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March Event

Bach's Birthday Big Baroque Blast

Music of Bach and the Baroque Period

Sunday March 19th at 3:00 p.m.
Advent Moravian Church
730 Jacksonville Rd
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Bach's Birthday Big Baroque Blast

Don't forget to sign up to play in our March Event celebrating the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach and the Baroque period. The event will be at my church, Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Bring your favorite Baroque piece or pieces and perform on our 1957, 2 manual and pedal Moller/Viscount Hybrid organ of 47 ranks. Performances should be about 10–15 minutes. Please contact me by email at lukedig94@aol.com by February 28th. Invite your friends and lovers of early music! Should be a real blast!

[View the stoplist and photos](#) of the Moller/Viscount organ on the website.

—Luke DiGiacinto

Young Artist's Recital, Banquet and Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 S. Broad Street, Nazareth

We are excited to have Amelie Held as our guest recitalist. Known for her red organ shoes, she began her musical studies in Germany and has quickly become an internationally acclaimed artist. Her solo concert activities include performances in the world's most important music centers, such as Milan, Paris, Zurich, London, Boston, New York, and St. Petersburg. In

In addition to music, Amelie is passionate about literature and speaks four languages. Currently she is a student of Paul Jacobs at Juilliard in New York City. More details will appear in our April/May newsletter, but save the date for a great afternoon of music and fellowship with your organ colleagues.



2023 Marks our 100th Anniversary!

Our Lehigh Valley Chapter officially received its charter on November 13, 1923, which means that this Fall our chapter will be marking our 100th anniversary year! As you can imagine, our Board members are brainstorming on ways to celebrate this momentous occasion. Among the events being planned are a newly commissioned work for organ by Michael Bedford, a master class and recital by internationally acclaimed concert organist Katelyn Emerson, a hymn festival, and a banquet to celebrate and reunite with our chapter members. These events will be taking place this coming Fall, and we'll be sure to keep you posted as dates are set and our plans become more concrete. We hope all of our members will join in the celebration. It will be a grand gala not to be missed!

Got Used Organ Music?

Do you have duplicates of some of your organ music, or perhaps a stack of organ music you just don't play anymore? If so, consider donating your discards to the Lehigh Valley AGO depository of organ music. After many years of collecting used organ repertoire, much of it was claimed by students who attended POE+ this past June. So now the chapter is looking to replenish the collection of used music that is housed at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. If you have any music you wish to donate, simply take it directly to Christ Lutheran, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, or bring it with you to a chapter event and a Board member will be happy to deliver it for you.

Event Calendar

Sunday, March 19, 3:00 p.m. Bach's Big Birthday Baroque Blast (formerly the Bach Marathon), Advent Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. Young Artist's Recital, Banquet, & Annual Meeting, Featuring Amelie Held, a student of Paul Jacobs, St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth.

Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; sfbueker@rcn.com.

<i>Dale Bonenberger</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>917 328-9041</i>
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<i>Eric Gombert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 435-1641</i>
<i>Gail Hanzl</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 264-5859</i>
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<i>Joe Kaczmarek</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>484 433-4336</i>
<i>Jacqueline Kuba</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>570 386-4480</i>
<i>Michael Kuhnert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>215 536-4345</i>
<i>Cristina Dinella Makowicz</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>585 732-8017</i>
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<i>Linda Maule</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 258-5006</i>
<i>Richard McIntyre</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>908 283-4691</i>
<i>Jeffrey Raub</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>484 541-8322</i>
<i>Michael Seroka</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>570 516-7207</i>
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<i>Bruce Tonkin</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>610 220-5457</i>
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Postions Available

Director of Music(1)

Church: Calvary Moravian Church, 948 N. 21st. St., Allentown, PA 18104, 610-435-6881

Website: www.calvarymoravian.net

Contact: Rev. Janel Rice, 484-903-3946, janelrice3616@gmail.com

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir: 8

Instruments: 11/10 pipe organ

Music budget: \$500–1,000 (as needed in consultation with pastor)

Weekly attendance: 40 in person (30–40 livestream).

Position fill date: ASAP, April 1 would be ideal. We can be lexible on starting date.

Deadline: March 1, 2023 or until position filled

Total hours per week: 7–8

Salary: \$12,000

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: book/music allowance, secretarial assistance, music library assistance

Notes: Calvary Moravian Church is a welcoming and inclusive church on the West End of Allentown, founded in 1939. We are a neighborhood church, drawing from our local community and committed to serving our neighbors in our West End community and the greater city of Allentown. While our in-person numbers have decreased by about 20% with the pandemic, our virtual presence has increased and we livestream worship to Facebook and Youtube each Sunday. We hope to grow by creative worship and programs, more community events including ones using our church lawn, appealing to diversity and families in our neighborhood, and sharing our service with outreach at the local soup kitchen and other service ministries. While we are rooted in the Moravian tradition and organ as our main instrument, our congregation is open and appreciative of a variety of new music, especially piano, guitar, and strings. Our goal is to have the best music to enhance our worship experience.



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