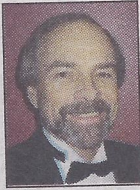


# Civil War Concert at St. Matthew

St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Martinsburg will host a musical program on Sunday, June 16,



**Wayne Hill**



**Dr. Gerald Christianson**



**Michael Matsinko**

nity in Adams County.

The Rev. Scott E. Schul of St. Matthew – a former student of the Rev. Dr. Christianson – said the production will explore the intersection of our faith, history and freedom – “topics that are especially noteworthy as we approach the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.”

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. The president of the seminary, the Rev. Michael Cooper-White, will be in attendance.

According to the Rev. Dr. Christianson, the seminary building became a hospital for the soldiers of the Union and Confederate armies following the battle. He said it was recently converted into the Seminary Ridge Museum, scheduled to open July 1.

that will reflect on what happened on the first day of the Civil War in Gettysburg.

“Songs of the Civil War” will be presented by Music, Gettysburg On Tour! at 4 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Host and narrator of the program will be the Rev. Dr. Gerald Christianson, emeritus professor of church history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg.

The Rev. Dr. Christianson said he will quote four people who had ties to the seminary or lived through the battle.

Providing music from that period will be baritone Wayne Hill and pianist Michael Matsinko.

Songs will include “O Freedom,” “Tenting Tonight,” “The Battle Cry of Freedom” and the “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

The Rev. Dr. Christianson said no commentary will be part of the program, “because the quotes and music will speak for themselves.”

He hopes the community will turn out for this

concert.

“A lot of people in the area are Civil War enthusiasts,” the Rev. Dr. Christianson said.

He also said that he is excited to be able to present the concert at the church of one of his former students.

“Scott is a terrific pastor,” the Rev. Dr. Christianson said.

Music, Gettysburg! is a cooperative effort between Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and the local commu-

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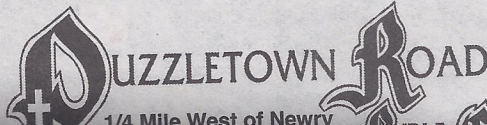


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