



February 26, 2020



Patricia Smith, editor

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1:00 o'clock

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**Special Program for
MARCH**

Now that we have a hint of spring in the air, we can look forward to going to the programs in good weather. That is sort of a promise. No snow or ice.

Our program will make the day a very special one since we will hear both a men's chorus and a band. What good contrast. Make sure you invite a friend, maybe one of each, a singer and a wind player to join you,

We remember the New Horizons Band. They have played for us before and it has always been a fun thing to hear. Jack Mike is the director and chooses the music for us to enjoy. These members attend the rehearsals in good weather and bad weather which make the band a good organization. If you play a band instrument, why not think about joining them and playing for us next time they play for Matinee Musicale.

The program is titled "American Music" which sounds very good to us, leading off with the "Washington Post March" by John Philip Sousa.

After marching around, we will hear "American River Songs" by Pierre LaPlante, "American Salute" by Morton Gould, Stay for "Circle in a Square" by Ed Kiefer and "Joy" by Frank Tichell, and some others. What a program!

This will be a very special time for us, good music, good food., good friends all at once.

MEN OF ORPHEUS

Our next artists will be this chorus known as "Men of Orpheus". Their conductor is Linda Farmer-Lewis, their pianist is Stephanie Gewritz. The group has been performing continuously since 1926. Wow!!! It formed originally at the Reo Car Manufacturing Plant and has been singing ever since.

Men of Orpheus belongs to the Great Lakes Male Chorus Association which is comprised of 7 male choruses in the Great Lakes Region. Did you ever know that? We sure didn't.

The mission of this group is to lift their community through friendship, fellowship and song.

Some of their songs will be: "Why We Sing" by Greg Gilpin, "Riversong" by Roger Emerson, "Theme from New York, New York" arranged by Mark Hayes, "Lonesome Road" by James Taylor, and "Heading Home" by Dave and Jean Perry. What an interesting group of pieces for us to hear and enjoy.

The people making refreshments for us are: Jeanette Minkel, Marilyn Kesler, Nancy Marttila, and wouldn't you know it...me. Who knows what we will get there, maybe steak and French fries, maybe pizza, maybe breakfast, or maybe we'll forget to bring anything. Come and see!!!!

STUDY CLUB

**2 p.m.,
March 25**

Time to go to Burcham Hills for a special program. We will have a harpist, Mary Ann Larzelere present a program for the residents and you.

What a nice thing for her to do when you consider the hard work in getting it there, much easier to carry your voice, flute or even a violin.

Go and hear the program

PIANO SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS WERE ON MARCH 22

The auditions for the piano scholarships were February 22nd at the Okemos Community Church. Penny Draper and Miho Segal were the people who made sure everything was OK. It is the Matinee Musicale piano that is at Okemos Community Church so it is good to use our own piano for the auditions.

There were winners in 2 categories. The Jean Hull Senior High Piano Award winner was Jessica Wang, and second place winner was Lucy Meng. Both are students of Clare Tang.

Honorable Mention was Sophia Lee whose teacher is Hajin Kim.

The judges were Megan Nyquist, Matthias Chang, and Ralph Votapek.

STRING SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

1:00 p.m.

March 1

OKEMOS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Lansing Matinee Musicale has a scholarship program that offers scholarships to young people who are studying a musical instrument, voice, dance or musical theater. They audition in groups by instrument and age. You can find out more about this in our yearbook.

This is a pile of work for the members of the Scholarship Committee. Sunny Cirlin is the chairman of that committee and there are many others, like the piano people who do all kinds of work for their instrument.

There will be 26 students applying for the string scholarships in three categories: elementary, junior high, and senior high school.

SINGING BEATS THE BLUES

LMM Choral Ensemble welcomes new members. Beat the blues, so come and try it. They meet Tuesdays at 9:30 at Ascension Lutheran Church. Call Irma Hough for more information.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Here we are, back in the corner. It's really not nice here now. SNOW on this day. Who knows what will happen in 2 days when you receive this (I do hope you get it))

Winter has been kind of nice to us so far, but who knows what comes next? Sun and 69 degrees or cold and the white stuff? My snow shovel is still near the outside door, waiting to be picked up, but I don't want to. It would disturb the leisure time.

This is the end of February, but morning still comes sooner and the sun wakes us up; that means summer is closer than it was a month ago, and maybe now it will even start to get warm.

I can't wait!

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