## Faith Lutheran Church



ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL AND HYMN FESTIVAL In loving memory of Lois Sollenberger and Carol Towl

Sunday, November 24, 2019 3:00 PM

Performers: Bruce Williams and Ellen Schoepf

Te Deum, Prelude

Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. G. Kaluza

J. S. Bach

DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

Ich ruf zu Dir J. S. Bach

Heut' Triumphiret Gottes Sohn

Chorale and Variations, Spirit of God Camil Van Hulse

Congregational Hymn – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #800

The Cuckoo Louis Claude D'Aguin, arr. E. P. Biggs

God of Grace and God of Glory Paul Manz

Congregational Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory # 705

Three Variations on Ubi Caritas

Translation of Ubi Caritas – Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there. As this piece is performed, you are invited to reflect upon the words of Hymn # 653.

Now Thank We All Our God Paul Manz

Congregational Hymn – Now Thank We All Our God # 840

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers Paul Manz

Congregational Hymn – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers # 244

Processional Grayson Ives

Following this program, you are invited to join us in the narthex for cookies and cider.

**BRUCE WILLIAMS** – Mr. Williams has been an organist, accompanist, and piano teacher in the Lansing area for 44 years. He has served Faith Lutheran since 2011 and currently teaches piano, music theory and composition at Marshall Music and accompanies the Lansing Matinee Musicale Choral Ensemble.

Bruce began his piano studies in Ottawa, Canada. When his family moved to his mother's home state of Delaware, he studied piano at the Wilmington Music School and attended summer classes at the Peabody Junior Conservatory. He then attended Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA and the University of Delaware, where he earned a Bachelor of Music degree (piano major, organ minor). Bruce completed master's and doctoral courses, including piano performance at MSU, receiving a Diploma for Advanced graduate study in Music Theory.

Mr. Williams has always loved sacred and choral music and sang in his church choir during high school. While in college he sang with and accompanied the Univ. of Delaware Concert Choir and Chamber Singers (acapella ensemble) and was a paid section leader at Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church, Wilmington. In Michigan Bruce has served as organist in five Protestant denominations (8 churches, 17 pastors, 12 choir directors) and has been an accompanist at Hannah Middle School in East Lansing, and at Haslett Middle and High Schools.

Other than enjoying music, Mr. Williams has worked as the office manager for the Michigan Ecumenical Forum and as an administrative assistant to Pastoral Care, Social Work and the Ethics Committee at Ingham Medical Center. In his spare time, he picked up a paralegal degree.

**PASTOR ELLEN SCHOEPF** – Pastor Ellen majored in Organ Performance and minored in Piano Performance at Hope College. She did an additional two years of organ study with Dr. Marilyn Mason, former head of the organ department at the University of Michigan.

## History of Faith Lutheran's pipe organ

The original organ was installed by M. P. Moller of Hagerstown, Maryland (1970). It was their typical "Artiste" model of 4 ranks of pipes: 16' wood Gedeckt, 8' Gemshorn, 4' Principal and an 8' Trompette.

When the new sanctuary was built it was decided that the Fowler Organ Company of Lansing Michigan would expand the organ by 9 ranks of pipes, update the console electronics, and make the organ MIDI compatible (2002). Due to finances only 6 ranks were finished: 8' Principal, 4' Octave, 1 1/3' Mixture III, and a 16' wood Subbass, bringing the total to 10 ranks.

As a result of a generous donation, in 2019 the Fowler Organ Company was able to complete the 3 ranks of pipes: 8' wood compound flute, 2 2/3 Sesquialtera II, as well as a 16' electronic extension of the Trompete, a total of 13 ranks (824 pipes). Also added was a Zymbelstern and an Allen Ensemble (MIDI device) of 255 orchestral and natural sounds, including 82 digital reproductions of organ pipes.

