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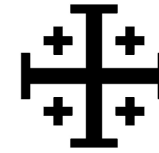
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC ACADEMY

ESTABLISHED IN 1990

PRAISING GOD WITH  
HIS GOOD GIFT OF MUSIC



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## BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC ACADEMY

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**“MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL  
THE EARTH; BREAK FORTH INTO JOYOUS  
SONG AND SING PRAISES! WITH TRUMPETS  
AND THE SOUND OF THE HORN, MAKE A  
JOYFUL NOISE BEFORE THE LORD”**

**PSALM 98:4-6**

## PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC ACADEMY PROVIDES AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INSTRUCTION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS STUDY IN A CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT AND ARE TAUGHT BY INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

INSTRUCTION AT THE MUSIC ACADEMY IS FOUNDED ON THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT MUSIC IS A GIFT FROM GOD USED TO EXPRESS PRAISE TO HIM. THIS GOD-GIVEN GIFT IS AN INVALUABLE TOOL WHICH FACILITATES SPREADING THE GOSPEL.

ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH OR SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

MUSIC INSTRUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE BETHANY CAMPUS, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, FROM APPROXIMATELY 3:15 UNTIL 6:30 P.M. LESSONS ARE 30 MINUTES IN LENGTH. STUDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE LESSONS WHICH ARE LONGER THAN 30 MINUTES WILL BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL TUITION FEES. THERE ARE 12 SCHEDULED LESSONS PER SEMESTER, AND ONE RECITAL AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER.

THE ACADEMY ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THEIR CHILD'S MUSICAL INSTRUCTION; SIT IN ON A LESSON, COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S INSTRUCTOR. (WE DO REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH INSTRUCTORS SO AS NOT TO INFRINGE ON RESERVED LESSON TIMES.) AS A PARENT OF A MUSIC STUDENT, ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THEM; COMPLIMENT THEM ON THEIR PROGRESS. PARENTS SHOULD HELP SET UP A DAILY SCHEDULE THAT ALLOWS THE CHILD TO PRACTICE THE INSTRUMENT AT LEAST 30 MINUTES A DAY. THESE 30 MINUTES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO OR THREE SMALLER SEGMENTS; CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY TO MASTERING NEW SKILLS.

CHILD CARE BEFORE AND AFTER EACH LESSON IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN. CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH BETHANY'S EXTENDED DAY CARE PROGRAM. YOU MAY CONTACT THE DIRECTOR, AT 562-496-0611 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## IMPORTANT DATES!

FIRST DAY OF LESSONS: SEPTEMBER 8

**\*\*6TH LESSON (REMAINING TUITION FEES DUE): WEEK OF OCTOBER 13**

NO LESSONS: NOV. 24-28

FALL MAKE UP LESSON DATES:  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER;  
SEE CALENDAR OF LESSON DATES

NO LESSONS: DEC. 21–JAN. 3

FALL/WINTER RECITAL DATE:  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 6:00 PM

SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT OPEN:  
DEC. 1 –JAN. 9

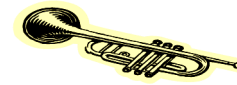
SPRING LESSONS BEGIN:  
WEEK OF JANUARY 19

NO LESSONS: APRIL 3-12

SPRING RECITAL DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 24  
AT 6:00 PM



## COURSE DESCRIPTION



### TEACHER INFORMATION!

**MISS TRINITY ALWOOD** WILL BE TEACHING  
PIANO AND VOICE LESSONS ON:  
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

**MR. KEVIN BOWERS** WILL BE TEACHING  
PIANO LESSONS ON:  
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

**MR. NOAH FREEMAN** WILL BE TEACHING  
PIANO AND VOICE LESSONS ON:  
TUESDAYS

**MISS CLARA NGUYEN** WILL BE TEACHING  
PIANO LESSONS ON:  
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

**MRS. MARA WIDMANN** WILL BE TEACHING  
TRUMPET LESSONS ON:  
WEDNESDAYS



### PIANO

INDIVIDUAL PIANO INSTRUCTION IS OFFERED FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. IT IS REQUIRED THAT A PIANO OR KEYBOARD BE AVAILABLE AT HOME FOR PRACTICE. RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE AT LOCAL MUSIC STORES. MUSIC LESSON MATERIALS WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE PARENTS. LESSONS ARE SCHEDULED ONCE PER WEEK ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, OR THURSDAY.

### TRUMPET

INDIVIDUAL TRUMPET INSTRUCTION IS OFFERED FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. STUDENTS MUST HAVE A TRUMPET AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE; RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE AT LOCAL MUSIC STORES. LESSON MATERIALS ARE TO BE PURCHASED BY THE PARENTS. LESSONS ARE SCHEDULED ONCE PER WEEK, ON WEDNESDAYS ONLY.

### VOICE

PRIVATE VOICE INSTRUCTION IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12. VOICE STUDENTS HAVE THE OPTION OF TAKING LESSONS AT BETHANY OR ON THE CAMPUS OF VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND MUST INTERVIEW WITH AN INSTRUCTOR BEFORE ENROLLING. LESSON MATERIALS WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE PARENTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOICE INSTRUCTION, PLEASE SPEAK WITH MUSIC ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR.



### FORMS

ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OR CHURCH OFFICE OR MAY BE FOUND ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE: [WWW.BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG). ENROLLMENT FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY, SIGNED, AND RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE DATE SHOWN ON THE FORM. SPACE IS LIMITED.

**PLEASE NOTE:** STUDENTS **WILL NOT** BE GUARANTEED A LESSON SLOT IF ENROLLMENT FORM IS TURNED IN PAST THE DEADLINE.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION ONE WEEK BEFORE THEIR FIRST LESSON. FALL LESSONS BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8; WINTER RECITAL IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

### **FEES AND POLICIES**

EACH STUDENT IN THE MUSIC ACADEMY WILL PAY A TUITION FEE. TUITION FOR FALL SEMESTER IS \$350.00 PER STUDENT (FOR 12 SCHEDULED 30-MINUTE LESSONS). STUDENTS WHO WISH TO TAKE LONGER LESSONS (45 MINUTES) WILL BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL TUITION FEES. **HALF OF THE TUITION FEE MUST BE PAID BY THE FIRST SCHEDULED LESSON;** THE REMAINING HALF OF TUITION IS DUE BY THE SIXTH SCHEDULED LESSON.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OR MAKE-UP LESSONS FOR ANY MISSED LESSONS ON THE STUDENT'S PART. A STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED LESSON EVEN IF HIS/HER INSTRUMENT OR CLASS MATERIAL IS FORGOTTEN AT HOME. IF THE INSTRUCTOR IS UNABLE TO KEEP THE SCHEDULED LESSON, A MAKE-UP LESSON WILL BE ARRANGED.

SHOULD A SITUATION REQUIRE THAT A STUDENT WITHDRAW, PLEASE INFORM THE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE INSTRUCTOR. REFUNDS CANNOT BE MADE BECAUSE TIME IS RESERVED AND INSTRUCTORS ARE HIRED ON A SEMESTER BASIS.

MUSIC ACADEMY TUITION PAYMENTS CAN BE PAID IN CASH, BY CHECK OR CASHIER'S CHECK. WE **DO NOT** ACCEPT PAYMENTS THROUGH FACTS, VENMO, ZELLE OR CREDIT CARDS.

PAST DUE ACCOUNTS MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF LESSONS, NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE RECITAL, AND/OR BARRING FROM FUTURE ENROLLMENT IN THE MUSIC ACADEMY. EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE MAY BE MADE BY THE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR. PLEASE REFER TO THE BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK REGARDING POLICIES ON LATE OR PAST DUE ACCOUNTS.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR FOR INFORMATION AND SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORMS AT: [MWIDMANN@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG](mailto:MWIDMANN@BETHANYLUTHERAN.ORG)

REQUESTS ARE BASED ON **FINANCIAL NEED**, AND/OR AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. ALL REQUESTS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.



## **BETHANY LUTHERAN MUSIC ACADEMY FACULTY**



### **PIANO:**

**MS. TRINITY ALWOOD  
MR. KEVIN BOWERS  
MR. NOAH FREEMAN  
MS. CLARA NGUYEN**

### **TRUMPET:**

**MRS. MARA WIDMANN**

### **VOICE:**

**MISS TRINITY ALWOOD  
MR. NOAH FREEMAN  
MR. PIETER GOEDHART (VALLEY CHRISTIAN)**

