

† HOLY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL OVERLOOKING ROBESONIA †

Sunday, April 12, 2026 is our next special event in our 275th Anniversary celebration:

“Sing to the Lord – Honoring Our Music Heritage.”

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS! (No, it is not just a Hymn Sing!)

Music has played an important role at St. Daniel’s from the very beginning. Please join us to honor this history! The worship service begins at 9:00 AM.

Lacking organs, pianos, and even hymnals, our early church sang *a cappella* and appointed “Vorsingers” to lead. The first church organ was purchased in 1862. Hymn books arrived in 1892. And we had a choir by the early 1920s, followed by Junior, Baby, and Cherub Choirs. The venerable Sunday School Orchestra was formally organized in 1931. A Handbell Choir was started in 1973, eventually growing to include Senior and Junior bell choirs. A Choir Club for children aged 4 through grade 6 was initiated in 1990.

Included here are a sampling of photos from these groups. We’ll revisit the music program in more detail in future Holy Highlights. St. Daniel’s has been so blessed by so many talented musicians, vocalists, organists, and directors through the years! For 275 years, our musical heritage has told a story of faithful praise, where every note has been offered to the glory of God. Remember to join us on Sunday, April 12th for special presentations and applicable archives on display!

Do you remember any of these events? Are you in any of the photos? We look forward to hearing more of YOUR stories and seeing more of YOUR photos.

What an amazing and enduring history we share!

Follow this space throughout the year for snippets of St. Daniel’s history from 1751 to 2026. Historical details taken from the 'Saint Daniel's Evangelical Lutheran Church "Eck Kirche" 1751-2001' church history book written by the St. Daniel's History Committee in celebration of the 250th anniversary. More details regarding this topic are found in Chapter 4 – Ministry – Music at St. Daniel’s. Photos from St. Daniel’s archives.

**#StDaniels #StDanielsLutheranChurch #EckKirche #CornerChurch
#OnTheHillOverlookingRobesonia #RobesoniaPA #1751StDaniels2026
#275thAnniversary #HolyHighlights #History #OurHistory #SingToTheLord
#HonoringOurMusicHeritage #Music #Organ #Hymnals #Choir #BellChoir
#Tintinnabulators #SundaySchoolOrchestra #ALotHappensIn275Years**



Baby Choir – Mother’s Day 1941



1978 - Bell Choir at Conrad Weiser High School with bells rescued from the church fire



Junior Choir at Easter - undated



Marlin Kerchner playing the piano for
the Postlude on Transfiguration
Sunday – February 15, 2026

Our amazing Director of Music
2014 - present



Sunday School Orchestra – early 1950s



Choir with Director Richard Seidel - 1991



Concentration on display as the “Tintinnabulators” play – August 20, 1978



Choir - 1924



Rita Henning & Elise Dieffenbach -
Bell Choir at Vespers - December 2016



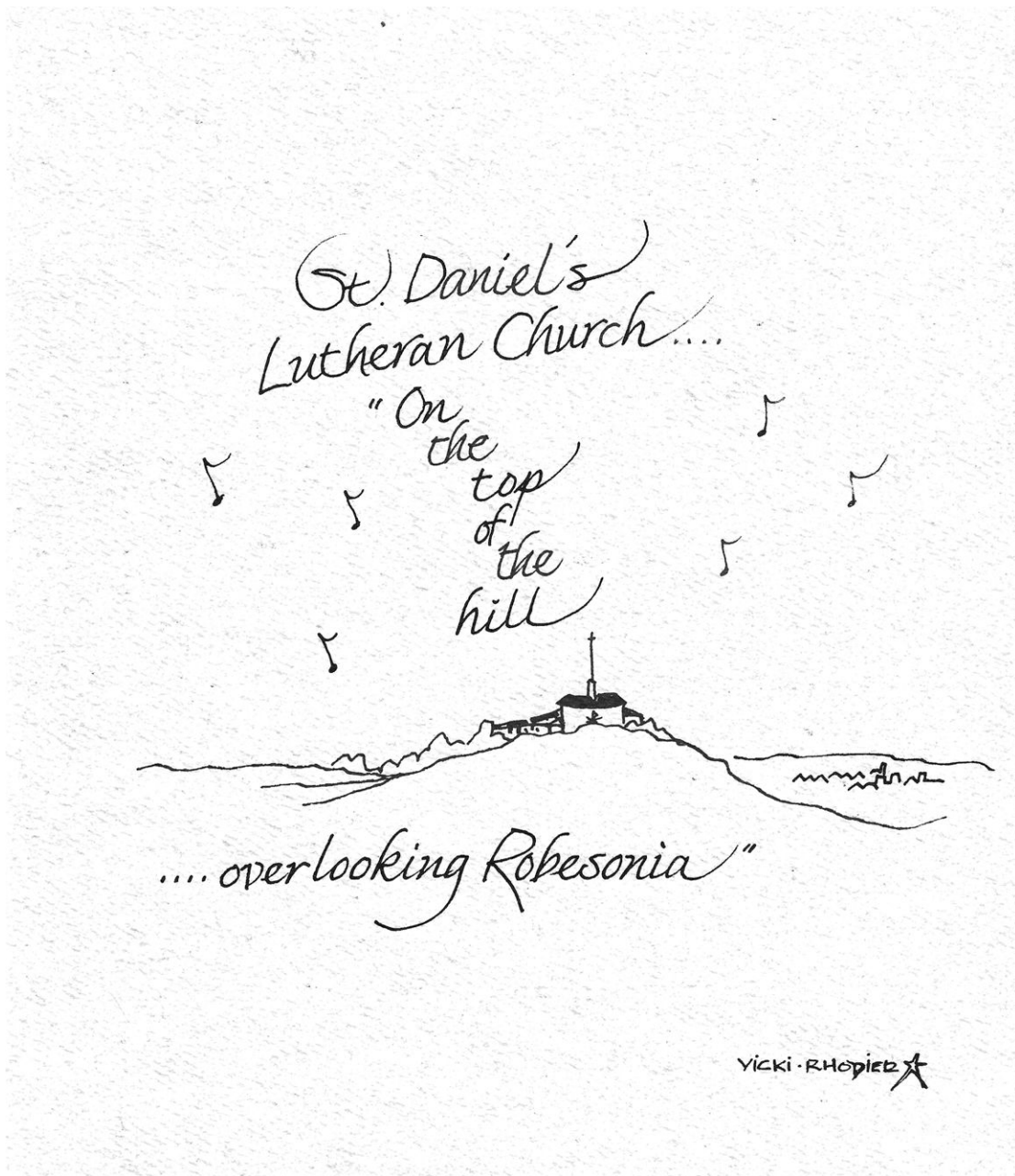
Choir processional on Palm Sunday - 2000



“Tintinnabulators” Bell Choir – undated photo



Senior Choir wearing new robes donated in memory of Charlotte Bahorik - 1999



Drawing by Vicki Rhodier from the back of the booklet for the Musical Tribute to Choir Director Richard Seidel May 19, 1996