

**Don't let summer go by without visiting the Mohawk Valley's  
SHRINE OF LUTHERANISM in 2017!**

*BUILT BY THE PALATINE SETTLERS IN 1770, AND NOW A NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC SITE, THE [PALATINE CHURCH](#) STANDS MUCH AS IT WAS CENTURIES AGO!*

*THE PALATINE SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH TIRELESSLY WORKS TO KEEP UP THE BEAUTIFUL STONE BUILDING AND OPEN IT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR A SERIES OF THREE SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENTS . . . WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.*

***Sunday, June 11, 4:00 p.m.***

*Opening concert featuring the "Mohawk River Suite" written by Alfred Fedak of Albany, NY. The special ensemble will include organ, piano, harpsichord, flute, and bass soloist. The concert will also include cello.*

***Sunday, July 16, 4:00 p.m.***

*Mid summer event, "HYMN FESTIVAL 500" will honor the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Under direction of Roberta Rowland-Raybold, organist at First Lutheran Church, Albany, you are invited to be in the Festival Choir; if you would like to be part of the choir, please meet at the church at 3:00 p.m.*

***Sunday, September 24, 4:00 p.m.***

*Potpourri X features local musicians, young and old, in their tenth year of a variety of wonderful music led by Norma Bowley.*

The Old Palatine Church is located on Rt. 5 between Nelliston and St. Johnsville, NY. Free will offerings will be taken. Please join in our events.

**A bit of Old Palatine Church history . . . . .**

*Nestled among the rolling hills of the Mohawk Valley sits the Old Palatine Church, preserved as a "Shrine of Lutheranism in the Mohawk Valley" by the Palatine Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Inc. The Board of Directors of the Society exists to preserve the heritage of the colonial*

*settlers from the Palatinate region of Germany in the early eighteenth century who came to America seeking religious freedom.*

*A simple log church was erected by the Palatines in 1729, and was replaced with its native stone structure in 1770. Today's Palatine Church is very much the same as it was originally. The beautiful architectural style with huge windows overlooking the Mohawk Valley, the wine-glass pulpit, and original thirteen star flag are tributes to its history. When almost every building in the valley was burned during the Revolutionary War, the Palatine Church was one of only two buildings spared, and in fact was used to shelter and treat the wounded. Nearby Fox's Mills was mentioned in "Drums Along the Mohawk" and the Palatine Church the site where the book's characters, Lana and Gil, were married.*

*Today the old stone church hosts an annual historic re-enactment of the historic wedding. The Society's Board of Directors welcome tourists and historic bus tours as well as occasional weddings and church services. The Palatine Church is open during the summer and is a wonderful venue for three concerts which are open to the public.*