

Area churches host popular Christian rock bands

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Jesus rocks!
The sounds of Christian rock music will fill the air Sunday as four local churches present the "Under the Son" tour, seven hours of rock 'n' roll by five national Christian bands.

Hamilton's Grace United Methodist Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Hamilton Vineyard Church, and Lindenwald United Methodist Church welcome the bands and featured speaker Mike Nygren to Immanuel Lutheran Park from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The five bands, Solomon's Wish, The Elms, Tree63, Pillar, and LaRue, have been performing and spreading the good news across the country with

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WHAT: Under the Son Tour, featuring The Elms, Solomon's Wish, Tree63, Pillar, LaRue and guest speaker Mike Nygren
WHEN: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran Park

HOW MUCH: \$15 for the entire day.

For more information on the tour, visit www.undertheson2001.org. For tickets call (800) 965-9324 or (614) 410-4140.



The brother-sister duo of LaRue bring their faith-filled music to Immanuel Lutheran Park Sunday.

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the "Under the Son" tour. Solomon's Wish has been compared to many pop bands from

the 1980s. Their sound mixes Christian messages with music similar to U2 and Tears for

Fears. The Elms "guitar-friendly" sound can be likened to such bands as the Foo Fighters or

Radiohead.

LaRue, the brother-sister duo who have been featured on the Disney Channel, will perform songs from their album "Transparent." The teen siblings co-wrote all of their songs, with powerful lyrics about their beliefs and values.

"We wanted to be very real and very open," Phillip LaRue said.

Tree63, from South Africa, has a style that they describe as being "large, modern rock." Billboard magazine has said that Tree63 "is well-poised to win over the U.S."

The group Pillar got their name from 1 Timothy 3:15, where God's household is described as a pillar of truth. They have been compared to hip-hop rock acts like Limp Bizkit and Rage Against the Machine.

Speaker Mike Nygren is the author of two books, "Youth Ministry and Missions" and "Real Thoughts of an Aging Youth Worker." He currently works as director of The Student Leadership Institute.

The concerts begin at 1 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Park on Ohio 177. Tickets are \$15 for the entire day of music.

Proceeds from ticket, food and merchandise sales will be

divided equally among the four hosting churches and used for charitable purposes. For tickets, call (800) 965-9324 or (614) 410-4140 or go online at www.undertheson2001.org.