

LLC 50 Music Opportunity for Choral Enthusiasts

Early in 2023, we will present you a continent-wide music opportunity, and we hope for ample participation from all over! LLC is turning 50 years in 2023, and in honor of this milestone there will be a celebration program at LLC Summer Services to be held in Monticello, Minn.

For this program we hope to create two massive choirs, a children's choir and a mixed adult choir, to perform at that program. We will send you music for these in January, and then any and all who have prepared are welcome to come together to perform at the program in July. We plan for one song for the children's choir, two songs for the mixed choir, and one piece to be sung by both choirs together.

In addition to performing at the program, we will record a music album to commemorate our church organization's anniversary. Most of the arrangements will be made by North American musicians. The album will include a total of 13 songs.

We invite singers from all over the continent to participate in the recording and performance. Many congregations will be practicing these songs next spring. We will provide local choral directors with resources to support teaching the music in their choirs.

Recording. In order to have the commemorative album available at the Summer Services event, we need to record it in the spring. We hope congregations will send some members to this recording to represent their area or congregation. The music for the songs we plan to record will also be provided to you in January.

We plan to record the weekend of April 21–23, 2023, in Elk River, Minn. We will begin recording that Friday at 1 p.m. and continue on Saturday. Sunday is a backup day if more recording time is necessary. **Sign up for this project by March 15, 2023.**

LLC 50-year Celebration at Summer Services

The celebration program in the services tent will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 8. Prior to that there will be one local practice on Thursday, June 29, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Rockford Church. A mass practice for the Summer services event will be on Thursday, July 6, 8.00–9.30 p.m. at Monticello church.

Dress code for the event: dress clothes, white top and black bottom. Black shoes. For women, skirt or dress pants are okay. Men should wear a black tie or bowtie.

To help us prepare for the recording weekend and for the Summer Services program, please **sign up for this project by March 15, 2023.**

Remote Participation. If you don't have access to a local church choir, you can still join in the recording and the celebration choir. This option is recommended to all experienced choral singers. You still need to sign up via the link below. We will send you the music and additional support to help you learn your parts.

Southern Minnesota Mixed Choir (Ages 14+)

The Southern Minnesota mixed choir has been functioning during the 2022 fall season. The goal for the spring season is to learn songs for the LLC 50-year celebration and to record them in April. We hope to get as many singers as possible. This choir will be directed by Ben Huhta and Liisa Keranen. The choir will meet weekly, Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m., alternating between Rockford and Elk River churches. As you sign up, we ask you to consider the following things:

- Commitment to weekly practice
- Willingness to practice parts outside of the choir sessions
- Attendance at planned program and particularly at the recording on April 21–22 at the Elk River church.
- Participation in the LLC 50-year celebration program at Summer Services and related rehearsals.

Note that when you sign up for the choir season, that includes participation in the recording weekend and in the celebration program at Summer Services.

Complete the form by Jan. 12, 2023.

Proposed Schedule

Jan 19	Rockford church
Jan 26	Elk River church
Feb 2	Rockford church
Feb 9	Elk River Church
Feb 16	Rockford Church
Feb 23	Elk River Church
Mar 2	Rockford Church
Mar 9	Elk River Church
Mar 16	Rockford Church
Mar 23	Elk River Church
Mar 30	Elk River Church
Apr 13	Elk River Church
Apr 20	Elk River Church
Apr 21, 1:00 p.m.	Elk River Church Great Group Rehearsal for Recording, Adults starting at 1.00 p.m. at Elk River Church
Apr 22, 9:00 a.m.	Elk River Church Recording day. Starting at 9.00 a.m.
Apr 23	Recording back-up day
Apr 27	Rockford Church
May 11	Elk River Church
May 14	Mother's day evening program, location and time To Be Determined
Jun 29	Local rehearsal at Rockford Church from 6.00–8.00 p.m.
Jul 6	Mass Practice at Monticello Church from 8.00–9.30 p.m.

Southern Minnesota Children's Choir (Ages 8–13)

The Southern Minnesota children's choir has been functioning during the 2022 fall season. We have seen much benefit from this! There is good energy in the rehearsals and the children enjoy meeting each other weekly. The goal for the spring season is to learn songs for the LLC 50-year celebration and to record them in April. We will also prepare material for a spring music program to be held at Elk River in May.

Here are details on signing up for the spring season:

The choir will meet weekly, Thursdays 6.30-8.00 p.m., alternating between Rockford and Elk River churches. The choir is directed by Ian Hendrickson and Karen McAdams.

As you sign up, we ask you to consider the following things:

- Commitment to weekly practice
- Choristers are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and exhibit good work ethics
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle and a small snack
- Enthusiasm for musical learning and love for Songs of Zion
- Attendance at planned program and particularly at the recording on April 21–22 at the Elk River church.
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Mar 30	Elk River Church
Apr 13	Elk River Church
Apr 20	Elk River Church
Apr 21	Elk River Church Great Group Rehearsal for Recording , Kids starting at 5.00 p.m. at Elk River Church
Apr 22	Elk River Church Recording day . Kids joining at 1.00 p.m.
Apr 23	Recording back-up day
Apr 27	Rockford Church
May 11	Elk River Church
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You can sign up for any of these options via this link:

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