

COUNCIL REPORT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
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I've been trying to present a well-balanced mix of music in varying styles for our weekly livestream services. I continue to be in contact with many people each week (choir folks and non-choir folks) to keep in touch. They are unanimously appreciative of the music we're doing; and, for the most part, are looking forward to in-person worship again. Rehearsals are still taking place throughout the week at the church for these broadcasts.

I was on vacation for much of July, but did play for 2 funerals, and at my home church, St John's Lutheran, Steelton, who are back to in-person worship.

I've been helping 3 of our older members who have transportation issues get to doctors appt's and haircuts.

I am currently planning music for worship in the fall/winter utilizing small groups, bells, instruments, etc.; but depending on what we're allowed/not allowed to do, those plans could obviously change. Some sort of a timeline would help so I can communicate more clearly to our musicians whether we will be doing just the livestream or a livestream AND in-person service(s) in the fall.

The Concert Series is in a state of limbo – not being exactly clear or sure about copyright issues and costs for livestream or pre-recorded concerts, maximum audience attendance for live concerts (if an audience is permitted at all), if Patron donations can cover all the costs since there will be small or no free will offerings, etc.... Lots of unanswered questions...

Respectfully submitted,

Tim