



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to Host Elisabeth von Trapp Christmas Concert

On Friday, December 14, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host a Christmas concert featuring Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. She will be performing in the Sanctuary at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 2477 West Washington Street in Springfield, at 7 p.m.

Elisabeth von Trapp's earliest memories are the sounds of music. Born and raised in Vermont, she has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned *Trapp Family Singers*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has performed all over the world, enchanting audiences in a variety of venues from European cathedrals to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Building on her family's legacy, Elisabeth has created her own musical style, at once ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her to Judy Collins and Loreena McKennitt. Critics have called her voice "hauntingly clear," "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful."

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling 217/793-3933. Proceeds from the event will benefit LSSI programs in central Illinois. This year's event is sponsored in part by the Loken Family Fund.

Founded in 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). LSSI serves LSSI serves people of all faiths through an array of services at 89 program sites across Illinois.

For more information about the Elisabeth von Trapp Concert or LSSI, call Becky Moore at 217/522-4296, or visit www.LSSI.org.

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