

Lakeside Concert Series 2012

Anita Johnson, Soprano
January 21, 2012 7 PM

Internationally acclaimed by the New York Times in her Metropolitan Opera debut, and performances from Lincoln Center to the Whitehouse, to Mannheim, Germany—an incredible evening of spectacular music.

The Romigs & Palm Strings
February 25, 2012 7 PM

Flute & piano and string quartet, local favorites with world-class ability and experience, perform classical to love songs to South American tangos.

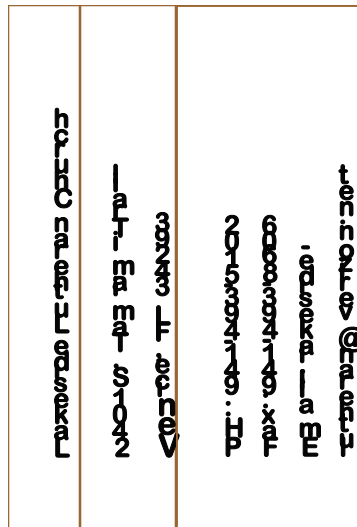
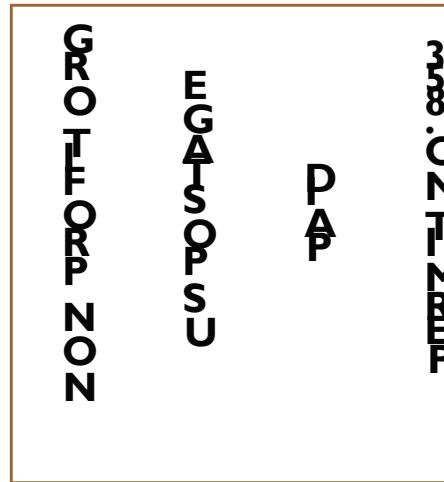
Celtic Stew
March 16, 2012 7 PM

Start your St. Patrick's Day celebrations with the best Irish Pub Bank in Southwest Florida!

Concordia NY Touring Choir
May 13, 2012 3 PM

Known for their choral blend and long history of quality music, celebrate Mother's Day with this amazing choir concert.

Tickets available at the door, or at the church office, 493-5102.



LAKESIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I received notice that it is the first of the year and it is time to renew some of my journals. One said your subscription will expire with this installment if you do not renew. My membership in a local car club is expiring and if I want to continue I am to renew by January 15th. The calendar has just turned to a new year and it is time to renew!

Having New Years on a Sunday reminded me that every Sunday is an opportunity for renewal. We believe that the grace of God in Christ brings the possibility of renewal. We are people who say to one another, "Hear the Good News: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!"

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. It is always the first day in God's hands. Bartimaeus, sitting blind by the side of the road, had his sight restored. He was renewed. The woman at the well, living with the burden of the past that grew heavier with each passing day, was introduced to the living water of grace. She ran back to her tormentors to tell them to come see a man who has seen her life as no one else ever had; she was renewed, restored, redeemed. Miserable Zacchaeus becomes a different man. Nicodemus comes to Jesus in the dark of the night and is invited to be born anew as the dawn of grace breaks over his rule-driven life.

On and on the story goes of God's grace coming to us, restoring our lives, renewing our days, recharging our spiritual batteries, giving us the chance to begin anew. May this grace embrace you in the new year!. Run to His love and experience new energy and a new joy in living. Jesus is always ready to help us begin anew. (Chris Andrews).

MEET SANTHA

Santha Wack has begun serving as our Office Administrator. She is currently learning our office procedures. Stop by the office and meet her!

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

A new member reception will be held Sunday, March 11 after the 10:30 service. Anyone interested in joining should contact the church office as soon as possible. Invitations will be going out soon.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

Proceeds will be for the Lutheran Services of Florida. We are asking Thrivent for matching funds. We will be collecting donations on February 5 and February 12, 2012.

CROP WALK

Crop Walk is scheduled for 02/26/12.

2012 SUMMER FUND

The 2012 Summer Fund is now receiving your special gift to support the ministry during the summer months. This year we experienced a significant increase in our insurance costs. The summer fund is a special offering above the weekly contribution and is placed in a savings account for the summer months. Our worship attendance drops 50% during the summer and yet our monthly expenses seem to increase. Please help anyway that you can. Envelopes are in the offering packets, in the Narthex and will be in bulletins and newsletters.

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday—Please join Don Schweitzer on Sunday mornings beginning January 15th at 9:15 am in the old youth room for a class on Ephesians. I know you will be blessed.

Wednesday—Please join Pastor Hinman on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am in Meyer Hall for The Golden Nuggets from the Minor Prophets. We will cover the historical background and prophecies of the minor prophets from Hosea through Malachi. The study begins January 11 and will continue through the first week of April.