



Music Ministry Recognition

The saying "He who sings, prays twice" is attributed to St. Augustine. Believe it or not, this quote is distilled from a much longer one: "He who sings praise, praises joyfully. He who sings praise not only sings, but also loves Him of whom he sings. In praise there is the speaking forth or confessing, but in singing, the affection of one loving."

Through music ministry, we seek to share the gospel of Christ through song, to encourage believers in their walk with Christ, to lead the congregation in worship and to provide an avenue where individuals may share their gift in loving service. Music ministry adds to the beauty of the service and turns the hearts of the people toward the Lord, bringing them into the worship of God. A prelude introduces and sets the pace for the service, it's not just "background music". Choir anthems, organ voluntaries, and glorious hymns are carefully selected according to the lessons for the day. The choir practices songs and helps to lead worship. We are not performing - we seek to use the beauty of our art to act out our praise, adoration, and love for our God, who is worthy to receive our best.

First, music glorifies God. Music lifts our spirits from human concerns and directs our attention to God's glory and presence among the gathered community.

Second, music can connect people to Christ through participating in making music and listening to music.

Third, music transforms the lives of people taking part in worship. When added to the poetry and prose of our common prayer and God's word from the lectionary, the spiritual words and ideas take on additional power.

Music at St. Luke's has been a rich and beautifully colored tapestry through the years, from talented organists, distinguished choir directors, to children's choirs, adult choirs, individuals sharing their gifts, guitar ensembles, and contemporary groups. Today we celebrate the rich heritage of music gifts given this congregation during the past 50 years!

Today, I would like to make a special thanks and dedication to Betty Lou Lassiter, who served this parish for many years in the music ministry and who

has been an inspiration and offered great encouragement for my own music ministry through the American Guild of Organists (AGO).

I would also like to thank those both inside and outside this congregation who had the love, insight and inspiration to provide one of the finest instruments in the area - the Trillium Masterpiece Organ at the back of our nave.

And last, and most important, I would like to thank the members of the Chancel Choir who dedicate their lives week after week, month after month, year after year to sing. They add so much to our worship! Their names are listed on this insert! God bless them! Take a moment to thank them today!

So, it's true that "He who sings prays twice."
...especially when it flows from love.

Vicki Penny
Music Director

Choir Members Past & Present:

Dudley Cook, Marge Newkam, Judy Buckles, Jim Carnes, Harry Trotman, Bob and Marge Shaw, Tom and Nancy Hayselden*, Jim and Pam Gardner, Jeff & Nancy Dymott, Ed and Lynda Perkins, Maxine Jones*, Dee Lispi, Jon Hall, Fred Freese, Glenn Hunt, Arch Haslar, Henry and Mary Hambleton, Judy Taylor, Ben Sykes, JoAnn Sherman, Terrell Mann*, John Hoffman*, Urban and Lona Prescott*, Andrea Carl, Rose Wrede*, Marilyn Miller, David Parker, Shirley Parker, Erin Ford, Betty Lou Lassiter, Chuck Werly*, Susan Hartman*, Marilyn Malloy, Elisha McCallum, Russell Jones, Andrew Manuel, Christy Keller*, Steve and Alison Paddock, Rose and Tom Schrempp*, Mark and Tyler Plunkett*, Bill McGuinn*, David Kissane and Nancy Long*, Deb Callaway*, June Cassingham*, Dianne Vickers, Stephanie Hoffman*, Terry McCallum*, Caren and Sara Grandgenett*.

Music Directors (Choir only): Harry Trotman, Jon Hall, Bob Alspaugh, Henry Hambleton, Lynda Perkins, Nancy Hayselden, Marilyn Miller (1995–2000), Jesse Allison (2000–2005).

Organists: Linda Rook, Zelma and Loretta Graner (60's and 70's), Betty Lou Lassiter (80's and 90's), Noelle Allison (2000–2005).

Music Directors (Choir and Organist): Bill Latimer, 1959–1964; Vicki Penny, 2005–Present*.