



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Marks 500th Anniversary of Reformation with Luther Musical *Our Saviour's to Host April 2 Performance of Martin Luther, Rebel Priest*

FAIRFIELD, Conn., March 13, 2017 – Can't get a ticket to the Broadway hit *Hamilton*? Why not attend a free performance of *Martin Luther, Rebel Priest* instead?

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is hosting a performance of this historical musical on Sunday, April 2, at 4 pm, to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year. The cast includes professional actors and singers Richard Weidlich as Luther and David Victor as the Narrator, as well as amateur performers from the OSLC Players.

Martin Luther, Rebel Priest was written and composed in 1983 by famed American composer and lyricist [Carmino Ravosa](#) (1930-2015) to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Luther's birth. A lifelong music educator, Ravosa was an author and editor for Silver Burdett & Ginn's music textbook series "World of Music" and "The Music Connection." Ravosa also was the songwriter for the CBS children's shows *Captain Kangaroo* and *Romper Room*, the PBS program *Shining Time Station*, and the PBS publication *Sesame Street Magazine*.

Vividly, and with historic integrity and humor, *Martin Luther, Rebel Priest* brings to life the story of Martin Luther's reformation challenge to the Roman Catholic Church in 1517. This performance marks the first time the musical has been publicly performed in 34 years. It has been performed only twice before – in 1983 at Ravosa's home congregation, Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville, N.Y., and by students of the Dalton School in New York City, where the composer taught at the time.

Free and open to the public, the April 2 performance will be followed by a reception featuring German-style refreshments. A free-will offering will be collected, with proceeds to benefit Operation Hope.

Our Saviour's is located at 160 Hill Farm Road in Fairfield. For more information, contact the church at (203) 255-0545 or visit www.oursaviours.net.

Note to Editors: Please contact Will Thoretz at 203-912-5192 if you are interested in interviewing Claire Ravosa, widow of Carmino Ravosa, for personal reflections on her husband's career and the story behind the writing of this historical musical.

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 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 am each Sunday, with Sunday School and Adult Discussion held between services at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (203) 255-0545 or visit us at www.oursaviours.net.

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