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Get Motivated!

Join us for an evening designed to energize and inspire us, and the choirs we direct to new or expanded musical heights.

Monday evening April 19 at 7:00 p.m. (rescheduled from the March meeting). It will be held at **Jerusalem Lutheran Church**, 36 Church Street in **Rothsville**.

We will begin the evening with a prelude played by **Roger Kurtz** and end with a postlude played by **David Gross**. Following that, the presenters for the program will be **Roger Kurtz** and his pastor Rev. David Rike, **Carl Tobias** and his pastor **Rev. Tim Craven**, and all of you. We encourage you to share what works for you and your situation from which others may benefit.

Come enjoy an evening of sharing and learning. What motivates you to practice when you don't feel like it? What motivates you to learn new music when you would rather play the same thing year in year out? How do you push your volunteer choirs to learn new techniques, challenging pieces, or styles of

music when they don't want to? These are just some of the topics that will be discussed. Perhaps you are in a rut or know someone who needs a little encouragement to expand their musical venues. This might be just what is needed. See you there!

~ **John Huber, Sub-dean**



Winding Down...

Someone just said to me today, “Now that Easter is over, don’t you feel as if you are winding down with not very much to do at this time of the year?” It didn’t take me but a few moments to know that, yes, another busy season is completed, but winding down is hardly how I can look at the next several weeks. I’m sure that is true for many of you. We still have service music to prepare, we still have choirs who need to be encouraged to stay committed to rehearsals and services for the next month or two, and we still have the planning and preparation that is necessary for the music program to run smoothly. You might be planning programs or concerts which you are presenting at the end of your choir season, so “winding down” is not yet an option.



Your chapter is no different than your music program. We still have meetings to present - April 19 *Motivating Ourselves*, May 10 *Annual Meeting*, and June 10 *Summer Arts Festival Recital*. We still have chapter business to complete - voting for the new board, encouraging the membership to attend meetings, seeking those who might apply for the Lunt-McConnell Scholarship or the POE Scholarship, and renewing our memberships for the next year. In addition to what needs to be completed in the near future, our chapter needs to always consider ways in which to encourage new members to join us so that the king of instruments may continue to be known to congregations.

But even in our busy lives, there needs to be a joy and satisfaction in what we do. And so, as each of you are approaching the “winding down” time, I trust that those who minister with you each week are an encouragement to you, and that you continue to be an inspiration to them. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

~ Pat Bleecker, Dean





Long-Awaited "Lancaster Organ Showcase" Opens!

On Sunday, May 16, organist, Peter Stoltzfus, will initiate our *Lancaster Organ Showcase* with a concert at Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, at 4:00 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door - \$10 (\$5 students). Stoltzfus is particularly pleased to be the first to play in our series as he is originally from Lancaster and also because he knew Rick Fritsch and is honored to participate in this memorial occasion. Stoltzfus will play a program with wide appeal: Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in E^b (St. Anne)*, Langlais' *Theme and Variations*, Mendelssohn's *Sonata in F Minor*, the Widor's *Symphonie Romane*, and Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster*. In addition Stoltzfus will premiere a new work by Lancaster composer and chapter member, **Rev. Carl E. Schroeder**, a *Theme and Variations* dedicated to Richard E. Fritsch.

It is hoped that with the purchase of tickets and financial participation of the host churches or schools we can grow the Richard E. Fritsch memorial fund and present concerts annually through the Lancaster Organ Showcase. Tentative plans are for two concerts in the 2010-2011 season. Encourage your families, friends, and church members to enjoy and support this concert so that we might not only maintain the effort but increase concert offerings in coming years. Churches that would like to participate in the series should contact members of the concert committee or dean, **Pat Bleecker**.

2010-2011 Slate of Nominees for Office

Following is this year's slate:

Secretary - Donna Burkholder

Treasurer - Carl Tobias

Members-at-Large - (Our Chapter by-laws state that three names must be presented for the two vacancies) - Ken Krause, Nancy Mauer, and Randy Rudy

Auditors - Larry Hershey and Glenn Lehman

You have several ways to vote this year:

1. Complete and mail the form enclosed with your "paper" newsletter (if you receive it in this form), or
2. Print out, complete and mail the form attached to your "e-mailed" newsletter (if you receive it in this form), or



3. Vote electronically. To cast your ballot securely online (by May 7, 2010) copy this link into your browser:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HFKWHZF>

All paper and electronic ballots remain confidential and are viewed only by our chapter secretary, Carol Cotnoir. You will be able to find the new slate of elected officers posted online at www.lancasterago.org during the second week of May. Our thanks to the nominating committee - **Glenn Lehman, Margaret Rohnacher, and Matt Weaver.**

Scholarship Opportunities

We continue to reach out to our membership by offering two scholarship opportunities. The Lunt-McConnell Scholarship is for approximately one year of organ study in the amount of \$500. An application is either attached to this emailed newsletter or enclosed in the mailed newsletter. Deadline for this application is May 15. The purpose of the POE or POE+ Scholarship is to assist a member to attend either of these summer organ programs. An application may be obtained from chapter dean Pat Bleecker, 285-7625 or pbleecker@dejazzd.com. The deadline for this application is May 15.

Players for “*Music to Lift Your Spirits*” March 2010 Program

(Top-bottom, left-right - Mark Herr, Larry Hershey, Carl Tobias, Rev. Carl E. Schroeder, Pat Bleecker, Joy Ide, Matthew Weaver, and Barbara Benjamin, not pictured)



March Board Highlights

The Executive Board of the Lancaster Chapter AGO discussed the following items:

♻️ 1. Discussed the possibility of moving March’s “Motivating Ourselves” meeting to April 12th or 19th. **John Huber** will check

out the possibilities.

☼ 2. Reviewed work of Concert Committee. First concert will be May 16, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., at the Church of the Apostles. The artist is Peter Stoltzfus.

☼ 3. As of March 1st, no applications have been received for the Lunt/McConnell Scholarship. Anyone anticipating an applicant should get the form in by May 15.

☼ 4. Book donations to Lancaster Public Library (chapter's annual donation and one in memory of Dorothy Barsumian) have been purchased.

☼ 5. Discussed updating and use of our chapter website.

☼ 6. **Ken Krause** presented five logo variations for consideration for use as our official chapter logo (letterheads, programs, posters, etc.) Evaluation to continue.

☼ 7. **Matt Weaver** presented interesting activities for our chapter to consider programming while he was checking out other chapter websites.

☼ 8. Next meeting on May 1st at 9:00 a.m. at Pat **Bleecker's** home.

Positions Available

If you have any positions available and wish to list them here, please contact **Bill Morgan** at 392-3161 or morcal@verizon.net.



St. James Lutheran Church, Lebanon, is seeking an **Organist/Director** for one Sunday service (9:00 a.m.) and one weekly choir rehearsal with an adult choir of ten members. The organ is a small two manual Mohler pipe organ. For more info contact Jessie Green at 270-1356 or Pastor Ian Reid at 272-5563, or pastorianreid@gmail.com.

Christiana United Methodist Church, Christiana, is seeking an **Organist/Director** for one Sunday Service and one weekly choir rehearsal with an adult choir of 12 members. The organ is a two manual Rogers, approximately 25 years old. Contact Rev. Allan Sumerfield at 610 595-6270 or 717 283-9088 (cell).

Organ for \$ale

Electronic, two manual, AGO pedalboard, drawknob organ by Church Organ Systems/Viscount. Six memories, six generals, six toe studs, and self-contained speaker system. 13 years old. \$3,000 or make offer. Contact **Kirk Garner**, 625-3163 (H) or 684-3573 (W).

Chapter Substitutes List

The following members are available as substitute organists. **Bill Morgan** is our contact person at 392-3161 or morcal@verizon.net.

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Carol Cotnoir - 569-4918 or cotnoir2@verizon.net.

Eldonna Filardi - 733-3852. Available for Mon. - Sat. funerals.

Roger Kurtz - 626-1527 or rogerk@dejazzd.com. Available for weddings and funerals.

Sue Long - 391-6249, 471-0573 (C), or stl1943@aol.com.

Ron Schmolze - 273-5106 or ronschmo@comcast.net. Available in northern end of the county.

Matt Weaver - 725-6235. Available for Mon. - Sat. funerals.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. - **Festal Evensong and Concert** at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**, 22 South 6th Street, Lebanon. Sung by **Ephrata Cloister Chorus**.

Sunday, April 18, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. - **Easter Service of Music** at **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 31 South Duke Street, Lancaster. Presented by the Trinity Choir, Janet Jackson Witman on harp, and **Peter A. Brown**, Organist and Choir Director. Free-will offering received.

Monday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. - **Lancaster Chapter AGO Meeting - *Motivating Ourselves*** at **Jerusalem Lutheran Church** in Rothsville.

Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. - **St. Cecelia Concerts, Choir of All Saints Church** from Worcester, Massachusetts at **Saint James Episcopal Church**, Orange and Duke Streets, Lancaster. Peter Stoltzfus, director. Free of charge.

Wednesday, April 21, 5:00 p.m. - **Evensong** at **Saint James Episcopal Church**, Orange and Duke Streets, Lancaster. Sung by the **Choir of All Saints Church**, Worcester, Massachusetts. Free of charge.

Sunday, April 25, 4:00 p.m. - **The Heritage Chorale Choral Concert** at **Jerusalem Lutheran Church**, 36 Church Street, Rothsville. **Barry L. Sawyer**, Director. Free-will offering.

Sunday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. - **Lancaster Chamber Singers** at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster. Free-will offering.

Sunday, May 2, 4:00 p.m. - **Music from Millersville Series, Millersville Choir**, "The Breath of Life" at **Saint James Episcopal Church**, Orange and Duke Streets, Lancaster. Free of charge.

Saturday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. - **Starlight Tea Concert Series - University of**

Delaware Chorale at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster. Free-will offering. For more info, call 397-4751 or visit www.lancob.org.

Sunday, May 9, 4:00 p.m. - **Music from Millersville Series**, The French Connection at **Saint James Episcopal Church**, Orange and Duke Streets, Lancaster. **Maria Corley and friends**. Free of charge.

Sunday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. - **Festal Evensong and Concert** at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**, 22 South 6th Street, Lebanon. **Eaken Piano Trio**.

Monday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. - **Lancaster Chapter AGO Annual Meeting and From Sea to Shining Sea DVD** at **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 200 West Orange Street, Lititz.

Sunday, May 16, 4:00 p.m. - **FIRST Lancaster Organ Showcase Concert** at **Church of the Apostles**, 1850 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster. Organist, Peter Stoltzfus, formerly of Lancaster.

Sunday, May 16, 4:00 p.m. - **St. Cecelia Concerts, Tour de Brass** at **Saint James Episcopal Church**, Orange and Duke Streets, Lancaster. Free of charge.

Sunday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. - **Vocal Choirs and Instrumental Ensembles of Westminster** at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster. Free-will offering.

Sunday, June 6, 4:00 p.m. - **The Keystone Brass Quintet** at **Warwick Township Lions Park** in Rothsville. Free-will offering.

Sunday, June 6, 5:00 p.m. - **Choral Evensong** at **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**, 22 South 6th Street, Lebanon. **Valley Forge Choir of Men and Boys**.

Thursday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. - **Lancaster Chapter AGO Summer Arts Festival** at **First Presbyterian Church**, 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster.

Lancaster Chapter Officers

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