



### **We're Crossing the Border!**

Up to now, River Falls has been as far east as we've ventured, but April 26 to 29 we're traveling all the way to the other side of Wisconsin on our "Ringing in Spring" tour. We're packing a sunny mix of classical and modern music from traditional favorites to popular songs. Join us for our kickoff event in Red Wing on April 25 or find us in Wisconsin (details at right). We'll also appear at Redgranite Correctional Institution, a senior center and Sunday church services.

### **Meet One of the Ringers**

Charter member Michelle Oppenheimer has been playing instruments (piano, French horn, percussion and handbells) for more than 40 years. If you watch closely at our concerts, Michelle also conducts from time to time. "As a member of a handbell choir," she explained, "You have to learn to view the whole piece of music, but pick out your notes and know when to play them. This makes it very different from performing in any other musical group." Multi-talented as she is, Michelle still observes, "I am glad that playing with Bells of the Bluffs proves I have much to learn!" Learn more about Michelle at [bellofthebluffs.org](http://bellofthebluffs.org).



Bells of the Bluffs operates on the love of music and a small budget. Your help in spreading this passion is much appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

## *Igniting Passion for Handbells*

### **Baby, It Was Warm Inside!**

It may have been cold and icy outside on February 25, but inside First Presbyterian Church in Hastings, those handbells were HOT! From baroque to Roaring '20s to Big Band to swing to jazz to rock (yes, rock!), our audience was right with us, feet tapping, hands clapping and cheering. What a warm welcome and many thanks to our hosts at First Presbyterian Church!



### ***Ringing in Spring***

*A benefit concert for St. Timothy's*  
**Saturday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.**  
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
825 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
Columbia Heights, Minn.

### ***Wisconsin Tour***

*Tour Kick-Off!*  
*Open Rehearsal and Social*  
**Thursday, April 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
First Lutheran Church  
625 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Red Wing, Minn.

**Saturday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.**  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
2330 East Calumet Street  
Appleton, Wis.

**Sunday, April 29, 3:00 p.m.**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
206 East Badger Street  
Waupaca, Wis.

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