

**Easter Season 2024 Chords of Joy:
Celebrating life and music**

This Easter season, we have many reasons to be thankful as individuals and as a congregation. We know the love of God which sustains us. We know the love of good neighbors. We know the love of family and friends. We know the shelter of sanctuary and a community we call church where we gather to be supported and support others. For all this we give thanks, recognizing these gifts as notes of joy for God's benevolence in our life. These notes of joy accumulate in our daily living, making sweet melodies of grace. Together, these notes of joy form a sweet chord between us, singing to the world the Easter Story is alive in our hearts and actions.

This is the life we celebrate each spring as flowers awake and the Easter story is shared: God is working through chords of joy, deepening our relationship with God and others. This year, as part of our celebration we will focus on the gift of music.

How often do we consider music as integral to the story of God's love? How often do we wonder about the sacred connection music builds between God and us? When we have a hard time expressing how great God is, music finds a way. Music is intimate to our faith, supporting us when life seems unbearable, guiding us to give praise, and inspiring our creativity as we craft new ways of sharing God's love.

As part of this celebration, we are breathing new life into the organ rejuvenation campaign. To date, many people have been generous contributors for this project. For this we give thanks once again. Their dedication is valued, and their commitment now allows us to turn with vigor to the end of our campaign. With some wise stewardship, we were able to negotiate, the project goals and the repair cost have been readjusted to \$200,000 (down from the growing cost of \$280,000). We currently have \$131,251.55 in a designated fund, with \$21,155.76 in pledges, for a total of \$152,407.31. It is our hope that the remaining \$47,592.69 can be received in the next 6 weeks. Can we count on you to achieve the goal supporting the organ music ministry which is vital to the telling of the Good News?

On May 12th at 3 pm, we will host a Chords of Joy: HymnSing. This event will be a celebration of life for the gift of spring and the gift of the Gospel. We hope you will bring your moms and grandmoms to make their Mother's Day exceptional with an afternoon out.
(Be on the lookout for your Golden Ticket. More details in the near future.)

So come, let's celebrate life together through the chords of Joy, God's benevolence of love upon us: mercy, forgiveness and grace. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Zion Lutheran's Organ Rejuvenation Team

To support this campaign:

- Checks designated for organ rejuvenation can be submitted with your offering during worship or submitted to the church office. You can also give online through our Vanco online giving site by scanning the QR code to the right.
- Purchase of organ keys or pedals (as a memorial, in honor of a loved one, as a graduation gift, etc.) which are still available.
- Participate in the Chords of Joy Hymn Sing on May 12th as a music sponsor.



Thank you for your generous gifts.