

Pastor Brian's
Midweek Message
December 8, 2021

"ONE OF OUR OWN!"

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

We are so blessed here at Trinity Lutheran Church to have an incredible collection of musicians and a thriving music program, especially considering the rather modest size of our congregation. For example, at my daughter Beth's church the choir numbers all of 5 singers, including the director, out of a congregation that averages about 170 people in worship every Sunday. Not to brag or sound full of pride, but here at TLC our choir has swelled to more than 20, and we do a fairly decent job of carrying a tune. At least I think so. We also have a world class organist in our midst who just so happens to be, along with his bride, now a full member of our fellowship. That would be John Behnke and his wife Chris, who transferred their membership from Trinity Lutheran in Milwaukee, WI last month. If you would like to hear Dr. Behnke play a world class organ you'll have that opportunity next Thursday, December 16th. He will be offering a recital titled *"From Darkness to Light"* at Christ Episcopal Church up in Bradenton, Florida, beginning at 12:10pm.



That's John and that's the organ...quite spectacular. Last spring a number of us (about 25 if I remember correctly) from TLC took a road trip to Bradenton and Christ Episcopal to take in one of Dr. Behnke's previous recitals. It was a beautiful thing! Unfortunately, the busy-ness of the Advent/Pre-Christmas season precludes me from going to this recital, but I strongly encourage as many of you who love church organ music to take advantage of this FREE event. Perhaps we could arrange a carpool? Christ Episcopal will also offer a lunch afterward, which does come at a nominal cost, last time it was \$5. What a wonderful way to enhance your excitement and celebration of the Advent and Christmas season and support a member of our TLC family!