

Make a Joyful Noise...a new sound in the Chapel at Lutheran Care Center

Although the Rodgers organ is new to us, it was formerly at home at Vassar Temple. Refurbished by the professionals at New York Theater Organ Society, it arrived here on September 12, 2019. Donations in memory of Lois Joan Hoger covered the cost. Lois, who for two decades played the Celebration of Life services, also served on several committees and was a good friend to all at LCC.

The dedication of the organ on Sunday, December 22nd at 3PM brought together many who knew Lois and who have a special place in their hearts for LCC. The beautiful service, led by Chaplain Kelly-Ray, included the resident's hand chime choir, a poignant remembrance by Pastor Deborah Hafner DeWinter, a loving family tribute by daughter Sarah Hoger, musical pieces by four organists, a description of the work done by NYTOS, and congregational singing a cappella in honor of Lois' love of song with or without accompaniment.

Lutheran Care Center is grateful to God for the new sound in our chapel. We appreciate all who made it possible and are thankful to the volunteer organists who regularly play it at worship.



Dedication of the Organ at the Chapel of the Lutheran Care Center on December 22, 2019 at 3 PM.



Volunteer organists who played the organ during the dedication (L to R): Eric Hepp, First Ev. Lutheran, Vincent Capogna, LCC Music Therapist, Susan Guse, St. John's Lutheran and Lisa Davey, LCC Music Therapist.



The family of Lois Joan Hoger, friends from First Evangelical Lutheran, Poughkeepsie and LCC and TLCN Staff.



DEDICATION of the ORGAN in memory of LOIS JOAN HOGER **Sunday at 3 p.m. 22nd 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)

