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Sixteenth Notes

- 🎵 A very special thank you to everyone who helped to host the outstanding **Millikin University Choir** on January 9–10, a truly inspirational start to the new year. Our own **Chancel Choir** followed with selections that included a beautiful choral benediction on January 31 that touched many, including our pastors. Thank you, Chancel Choir!
- 🎵 To begin the reflective and penitential season of Lent, the **Chancel Choir** will lead the **Ash Wednesday** worship service on February 17 at 7:30 p.m. This year it will include both communion and the imposition of ashes.
- 🎵 Crossroads is no longer hosting **The Green Room** on Friday, February 19. Interested persons can still attend this one-day worship conference locally, presented live via satellite by the Willow Creek Association, at RiverGlen Christian Church in Waukesha (262-968-5252 or riverglen.cc). The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a box lunch available on-site. Please contact Todd if you are at all interested in attending this excellent event with the O'Connors, as there will be special last-minute information to share!
- 🎵 Look forward to music on March 7: **Children's Choir** at 8:30 a.m. and **Chamber Singers** at 11:00 a.m.!



Psalm of the Month

The forty verses of **Psalm 37** speak against the wicked, encouraging the righteous to be patient and trust the Lord in all circumstances (NRSV):

¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ²for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. ³Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. ⁴Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. ⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. ⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it only leads to evil. ²⁷Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide forever. ²⁸For the lord loves justice; He will not forsake His faithful ones. The righteous shall be kept safe forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. ²⁹The righteous shall inherit the land, and live in it forever. ³⁰The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice. ³¹The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.

Palm Sunday = Festival Sunday

This spring the Festival Choir and Orchestra will perform special music on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28, instead of on Easter Sunday. They will also be joined by the Children's Choir at these identical 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. festival worship services, with a participants' family potluck brunch at 9:45 a.m. in the CLC.

Children's Choir (grades 1 through 5) rehearsals will occur between 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on two Wednesdays: March 17 and 24. A child does not need to attend Elementary Youth Club to be in the choir. **Festival Choir** will rehearse from 6:30 to

8:00 p.m. on three Thursdays: March 11, 18 and 25. **Festival Orchestra** practice will be scheduled for mid-March; contact Todd to play your instrument. Dress rehearsal for both choirs and orchestra together will take place in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Musicians of all ages and all abilities are invited and encouraged to participate in this celebratory start to Holy Week.

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WINTER 2010 CHOIR CALENDAR (Chancel Choir in bold; subject to change)

<i>Sunday Services (unless noted otherwise); Chancel Choir 10:15 a.m. call time in music room for 11:00 a.m. services</i>		<i>Thursday Evening Rehearsals</i>	
Click on underlined titles to access free online sound clips!			
January 31 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ Happy Are They ” (Psalm 1/David Haas) “ Go Forth and Preach the Gospel ” (James Chepponis) “Go Now in Peace” (Don Besig/Nancy Price)		February 4 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
February 7 No choirs scheduled		February 11 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
February 14 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “Faith and Hope and Love” (Christopher Wordsworth/John Leavitt) “Knowing You” (Graham Kendrick/ Dennis Allen)	Wed., February 17: Ash Wednesday Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m. service “O Lord, We Trust Alone in Thee” (Miller/Handel/ed. Liebergen p. 14) “ Sign Us with Ashes ” (Bringle/Rowan) 8:30–9:15 Chancel Choir (not Thursday)	February 18 6:30–8:00 Chamber Singers	
February 21: <i>Lent 1</i> Chancel Ringers at 11:00 a.m. service		February 25 6:30–7:30 Chamber Singers 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
February 28: Lent 2 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee” (K. Lee Scott) “ O for a Closer Walk ” (William Cowper/C.V. Stanford)		March 4 6:30–7:30 Chamber Singers 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
March 7: <i>Lent 3</i> Children’s Choir at 8:30 a.m. service “ Moses and Me ” (Herb Frombach/Vicki Tucker Courtney) Chamber Singers at 11:00 a.m. service “Missa Brevis in C Major, K. 220” (entire, W.A. Mozart) <i>2-4-07</i>		March 11 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir	
March 14: Lent 4 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ There Is a Balm in Gilead ” (Spiritual/William L. Dawson)		March 18 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir	
March 21: <i>Lent 5</i> Chancel Ringers at 11:00 a.m. service		March 25 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir	Saturday, March 27 9:00–11:30 a.m. Festival Dress Rehearsal
March 28: <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Children’s Choir, Festival Choir and Orchestra at identical 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services		April 1: Maundy Thursday Chancel Choir (7 p.m.) 8:15–9:00 Chancel Choir rehearsal	April 2: Good Friday Chancel Choir (7 p.m.)
April 4: Easter Sunday Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers and Brass at 11:00 a.m. service “ Hallelujah Chorus ” (G.F. Handel)		April 8 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
April 11 No choirs scheduled		April 15 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
April 18 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service		April 22 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
April 25 No choirs scheduled		April 29 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
May 2 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ Thou Art Holy ” (Craig Courtney)		May 6 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
May 9: <i>Mother’s Day</i> Chancel Ringers and Kingdom Kids at 11:00 a.m. service		May 13 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir	
May 16 <i>Confirmation</i> at 11:00 a.m.		May 20 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir (singing June 6 w/Orchestra) 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir	