



Meet one of our ringers

When she was growing up, charter member Joyce Koerner says she always liked bells at Christmas. When her church, United Lutheran, started a bell choir 16 years ago, Joyce joined and has been ringing ever since. With us, she says she enjoys the varied and challenging music. On the other hand, need a book suggestion for a snowy or cold winter day?

Ask Joyce! If not ringing bells or entertaining her cats, you can find her at the Red Wing library.



Not enough bell music in your area?

Contact us at bellofthebluffs.org if you're interested in a concert in your neighborhood. We're adding to our repertoire and looking for more places to share it!

Igniting Passion for Handbells

Out and about

What does a ringer do when the holiday season is past and you're craving more ringing? You join Anthornis! Our director, Marilee Anderson, and ringer Lori Oleson are participating this year--the event's 10th. Named for an Australian bell bird, Anthornis attracts advanced and advancing ringers who will spend the day with this year's clinician from North Carolina, Michael Glasgow. Both mass (there's nothing like being surrounded by 100 other ringers) and small group pieces are presented at the concert--see details at right.

Why are handbells made of bronze?

Many metals, such as tin or copper, are soft and wouldn't hold up to the striking involved with bell ringing, whether handbells or larger like the Liberty Bell. But when used together, the metals are stronger and also able to resonate better. Handbells are usually about a 4:1 ratio of copper to tin, with one or more other metals--such as silver, zinc, iron or lead--added in small quantities (think "secret sauce") depending on the maker.



Bells of the Bluffs Ringers Participating in Anthornis Concert

Saturday, February 11, 3:30 PM

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5005 Northwest Blvd
Plymouth, MN

Combined Concert Bells of the Bluffs and Twin Cities Bronze

Sunday, April 2, 4 PM

First Lutheran Church
615 W 5th Street
Red Wing, MN

Sunday, April 30, 7 PM

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
715 Minnetonka Mills Road
Hopkins, MN

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