



Saint John's Lutheran Church is committed to a music ministry for the glory of God and the edification and inspiration of those who worship in this place. God's Word is proclaimed through reading Scripture, preaching, and in song by the clergy, choirs and congregation. Organ and instruments also sound forth in praise of Almighty God and move us to a more profound *Alleluia!*

2017 is a particularly exciting year as we observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, kicked off by a choir festival weekend in October that culminated in Choral Vespers and a delicious Sauerbraten Dinner. Additional observances will be announced shortly!

This is also the year that we hope to see our long awaited pipe organ going into in the soon-to-be renovated church sanctuary. The beautiful Peragallo instrument coupled with redesigned liturgical space will enhance our worship in new and exciting ways for generations to come!

Director of Music and Organist, Cynthia Holden, AAGO has been at St. John's since June of 2002. Holding a Bachelor's degree in education and a Master's degree in organ, she has done additional graduate work in conducting, composition and church music and served both the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and the American Guild of Organists in leadership positions. Additionally, she is licensed and certified to teach Musikgarten *Music Makers at the Keyboard* classes which are used as a starting point for training choristers at St. John's.

Ideally, the church music training begins at home, then in church and Sunday School. Children age 7-9 are welcome to participate in *Music Makers at the Keyboard*. This weekly group introductory piano class approaches music reading both aurally and visually, developing listening, vocal, rhythm, keyboard and literacy skills, laying a strong foundation for future music making.

The Royal School of Church Music based choral program challenges singers to strive for excellence and growth in their commitment, musical skills and understanding of the important place of music in the Divine Service of the church.

Treble Choir is open to all children, aged 8, or grade 3 through grade 8. Treble Choir rehearses weekly and sings at least once per month at the 9 am Divine Service and for major feasts of the church year. Treble Choir members participate in a fall retreat day, the annual American Guild of Organists Children's Choir Festival and sing at Advent Lessons and Carols, Holy Week observances and concerts.

Chancel Choir is for changed voice men & boys, and females in high school and above. The SATB choir rehearses weekly and sings 3 Sundays per month at the 9 am Divine Service and for feast days. All are welcome to participate. Music reading skills are very helpful, but will also be taught for

those willing to learn!



The Eagle Eye Ringers are St. John's handbell choir. The choir rehearses weekly and rings 2 weekends per month and feast days, utilizing the church's three octaves of Malmark Handbells and 4 octaves of hand chimes. Retired instrumental music teacher, Rex Holden is the Handbell Director.

Opportunities also abound for soloists, instrumentalists, accompanists and ensembles in the liturgies and life of the church. Persons wishing to know more about Music at Saint John's, or those who desire to contribute their time and talents are invited to call or visit Cindy Holden, Director of Music in the music office at 631 589 3202 x 105 E-mail raholden@aol.com