



Music Is Ministry

Looking Forward to Music Camp

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PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE FIRST *Mount Olive Music Camp* June 22—June 26.

This weeklong day camp will be filled with worship, Bible study, singing, playing instruments, handbells, music theory, music improvisation, and recreational activities. The week will conclude with a service project at an area nursing home where the campers present a musical program for the residents. They will also provide music for the 8:30 service on Sunday June 28.

Joining me as staff for the camp will be Erica Rosebrock who teaches band and choir at Our Redeemer Lutheran School and Divine Redeemer Lutheran School, Allison Schweitzer who directs our school handbell choirs, and Gabriel Maichel from Saint Louis. Mr. Maichel is a professional jazz pianist and elementary music teacher and has worked with me in Saint Louis running music camps for a number of years.

Music Camp is being provided as a ministry of the music program at no charge to families. The enrollment is also larger than we anticipated; we have 23 campers registered. If you would like to make a donation to the newly established *Children's Choir Fund* to support this ministry, your generosity would be most welcomed. You can send donations to the church office directly or by placing a check in

an envelope clearly marked "Children's Choir Fund" and place it in the offering basket at any service.

Shifting Musical Gears

If you look on page X of *Lutheran Service Book* you will find *The Church Year*. *LSB* divides the church year into three sections: 1) The Time of Christmas, 2) The Time of Easter, and 3) The Time of the Church. The Time of Christmas consists of Advent, Christmastide, and the Sundays after Epiphany leading up to Ash Wednesday. The Time of Easter begins with Ash Wednesday and goes all the way through to Pentecost. And the Time of the Church begins with Trinity Sunday and takes us all the way through the summer and through most of the fall until we reach the Last Sunday of the Church Year at the end of November.

We have been marking the change of seasons musically using specific musical settings of the Divine Service. Throughout Lent and Eastertide it has been Divine Service

Two. Trinity Sunday marks our shift as we move to Divine Service Four. This is a simpler service and fits well as we move into the

non-festival part of the church year, or what some Christians identify as the "green season" or "ordinary time." We will plan on using Divine Service Four and Divine

Service Three through this extended time, eventually working our way back to Divine Service One as we anticipate the end of the church year, Advent, and Christmastide. This is one of the ways in which our musical routine helps us mark the movement through the annual reliving of the story of salvation.

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