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Sixteenth Notes

- 🎵 A hearty thank you to the **Summer Choir** for providing us with wonderful patriotic music on July 1 and 4!
- 🎵 Come to a Labor Day **music ministry picnic** at the O'Connor home on Monday, September 6 between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., bringing your family and a potluck dish to share (we'll grill out). Children, youth, techs and pastors are all invited, too! RSVPs welcome.
- 🎵 The regular **fall worship schedule** resumes over Labor Day weekend on September 5, with the **Chancel Choir** singing at 11:00 a.m. worship the following week, September 12. Regular weekly rehearsals are currently scheduled to resume on Thursday, September 2 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the music room. Please invite a friend to attend and sing to the glory of God—all voices and abilities are welcome.
- 🎵 We are still missing the following nine black **choir folders** from the wooden cabinet: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 17, 23 and 24. Please return these and any outstanding festival music binders immediately for inventory purposes.
- 🎵 A second annual ecumenical performance of **Handel's Messiah** is being planned for Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. Choir rehearsals (for up to 100 singers!) will be on Monday nights in October and November from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at [Stony Hills Presbyterian](#) in Germantown, directed again by Brian Dearing of Grace Lutheran in Thiensville. **Crossroads is now hosting the Friday night concert!**



August Vocal Tune-Ups

All Crossroads singers—contemporary and traditional and otherwise—are encouraged to tune-up their voices for the fall singing season! A pair of excellent evening workshops featuring guest clinicians are taking place this month, and interested vocalists will have their registration fees covered. Gospel composer and conductor **Keith Hampton** will be at [Mount Carmel Lutheran](#) in Milwaukee on **August 10** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Former Carroll College choir director **Mark Aamot** will be at [Heritage Presbyterian](#) in Muskego on **August 18** from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m., with dinner included at 5:30 p.m. and the opportunity to sing at the September 21 Presbytery meeting. Please contact Todd or Jenee by Monday, August 9 to attend either workshop. We hope to see you there!

Psalm of the Month

Over the past three years, Crossroads has been encouraged to read and take to heart one psalm each month, with it being presented in word or music at most worship services. The previous eleven have been Psalm 100, 85, 147, 146, 1, 37, 51, 103, 148, 19 and 47. We conclude in August with **Psalm 132**, a song of ascent, detailing David's desire to build a house for the ark of the Lord and God's promises regarding His eternal dwelling:

¹O Lord, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured; ²how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, ³"I will not enter my house or get into my bed; ⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." ⁶We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Ja'ar. ⁷"Let us go to His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool."

⁸Rise up, O Lord, and go to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your might. ⁹Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your faithful shout for joy. ¹⁰For Your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of Your Anointed One. ¹¹The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which He will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. ¹²If your sons keep My covenant and My decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

¹³For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation: ¹⁴"This is My resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it. ¹⁵I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread. ¹⁶Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy. ¹⁷There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for My Anointed One. ¹⁸His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on Him, His crown will gleam."

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