

Soli Deo Gloria

Fall 2021

“But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad, let them ever sing for joy” Ps. 5:11

Welcome Back to Choir! Thank you so much for your participation and support, it is truly our pleasure to work with your children and share God’s great gift of music with them. We are pleased to partner again with Kasey Vlasak who will be teaching elementary “Multicultural” art and High School “Watercolor” this fall. These classes will be offered throughout the morning, and students will be placed in a class so as not to conflict with choir and bells.

Denise Wood and Heidi Wildes will be leading the choirs and rehearsals. Mrs. Wood is an experienced director of children's musicals and a proficient singer herself, and brings dedication and excellence to our program as a mentor to our student helpers and handbell/chimes director. Mrs. Wildes has a degree in piano performance and is a past member of the Chorister's Guild, a member of American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, a certified teacher of Kindermusik, and a private piano instructor. She and her husband Paul are developing the SDG Choir Program in the Chippewa Valley.

Because of our registration delay due to COVID, the procedure to join us is this: please email Denise at INFO@SDGchoirs.org with your info today and then follow up by sending in the paperwork and money. This will allow her to begin immediately assigning art and ringing classes so we can begin rehearsals on September 23.

You must be a member of CVHS forum to participate in choir. This is how we communicate throughout the semester. Please include an additional \$8.50 to pay your 2021/22 fee - Denise will update your account this fall. If this will be a new membership to the forum, please go to homeschool-life.com/wi/CVHS and request membership, existing accounts will be renewed for the school year.

VOCAL CHOIRS: *Masking optional, rehearsals in the Sanctuary for social distancing.*

We are hoping to follow this schedule, depending on registration numbers:

Te Deum: 1-3 graders meet at 9:00am until 9:50am.

Jubilate Deo: 4-8th graders meet at 10:00am until 10:55am.

Sanctus: 9-12 graders meet at 11am until noon. *Students in this choir are expected to know how to read music and sing on pitch.*

SCHEDULES:

All choirs rehearse Thursdays at Bethesda Lutheran, 123 W. Hamilton Ave, Eau Claire. Full rehearsals begin on September 23 with a final date of November 18. If we are unable to have a public concert because of public health concerns, Bill Olson will record our final rehearsal and produce a DVD which will be given to each family.

HANDCHIME & HANDBELL CHOIRS: *Masking optional*

If you are participating in a vocal choir, you have the opportunity to participate in a chime or bell group. Please know that we do everything we can to create enough openings so that everyone who wants to ring is able to ring; however, spots are filled on a first come basis.

Adoramus and *Benedicimus* handbell choirs are a combination of permanent members as well as those students who are invited to 'ring up' a semester. Those students may or may not also have another bell group assignment.

Our official policy for handbells is that you are allowed one excused absence, but we would prefer none at all. This may sound harsh, but ringing is a 'team sport' and the group really suffers when a member is absent. If you know you will miss two or more rehearsals, we would ask that you give up your ringing spot for this semester. We will try but cannot guarantee there will be an available spot in the spring.

Participating in a chime or bell group is like being on a sports team. Individual ability is necessary as is the ability to play well with others. Each group consists of 11-13 players and musicians are placed in a particular group based on what the teacher observes in class, at a previous concert, and at a previous ringing check. We try to match musicians of similar ability and this doesn't always match with the age or grade of the students involved.

Other factors can help a student to move through the ranks and get into the advanced groups more quickly: playing other instruments outside of choir, developing good rhythmic skills, and a particularly cheerful and helpful attitude. Being flexible and able to defer one's preferences for the good of the group is especially noticed. Consistent participation rather than taking a semester off will help to ensure steady progress.

REHEARSAL DAY POLICIES:

Bad Weather: We will plan that all choir rehearsals will go ahead as scheduled, even if the EC schools call a bad weather day, unless we post on the forum canceling choir that morning. Without a cancellation, please come for regular rehearsals if you feel it is safe for you to travel.

Handbells: Our official policy for bells is that you are allowed one excused absence, but we would prefer none at all! The group really suffers when a member is absent. If you know you will miss two or more rehearsals, we would ask that you give up your ringing spot for this semester.

We Miss You When You're Gone! Prompt and regular attendance at rehearsals is appreciated, but we know that real life has many unexpected happenings! If your child will miss a rehearsal and you are able to, an email would be appreciated.

No One is allowed in the Hallways during class time. This includes parents and high schoolers. We expect to see no one outside of the designated rooms, and all hallways must remain empty during class times. Also, being in the hallways during class time is not an option. And finally, hallways are only for occupying when classes are not in session.

No Child Left Behind: Except when in a scheduled class, every student grades 1-8 needs to leave the building. There is no waiting room this year due to health concerns. Parents may supervise their children in the playground area.

Study Areas: High school students may occupy 305. Please note this is the only group of students allowed to remain in the building when not in a class.

COST - Each semester there is a \$15 *per family* facility fee in addition to the cost for choir tuition or art class. The choir cost for the semester is \$30 per child. There is an additional fee of \$30 per student to participate in chimes or bells. Choir registration is non-refundable unless we are forced to cancel at least 5 sessions due to health concerns, at which time you will be offered a partial refund.

HIGH SCHOOL ART: Kasey Vlasak is offering a Watercolor class for 9-12th graders during the fall term. Cost will be \$45 per student, with all supplies provided by the teacher. If you have questions please contact Kasey directly: KVlasak44@gmail.com

GRADE SCHOOL ART: Kasey is teaching a Multicultural Arts course to elementary grades this and next semester. The identical class is offered both semesters. Cost is \$25 per student.

REGISTER: Registration and Release of Liability forms and payments (checks made out to SDG Choirs, Denise Wood, and Kasey Vlasak) may be mailed to Denise Wood, 3995 Mayer Rd., Fall Creek 54742.

What a privilege to work with your children! We are looking forward to an exciting semester which will glorify God and create a lifelong love of music in each chorister.

Paul & Heidi Wildes (715-210-3591)

Heidi@SDGchoirs.org

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

READ CAREFULLY - THIS AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

In exchange for participation in the activity of SDG Choirs organized by Paul/Heidi Wildes, of 3117 S Lexington Blvd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 54701 and/or use of the property, facilities and services of Paul/Heidi Wildes, I agree for myself and (if applicable) for the members of my family, to the following:

1. AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by Paul/Heidi Wildes, or the employees, representatives or agents of Paul/Heidi Wildes.

2. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS AND RELEASE. I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the above described activity and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) my family members, and further release and discharge Paul/Heidi Wildes for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities of Paul/Heidi Wildes, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, Paul/Heidi Wildes or other third parties.

3. INDEMNIFICATION. I agree to indemnify and defend Paul/Heidi Wildes against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities of Paul/Heidi Wildes.

4. FEES. I agree to pay for all damages to the facilities of Paul/Heidi Wildes caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions by me or my family.

5. CONSENT. I, _____ of _____, _____, _____, consent to the participation of my _____, _____, in the activity of SDG Choirs, and agree on behalf of the above minor to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By signing this Release of Liability, I represent that I have legal authority over and custody of _____.

6. APPLICABLE LAW. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in the above shall be resolved under Wisconsin law.

7. NO DURESS. I agree and acknowledge that I am under no pressure or duress to sign this Agreement and that I have been given a reasonable opportunity to review it before signing. I further agree and acknowledge that I am free to have my own legal counsel review this Agreement if I so desire. I further agree and acknowledge that Paul/Heidi Wildes has offered to refund any fees I have paid to use its facilities if I choose not to sign this Agreement.

8. ARM'S LENGTH AGREEMENT. This Agreement and each of its terms are the product of an arm's length negotiation between the Parties. In the event any ambiguity is found to exist in the interpretation of this Agreement, or any of its provisions, the Parties, and each of them, explicitly reject the application of any legal or equitable rule of interpretation which would lead to a construction either "for" or "against" a particular party based upon their status as the drafter of a specific term, language, or provision giving rise to such ambiguity.

9. ENFORCEABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement, whether standing alone or as applied to a particular occurrence or circumstance, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement or of any other applications of such provision, as the case may be, and such invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.

10. EMERGENCY CONTACT. In case of an emergency, please call _____
(Relationship: _____) at _____ (Day), or _____
(Evening).

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

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Info@SDGchoirs.org

Please email Denise AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to let her know your kids' registration info to get on the lists, then mail in the official signed forms. Thank you!!

Parents _____

Address including zipcode _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Prefer Text: _____

I have read and understand the Rehearsal Day Policies: _____ (please initial)

Chorister's Name	Grade	Chimes/Bells	Art
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Facility Usage Fee (\$15 per family): _____

H.S. Art fee (\$45) payable to "Kasey Vlasak" _____

Choir Fee (\$30/child) : _____

Elementary Art fee (\$25) payable to "Kasey Vlasak" _____

Chimes/Bells (\$30 per child): _____

Total Amount to "SDG Choirs": _____ **Total to "Kasey Vlasak"** _____

2021/22CVHS Member Fee (required) to "Denise Wood" \$8.50 _____

After sending an email ASAP indicating participation please Mail Completed Forms and money by September 23 to:

Denise Wood
3995 Mayer Rd
Fall Creek WI 54742