



Ames Children's Choirs

April 2009 Newsletter

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Something to Sing About!

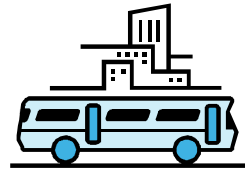
- **Lilly Bandow** (Prep Choir) was selected for a "Character Counts" or "Kid of Character" award at school the end of February. It is a special award that the school gives each month for a child that shows kindness to someone else and gets "caught" doing it, who is then selected by the teacher and their peers for the award.
- ACC singers on the Ames Middle School 2nd trimester Honor Roll include **Eli Bratsch-Prince, Iris Brenner, Mariah Griffith, Nadia Huffman, Ben Hurd, Julia Meyer, Sarah Norvell, Sadie Taylor, and Haven Witherspoon.**
- **Lea Johannsen** (Concert Choir) competed at the State High School Speech Contest on March 14 and earned a 1 rating in Poetry and Review. She has also been invited to perform her Poetry piece at the All-State Program on March 30 at UNI.
- **Niki Naberhaus** (Prep Choir) will be performing in the Ames Homeschool play, Pinocchio, on April 20 & 21st at 6:30 pm at Meeker School.
- We are proud of our singers who work hard in school and choir. If your singer has been selected for something special, please let us know! Send your items for "*Something to Sing About*" to: ameschoir@aol.com or call Shon @ 290-1422

St. Olaf Choir performs April 4

The St. Olaf Cantorei, a mixed ensemble, will perform on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 pm at the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. There is a need to house singers Saturday night and return them to the church at 8:00 am on Sunday morning. If interested, please contact Alicia Thompson at 232-6256 or email athompson@bethesdanet.org.

Concert Choir Tour ~ April 5-6

Tour payments of \$100 are due February 1, March 1, April 1, and May 1



Waverly Tour Schedule:

- Thursday, April 2 Concert Choir singers bring labeled garment bags with formal attire to rehearsal. Bags are checked and held until Sunday. Also, please send \$20 in an envelope labeled with your singer's name for meal expenses. Chaperones will return remaining money upon return to Ames.
- Sunday, April 5 **12:30 pm** – meet at CUMC Annex parking lot with sack supper
4:00 pm – attend Wartburg College Choir Concert (concert time changed)
- Monday, April 6 am – School Concerts in Waverly
pm – Master Class with Weston Noble
7:00 pm – ACC Concert in Wartburg College Chapel
10:30 pm – return to CUMC Annex parking lot

Fundraising Results!

ACC singers sold 323 Butter Braids, earning \$1615 to be placed in their tour accounts!

Thank you for your participation, and a special thank you to Sylvia McGee, parent coordinator of the fundraiser.

Midwest Children's Choir Festival ~ April 17

What: The Midwest Children's Choir Festival

When: Friday, April 17

Where: Stephens Auditorium

Who: all ACC singers

Bentonville Children's Choir from Arkansas

Allegro Community Children's Choir from Kansas City

select Iowa singers



Please make the necessary arrangements to have your child excused from afternoon classes on April 17. A letter is included for you to share with your child's principal and teacher.

MCCF Schedule:

11:10 am Concert Choir arrives to rehearse on stage

-Bring a sack lunch to eat at noon.

-Wear tour t-shirt and jeans

-Bring informal attire for the evening concert.

12:30 pm Prep & Chorale arrive at ground level ticket entrance. Choir directors will meet you.

-Eat lunch before you come.

-Wear your red ACC t-shirt and jeans. A performance t-shirt will be provided.

1:00-5:00 pm Rehearsal

5:15 pm Sack supper provided

7:00-8:30 pm Concert (**ACC singers will meet parents back stage after the concert**)

Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors at the Stephens Ticket Office. **These are reserved seats, not general admission, so purchase your tickets now!** This is a wonderful event that you will want to invite friends and relatives to attend.

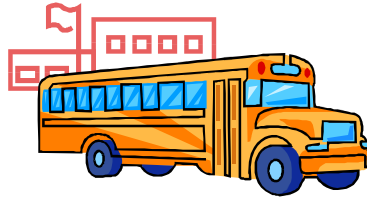
Jolene Messerli, an ACC parent, commented on the 2007 Midwest Children's Choir Festival, "*I loved the Festival. It was very amazing to think that MY child got that opportunity. I was thrilled with it all. That was Tanner's first time so we did not know what to expect...we went to support her and we were so shocked by the whole program!!*"

MCCF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Contact Shon to help! You will still have to purchase a ticket at Stephens if you wish to attend the performance that evening.

- Packaging t-shirts (in advance) for 35 school choirs
- Riser Crew - pick up and move into CY Stephens (April 16), and return on April 17 or 18
- Greeters at box office entrance (11:30-1:30)
- Singer Registration - ground level (11:30-1:30)
- Seating Guides on 1st floor level and inside auditorium (12:00-1:30)
- On site Festival nurse
- Video taping during rehearsal & concert
- Mass Choir photo during concert
- Snack Assistants backstage (2:00-3:00)
- Meal Assistants backstage and in Celebrity Café (4:45-6:00)
- CC Hair braiders (6:00-6:30)

Chorale School Tour ~ Thursday, April 23

What: Chorale School Tour
When: Thursday, April 23
Meet: 8:00 (CUMC parking lot)
Perform: 8:50 Fellows Elementary
10:30 Edwards Elementary
12:45 United Elementary
2:00 Madrid Elementary
2:45 Madrid Home
Return: 4:15 (CUMC parking lot)
Informal Attire: Boys - navy blue slacks, red ACC t-shirt, and dark socks & shoes
Girls - navy blue skirts, red ACC t-shirt, flesh-colored nylons, and dark shoes



Lunch: Please pack a healthy sack lunch (sandwich, fruit, etc.) Bring water bottles!

We would like one more parent chaperone to assist with videotaping during the morning. Transportation will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Shon Stephenson @ 290-1422 or ameschoir@aol.com.

All Choirs Rehearse! Thursday, April 23

What: Rehearsal for Spring Concert
When: 4:30-5:30 – Prep Choir
5:30-6:30 – all choirs
6:30-6:45 – Chorale
6:45-7:45 – Concert Choir
Where: **Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames
Attire: regular clothes

Note: Concert Choir singers should eat before coming or bring a sack lunch to eat in the Commons area during the Chorale's rehearsal.

Spring Concert ~ Sunday, April 26

What: Spring Concert
When: Sunday, April 26
hairbraiding: 12:45 p.m. (enter through west church door)
bows & ties only: 1:15 p.m. (enter through west church door)
meet: 1:30 p.m. in sanctuary (all singers warm-up + walk-through concert)
perform: 3:00 p.m.
reception: 4:30 p.m. in Commons area (adjacent to the sanctuary)
Where: **Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames
Attire: formal attire



Spring Concert Needs!

- Please contact Shon if you can help **braid hair** (12:45 pm) or **tie bows** (1:15 pm). Girls must provide their own brush/comb for the hair braiding. Please mark these items with your singer's name. Enter the west door of the Bethesda Lutheran Church and go down the hall to the Conference Room.

- Please contact Shon if you would be willing to assist with **video taping, informal digital photos, ushering, reception, and sitting with singers.** Thanks!
- **5 Spring Concert tickets are enclosed in this newsletter.** ACC is asking each family to buy 2 adult tickets (\$8 each) and 3 student/senior tickets (\$5 each) for our Spring Concert on Sunday, April 26. Please use these tickets yourself, or sell, or give them away to your family, friends, and neighbors. Please return payment (\$31) with your singer at the remaining rehearsals, or contact Shon (ameschoir@aol.com) if this would present a hardship for your family. Additional tickets will be available at Reiman Music. The singers have been working hard, and it is our hope that we can have a great audience for them on April 26.



- Also, please send 1-2 dozen cookies/bars with your singer for the reception following the concert. All singers should enter the west door of the Bethesda Lutheran Church and bring cookies to the Commons area next to the sanctuary.

Upcoming ACC Concerts/Events

- All Choirs**
- Midwest Children’s Choir Festival – Friday, April 17
 - Spring Concert rehearsal – **Thursday, April 23 (4:30-7:45)**
 - Spring Concert – Sunday, April 26 (1:30-5)
 - Annual singer evaluations – May 4-21

- Prep Choir**
- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Monday, April 20
 - Last rehearsal – Monday, April 27

- Chorale**
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 - School Tour – Thursday, April 23
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- Concert Choir**
- Tour to Wartburg College – April 5-6
 - Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Tuesday, April 21
 - Review concert & prepare for tour – April 28 & 30
 - Tour to Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Independence – May 1-3
 - Tentative Recording Session – May 5 & 7
 - Concert Choir Rehearsals to prepare for ICDA– July 25-27
 - Tour to IA Choral Directors Assoc. State Conference – July 28

Mormon Tabernacle Choir coming to Des Moines

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform a concert on June 22 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. If anyone would like to get discounted group tickets, please call Valerie Rowley at 233-3769. The last time the choir came to Des Moines was 25 years ago! Many of our Concert Choir singers heard the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse when we toured through Utah two years ago. It was a wonderful experience. (A tour highlight for us was being invited to sing our own piece in front of the choir during their rehearsal.)