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THE ONONDAGA CIVIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RETURNS!

February 10, 2008 - 3:00pm

We are thrilled to announce that Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra will be performing in our Sanctuary on Sunday, 2/10, at 3pm. This is the first of two performances this year (the second will be on April 27).

The Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra is made up of a diverse group of amateur and professional musicians organized for the purpose of performing symphonic music.

Violin soloist Mary Coburn will perform the Wieniawski second concerto and the orchestra will present Beethoven's Sixth Symphony. Conductor is Erik Kibelsbeck.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door.

Please come hear these wonderful musicians!

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7

What a reading! Look at what we have: Adam and Eve living in paradise, talking snakes, eating forbidden fruit: what a story! This is a text that has been used many times throughout Christian thinking to describe how human beings and creation became evil- commonly called the Fall (a small note to anyone interested: Jewish thinkers see Genesis 6 as the Fall story, not this one.) For many Christian thinkers, the temptation of Eve and Adam is the first act of disobedience against God. Therefore, temptation is what is seen as the great sin of humanity: our desire to ignore how God wants us to live and behave, and instead pursue what would make us important, what would make us "like God".

This text has also been used to point out the "weakness" of women; that women are easily tempted, easily manipulated, and will also corrupt men. There is also temptation in making judgments like this. In deciding who is better, who is strong, and who is closer to God. And who is the only one who can decide who is close to God? Only God. This story tells us the danger of temptation, and to beware of being tempted to judge others.

Let us pray, Redeemer of all Life, you find us tempted to do our own will and not yours. You find us judging one another. Forgive us our sins, and guide us along the way of your Son, the way of love and reconciliation. In your name we pray, Amen.

RENOVATION UPDATE

This is the first in a series of reports to keep you informed on the proposed church building renovations that were presented at the Annual Meeting on January 27th.

If you haven't seen them, or want a closer (i.e. larger) look, the architect's sketches are available in the Narthex at church for your review and comment.

Thanks for all the comments and suggestions we have been receiving. On January 28th we met with the architect and contractor to review comments from the Annual Meeting. Some changes are already being implemented or researched, based on those comments.

We do have one answer to a question raised about the roof and falling ice:

The plan for replacement of the roof over the office wing already contains built in deflecting panels to insure ice falling from the upper sanctuary roof does not damage or puncture the new roof.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY-THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who contributed Souper Bowl of Caring. The ALYO collected \$122. This offering will be split between the ELCA World Hunger Fund and our local pantry.

VOLLEYBALL MARATHON NEWS



The annual volleyball marathon is at Syracuse University on March 7. **If you are planning on participating, please make sure you have registered and paid your \$10 registration fee by February 10.**

Also, remember that the marathon is a fund raiser for Lutheran Charities and you should be collecting from family and friends in addition to signing up for the donation table at church.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Rodgers (492-9065) or Janet Holmgren (677-3846).

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR LENT

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Two identical classes will be offered by Vicar Richter. Both will be held in the Coffee Shop—at 12:30pm (following the morning prayer service and fish dinner) and at 7pm (following Wednesday Evening Eucharist) :

Tales from the Madhouse is a video study that tells the story of mysterious characters who had an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth in some way, but failed to recognize the significance. The study will dwell on the Biblical and historical background of these characters, and how their stories can touch and inform our experience of the sacrifice of Jesus.

MID-WEEK SERVICES & DINNER

Each Wednesday in Lent there will be a brief Prayer Service held in the chapel beginning at 11:30am followed by a Fish Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. **The cost of the meal this year will be \$6.00 and reservations in advance are required.** Each week we will have fish and two side dishes (that will be different each week).

Make your reservation at worship on Sunday or by calling the church office at 492-9065, no later than noon on the preceding Tuesday.

SPECIAL BUS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Van	Bus
5:15 Leave Church	4:50 Leave Church
5:25 Lincoln	5:00 Hoeffler
5:30 Sabine	5:10 Lodi
5:35 Barrett	5:20 Sedgwick on James/Burnet
6:00 Church	5:30 Presidential Place
	5:35 Toomey Abbott on Almond
	5:45 Thurber Ave
	6:00 Church



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 10, 2008

8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching at Fabius
10:45 AM	Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (2/10)

8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
9:45am	Sunday School/Adult Class
10:45am	Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
1:00pm	Concert Setup (Sanctuary)
3:00pm	Onondaga Civic Symphony Orchestra Concert (Sanctuary)

MONDAY (2/11)

7:00pm	AHC Annual Meeting (Coffee Shop)
7:15pm	LSSCS Annual Meeting (Coffee Shop)
7:30pm	Church Council (Coffee Shop)

TUESDAY (2/12)

8:00am	Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)
6:15pm	ACC Staff (Classroom 2)

WEDNESDAY (2/13)

10:00am	Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
Noon	Jolly Dollys and Gents (Coffee Shop)
5:30pm	Church Night dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:15pm	Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Church Night Activities (see box)

FRIDAY (2/15)

7:00pm	Trojan Women Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
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SATURDAY (2/16)

10:00am	Synod Urban Consultation (Coffee Shop, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Chapel)
5:00pm	Bernard Event (Gym)

BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

See previous page for Special Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Sunday (Bus)

9:00am	Lodi
9:15am	Presidential Plaza
9:20am	Toomey Abbott
9:30am	Arrive Church
9:45am	Leave Church
9:50am	Hoeffler
9:55am	Lincoln
10:10am	Thurber
10:15am	Loretto
10:30am	Arrive Church

Wednesday (Van)

4:45pm	Leave Church
4:55pm	Lincoln
5:05pm	Sabine
5:15pm	Hoeffler
Wednesday (Bus)	
4:30pm	Leave Church
4:40pm	Lodi
4:45pm	Sedgwick on James
4:55pm	Presidential Plaza
5:05pm	Toomey Abbott on Almond
5:15pm	Thurber
5:20pm	Valley Vista

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 51 Jonah 3:1-10 Romans 1:1-7	M	Psalm 32 1 Kings 19:1-8 Hebrews 2:10-18
F	Psalm 51 Jonah 4:1-11 Romans 1:8-17	Tu	Psalm 32 Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 4:14—5:10
Sa	Psalm 51 Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 18:1-7	W	Psalm 32 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14
Su	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11		

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - SUNDAY

ASSISTING	8:30am	Vicar Aaron Richter
MINISTER	10:45am	Deacon Jay Berry
COMMUNION	8:30am	David Rodgers
ASSISTANTS	10:45am	Kevin Smith
USHERS	8:30am	Joanne & Paul Claeys*
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Sue Scharoun & Don Brown*
ACOLYTES/	8:30am	Abigail Wood
ALTAR SERVERS	10:45am	Stacie Draper
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Barbara Nelson
	10:45am	Pat Strong
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Phyllis & David Rodgers
	10:45am	Karen Veverka & Kevin Smith
READERS	8:30am	Jeanette Greig
	10:45am	Jay Stone
GREETERS	8:30am	Gayle Wentworth
FLOWER DELIVERY		Jeanette & Ken Greig

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 2/13

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 - Recreation and games in the gym
 - Adult Class with Vicar Richter

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

University Hospital

Mary Hyde

St. Joseph's Hospital

Margaret Schnittger (Dorothy Phillip's sister-in-law), Tim Kittell (Joanne Claeys' friend)

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Richard Buyer (Beth Arthur's stepfather), Terry Colbridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Jean Dehm (Peggy Gaetz' friend), Betty Jane Farley, Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Audrey Kent, Alice LaFountain, Daniel Pauls

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes Naval Station, IL), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once per request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10am Thursday.