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“Joyful Noise” a Quiet Reflection of Christmas!



Bethany College Student, Alumni and Community Singers present “Joyful Noise”

Bethany College hosted our annual Christmas Concert on December 1-2. This year the auditorium was filled with “Joyful Noise” as students, alumni, community singers and musicians, Bethany faculty and staff, joined together to present a compilation of traditional Christmas pieces and some not-so-traditional music, interspersed with readings! These wonderful performances were under the direction of our own talented Susan J Schmidt Goerz!

“Joyful Noise” followed the theme of why Jesus came to earth: to save humanity – because He loves us, His creation,

more than we can fathom!

It is, after all, about making time for our Saviour, our living Lord. He came as a baby, just like we all enter the world – to live like us, experiencing joy, pain, and sorrow. He came to show that He truly understands us and that He is our sympathetic Saviour! This program conveyed that the story of salvation is much stronger than the simple story of the “cute” Baby Jesus born in a stable; mostly, it pointed us toward Easter.



Tracy-Lynn Willems recites a Reading



Choir uses candles on Sunday afternoon

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When we entered the auditorium we were greeted with music which created a relaxing, easy-going atmosphere. As we munched on yummy peppernuts and sipped hot apple cider, the concert began with music that prepared our hearts for the true message of Christmas.



Susan J Schmidt Goerz leads Choir

In the midst of our Sunday afternoon concert the power flickered and then went off, not to turn on again until hours after the event was finished. After a moment of hushed silence, as questions of what was happening hung in the air, the choir and congregation (under Susan's direction) sang Christmas carols in the darkness as Bethany staff and students found hundreds of candles to bring light to the remainder of the afternoon. After this hallowed pause, the concert continued without hesitation, and the beautiful quiet auditorium filled once again with heavenly music – a little taste of heaven!

Thanks to all who came to celebrate with us! May God, in His immeasurable love, become very real to you this Christmas Season!

If you like to sing, we invite you to join the Bethany Choir for our Spring Concert. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, January 15. If you would rather sit back and enjoy the concert, mark your calendars for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at Knox United Church in Saskatoon.

For more information and photos, please see our website at www.bethany.sk.ca.

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