negotiable. Contact Wendi Humphries, Minister of Music at 603-4787 or Whumphries@lex2.org for more information.

****St. John Neumann Catholic Church**, 100 Polo Rd., Columbia 29223. Position: Principal Organist. Hire Date: September 1, 2016 St. John Neumann, a vibrant parish of over 1,900 families, is seeking a Principal Organist to play 2-3 masses a weekend. The Organist will work in collaboration with the Director of Music to lead the congregational sung prayer with the parish cantors and accompany both the adult and children's choirs. The Organist must be available for Wednesday night rehearsals and all special Holy Day Liturgies throughout the year. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in Organ Performance (Master's preferred) and appreciate the ritual of Catholic liturgy. The position also requires the organist to serve on the music and acoustics committee in an advisory role in the design of an instrument for a new worship space. Qualified and interested candidates should submit a resume along with video material to David Cochrane at dcochrane@SJNChurch.com.

****Westminster Presbyterian Church** (1715 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC) has an opening for an Organist. The duties of the organist include regular Sunday worship (8:15 and 10:30 services), as well as special services, weddings and funerals. Westminster has a Zimmer pipe organ as well as a Studio Grand piano in the chancel. Weekly choir rehearsals are Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm. The Organist works closely with the Choir Director who is responsible for both the choir and handbell programs.

Interested candidates should send their curriculum vitae including references as a pdf attachment to the chair of the search committee (nhwilson1@gmail.com). If you have questions, you may email the question to this email address or leave a telephone number with the best time for a return call to you.

DENMARK

Bethel Park United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11 a.m. We will offer salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Terry Roof at TARoof@umcsc.org, or the church office at 803-793-3669.

EASTOVER

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Eastover, built in 1871, has a reed organ and an upright piano. The current priest, The Rev'd Wayne Kinyon, is retiring, and his wife Carolyn is the current organist. The congregation is about 25 people. The hymnals in use are The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. Requirement is Sunday morning only. There is no choir. Contact Carolyn Kinyon at 803-960-8413.

LEXINGTON

****Nazareth Lutheran Church** (ELCA), Lexington, South Carolina seeks an individual to fill the position of parish musician. The qualified candidate should be equally competent on both the organ and piano. The organ is a two manual Allen Organ with an AGO pedal board. In addition to playing the organ for all services, the parish musician will also direct the choir. A hand bell choir has been started; however, the church does not own its own set of bells. The choir has been using borrowed bells. The congregation has started a hand bell fund; therefore, it is a goal of the church to continue this portion of the music ministry. The salary will be negotiable. If you are interested in applying for the position of Parish Musician at Nazareth Lutheran Church, please call the church office at (803)-359-7993.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC - immediate opening within their music department for an Accompanist/Piano and Organ. This position is a Permanent Exempt Part-Time Salaried. Shall provide and play for the Sun. 8:30am & 11:00am, the Wednesday evening service at 6:30pm, mid-week special services, funerals for church members, weddings, and all choir practices. Our Organ is an Allen Digital, Diane Bish Series with three manuals. We have a midsize Digital Yamaha Baby-grand piano in the sanctuary and in our Parish Life Center a full-size Baby-grand piano. Requirements include a music related degree with specialization in church music or the experience and skill comparable to such a degree. Should also have sufficient keyboard ability to sight read hymns, anthem accompaniments and contemporary music accompaniments. Applicants must have good communication skills and the ability to organize, and be prepared for all services and choir practices. The Accompanist is a member of the Music Department team which works with the pastors to coordinate music and worship activities within the church. Full Job descriptions may be obtained by calling the church office at 803-359-2470 or emailing a request to: office@stpeterslexsc.org To apply: Send a resume to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1130 St. Peter's Road, Lexington, SC 29072 or email a resume to: office@stpeterslexsc.org open position.

ORANGEBURG

Orangeburg Lutheran Church in Orangeburg, SC has an opening for an Organist and Director of Music Ministries. The duties of the organist include regular Sunday worship as well as special services, weddings and funerals. The position of Director of Music Ministries includes the direction of both the chancel choir and a bell choir. Orangeburg Lutheran has a pipe organ as well as a Grand piano in the chancel. There is one worship service on Sunday. Interested candidates should send their curriculum vitae including references as a pdf attachment to olc610@bellsouth.net For more information call 803-534-1192 or send an email to the address above. Applications will be reviewed by the search committee as they are received.

ROCK HILL

Epiphany Lutheran Church (ELCA), a progressive, open and welcoming mid-sized congregation in Rock Hill, SC, located 25 miles south of Charlotte, NC, is seeking a part-time (20 hours) Director of Music Ministries. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregational weekly worship and music ministries, playing at two worship services each Sunday, directing the choirs, and planning other musical activities for the congregation according to the unique style of Epiphany. Experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send cover letter and resume to epiphany@epiphany-rockhill.org.

WEST COLUMBIA

West Side Baptist Church, 2100 Platt Springs Road 29169. The family of God at West Side Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated Christian called by God to fill our 8-10 hr/wk part-time position for PIANIST. We pray God will send us an individual who has the abilities to perform the desired instrumentalist duties outlined for the position. A copy of the position vacancy notice is available from the church.

Any questions, please contact the church office by phone 803-796-2027 or e-mail at westside@wsbconline.org. You also may contact Ann Boan as Personnel Officer at 803-356-0361 or email asboan@aol.com.