



St. John's Lutheran Church

"Building and Nurturing a Faith Community"

Pastor Mark Hallonquist

Pastor Meta Carlson

Joyce Larson, Music Director

St. John's Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As such we believe in the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and the Gospel as the power of God for salvation for all that believe. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are written Word of God, inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, recording and announcing God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ.

We believe the Church to be a people created by God in Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to communicate God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

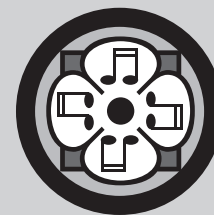
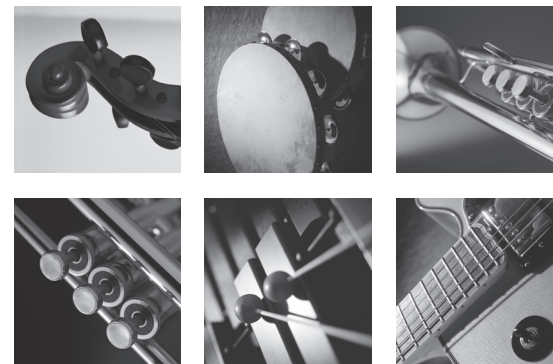
Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.!



St. John's Music Series

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2011-2012 CONCERTS

St. John's Music Series seeks to offer all people the opportunity to hear great music, performed well, and at no cost.

2011-2012 CONCERTS AND EVENTS

The 2011-12 St. John's Music Series season will start off with an exciting *Especially for Kids* event – "Handbells and Hot Dogs"! Joyce Larson will lead this event, along with other talented ringers from the congregation. This should be a wonderful, interactive event, so watch for sign-ups and bring the whole family for an hour or two of musical fun. New to the SJMS this year is the Summit Artist Series' *Arioso Strings*. This trio (two violins and piano) will perform several works by well-known composers. This year marks our 22nd annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*, our music series' signature event. Try something new this year and invite someone who has never heard this work before – they will be so grateful for the invitation! Caritas Vocal Ensemble joins us again in the spring for a benefit concert to support the TRUST Parish Nursing Program – a vital service in our community. Finally, we invite you to join us during Holy Week for services filled with beautiful, moving music.

We thank you for your generous support and contributions to the St. John's Music Series over the years. Without you and generous donations from other individuals and organizations, we could not continue to bring our audiences the high-caliber events and performers they've come to expect. You may contribute to the SJMS through our website or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope. Thank you again for your support; we hope to see you at our events!

Especially for Kids: *Handbells & Hot Dogs*

Sunday, October 30, 12:00 PM

Reservations requested

St. John's Handbell Choir, an inter-generational group, will entertain you with music and a short demonstration. Handbells are capable of producing a variety of sounds, from delicate melodies to big, loud chords. We'll demonstrate the basic ringing technique as well as how to produce special effects such as plucking, striking with a mallet, tower ringing and more. The program will conclude with an opportunity for audience members to give bell-ringing a try. A hot dog lunch will be served. You may sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or call the church office with your reservation for lunch.



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Summit Artist Series: Arioso Strings

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 PM

Coming to us from St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Hill, Summit Artist Series' *Arioso Strings* will present a concert for two violins and piano. Violinists Natalie VanBurkleo-Carbonara and Batya MacAdam-Somer will perform works by Shostakovich, Handel and Bach. Free-will donations will be taken to benefit Horses Helping Humans. All performances are family-friendly and run approximately one hour.

www.summitartistseries.com

<http://trista-tech.com/hhhHome.aspx>

Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 10, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM

St. John's Oratorio Chorus, chamber orchestra and soloists:
Linh Kauffman, Nicole Warner, Brad Bradshaw, Aaron Larson,
Joyce Larson, conductor

Join us for our 22nd annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*, a much-beloved tradition within the community to usher in the Christmas season. Extend an invitation to your friends and family so they may also hear and enjoy this wondrous work.

Caritas Vocal Ensemble

Benefit Concert for TRUST Parish Nurse Program

Sunday, March 11, 4:00 PM

This year's concert season will be entitled "Shall We Gather" and will feature a few water-themed pieces in the program plus a variety of other selections, from romantic Mendelssohn to close-harmony Barbershop. In addition, it is Caritas' 10th anniversary, and the group is excited to perform at St. John's for the 10th year in a row on behalf of TRUST. Your free-will donation will benefit the TRUST Parish Nursing program. Join the celebration!

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Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 6, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 8, 10:00 AM

On Maundy Thursday, we hear Christ's command that we love one another, and we celebrate the Lord's Supper. St. John's Choir will provide special music.

On Good Friday, the service will feature several movements from J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion*: "Mein teurer Heiland," "Ruht wohl" and the final chorale. Additional choral music and hymns will be interspersed between the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of John. St. John's Choir and members of St. John's Oratorio Chorus and orchestra will come together for this special music.

On Easter Sunday, St. John's Choir and St. John's Brass will welcome us to worship with triumphant songs of hope and new life in Christ.

St. John's Oratorio Chorus is an all-volunteer community chorus based at St. John's Lutheran Church. The majority of singers are from the neighborhood; others travel many miles. Most also participate in their own church choirs and represent a variety of faiths; about 10% are St. John's choir members. The chorus originated in 1990 to perform Handel's *Messiah* with professional orchestra and soloists. These performances have become a much-anticipated annual tradition in the community surrounding St. John's. In recent years, a spring concert has been added featuring performances such as Mozart's *Requiem* and *Coronation Mass*, Dvorak's *Mass in D*, Faure's *Requiem*, and Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*.



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Oratorio Chorus