

Notes From Nancy

Ministry Highlights: Nancy Shares Her Music Ministry in Summerfield, FL

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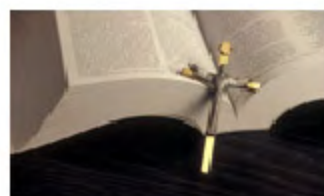
Special points of interest:

- **God & Country** Concert moves to King of Kings Lutheran Church, July 2, 2004, 7:30 PM
- Bishop E. Roy Riley appoints Nancy as head musician of the Synod Assembly in May Of 2003
- New song, **There Are No Words**, written for Philip Frank Memorial Service
- **Make Room in Your Heart**, Christmas Cantata written by Nancy Scharff

Pastor Marty Shea of Village View Community Church in Summerfield, FL, wrote a letter of recommendation for Nancy, after she shared her music ministry at the worship service and gave a concert in August of 2003. Pastor Shea writes: "I would like to recommend Nancy Scharff to your congregation. She put on a wonderful concert for our people this evening. They responded to her very well. What I personally liked about Nancy was the fact that her concert just wasn't a performance but a worship experience. She shared the love of God through music giving people an opportunity to come pray or pray to receive

Christ. You will not be disappointed by having her come to share her music and her heart with the people of your congregation. Please prayerfully consider having her in your church. If you would like to talk to me my phone number at the church is 352-307-7303." Sincerely, Pastor Marty Shea, Senior Pastor.

In March of 2004, Pastor Dave Cornell, of St. John's Lutheran Church, in Summerfield, FL, invited Nancy to his church to introduce Contemporary Worship to their congregation. In a few months, they will be adding a new service to their worship schedule. Nancy sang Lenten



A Worship Experience

songs, such as, *Jesus, Dying on the Cross*, and *Pie Jesu*, as the congregation remembered the Passion of our Lord, and His suffering. Nancy writes: The impact of Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, was evident in the lives of the people I met during the Lenten season of 2004." What a blessing!

Church on the Square, Lady Lake, FL

Each year, Nancy gives concerts at The Church on the Square, in Lady Lake, Florida. Nancy writes: "In 2003 and 2004, I had the opportunity to once again, share my music with The Villages community. Inspirational songs, such as *The Prayer* and *You Raise Me Up*, had special meaning for many people. I also included my original songs, *A Father Who Loves*, *You Are My Mother*, and *Cover Me, Lord*. My

June concert in 2003, was a perfect time to dedicate songs to our Mom's and Dad's, in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day. *Cover Me, Lord*, focused on encouraging our faith, and reminding us that the Lord will protect us and guide us through the difficult times of life."



Praise & Worship in NJ, and The Synod Assembly

Nancy writes: "In my home state of New Jersey, churches such as, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Middletown, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Brick, and First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Highlands, asked me to include Praise & Worship songs in either the concert or worship service. One woman came to me in tears, saying that she and her daughter had not felt this much joy in a worship service in many years. The Praise &

Worship songs touched their hearts, the mother explained."

In May of 2003, Nancy was appointed by Bishop E. Roy Riley, of the ELCA NJ Lutheran Synod, to be the head musician for the Synod Assembly. This Assembly was held at The Wildwood Convention Center. Pastors and delegates from the Lutheran churches in the state of NJ, gather each year for this important event. Bishop Riley also asked the

King of Kings Praise Band of King of Kings Lutheran Church, Middletown, NJ, to join Nancy. It was the first time the Synod Assembly incorporated Praise & Worship music into the evening worship service. Nancy's original songs were sung, as well as current praise songs, and familiar hymns. "The response to the Contemporary Christian music was positive, passionate, and joyous," Nancy explained.



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Annual God & Country Concert

Since 1997, Nancy has held her annual "God & Country" Concert in Ocean Grove, NJ. This year, her concert will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 250 Harmony Road, in Middletown, NJ. The date is Friday, July 2, 2004, at 7:30 PM. It will be a glorious and exciting patriotic celebration of the Fourth of July weekend!

Nancy will be joined by her band, a Children's Choir, and the use of multi media will be used to enhance the patriotic theme and songs. Nancy is also planning to have an Ecumenical Choir, as well. If you are interested in singing, and live in New Jersey, please contact Nancy at NScharff@aol.com. Admission is free. A

Free Will Offering will be taken. This concert will benefit The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. This organization helps children and their families who are suffering with cancer. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall, following the concert. Please come out and support this worthy cause. See you then!

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Phillip Frank Memorial Service

Nancy writes: "On Saturday, April 24, 2004, I sang at a Memorial Service for Lance Cpl. Phillip E. Frank, a 20 year old Marine, who was killed in action in Iraq, on April 8, during hostile fire in the Al Anbar Province. We hear about the loss of life each day, but Phillip was the son of my friends, Roy

and Georgette Frank. When it hits home, the loss seems greater and more personal. My heart goes out to my friends, but also to all of the families who have lost loved ones in the war. When Phillip witnessed the tragic disaster of 9/11, he decided to commit his life to the military, and serve

his country. The first words his mother said to me, when I called her about Phil's Memorial Service, were: "Nancy, there are no words...". I wrote a song for the family for the service, called, *There Are No Words*. The words will be posted on my web page. Please pray for the family."



"There Are No Words"

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Nancy Scharff Ministries, 2003 Concert Calendar

5/29/04 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ocean City, MD 4:00 PM

6/13/04 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Streator, IL
9:30 AM 815-672-2664

7/2/04 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Middletown, NJ 7:30
PM Annual "God & Country Concert" 732-671-3348

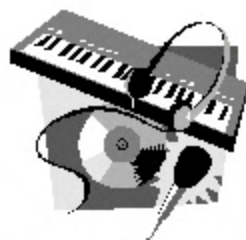
9/6/04 Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion, Ocean Grove, NJ
3:00 PM Labor Day Concert 732-988-8563

10/23/04 First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Highlands, NJ
7:00 PM 732-291-9265

More concerts to be announced on web site!

[Http://www.angelfire.com/nj2/NancyScharff/concerts.html](http://www.angelfire.com/nj2/NancyScharff/concerts.html)

Christmas Cantata, New CD Projects



*Ephesians 5:19 "...sing and
make music in your heart to
the Lord."*

In the summer of 2003, Nancy and her colleague, John Jergensen, wrote a Christmas Cantata, entitled: **Make Room in Your Heart**. John serves as organist and Choir Director at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Middletown, NJ, where Nancy is Music Director. In December of 2003, The King of Kings Adult Choir presented **Make Room in Your Heart** at all four worship services. Members of the congregation gave an overwhelming response to the cantata. John and Nancy were also grateful for the support of The Assistant to the Bishop, of the NJ Lutheran

Synod, Bruce Ewen, who attended the cantata. Musical highlights included new and inspiring original songs by John and Nancy, such as **No Room, Mary's Song, Emmanuel, God With Us, Holy Child, Lead the Way, and Hold the Baby in Your Heart**. John's refreshing arrangements of Traditional carols are also a treat to sing and to hear. There will be a link on Nancy's web page if you would like to order this special Christmas music for your church.

New CD projects! Nancy is currently working on her new CD's. Her "Praise & Wor-

ship" CD will include Nancy's original songs, such as, **We Belong to the Lord, Come, Come and Worship, and I Am the Bread of Life. Cover Me, Lord, There Are No Words, Life On Wings, and The Lord's Prayer**, which Nancy set to her own music, are some of the songs that will be on her solo CD.

Future trips! Nancy will share her music ministry in Bermuda and Puerto Rico in the coming months!

"I wanted to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support. Each of you has blessed my life." **Nancy**