

*The Lansing Area Ministry of Bells (LAMB), under the direction of Monica McGowan of Lakeview, MN, will present its 28th Annual Spring Ring on Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. at Waverly High School's gymnasium (on Snow Road between Michigan Ave. and W. St. Joseph in west Lansing). This facility is handicapper-accessible.*

*Monica McGowan has just retired after 12 years as the Artistic Director of Twin Cities Bronze, the Minneapolis-St. Paul area community handbell ensemble. She has a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and found her life's passion in handbells as a ringer, director, clinician and conductor. Whether it's with the Handbell Musicians of America (formerly the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers), the International Music Camp, or as master technician at her Ringing Restorations handbell maintenance company, Monica brings her extensive training, experience and enthusiasm for handbells and handchimes to every forum and venue. She is conducting the Spring Ring for the second time, having been here previously on St. Patrick's Day, 2007.*

*The theme of the concert is "Ringing Through the Year--A Celebration of Church Seasons" and handbell arrangements of music of the church year (Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, and Christmas) will be featured. About 200 ringers from 20 choirs will join together for massed ringing; solo numbers will also be played. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.*