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Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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Hey friends, *chagag*, pronounced khaw-gag.

This strange sounding word first shows up in the Hebrew scriptures as “celebrate” (Exodus 5:1, NRSV). There are so many whose work we are celebrating this week: graduates, church musicians, and singers—celebrations that I am looking forward to, and I hope that you are able to join too.

Interestingly, *chagag* can also be translated as making a pilgrimage. Our graduates have journeyed through all sorts of classes, hurdles, challenges, and experiences to arrive at this point. Darwi and Ryan L. have both served with such excellence here through some very challenging circumstances in the world, and they have strengthened so many folks in worshipping God and in the life of faith through their musical gifts and wonderful spirits. We have much to celebrate with them all, graduates and musicians alike.

I know that I will not be alone in missing their presence here. I give thanks too that I will not be alone in seeking to bless them for the wonderful journeys they each have ahead.

May an inspiring, renewing life in worshipping God and courageous following of Jesus into the world continually be ever before us all.

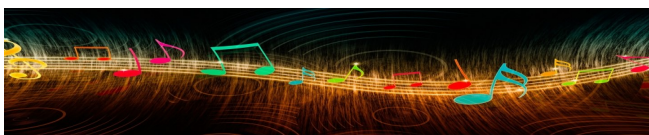
Let's celebrate and let us worship God!

Joy and courage, Ryan

Farewell Recital

Join us on Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 as we celebrate and say good-bye to both Ryan Luttrull our organist and Darwi Sandleben our lead soprano. Darwi will be moving to Colorado to pursue her masters in vocal performance at the University of Northern Colorado. Ryan will be taking a position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

What a fitting way to celebrate and send-off Ryan and Darwi than with music. We hope you will join us and appreciate all of the incredible gifts that they have shared with us through the years.



Please pray for the following:

Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, David Holder, Shirley Vanlandingham, Ashly Steckel, Jesse Garcia, Lee & Karen Miller, Rilee Jane Colbert, Steve Aud, Jerry, Dawn, Carolyn Stitt, Ginny Schroeder Peggy Pennington, Jack Garcia, Linda Coleman, Patty Reynolds, Nick Wilt and the people of Ukraine.



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to:

Savannah Stauth, daughter of Mike & Liz and granddaughter of Jim & Sue Shelton. Savannah graduated from IU with a major degrees in Law & Public Policies and a minor degrees in International Affairs and German.

Elise Crecelius, daughter of Mike & Sarah and granddaughter of Bob & Mical Michel graduates from Castle High School and will attend DePauw University in the fall and will be studying Chemistry.

Jack Garcia, son of Jesse & Patti, graduates from Castle High School and is currently exploring different trades and could possibly attend Ivy Tech.

Ian Garcia, son of Jesse & Patti, graduates from Castle High School and will attend the University of Louisville in the fall.

Meredith Garcia, daughter of Jesse & Patti, graduates Summa Cum Laude from DePaul University in Chicago with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in Geography with a concentration in American Politics.

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