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Patricia Smith, Editor

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 7
Ascension Lutheran Church
1:00 P.M.**

Here we are, back to Wednesday meetings in the new place, Ascension Lutheran Church. This will be a very good reason to go out of the house on this beautiful winter day of sun and some snow.... just enough snow to be beautiful. None to shovel or slip and fall in.

This meeting will be special for us because some special people will be there for us.

Gail Lytle Lira, pianist, will play some Spanish songs and dances. That means you can sing and dance to her music. (Just do it in your head.)

Gail is a piano teacher in the area, who is also busy as an adjudicator and accompanist. She presents workshops, master classes and lecture recitals throughout the Midwest. A very busy person who we are glad to have with us.

She will play "Tango in D and Ell Puerto" by Albeniz, "Cancion y Danza, numbers 6,7 and 5" by Mompou, "The Maiden and the Nightingale" by Granados, and "La Puerto del Vino" by Debussy.

Don't go home yet just because you heard Gail, now hear some wonderful singing.

Ellen Hoard, Dave Sincox and Jeff Richards will present a program of solos and duets representing classic American popular songs from the 1930's and 1940's. These three have performed together many times, and with the Singers on the Grand, a group in the Lansing area.

Jeff and Ellen collaborate weekly to direct and accompany the Mint City Singers in St Johns. (They are busy people)

They will sing "Selections From the Great American Songbook", which means songs you know and will enjoy. This vocal duo will also sing solos and duets representing some classic American popular songs from the 1930's and 1940's. How many can you sing??

You will hear songs like "I've Got Rhythm", "You'd be so Nice to Come Home To", "My Funny Valentine", "Skylark", and "Baby, It's Cold Outside".

What a fun list of songs. Even I know most of them, and that's saying a lot.

What a super program this will be. One not to miss, that's for sure. The program leader will be Linda Warren.

Isn't it nice to have such good programs for us to enjoy. We need to thank the Program Committee and the chairman, Joan Wierzba, for all these fine programs. We have been there, done that, and it's no easy job. Thank you program committee.

Following this wonderful program, we will have good refreshments provided for us by the tea committee, Carol Broughton, chairman, Marie Lyons, and Arlene Rice. These ladies work hard to bring us the good goodies which we enjoy after the good program.

All in all it will be a very nice afternoon to enjoy with all your Matinee Musicale friends.

Make sure to come. Parking is easy too.

NO STUDY CLUB MEEETING THIS MONTH

Don't go to Burcham Hills for a program unless you offer one yourself, which actually isn't a bad idea. You too could call Joan Wierzba and offer to do a program over there at Burcham Hills. The residents enjoy all the programs that Matinee Musicale puts on and it would be rewarding for you to present one.

CHORAL ENSEMBLE

We talked about the choral ensemble in the last newsletter, but didn't mention when and where specifically. Here is the when and where.

They rehearse on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Lansing. Pilgrim not Plymouth. Don't go there 'cause you'll be singing a solo and Rick Uren, conductor will miss you. Find the new place and go there to join the other fine ladies who make up the Matinee Musicale Chorale.

**PAS MEETING
FEBRUARY 11
3:00 P.M.
Presbyterian Church in Okemos
Bennett Road**

The January meeting of PAS and LMM was a big success. There were members from both organizations, and performers from both. Remember the Renaissance Singers and all the good pieces, they sang, then followed by the PAS performers, all young students trying their best for us. All in all a fine afternoon.

This time we are back to only PAS performers. Come and hear Stephanie and Jonathan Gewirtz (sister and brother) show us how an organ and saxophone can play together...and apart.

Following this there will be performances by our PAS members. One of the requirements for scholarship is a performance at a meeting. This will be the last opportunity for students to perform prior to the scholarship auditions. Prepare for lots of good music from these students.

NOT SUCH GOOD NEWS

One of LMM's former members and performer, Portia Thede died in the beginning of January. She was a fine cellist who played with us in a quartet many times for Matinee Musicale. She also played in the symphony for many years. She has lived in Houston, Texas with her daughter for the past several years. Our thoughts go out to her friends and family here in Michigan.

Greetings LMM Members

Now that all the holiday festivities are over we look forward to planning new goals for LMM and PAS. The LMM Board welcomes your ideas for improving our organization. Several key positions on the board will be open next year. Since LMM and PAS are expanding, volunteers are needed. Contact me or other Board members if you are interested.

LMM music teachers are busy preparing students for the Lansing Area Federation Festival on March 3rd and 4th at the Great Lakes Christian College. Mary Jane Miller, Festival Coordinator, does a wonderful job organizing this event.

Keep warm and join us for all the upcoming musical LMM programs at Ascension Lutheran Church.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

What is this with the snow!!!! I look out the window and all I see is WHITE. Enough of this stuff already, let's get to spring and weeds.

How many times a year do you have to shovel the driveway so your friends don't slip, fall, break a leg, and sue you? The snow blower is getting tired and so am I. Enough of this stuff. This was written when it was cold. At this moment it is colder ...what will it be like tomorrow? WARMER

Altogether now
"SPRING? WHERE ARE YOU?????"



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