Cathedral Concerts in the Evening

Concert Series of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Presents:



Two Men and a Bench

(Chad Pittman and Mark Thewes)
February 25, 2022
7:00 pm
*Reception follows the program

Since they formed the duo in Fall 2013, the two have presented concerts throughout northeast Ohio, for Shiloh United Church of Christ (Dayton, OH), Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Pittsburgh, PA), Methuen Memorial Music Hall (Methuen, MA), National City Christian Church (Washington, D.C.), National Cathedral (Washington D.C.), Bethesda By-the-Sea Episcopal Church (Palm Beach, FL), and Memorial Presbyterian Church (St. Augustine, FL). Performing new arrangements of music, including major works, they have opened several concert series programs for multiple venues.

Chad Pittman is Director of Choirs at Northwest High School in Stark County, where he conducts an active choral program of seven choirs, serves as music director of the annual musical, and assists at Northwest Middle School. He also serves as Director of Music and Organist for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Massillon, where he leads the adult and children's vocal and bell choirs, facilitates a weekly program of guest artists in worship, and coordinates *Cathedral Concerts in the Evening*, the church's newly established professional concert series. He is co-founder of *Two Men and a Bench*, a traveling organ duo, with duet partner Mark Thewes. Since 2013, the two have presented concerts in churches and concert halls across the country, including the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. He is currently a doctoral student in music at Kent State University and studies in the summer Choral Conducting program at Michigan State University. He holds the Master of Educational Administration from Cleveland State University and a Bachelor of Music Education and Organ Performance from the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music. When not making music or spending time with amazing students and colleagues, he enjoys traveling, collecting old/vintage vacuum cleaners, and spending time with his many cats!

Mark Thewes is a resident of Massillon and has just begun his appointment as Minister of Music for Massillon's St. Joseph Parish. He previously served as full-time Organist-Director of Music at Westbrook Park United Methodist Church, Canton for 44 years. Mark attended St. Clements grade school, where he started playing for Masses in 6th grade, and then went to Central Catholic High School. He holds both a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree of Music in Organ Performance from the University of Akron, and has received his certification in Church Music from Baldwin Wallace University. He is a past Dean of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), Canon chapter, and is a published composer with Morning Star Publishing Co., CPP Belwin-Warner Bros. Co., Abingdon Press, and Beckenhorst Music. Mark is an Adjunct Professor of music (organ) at Malone University and accompanist for *A Chorus for a Cause*, a community chorus, based in Canton.