

## Notes from the Director

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season!

What a great Christmas Eve service we had! The choirs did a wonderful job. Thanks to Karen Wilkerson and the St. Michael's Singers for joining us in "O Come to Bethlehem." It was a great way to start the service and lead into "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Rehearsals resume on **Wednesday, January 4**. We will spend this month learning new service music, doing various music activities and eventually begin preparing for the season of Lent (which starts on Wednesday, February 22).

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

## Choristers Guild Festival

### **"Seasons of Worship: Music through the Church Year"**

Mark Patterson, Guest Clinician

Saturday, January 28, 2012  
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Lutheran Church Bloomington, MN



This festival is open to all students in grades 3 through 8. Adult chaperones are also needed for the whole day (1 adult for every 10 students). **Please let me know whether or not your child(ren) are able to attend the festival and if you can be a driver/chaperone. The registration deadline is January 6.**

The day will include rehearsals with Mark Patterson and conclude with a Festival Worship Service. As a member of the Twin Cities Choristers Guild Board, I have been highly involved in the planning of this year's festival. We are very excited to have Mark Patterson here for this event.

## Celebrate the Seasons

**January 6** is celebrated as **Epiphany**. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as **Three Kings' Day**. Epiphany is the end of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day.

The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. Depending on the timing of Easter, this longer period of Epiphany includes from four to nine Sundays.

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." It remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.



## Looking Ahead

<b><u>Rehearsals</u></b>	Youth Bells	5:30-6:15 p.m.
	Celebration Singers	6:30-7:15 p.m.
	Spirit Choir	7:30-8:15 p.m.

## Rehearsals/Services

Wed., Jan 4		<b>Rehearsals Resume</b>
Sun., Jan 8	8:45	<b>Celebration Singers</b>
	11:00	<b>Spirit Choir</b>
Sun., Jan 22	8:45	<b>Spirit Choir</b>
	11:00	<b>Celebration Singers</b>
Sat., Jan 28		<b>Choristers Guild Choir Festival</b>
Sun., Feb 5	8:45	<b>Youth Bells</b>
	11:00	<b>Youth Bells</b>
Sun., Feb 12	8:45	<b>Celebration Singers</b>
	11:00	<b>Spirit Choir</b>
Wed., Feb 22		<b>Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.</b>
		<b>Celebration Singers/Spirit Choir</b>
Sun., Feb 26	8:45	<b>Spirit Choir</b>
	11:00	<b>Celebration Singers</b>

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