



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Saviour's Awards Internships to Fairfield Music Students

*Philips, Victor to Receive Grants from Church to Continue Studies;
August 3 Recital to Raise Funds for Program*

FAIRFIELD, Conn., July 8, 2005 – Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has awarded its first-ever music internships to two recent high-school graduates from Fairfield who plan to pursue academic and professional careers in music.

George Philips of Primrose Lane and Ann Victor of High Street, both 2005 graduates of Fairfield Warde High School, are the recipients of the church's internships for the 2005-2006 school year. Both students will receive grants to help pay for their educational expenses from donations made to the Music Internship Program. Funds donated to the program will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Philips and Victor will perform during an upcoming recital at Our Saviour's that will feature the works of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Handel and Mendelssohn. The event, to be held on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m., is open to the public, and a free-will offering will be taken, with all donations supporting the Music Internship Program. 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.

"From its earliest days, the Lutheran church has been known for its rich musical tradition," said the Rev. Mark Christoffersen, pastor of Our Saviour's. "This internship program is a natural extension of our musical ministry, and recognizes the contributions of our student-musicians to spiritual life of our congregation."

"We are pleased to award our first-ever music internships to two young people who have contributed so much to the musical life of our church," said Dr. Alice Caldwell, music director of Our Saviour's. "We look forward to their continued participation in our music program here."

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

Philips, 18, has participated in choral and instrumental programs at Our Saviour's and is a founding member of the Collegium Musicum, the resident string orchestra. He will attend the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, as a music education major, with violin as his primary instrument. Victor, 18, has been a member of the choir program at Our Saviour's as a singer and flutist, and has accompanied the choir and congregation on the piano. She will begin a B.A. program in music at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., with piano as her primary instrument.

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 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. each Sunday (summer schedule). 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.

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