The Guest Organist

Juris Krafts, our guest organist today, is the son of the late Reverend Rudolfs Krafts, former pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Juris was born in Riga, Latvia, and came to the United States with his parents as a displaced person after World War II. He studied Fine Arts and Music at the University of Minnesota. He has had additional work in piano with Mr. Knuts Lesins, a well-known Latvian musician, and in organ with Mr. Heinrich Fleischer, Professor of organ at the University. Juris has had many art shows and concerts throughout the United States and Canada. He also recorded an album of organ music in memory of his father.

Currently working as organist for the Latvian Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, he is also working as advisor to several vocal groups as well as many soloists both vocal and instrumental.

