

Senior, junior, cherub choirs to sing at Trinity

The Advent - Christmas services at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Joy, will be enriched by special music by the Senior, Junior and Cherub Choirs, soloists, and organist, Dr. Leona Frances Woskowiak, Director of Music.

The Cherub and Senior Choirs will sing at the 10:45 am service, Sunday, December 23, with the Cherub Choir singing "Christmas Questions" by Irvin B. Dohner, under the direction of Miss Woskowiak and Mrs. Jane Drenner, pianist. The children of the choir created additional stanzas for this anthem.

The Senior Choir will sing "Welcome, Tiny King of Joy" by Leona Frances Woskowiak. This anthem written by the Director of Music is dedicated to The Rev. David E. Klepper, Jr., pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Other service music will include two preludes—"Choral Partita on: 'From Heaven Above to Earth I Come'" by Paul Manz and "Noel Joyeux" by Gordon Young; the offertory "What Child is This?" by Paul Manz; and the postlude "Toccata on: 'Joy to the World'" by Leona Frances Woskowiak.

The Family Candlelight Service at 7 pm, Monday, December 24, will involve singing Christmas songs, reading of the Christmas Story, a Children's story and music by the Junior Choir. The choir will sing "Long Time Ago" by Natalie Sleeth and "All Come, Sing Alleluia" by Michael Jothan.

Service music will include two preludes—"Noel VI: 'bur Les Jeux D'Anches'" by Louis Claude Daquin and

"The Joy of Christmas" by Miss Woskowiak; the offertory "Silent Night" arranged by Charles Black; the postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah" by George Frederick Handel.

Following this service and at 9 pm, Miss Woskowiak, organist, will present a recital on the outdoor carillon.

The Christmas Candlelight Communion service at 11 pm, Monday, December 24, will be preceded by a half hour organ recital by Miss Woskowiak, including a solo "O Holy Night" by Mrs. Dorothy Heilig, soprano.

Service music includes two preludes written by Dr. Woskowiak — "Christmas Peace, Christmas Love" and "Holy Child of Bethlehem", dedicated to The Rev. David E. Klepper, Jr. with soprano soloist Mrs. Dorothy Heilig.

The offertory "Silent Night" arranged by Miss Woskowiak will be followed by the Senior Choir anthem "Masters in This Hall", a French Carol arranged by W.H. Brown, Jr.

During the Holy Communion, the Senior Choir will sing a Czech Carol "In Bethlehem is Born a King" arranged by Walter Ehret and during the candlelight procession the Senior Choir will sing "Peace, Peace" by Rick and Sylvia Powell while the congregation sings "Silent Night". The organist will be assisted by Kathy Klepper playing the chimes.

The Senior Choir anthems for the candlelight service were purchased by Mrs. Mariam Gainer in loving memory of her husband, Cyrus.

—Mrs. James B. Heilig



Every year, Willis Herr donates a Christmas tree to the kids at Riverview Elementary School. And every year, the kids make a lot of nice decorations for the tree. The

photo shows Romayne Kline's 2d grade class in front of the tree. Kids in all grades helped make the tree impressively beautiful this year.

Festival of Lessons and Carols to be celebrated December 23, St. Luke's Episcopal, Mount Joy

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, the 10:30 am service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mount Joy, will be a Festival of Lessons and Carols. This service was first used many years ago in Turo Cathedral, England. It

consists of seven lessons and seven carols. The lessons trace the history of salvation from the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus and the significance of that birth for all mankind.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, there will be two

services offered. At 7:30 pm, there will be a family service with Eucharist. This service is planned especially for families with children. Candles will be distributed to everyone as they enter the church for this service. After communion, the Rector will light one small candle

from the alter candle symbolizing the Christ. The ushers will then light their candles from this one candle and proceed to light the candles of the congregation. This ceremony symbolizes that the light of Christ shines in each of our hearts.

After the service, a piece of birthday cake will be given to each child in honor of Our Lord's birthday.

The late Christmas Eve service will begin at 11:15 pm with a Carol Sing led by the choir. Immediately following this at 11:30 pm will be a Choral Eucharist and Christmas message.

There will be one celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 9:30 am. This latter service is planned for those who prefer a smaller and quieter observance of Christmas.

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" at Crossroads Brethren

Sunday morning, December 23 in the 10:30 worship hour, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" will be presented at the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church.

The nostalgic musical is filled with traditional songs of the Season, and many lovely new songs. It is arranged and composed by Don Wyrzten.

Just imagine—no traffic jams, no frantic shoppers, no after-Christmas returns.

Through the record of a diary written by a 12 year old girl, the audience is transmitted back in time to 1883—to a very different kind of Christmas. It was a Christmas that focused on the real meaning—the birth of Jesus Christ. It was when God, because of His love, became a man.

The musical will be presented by the adult choir, joined by voices from

Mt. Pleasant BIC, a children's choir, and is directed by Lamar Dourte. An orchestral accompaniment tape is used. Narration is provided by Jim Zook, host; John Wolgemuth, grandfather; Pam Lefever, Elizabeth; and Dwayne Sollenberger, Timothy. The soloists for the musical are Dale Engle, Joyce Heisey, Gene and Marcia Mellinger.

The choir will also present the musical Saturday evening, December 22 at the Bethel Springs BIC and December 23, 9:00am. at the Mt. Pleasant Church.

You are invited to share this inspirational experience Sunday morning.

"HIS LAND"

Across a barren land, scarred by centuries of war and neglect, the spectres of ancient Israel appear, hover and fade away. Suddenly

there is movement of a different sort, and slowly, steadily, a startling transformation begins to take place.

Thus begins "His Land," the thrilling story of Israel from ancient to modern times. "His Land," a one-hour color feature motion picture, takes you on a journey through space, time and current events. You see graphically, the fact that Israel today is a living testimony to the words of the prophets when they proclaimed that Israel would take her place among the nations of the world.

In the company of Cliff Barrows and Cliff Richard, England's popular star, who sings a number of new Ralph Carmichael songs, some of which were actually written on location, you travel the vibrant streets and lonely solitary paths of

this nation whose destiny is daily discussed in the counsels of governments all over the world...the same paths taken by Jesus and the prophets: Galilee...the wilderness...Jerusalem...the Mount of Olives...mingle with the people of modern Israel as they work, play and build a nation.

Words of Scripture come to life as the two men reflect upon the events that in recent years have confirmed much of the ancient prophecies. You are witness to the fact that out of death and desolation is emerging a new Land...a "Land of milk and honey," where the future climactic events of history will take place.

"His Land," rich in color and authentic sights and sounds, with a popular musical score composed and arranged by Ralph Carmichael has been called a

musical journey into the soul of a nation, and will be shown on December 30, 1979 at 7PM., at Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, S. Angle and Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, Pa.

"His Land," truly a feast of color, sound and song. An unforgettable experience!

A live nativity scene at Cross Roads Church

No, it's not just plastic figures, but a "LIVE" Nativity Scene, presented by the youth of Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church.

You may see it, Saturday thru Monday, December 22-24, 7 to 9PM. in the church parking lot at Donegal Springs Road and

South Angle Street in Mount Joy.

As in past years, the scene will feature several animals along with the portrayal of the Nativity characters. Christmas music will be played in the background.

Drive in and enjoy a close-up view.