

Mount Olive Choir School 2022-2023

Our young are not just the church of tomorrow, they are an integral part of the church today! The choir school not only celebrates the joy of music and singing together, this tremendous gift is applied to our liturgies – helping the young be full participants as part of the assembly, or as leaders in our weekly liturgies. They are taught a variety of things to sing: plain fun-to-sing things, psalm settings and antiphons, small liturgical leadership roles, hymns, up to full anthems. Names for the Lower and Upper Elementary Choirs will be decided upon by the groups themselves.

Mount Olive Family Music – For families with young people from age 0 through Kindergarten*. This is an Online (Zoom) session offered Monday evenings from 5:30-6:00 pm beginning September 19, 2022. The curriculum used will be “Friends in God’s World” of Musikgarten. Each household will be given a packet of hand-instruments, a CD, and other visual materials which will be used. Led by Mari Espeland.

Choir School Dinner 5:30-6:00, beginning Wednesday, September 14. Enjoy handy culinary art for supper before rehearsal, anticipating the dinner-time journey here for in-person choir. All family members of both Lower and Upper Elementary choirs are invited to partake, grown-up or not. Meals are prepared in one of three ways: Families host an evening (sign-ups will be out) and would bring and prepare everything, families have food brought to Mount Olive, Chef Cantor Cherwien prepares, or the church provides everything. Menus have included child friendly delights such as: Frozen Pizza, chicken nuggets and Tater-tots, Wienie Wrap, Mac and cheese and Kielbasa, capped off after rehearsal with our famous Mount Olive Oreo Cookies.

Lower Elementary in-Person Choir: Grades 1-3*, Wednesdays, 6:00-6:45, beginning on September 14. Sing, say, dance, and play as beloved children of God learning how to be worship participants and worship leaders. Music literacy will be approached with an active rote to note process. This choir will sing in the 10:45 Liturgy approximately every 6 weeks, and will combine with the Upper Elementary choir on Christmas Eve for the 4:00 pm service. This group will be led by Mari Espeland.

Upper Elementary in-Person Choir: Grades 4 and up*. Wednesdays, 6:00-6:45, beginning on September 14. (upper limit can be determined by the interest of the singer – helper/leadership roles are helpful and often appropriate for singers on the older side of school age). This group includes many activities including singing, rhythm, story time, and learning about reading music from a score. This choir will sing approximately every 6 weeks and will combine with the Lower Elementary Choir on Christmas Eve for the 4:00 pm service. This group is led by Rebekah Schulz.

** We have used “grades” instead of ages. This is to match typical learning of those grades in school – such as reading capability. We realize precise ages vary depending on many factors – our hope is to focus on cognitive abilities appropriate to the group’s activities.*

Meet the staff!



Mari Espeland: I love children and music. I am happiest when I can help children love music, especially on our faith journey! I have taught singing to children in churches, schools, and community choirs for 36 years!

Rebekah Schulz: I am Bekah and I am so excited to make music with your special young people at Mount Olive! There is no more beautiful sound than young people singing together. I have been making music with young people (and Mari and Cantor Cherwien!) for a long time and it is my favorite thing. Together, we will create a beautiful, safe community.



David Cherwien: loves music, children, and cars. He has been a church musician for a long time and really enjoys getting to know you! His favorite Choir Dinner is Wienie Wrap.

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