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LPC launches memorial concert series

Jacksonville, Fla. – Feb. 1, 2012 – Lakewood Presbyterian Church (LPC) is honoring the memory of a beloved and devoted church member by launching a concert series, which also coincides with the church's 60th anniversary serving Jacksonville's Lakewood/San Jose/San Marco communities.

"Ernst Mueller, who lost his three-year battle with ALS in July 2011, was a music enthusiast and a faithful member of our Chancel Choir," said Rev. Terry Lucarelli, LPC's senior pastor. "We can think of no better way to honor his memory, especially since the first concert will be a fund-raiser benefiting the Florida Chapter of the ALS Association."

"ALS robbed Ernst of the three things he loved most," said Mueller's widow Nancy. "His family, his work and his singing voice for the choir. Our family is truly touched by LPC's expression of love by establishing this concert series."

All concerts will be free and open to the public. Two benefit concerts are planned. Proceeds from the first concert will be donated to the Florida Chapter of the ALS Association through Mueller's Marchers, the team Ernst Mueller founded for the annual Walk to Defeat ALS. The second benefit concert will be the August 19 performance. Donations of monetary gifts and non-perishable food items will benefit United Community Outreach Ministry (UCOM). UCOM's food pantry serves about 2,600 families annually in Jacksonville's Southside neighborhoods.

Schedule for the 2012 Lakewood Concert Series:

Sunday, Feb 26, 7 p.m. – The Jacksonville Masterworks Chorale and Orchestra performing Handel's *Zadok the Priest Coronation Anthem*, Britten's *Festival Te Deum* and Francis Poulenc's *Gloria*. Donations will benefit the Florida Chapter of the ALS Association. Light refreshments following the performance.

Sunday, March 4, 7 p.m. – Brahms and Friends, featuring acclaimed guest artists – mezzo-soprano Jane Christeson, baritone Bobb Robinson and pianist Michael Rickman.

Sunday, May 20, 8:30 and 11 a.m. – LPC's Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform Part III of Handel's *Messiah*.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. – A benefit concert to feed the soul...and the hungry, featuring Rodney Cleveland, LPC's Minister of Music. Donations of monetary gifts and non-perishable food items will benefit United Community Outreach Ministry (UCOM), whose food pantry serves Jacksonville's Southside neighborhoods. Light refreshments following the performance.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m. – The Lopez Tabor Duo, featuring violinist Alfonso Lopez and pianist Michelle Tabor.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. – Enjoy the sounds of the season with the First Coast Ringers and noted organist and pianist Rodney Cleveland.

For more information, visit www.LakewoodConcertSeries.org.

Ernst Mueller earned his law degree from Duke University and came to Jacksonville to clerk for a federal judge in the 1970s. His law career spanned nearly 40 years. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney and was senior deputy general counsel for the city of Jacksonville.

Founded in 1952, Lakewood Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a member of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. LPC's vision is to be a community that thinks with the mind of Christ, loves with the heart of Christ and serves with the hands of Christ.

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