



Meet one of our ringers

"I love the feel of the bell in my hand and the tone that it makes when I ring—whether it is a high, middle or low bell," says charter member Jean Fjelstad. While she enjoys the music we make together, Jean also rings solo, gracefully navigating table or bell tree depending upon the music she's chosen to share. When she's not ringing, you might find Jean volunteering at her church, quilting, crocheting or

knitting. Not one to sit still for long, inquiring minds can learn what else Jean does for fun at bellsofthebluffs.org.



Not enough bell music in your area?

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

Igniting Passion for Handbells

Double Delight

What's better than one bell ensemble? TWO! Bells of the Bluffs director Marilee Anderson and Twin Cities Bronze director Amy Maakestad have remained connected after ringing with Bells of the Lakes. Over a year ago, these two creative folks met for coffee and voila! Spring concerts in Red Wing and Hopkins. (See details to the right.) Each group will ring pieces individually and combine for others. We've participated in workshops with other ringers and included other area church choirs in our concerts, but performing with another community-based group is a first for us. We can't wait!

Heavy metal?

Ever wonder how much those bells you're hearing actually weigh? Smaller (higher sound) bells may weigh around 1/2 pound each while larger (lower sound) bells may weigh 15-18 pounds each depending upon the manufacturer. Add an hour of brisk music and choreography to make sure you're ringing the right bell at the right time—maybe even ringing two bells at a time—and you might have a work out!



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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