



# Choir Notes

*God gave us music gave us voice, Sing alleluia and rejoice!  
We lift in faith secure and strong the sacred word though sacred song.*

Well done! Good and Faithful Servants! It has been a terrific choir year! As always, I thank for your faithful commitment to choir and the worship life of our congregation, for the gifts and talents you bring to choir and for the joy with which you serve. Thank you to our music interns who support the choir each Sunday, our ensembles and instrumentalists who support worship throughout the year. I especially thank Eric for his great support of the music program, outstanding organ playing and his ability as a sound engineer. We are truly blessed with his gifts and talents.

Usually, I would say that July and August will be a time of rest. However, you know we have a rather busy July coming up as we celebrate First Lutheran's 125th birthday. It will be a week of celebration as we welcome Bishop Gonia on Sunday, July 23 and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Sunday, July 30 with a special dinner celebration at the Marriott on Saturday, July 29. Please note the schedule below.

Our music interns will sing with us on the July Sundays. Asael and David will return in September as interns for next year. We will say farewell to Christine and Chelsea as they move on to other things. They have been a blessing to us for two years and we wish them well.

Joyfully in Christ,

*Joan*

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**Celebrating Our Faith  
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow  
125th Anniversary Birthday Celebration**

**Choir will sing for worship 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 on  
July 23 – Bishop Gonia, preaching**

Anthem: We Are Called

Plus Call to Worship, liturgy, psalm and hymns

An Anniversary Birthday Celebration on the front lawn will follow the 10:30 worship service with a BBQ lunch and music by the Flying W Wranglers.

**July 30 – Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, preaching**

Anthem: Your Hand, O God, has Guided

Plus Call to Worship, liturgy, psalm and hymns

## Special Choir Rehearsals in July

Due to Joan and Eric's schedules, choir rehearsals will be

Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 PM (please note this is a change)

I know that some of you have conflicts with some or all of the above rehearsal dates. Please try to make at least 1 or 2 rehearsals. Most of the music you know, so please come sing on July 23 & 30 if you can.

## Dinner at the Marriott with Bishop Eaton

Saturday, July 29

Choir will sing special music. The tentative list is as follows:

*Down to the River to Pray*

*Be Unto Your Name*

*Thank You, Lord*

*We are Called*

**\*Special Note:** You should have received in the mail an invitation for the dinner. Please mark on your RSVP card "choir" and send a check for \$25 per person. Please don't broadcast this special rate!

## July Birthdays

7/1 – Paula Nickodemus

7/5 – Jill Brown

7/14 – Chris Parkhill

Gary Miller

7/16 – Cliff Allen

7/17 – Gary Olson

7/20 – Viki Wilcox

7/25 – Joan Bennett

7/31 – Arlene Avischious



## CHOIR GOLF



Annual choir golf tournament is *Saturday, August 19 at Patty Jewett followed by breakfast on the patio. Sign-up sheet in choir room.*

## CALENDAR DATES

**Sunday, August, 27** – Men's Chorus in worship  
Rehearsals on Wednesday August 16 at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm

**Sunday, September 10** -- Choir at worship  
Choir rehearsals resume September 6 at 7:30 pm &  
September 7 at 7:00 pm

**Choir Retreat tentative date is November 18**

**Sunday, December 3 – Lessons and Carols**

**Gallery of Living Art 2018 – March 16, 17, 18**

## August Birthdays

8/7 – Sharon Cartwright

8/11- Kathy Holmes

8/18 – Phil Rose

8/25 – Peter Swan



*“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46)*

Enjoy some outdoor time, some quiet time, some renewing time.