



***DEDICATION of the ORGAN in memory of LOIS JOAN HOGER***  
**Sunday at 3 p.m. 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

Dearest friends,

Installation of the Rodgers 205 Combination Pipe Organ in the chapel of Lutheran Care Center did not begin as a memorial. Indeed, an amazing aspect of Lois Hoger’s character, her uncanny sense of how everyone and everything around her were connected, coupled with her profound love of music and her appreciation of its value to LCC residents, propelled the project from its inception. The removal of the instrument from Vassar Temple and the thoughtful work of the New York Theatre Organ Society, with John Vanderlee leading its dedicated team of volunteers to refurbish and find it a new home, were early on Lois’s radar. Her ideas reached sources for seed funding, to John and Leora Wagliardo as far away as Texas and as near as Lutheran Services New York Alliance, of which LCC is a member. Many who mourned Lois’s death last August made memorial gifts that swept the project to its completion.

With great pleasure, and tender memories, I invite you to join us to inaugurate this lovely organ and celebrate its role in the worship and music life of the Lutheran Care Center at Concord Village. The Dedication Rite begins at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22, in the LCC Chapel. Your response to our Reception Desk (at 845-486-9494) will help us plan light refreshments to follow. Attendees are also welcome to join LCC residents at their Liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, preceding the Dedication at 2:00 p.m. and slightly abbreviated for the occasion.

Our program will include technical notes on the Rodgers organ from Mr. Vanderlee, pastoral notes from the Rev. Deborah Hafner DeWinter, and Hoger family remembrances of “Mom/Grandma at the Keyboard.” Musicians who have served here at LCC will demonstrate the wonderful variety of voices in the instrument.

I hope you will be with us on this happy day, in the joy of Christ’s Advent,

Chaplain Kelly-Ray Meritt  
 Director of Pastoral Care  
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*Photos from the Hoger family (upper left), by Kristy DePasquale (upper right), and by KRM (all others)*

