



# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Our Saviour's Awards Music Internships to Fairfield Students**

### ***Laponte, Victor to Receive Grants from Church to Continue Studies; June 20 Concert to Raise Funds for Program***

**FAIRFIELD, Conn.**, June 6, 2008 – Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has awarded music internships to two graduating high school students from Fairfield who plan to continue their music studies in college.

Matthew Laponte of Knollwood Drive and Kate Victor of High Street, both of whom will graduate this month from Fairfield Ludlowe High School, are the recipients of the church's internships for the 2008-2009 school year. Both students will receive grants to help pay for their music education expenses from donations made to the Music Internship Program.

Laponte and Victor will perform during a benefit concert at Our Saviour's on Friday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. The varied program will include Laponte as viola soloist and Victor as cellist in the Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 by J.S. Bach. Student musicians from Fairfield Ludlowe High School will complete the ensemble in a work that is rarely performed because of its unusual orchestration, consisting only of lower strings. Victor also will perform solo vocal selections, including jazz, gospel and spirituals, accompanied by the church's Youth Choir.

The concert is open to the public. Free-will donations will support the Music Internship program and other youth music programs at the church. Our Saviour's is located at 160 Hill Farm Road (corner Duck Farm Road) in Fairfield. For more information, contact the church at (203) 255-0545.

The Music Internship Program identifies young people who have contributed to the music ministry at Our Saviour's, and who intend to pursue serious study of music at the college level. Interns will continue to participate in the music program at Our Saviour's as their academic schedule permits, and will be given opportunities to perform, conduct and teach.

"This internship program is a natural extension of our musical ministry, and recognizes the contributions of our student-musicians to the spiritual life of our congregation," said Dr. Alice Caldwell, music director of Our Saviour's.

Laponte, 17, a violist, has been a member of the Collegium Musicum instrumental ensemble at Our Saviour's since its founding in 2005. He will attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, in the fall, where he plans to major in economics and continue his viola studies. Victor, 17, a cellist and vocalist, was also a founding member of the Collegium Musicum as well as a member of the Youth Choir and a vocal soloist. She will attend William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, where she plans to major in jazz studies and music education.

### **About Our Saviour's**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), reaches out to the world and to its local communities with the Good News of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation receives strength for this mission through Worship, Christian Education, Service, Benevolent Giving, Witness, Mutual Support and a commitment to grow in faith and participation. Our Saviour's is guided in the belief that, "As God Gives to Us, So We Give to Others."

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship services at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday (summer schedule, June 15 through August 31). The church also offers Sunday School and Adult Forum programs during the rest of the year. For more information, please call (203) 255-0545 or visit us at [www.oursaviours.net](http://www.oursaviours.net).

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