

ABOUT " BETTER NOISES"

This product is designed to help folks that have difficulty reading music with their hymn singing. Instead of trying to learn the melody of a hymn while it is being sung during a worship service, we offer an opportunity for LCMS members to familiarize themselves with LSB hymn melodies during the days prior to a church service. If pastors will post the numbers of the hymns that will be sung, 80% (avg) of those hymns will be posted on this site in an instruction format that makes hymn melodies easy to learn (quickly).

THE INSTRUCTION FORMAT

The first verse lyrics of most hymns are posted except for when those lyrics are copyrighted, in which case we substitute the lyrics of another hymn (if they fit), or just use a "la la la" format.

Just like in the hymnal, the words of hymn lyrics are broken up into syllables. Each word or syllable is to be sung with one note unless there are little dots above them, in which case they are to be sung with two notes for two dots, three notes for three dots, etc. This will make sense when you work on the first hymn containing these "dots".

Important Note: A faint harmony accompanies most hymns (copyrights restrict our providing harmony on all of them). Although there is harmony, the sounds are for instruction purposes, not entertainment ---

If anyone wants to "pick up on" the harmony of any hymns and sing it while others sing the melody, feel free, it is fun.

ABOUT THE BRIEF "BIOS"

The brief "bios" of some of the hymn writers are provided to acquaint you in a small way with these varied and often very interesting people.

ABOUT JONI

I am a convert. Joni was the one lady that the Holy Spirit used the most in His process of bringing me to faith. She is the adopted daughter of Dr. Walter Mueller (former head of the English Dept and Academic Dean) and Laura Mueller (former Dean of Women) at Concordia University (Seward). She is the sister of Dr. Jenny Roebke, past head of that same English Department (now Provost). Joni spent her last thirteen years on earth battling Huntington's disease in assistance facilities. Those years were a complete contradiction of her vibrant life before then.

Note: For a brief musical synopsis of Joni's life, enter the number "5" and hit "submit".