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July 2008 - June 2009 International Year of the Organ

## Frederick Swann

**Program- October 9, 7:30 pm**

**Meal 6:30 p.m. (have dinner with Fred Swann) Cost: \$7 \*\*\*reservations required see page 2**

**Program 7:30 p.m.**

**Concert-October 10, 7:00 pm**

Washington Street UMC, 1401 Washington Street, Columbia

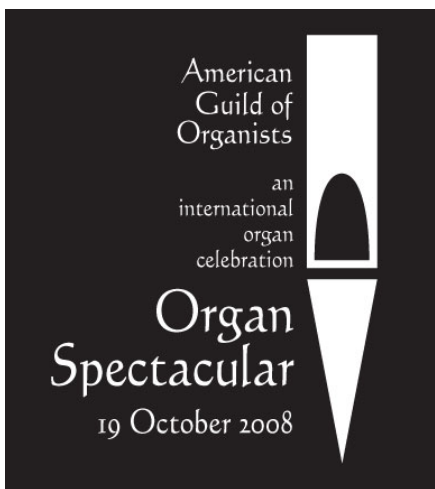
Frederick Swann, noted one commentator, has probably presided over more ranks of pipes and stopknobs than any other organist in history, given the size and prominence of the instruments with which he been associated: The Riverside Church in New York City (1957-1982), The Crystal Cathedral (1982-1998) and First Congregational Church of Los Angeles (1998-2001). Mr. Swann is currently organ artist-in-residence at St. Margaret's Episcopal



Church in Palm Desert, California, and serves as organist emeritus of the Crystal Cathedral and of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles. He was the national president of the American Guild of Organists from 2002 to 2008.

Mr. Swann holds degrees from Northwestern University and the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary. In addition to his prominent church positions, he was chair of the Organ Department at the Manhattan School of Music for ten years and served on the faculties of the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary and Teacher's College of Columbia University, New York City. Although officially "retired", Mr. Swann continues to perform in churches and concert halls worldwide.

Two Meetings this month  
Mark your calendars for both Fred Swann program and Organ Spectacular



## Chorus, Organ and Brass, Oh My!

**October 19, 2008, 4:00 PM**

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Rd., Columbia

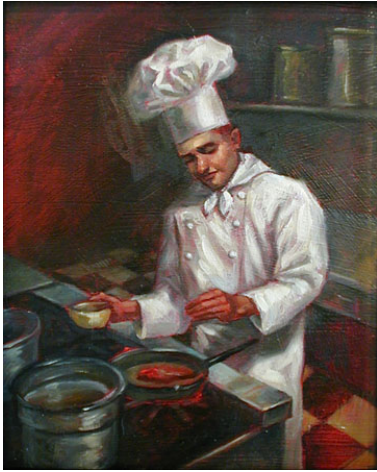
**Tickets will be available at the door. \$12 Adults \$10 Seniors/Students  
CURRENT 2008-2009 AGO MEMBERS ARE FREE**

This is a collaboration between the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Columbia Choral Society. July 2008 - June 2009 is the International Year of the Organ and "Organ Spectaculars" are being held all over the world on one day --- Sunday, October 19. To celebrate the occasion and to highlight just a small portion of the vast choral/organ repertoire that is available, this concert will feature music of Peeters, Bach, Britten and Bruckner. The chorus and organists will be joined by the USC Brass Ensemble, soloists and dancers. It will be a feast for lovers of beautiful choral music and organ!

**\*\*\*Reservations** are required for dinner on October 9 and needed by **Monday, October 6.**

Cost \$7.

Please contact Tony Roof {803-606-1596 or [tonyroof@windstream.net](mailto:tonyroof@windstream.net)} for dinner reservations.



## Menu

Barbecued Chicken  
Seasoned New Potatoes  
Squash Casserole  
Salad  
Dessert  
Tea

*If you find that you cannot attend a dinner and have made a reservation, please cancel your reservation by 48 hours prior to the dinner. If you make a reservation and do not attend the dinner, please send a check payable to AGO for the cost of the dinner (times the number of reservations you made) to Nancy Kelley, Shandon*

*United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia, SC 29205. AGO has to pay for those dinners not paid for by those making reservations. Thanks.*

HELLO, MY NAME

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To help everyone put a name with a face; we will be taking photographs of our members at the first few meetings to add to our directory {a pictorial directory of sorts}. Please try to attend one of the first meetings so your picture and information can be added.

**Our website address has changed. Our new web address is [www.columbiaago.org](http://www.columbiaago.org)**

*The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.*

## *New Blog for our region*

Our regional blog is a great resource of information for all members in our region. We are continually adding events to the calendar. The address is <http://agoregion4.blogspot.com> Your input and feedback to this new blog is welcome.



The L'Organo Organ Recital Series of Piccolo Spoleto is soliciting applications from performers for the 2009 Piccolo Spoleto Festival, to be held in Charleston, South Carolina May 23 - June 8, 2009. These 50 minute programs are held weekday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in downtown churches in Charleston, and a fee is paid to out of town performers who are accepted. The deadline for applications is fast approaching, October 15th. Application forms can be downloaded from: [www.piccolospoleto.com](http://www.piccolospoleto.com). These concerts routinely showcase major and lesser known organists from the Southeast.

### *Planning music for 2009?*

Why not program composers who have birth or death anniversaries in 2009?!

**Birth:**

Henry Purcell (1659–1695) 350 years

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847) 200 years

Jean Berger (1909–2002) 100 years

**Death:**

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685–1759) 250 years

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809) 200 years

Johann Christian Kittel (1732–1809) 200 years

Johann Georg Albrechtsberger (1736–1809) 200 years

Hermann Schröder (1843–1909) 100 years

Robin Milford (1903–1959) 50 years

For biographies of these composers, please visit <http://www.classical-composers.org/page/composers>.

## **NEWS ABOUT FORMER MEMBERS**

**Patrick Pope** has moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where he will pursue a DMA in organ performance under Todd Wilson in the Jacobs School of Music of Indiana University. Patrick has also been awarded an assistantship to teach in the undergraduate church music program. In addition, he will be the organist at St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Congratulations, Patrick!

# Upcoming Concerts

## SC Dance Department

"Carnival of the Animals"

Friday, October 3, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 4, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

General Public \$16.00

Faculty/Staff/Military \$14.00

USC Students \$10.00 in Advance, \$16.00 at the door.

On sale at the Carolina Coliseum Ticket Office. Charge Line (803) 251-2222 or [Capitoltickets.com](http://Capitoltickets.com)

## Friday, Oct 3 6:30pm

### The Palmetto Mastersingers

at Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC

The Palmetto Mastersingers is a group of 70 men ages 22-82 who promote choral music



## Sunday, Oct 5 5:00pm

### Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra

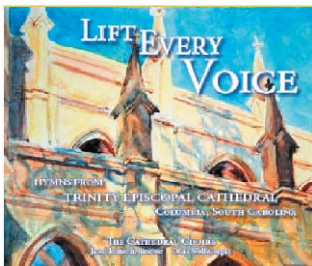
at Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC

Art & Music at Saluda Shoals Park featuring "Festival Overture," Shostakovich; "In Autumn," Grieg; "The Moldau," Smetana; "Blue Danube" Johann Strauss

## GALA CONCERT FOR RELEASE OF NEW HYMN CD

OCTOBER 5 --5:00 PM

TRINITY CATHEDRAL



The Trinity Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Choirs of Boys & Girls announce the release of their latest CD, **Lift Every Voice**, a collection of hymns recorded in the Cathedral last May. The official release will be a gala concert in Averyt Hall, in the Trinity Center for Mission and Ministry, on Sunday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for this concert are available from \$7 to \$25; the CD will be on sale for the first time at the concert, at a cost of \$19. All proceeds from ticket and CD sales will support the Choirs' tour to

Canterbury Cathedral in England and the American Cathedral in Paris in July 2009. For tickets or more information, call the Cathedral music office at 771-7300.



## "Oh, Beautiful, For Spacious Skies"

Thursday, October 9th, 7:30 p.m.

You'll hear songs of the land, the people, and the hearts that make America beautiful. We'll explore some of our best loved "patriotic" songs as well as those about the incredible mix of people and places that make America great. Our Katie Quackenbush Vocal Scholarship winners will perform.

Special guest artist Columbia Community Band under the direction of Bill Ackerman with Dreher High School Choir, Drama group, and honor guard.

Sandlapper Singers  
P.O. Box 50261  
Columbia, SC 29250  
803.381.5481

Purchase tickets online  
[www.sandlappersingers.org](http://www.sandlappersingers.org)



**Recital**  
**October 12, 4:00 pm**  
**Newberry ARP Church**  
**1701 Main St., Newberry, SC**

**Andy Price**  
recital on the newly renovated organ at the Newberry ARP Church.

**Friday, Oct 17 7:30pm**  
**The Palmetto Artist Series: Swing, Swing, Swing**  
at St Andrews Presbyterian Church Of Columbia, Columbia, SC

What do some of the finest musicians in South Carolina do for fun? They get together with one of their mutual friends to form one of the Southeast's finest big bands. The Dick Goodwin Big Band will perform as part of the Palmetto Artist Series



**Friday 7:30 pm October 17, 2008**  
Arts at Shandon series: Shandon Presbyterian Church at the corner of Devine and Woodrow Streets in Shandon area 771-4408

**Neil Casey, violinist: Neil Casey and Friends**

Neil Casey is the associate concertmaster of the Augusta (Ga.) Symphony, as well as the founding violinist in the Excelsior Trio and is assistant conductor of the Augusta and USC Symphony.

**October 17**

A Streetcar Named Desire

October 17, 2008 7:30 p.m **Columbia Classical Ballet**

**Individual Tickets:** \$32.00, \$28.00, \$22.00, \$17.00, \$12.00, & \$5.00 **For Season Tickets Information Visit [columbiaclassicalballet.org](http://columbiaclassicalballet.org)**



**Newberry College**

**October 21**

**Newberry College Singers and Madrigals** will be performing their annual Parents Concert,

Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 pm. The concert will feature choral works by William Byrd, Hugo Alfven, Norman Luboff, Hugo Distler, Knut Nystedt, Z. Randall Stroope, Randall Thompson, Peter Knight, Victor Paranjoti, Vytautas Miskinis, Richard Nance, Jaakko Mantjarvi, and Frank Loesser. [newberry.edu](http://newberry.edu)

**Presenting in Concert  
At Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**

*Gloriæ Dei Cantores*

**Thursday, October 30, 2008**

**6:00 Pre-Concert Lecture for All Ages**

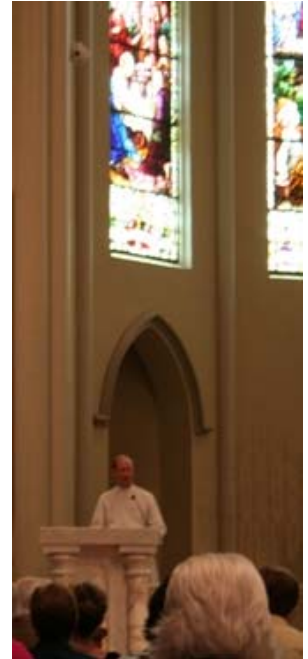
**7:00 Free Concert followed by Reception**

**This event is co-sponsored by Patrons and Friends of the Arts at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and the Music and Arts Program of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**

The concert will feature the internationally renowned 40-voice choir *Gloriæ Dei Cantores* (Singers to the Glory of God) which presents sacred choral music spanning two millennia. The choir has performed in 23 countries in Europe, Asia, and North America, in 18 languages, and has a discography of more than 30 recordings. Its members range in age from 17 – 70 and come from a wide variety of occupations, Christian traditions, and musical backgrounds. For more information and to hear a recording of the choir, visit their website at [www.gdcchoir.org](http://www.gdcchoir.org)

# Angels and Ministers

Septemeber 2008 Greater Columbia Chapter Meeting  
What a great kick-off for the International Year of the Organ.  
We had nearly 200 in attendance!



Mark your Calendars for next month's meeting, Thursday, November 6:

“Theologian in Residence” series at  
Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
presents Dr. Thomas G. Long  
November 6 & 7, 2008



Thomas G. Long is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. A Presbyterian minister, Tom has served churches in Georgia and New Jersey. He has taught preaching for over thirty years—at Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and, since 2000, at Candler. Tom is the author of textbooks on preaching and worship, collections of sermons, and biblical commentaries on Matthew and Hebrews. His most recent books are *Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian* and *The Witness of Preaching, Second Edition*. His book, *Beyond the Worship Wars: Building Vital and Faithful Worship*, is an Alban Institute best-seller. He is married to Kimberly Long, who serves as an associate with the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship and is the editor of *Call to Worship*.

**Thursday, November 6 7:00-8:30pm**

**“Something Old, Something New: Creating Vital and Faithful Worship Today”**

Dr. Long will address the limitations and historical roots of such words as “contemporary” & “traditional”, exploring the components of faithful worship in a new century.

**Friday, November 7 9:00 am–Noon**

**“Preaching to a Spiritually Restless Culture”** For local & regional clergy & others who preach regularly, this workshop will address the crafting of sermons in a culture similar to that encountered by Saint Paul in Athens: “They would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.” (Acts 17:21) Pre-registration is required by electronic mail ([doliver@ebenezerlutheran.org](mailto:doliver@ebenezerlutheran.org)) or by calling the church office (765-9430).

**Both events are free, but pre-registration is required for the workshop.**

Thursday’s event will be held in the Ebenezer Chapel on Richland Street.

Friday workshop is in the Parish Life Center on the corner of Sumter and Calhoun.

Sponsored by the Ebenezer Foundation  
1301 Richland Street Columbia SC 29201  
[www.ebenezerlutheran.org](http://www.ebenezerlutheran.org)





JENNIFER ZOELLNER	10/01
JIM INGRAM	10/04
IKE PITTS	10/06
TONY ROOF	10/07
BILL MCNAIR	10/15

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

\* **New Listing**

### **BISHOPVILLE**

**First Baptist Church**, P.O. Box 144, Bishopville, SC 29010. Part-time Accompanist (piano and/or organ) and Part-time Music Director (one choir). Send resume ATTN: Personnel Committee at the church address. For more information, contact Beth Hedegor, Ministry Assistant at 803-484-5430 (8-1, Mon.-Thur.)

### **COLUMBIA**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2215 Devine St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. Organist and Choirmaster for 10:30 Sunday and seasonal services. Pre-service choir warm-up and rehearsal after 10:30 service. Liturgical worship. Pipe organ, 2 manual. Permanent commitment ideal, however, we are willing to consider short term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. Salary: AGO guidelines. Please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at [pastor@holyltrinitylutheranchurclcms.com](mailto:pastor@holyltrinitylutheranchurclcms.com)

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**, 3707 Moss Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205 Organist/Choir Director Position. One Sunday Worship at 11:00. Salary Negotiable. For more information please contact Rev. Scott Holland at (803) 787-7968 or by email at [PastorScott@sc.rr.com](mailto:PastorScott@sc.rr.com)

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, 1416 Broad River Road, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES. This congregation, with an established history of excellence in worship and music, seeks a musician creative in the Lutheran tradition to lead two Sunday morning worship services and seasonal liturgies. Specific responsibilities include leading the congregation in worship and song, conducting an adult choir and a children's choir, and directing soloists and instrumental ensembles. The successful candidate will demonstrate knowledge of Lutheran theology and liturgical practice, skill and competency at the keyboard, both organ and piano, improvisation and service playing. The church's instruments include a Schantz organ, 3 manual, 34 ranks; a Knabe grand piano, handbells, Orff instruments and chimes. Requirements include at least a bachelor's degree in music, and experience in conducting and rehearsing choirs of different age groups. If interested, see expanded job description and list of applications requirements at: [www.salutheran.com](http://www.salutheran.com). Compensation will be commensurate with education and experience. Send resumes to Ruth Lackstrom, [rel2812@earthlink.net](mailto:rel2812@earthlink.net) or mail to: Music Search Committee, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

**St. David's Episcopal Church**, 605 Polo Rd., ([www.StDavidsColumbia.org](http://www.StDavidsColumbia.org)) , is seeking a part-time choir director/organist. The position leads the music for one service on Sunday mornings and for special services during Holy Week, Advent and other occasional events. The position supports the children's eucharist every Sunday during the summer and once a month during the rest of the year. The church has an adult choir and children's choir. Located at 605 Polo Rd. in northeast Columbia, the sanctuary is well-known for its acoustics and 100-year-old pipe organ that was recently refurbished. Please contact vestry member Elizabeth Hammond, 803-736-2189 or [BluesFlack@yahoo.com](mailto:BluesFlack@yahoo.com) , or call the church at 803-736-0866 for more information.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Drive, 29209.** Trinity Presbyterian Church is actively seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. We are seeking an experienced individual who brings not only a love for the classical, but can offer a variety of musical experiences to enhance our worship services. Our choir consists of approximately 15-20 members. Worship services are Sunday at 11:00. The Director's responsibilities include weekly adult choir rehearsals, the children's choir, and any additional seasonal services. We are prepared to offer a comprehensive compensation package commensurate with experience. If excited about this opportunity, please forward resumes to Attn: Stacy Lanham, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Drive, Columbia, SC 29209 or e-mail to [tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net](mailto:tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net) with the subject line to read: Organist /Choir Director resume.

#### **DENMARK**

**Bethel Park UMC** 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 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Att: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042. [hmileysc@aol.com](mailto:hmileysc@aol.com) (Bill Humphries)

#### **FLORENCE**

**Cross and Crown Lutheran Church**, P/T Director of Music Ministries needed for Florence, SC church. 10 hours per week. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregation's music program, direct the choir, and participate in planning of worship and other musical activities. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send resume to: Cross and Crown, 3123 W. Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29501.

#### **GREENVILLE**

**St. Mark UMC**, 306 N. Franklin Rd., Greenville 29609 is looking for a Music Director-Pianist. Contact the church at 864-233-1437-for information. Or send Resume to St. Mark UMC.

#### **HARTSVILLE**

**Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.** Musician needed to play for Sunday morning service, 10:30–11:30 AM, with extra seasonal services – Advent and Lent. The instrument is a Yamaha Clavinova. Compensation negotiable. Call Alice Brandt, 843-332-1478.

**St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church**, Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

Organist position. Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office). Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

**LANCASTER**

**St. Luke United Methodist Church**, 128 Providence Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. Organist/Choir Director Position. One Sunday Worship at 10:30. Allen Organ. Salary negotiable. For more information, contact Rev. Kyle Randle (803) 286-8652 or email [randlekyle@gmail.com](mailto:randlekyle@gmail.com)

**LAURENS**

**Atonement Lutheran Church**, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for a church organist. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal). Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, [lutheran05@yahoo.com](mailto:lutheran05@yahoo.com)

**LEXINGTON**

**Nazareth Lutheran Church**, Organist/Choir Director. Call Pr. Mike Watson at 359-7993 for more information. [mew\\_ajw@yahoo.com](mailto:mew_ajw@yahoo.com)

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church** is searching for an organist to partner with our choir director to enhance and enable the worship life of this historic downtown church. St. Stephen's is a 177 year old congregation that worships on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 am and during additional seasonal services using liturgies from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, With One Voice, and The Lutheran Book of Worship*. The nave is home to a three manual 56 rank pipe/digital organ built in 1987 by Moeller with antiphonals added and refurbished by Zimmer in 2005 along with Yamaha and Steinway pianos. The 8:30 choir rehearses on Sunday mornings and the 11:00 choir on Wednesday evenings. The job portfolio of this musician includes playing for these services, rehearsals, eddings and funerals. A job description is available by contacting the church office, between 8:00 – 4:00 M-F. The compensation and/or benefits for the position are negotiable. Interested persons are invited to send a resume and cover letter to the Organist Search Task Force, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church 119 North Church Street Lexington SC, 29072. If you have questions please contact Pastor Pat Riddle or Pastor Dennis Bolton at the church office 803-359-6562. Please visit us on line at [www.sslc.org](http://www.sslc.org).

**MYRTLE BEACH**

**St. Philip Lutheran Church**, 6200 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach is seeking a part-time organist, salary negotiable. Duties include two Sunday worship services, midweek worship, choir practice, weddings and funerals. For more information, please call 843-449-5345.

**NEWBERRY**

**Colony Lutheran Church**, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. Director of Music/Organist, Part-time. Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H. Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, [colonylc@bellsouth.net](mailto:colonylc@bellsouth.net).

**Summer Memorial Lutheran Church** is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Music Ministries / Organist. Part-time position (16-20 hours per week) - one Sunday worship service plus any additional seasonal services. The Director of Music Ministries conducts weekly rehearsals with the adult choir, the children's choir, and the handbell choir. This individual will also work closely with the Pastor and the Worship and Music Committee in selecting a wide variety of music to enhance the worship service. Knowledge of traditional Lutheran Liturgy and contemporary praise music is an asset to this position. All interested persons should submit a resume to Wanda Amick, Summer Memorial Lutheran Church, 1609 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC 29108, or by e-mail to [summermemorial@bellsouth.net](mailto:summermemorial@bellsouth.net). Compensation is approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year.

### **SENECA**

**Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church**, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, [larsh@alltel.net](mailto:larsh@alltel.net) cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

### **WEST COLUMBIA**

**Platt Springs United Methodist Church**, 3215 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia 29170. Organist for one Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service and Wednesday 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice. Please send resumes, c/o SPRC Committee 3215 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia SC 29170 or e-mail to [psumc@sc.rr.com](mailto:psumc@sc.rr.com). For more information call 803-794-3415.

