

October 19, 2016

Dear Principals, Teachers, and Music Directors,

St. Luke's is once more honored to be the host school of the upcoming **Thirty-Sixth Annual Lutheran School Music Festival** and would like to invite your music groups to participate. The Festival has become a wonderful opportunity for students in our schools to listen to other school groups, enjoy performing for others, and to be evaluated by competent professional musicians. Many schools make the Festival a special field trip holiday for their musicians and enjoy other Central Florida attractions. The theme of our festival is "**Praising My Savior All the Day Long**".

The Festival is for all age groups in Lutheran Schools throughout the Florida-Georgia District. As in the past, the Festival will be for choir, band, orchestra, praise band, and bell groups. If you want to send more than one group in each of the five categories, please send in your request and we will try to honor your request if there is room in the schedule. We understand that each school may have a different variety of groups to choose from.

The Music Festival will be held on **Friday, February 24, 2017** from **8:30 AM-4:00 PM** on our church and school campus. St. Luke's is located seven miles northeast of Orlando. Detailed directions are listed in this packet.

A final registration form is enclosed. Please complete the information as requested. The cost for the festival is as follows: \$100.00 per group, plus \$2 per participant. (Students in more than one group pay \$2 only once.) If registration fees are an issue, please contact us. We want as many deserving groups as possible to attend the festival. *If needed, we will also be able to provide a professional accompanist for your group for an additional cost of \$25.

This registration will cover the expenses of the Festival which include honorariums for judges, certificates and medallions, and mailings. Please remit your registration form to St. Luke's by **January 15th in the enclosed stamped envelope, fax it to us (407-366-9346), or e-mail it to rwiedenmann@Slucs.org. This will help us develop the practice and performance schedule.**

You may remit your check anytime up to the day of the Festival. If for any reason your group cannot attend, your registration fee will be returned in full.

Due to our church and school calendar of activities during the week of the Festival, we will not be able to provide housing on our campus. If hotel accommodations are needed, please make arrangements directly with a hotel. Two hotels that are close to our school are the Holiday Inn Select East Orlando UCF (407-275-9000) and the Radisson (407-658-9008).

More information is included in the packet pertaining to the basic guidelines of the day. Our music staff hopes that you will find this helpful in your preparations. **For additional questions or information, please feel free to call Ruth Wiedenmann at 407-365-3228, Ext. 3241.**

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have never attended the Festival you may wish to consider bringing up a group just to observe and note Festival expectations. If you annually attend the Festival we want to assure you that we will do our best to make it a terrific experience for both you as the director and your groups.

God's continued blessings to you as you serve Him in your music ministry.

In Christ,

The Music Festival Team

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FINAL REGISTRATION FORM
(Due January 15, 2017)

NAME OF SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

NAMES OF GROUPS AND DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST:

IN

GROUP

CHORAL/PRAISE BAND: _____

BELLS: _____

BAND/ORCHESTRA _____

ESTIMATED TIME: ARRIVAL? _____ DEPARTURE? _____

*How many in your group/s will be eating on our campus for lunch? _____
(We appreciate an approximate number to help us in our planning.)

Number of music stands needed for your band/orchestra group: _____

Number of padded 4' bell tables needed: _____

Fees: \$100 per group, plus \$2 per participant. (Students in more than one group pay \$2 only once.) \$25 for professional pianist should be included in total if needed.

Payment Total: _____ Mail in _____ or Bring to Festival _____

Please make checks payable to: St. Luke's Lutheran School. Thank you.

**THE 36th LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL
GUIDELINES**

Friday, February 24, 2017 ~ 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church and School
2025 West State Road 426
Oviedo, Florida 32765**

Phone: 407-365-3228

FAX: 407-366-9346

PLACE: *The Festival will take place in our sanctuary, chapel, and Founders' Hall (gym), and new buildings which are just being finished. Performance and warm-up areas have not been determined yet.*

Emergency or Medical Needs – Volunteer table in Narthex

PARKING: *Buses will park in the parking lot in front of the gym. Buses should plan on parking only on paved areas and not on grass. Other vehicles may park in the North parking lot. Since school is in session, try to avoid arriving between 8-8:30 AM and leaving between 3:15-3:40 PM. During these peak times we have over 500 students that are moving through car line.*

LUNCH: *Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Founders' Hall Gym. Snacks such as drinks, chips, and baked goods will be available from 9AM-3:30 PM. It is helpful if your children do not bring bills larger than \$10. The menu has not yet been determined.*

AREA: *Since school is in session, SLLS School and the Early Childhood School are off limits. If you wish for a tour you may check in at the front desk of the school for a visitor's badge. The playgrounds are not to be used during the day by the festival participants. If chaperones need phones or medical emergencies arise, the church office staff will be happy to assist you.*

REGISTRATION: *Please check in upon arrival. Directors will need to leave three copies of each piece of music for the judges at the registration desk. You will also need to fill out an announcer sheet prior to arrival for each of your groups. (Forms are in this packet.) Please be sure that samples are not copied. Judges appreciate having scores numbered for easy referral. Also mark on your scores any changes in parts from the printed material. Directors should also stop at the registration desk after performance to pick up their music samples, certificates, medallions, and judges sheets before departure.*

EXPECTATIONS: Groups should be supervised at all times. Groups are expected to serve as part of the audience except when warming up, performing, or eating lunch. Bands and Bell groups may use music. Choirs should perform from memory. You are expected to provide enough chaperones for your group so that as the director is warming up a group, someone can watch belongings and the rest of the group. Please stress no roaming the grounds with school in session. Stress good manners and cleanliness. (Food and drink are not allowed in the sanctuary or chapel, so plan snack breaks.)

PERFORMANCE: A piano and music stands are available for conductors and possible instrumentalists. Bands may use the 26" and 29" timpani, small concert base drum, stands, etc. in the church. Performing groups may sing or play 2-3 pieces of music with a total time of no more than 15 minutes. Plan to use a variety of styles and voicing. Band groups will be allowed an extra 5 minutes for set-up. The Handbell, Chimes, Strings, and Church Music Room Choirs will perform in the chapel which is located in front of the Sanctuary. We have risers and piano for the choirs and enough handbell space provided for up to 40'. We have tables and padding. Please bring risers, mallets, etc.

JUDGES' EVALUATIONS: Groups will be awarded on the following division ratings: Superior, Excellent, Good, Honorable Mention. If you would prefer the judges to give comments only, please note that on your registration sheet and we will make sure your group receives a participant certificate. Judges are encouraged to give comments to aid each group in future work. Ratings of the judges will be final. Care has been given to select professional judges that are knowledgeable in a variety of styles as well as ability levels of students.

SCHEDULES: The first group will perform at 8:30 AM. Please have your groups follow the practice and performance schedules. If your group runs into delays due to traffic and vehicle problems, we will try to reschedule as best as possible. **Please call 407-365-3408 for any delay issues.**

CONTACT: All questions and concerns should be directed to Ruth Wiedenmann at St. Luke's Lutheran School...407-365-3228, Ext. 3241. (rwiedenmann@slcs.org)

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ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, OVIEDO, FLORIDA
Friday, February 24, 2017

SCORING

Please take a look at the sample judges' sheets for your group and note the areas dealing with the students' musicianship.

Also, note the scoring at the bottom of the judges' sheets:

Superior	90-100 points
Excellent	80-89 points
Good	70-79 points
Honorable Mention	60-69 points
Comments Only	(no score below 60 points)

After your group has finished their performance, the judges will finish writing comments and tally the score. Their comment sheets and your music score will be sent to the registration table in Founders' Hall. When your rating has been posted, you may pick up your judges' sheets, music and awards.

The final scale for figuring your score is as follows:

Superior + Superior + Superior = Superior
Superior + Superior + Excellent = Superior
Superior + Excellent + Excellent = Excellent
Superior + Excellent + Good = Excellent
Superior + Good + Good = Excellent
Excellent + Excellent + Excellent = Excellent
Excellent + Excellent + Good = Excellent
Excellent + Good + Good = Good
Good + Good + Good = Good
Good + Good + Honorable Mention = Good

Other combinations will be awarded based on average scores.

All judges' decisions are final!

If there is a difference in the final outcome based upon the above scale and the actual average of your points, your group will win the higher of the two ratings.

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BAND/STRINGS

Name of School: _____ City: _____

Selections: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL MUSICIANSHIP: (25 points) TOTAL _____

TONE QUALITY: (25 points) TOTAL _____

ARTICULATION: (20 points) TOTAL _____

RHYTHMIC ACCURACY: (20 points) TOTAL _____

STAGE PRESENTATION & APPEARANCE (10 points) TOTAL _____
(No points taken off for not having robes or uniforms)

SCORING:	SUPERIOR	90-100 points
	EXCELLENT	80-89 points
	GOOD	70-79 points
	HONORABLE MENTION	60-69 points

GRAND TOTAL _____

_____ Comments only

JUDGE _____

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HANDBELLS

Name of School: _____ City: _____

Selections: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

TECHNIQUE: (30 points) TOTAL _____
(rhythm, attacks, releases, damping, chords)

STYLE: (30 points) TOTAL _____
(stroke, toll, shake, control, trills)

INTERPRETATION: (30 points) TOTAL _____

STAGE PRESENTATION & APPEARANCE (10 points) TOTAL _____
(No points taken off for not having robes or uniforms)

SCORING:	SUPERIOR	90-100 points
	EXCELLENT	80-89 points
	GOOD	70-79 points
	HONORABLE MENTION	60-69 points

GRAND TOTAL _____

_____ Comments only

JUDGE _____

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CHOIR

Name of School: _____ City: _____

Selections: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL MUSICIANSHIP: (25 points) TOTAL _____

TONE QUALITY: (25 points) TOTAL _____

DICTION: (20 points) TOTAL _____

RHYTHMIC ACCURACY: (20 points) TOTAL _____

STAGE PRESENTATION & APPEARANCE (10 points) TOTAL _____
(No points taken off for not having robes or uniforms)

SCORING:	SUPERIOR	90-100 points
	EXCELLENT	80-89 points
	GOOD	70-79 points
	HONORABLE MENTION	60-69 points

GRAND TOTAL _____

_____ Comments only

JUDGE _____

**Lutheran School Music Festival
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PRAISE BAND

Name of School: _____ City: _____

Selections: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL MUSICIANSHIP: (30 points) TOTAL _____

TONE QUALITY: (25 points) TOTAL _____

DICTION/ARTICULATION/BALANCE (25 points) TOTAL _____

STAGE PRESENTATION & APPEARANCE (20 points) TOTAL _____

SCORING: Superior 90-100 points
Excellent 80-89 points
Good 70-79 points
Honorable Mention 60-69 points

GRAND TOTAL _____

_____ Comments only

JUDGE _____

INFORMATION SHEET

Name of Group: _____

School: _____

Director/s: _____

Accompanist: _____

Program:

Title: _____ by _____

Title: _____ by _____

Title: _____ by _____

Grade Level: _____

Number of students in group: _____

Number of practice hours per week: _____

Additional information of value to the judges: