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Welcome to the  
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family !

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Heights, Michigan  
*Allen Q285 with  
Vista*

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Congregational  
Church,  
Rochester,  
Michigan  
*Allen Q325 with  
Vista & pipes*

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Church,  
Rockwood,  
Michigan  
*Allen C-6*

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Catholic Church,  
Clarkston,  
Michigan  
*Allen Q325 with  
Vista*

## First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ Rochester, Michigan, chooses an Allen Q325



First Congregational Church  
Rochester, Michigan

**F**irst Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is the oldest Congregational Church in Michigan and the first church in the city of Rochester, Michigan. It was founded August 1, 1827, when Reverend Isaac W. Ruggles of the Missionary Society of Connecticut met with ten people in a log building on South Rochester Road.

The church has come a long way since its founding. They have grown and expanded through the years and again recently by adding a new

sanctuary with a contemporary design. The new sanctuary incorporates many interesting design elements including glass skylights from below as well as above in order to take advantage of the natural light available. The new and modern concept called for the latest in technology for sound, lighting and a new state of the art organ.

Kathie Bowden, long time organist at the church, along with Music Director Alan Lollar and Pastor David Wheeler made up the organ search committee. Their old organ, a 2 manual Rodgers, was experiencing re-occurring service problems which included breaking key contacts causing notes to stick. This problem, along with poor sound quality, caused the committee to determine to find the best replacement for the old instrument.

The 4 ranks of pipes that were attached to the old organ, however, still had good sound quality and were very attractive. Lance Luce of Evola Music was ultimately contracted to supply the new Allen organ for the church. A 3-manual instrument was desired, so Lance worked with Kathie to come up with the best way to use the 4 ranks of pipes on the Allen Q325. The organ is equipped with OST keys, Allen Vista MIDI as well as an antiphonal speaker system.

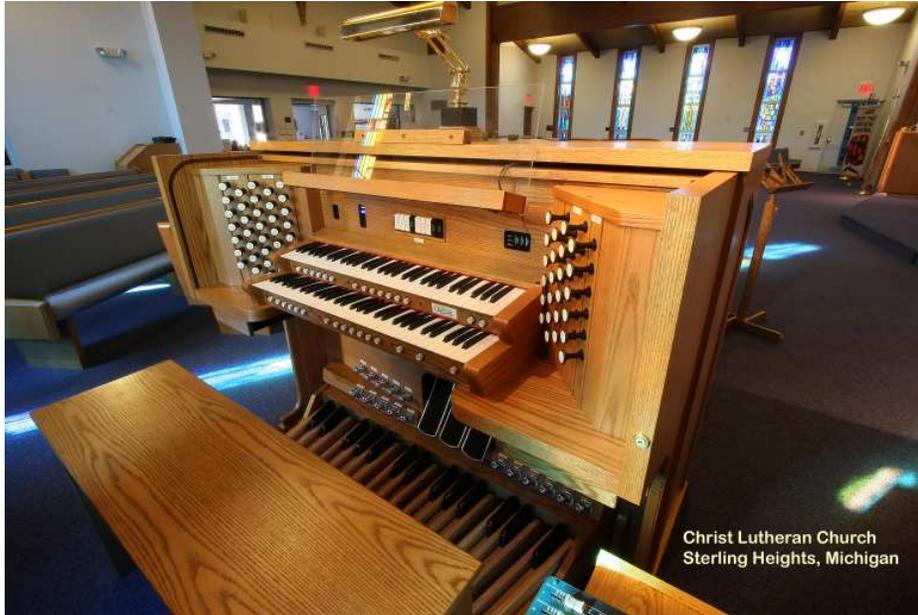


The final result is a beautiful instrument to play, listen to and admire. The music program at First Congregational includes 6 choirs, 6 bell choirs and 2 instrumental groups. They now have an organ that will lead them into the next generation.

## Christ Lutheran Church, Sterling Heights, Michigan installs a new Allen Q285 with MIDI Vista to replace old Rodgers

**E**very organ installation is custom tailored to fit the needs of each congregation. Christ Lutheran is no exception. This organ includes front main speakers, rear antiphonal speakers, and side choir monitor speakers. There is an Allen MIDI Vista unit, Optical Sensing Technology keys, and an EAC unit that is used to input audio signals from a small mixer board next to the organ. The EAC allows the organist to route the Yamaha Clavinova and any other musical sounds through the

*new digital organ was needed. My wife and I accepted the position of co-chairs for the project. It was generally felt we would need at least two years to amass outside our regular church budget the thousands of dollars needed. We contacted Evola Music and discussed our situation with Mr. Lance Luce, chairman of the Evola Organ Department. I cannot over emphasize the significance of the aid and direction Lance gave our committee....*



Christ Lutheran Church  
Sterling Heights, Michigan

*Over the next six months, I was in contact with Lance again and again. He was prone to reply promptly to every question I presented and to suggest solutions which were instrumental in completing the funding.*

*Our organ project began in December. With the help of Lance, we were funded sufficiently to place our order with Evola Music in April. The Allen Q285 was installed during the month of August - fully paid. This would have been impossible without the help and concern given us by Lance. I was deeply impressed when he came to the church and supervised the installation.*

*After installation, Lance personally presented an Organ Recital so as to demonstrate the many facets of our new Allen.*

organ's high quality 5-channel sound system, which also includes a large subwoofer.

Interesting effects can be created using the antiphonal speakers in the rear of the church. The Swell and/or the Great can be heard independently from the back as well as the front of the church.

*He is an accomplished professional musician and our sanctuary was packed so as to enjoy his review. In all areas I would suggest that Lance's background and success with organ projects such as ours is "in a class by itself."*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Robert E. Roddewig, PhD*



**Pastor Barton Beebe, Dr. Robert Roddewig  
Maxine Roddewig, Evan Calderone (Music Director  
& organist), Lance Luce (guest organist)**

After the installation was complete and the dedication concert had been held, we received a nice letter from the Chairman of the organ committee that we would like to share with you.

*Christ Lutheran Church of Sterling Heights, Michigan decided a*

### **MIDI seminar details (Instructors Lance Luce and Pierre Fracalanza)**

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm to approximately 2:30 pm

Place: Recital Hall of the Evola Music Store  
7170 Haggerty Road  
Canton, MI 48187

Cost: Free Admission

RSVP: Please RSVP to Donna Shinn at (734) 455-4677 x16  
or email at Donna.Shinn@evola.com

Topics to be covered:

- What is MIDI? What can it do?
- Adding MIDI sounds to an organ registration
- Saving a MIDI sound to an organ preset
- Recording a song
- Saving a song
- Playing back a song
- Bring your questions with you

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Schober  
Residence,  
Plymouth,  
Michigan  
*Allen QL310*

Our Lady of  
Lebanon Church,  
Flint, Michigan  
*Allen QL225i  
with Vista*

First Baptist  
Church,  
Birmingham,  
Michigan  
*Allen Q325 with  
Vista & pipes*

St. Mary Catholic  
Church, Milford,  
Michigan  
*Allen Custom 3  
Manual, French  
Terrace, with  
MIDI Ensemble*

Luntz Residence,  
Ann Arbor,  
Michigan  
*Allen C8*

## St. Mary Catholic Church, South Rockwood, Michigan installs an Allen C-6 to replace older Pipe Organ

**S**t. Mary Parish of Rockwood Michigan installed an Allen C-6 Protégé organ to replace their small pipe organ. The pipe organ had been in the church for many years, but didn't provide a very good variety of sounds or voices.

The pipe organ also blocked the round stained glass window in the balcony. After looking at several brands of digital organs, the organist, Bob LePage, recommended the Allen Protégé because of its pipe organ sound.

The organ was installed with an external sound system that allows the sound from the balcony to be heard evenly throughout the sanctuary. There is a MIDI sound module hooked up to the organ so that additional

contemporary sounds can be played as well as the traditional pipe organ sounds. Lance Luce from Evola Music designed the speaker system, and did the final voicing on the organ. The sanctuary was renovated in 2009, and now with the new organ, the church sounds as good as it looks.



## St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, Michigan chooses an Allen Q325 with MIDI Vista

**M**arcello Rossi is the Music Director and Organist at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston, Michigan. Marcello is more than just an organist, he is a very talented pianist, vocalist, composer, conductor and trumpet player. Those were the talents he drew upon at the dedication concert of St. Daniel's new Allen Organ on May 31st, 2009. Rossi was once the

Music Director at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Warren, Michigan where they also have an Allen Organ.

Marcello was very pleased with the musicality and reliability of the Allen Organ at St. Mark's, so it was no surprise that he turned once again to the Allen Organ Company and Evola Music when he began looking for a new organ for St. Daniel Parish.

The dedication concert was well attended and included a wide variety of musical styles and selections. The St. Daniel Choir was there, as was the St. Mark Alumni Choir. There were organ solos by Johnny Kash and Lance Luce. There was a small brass group that played and some woodwinds and strings. A couple of pieces that were composed by Marcello were also featured. This was not your typical organ dedication concert. This was an explosion of musical styles, artfully gathered together by a true musician.



Johnny Kash (guest organist), Marcello Rossi (Music Director), Lance Luce (guest organist)

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EVOLA MUSIC CHURCH ORGAN DEPARTMENT

## *Special Opportunity*

### Used Church Organ:

Allen ADC-2110T, 2 Manual, 32 note AGO Pedalboard organ with 31 stops with divided expression. It has a Transposer, 6 presets per division, 10 general presets, and 2 memory levels. This organ has 4 external speakers, 2 medium size for the main and 2 smaller ones for an antiphonal. This is the perfect organ for a smaller church, home or chapel . . . . . Call for price.



### **SHARE THE GIFT!**

**Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2009

**Time:** 10:00am to approximately 12:00pm

**Place:** Recital Hall of the Evola Music Store  
7170 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan

**Cost:** Free Admission

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Donna Shinn at (734) 455-4677  
or [Donna.Shinn@evola.com](mailto:Donna.Shinn@evola.com)

**Details:** This is an opportunity for organists to share with fellow organists the “GIFT” of music. Come ready to share (and play) your favorite Christmas Organ arrangement. There will be a “gift” for each one willing to share! (and all who attend will receive the benefit of adding to their Christmas list of beautiful organ pieces.)