

HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE

HLC Newsletter

May 2016

From the President's Desk

The chorale is looking forward to presenting another 4th of July concert this year. All the music performed at the concert will be from American composers. Of course, there will be patriotic music; it is the 4th of July, after all. *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *God Bless America*, and *A Tribute to the Armed Forces* will all be included. We will also be doing folk songs, spirituals, and religious music. Some of the renowned composers of our program are Aaron Copland, Z. Randall Stroope, and Alice Parker (as part of the Robert Shaw series). The American folk songs, *The Girl I Left Behind Me* and *The Nightingale*, are not so familiar in title but they are familiar in their tunes. HLC is working hard under the direction of our new interim director, Kerry Talley, to present a concert that all will enjoy and that will praise God in a mighty way.

A constant in the chorale is our love for the Lord and His love for us. Everyone is invited to come to our July 4th celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church on Monday, July 4. The start time for the concert has not been finalized yet, but it has traditionally been set at 6:00 pm. Since Trinity is very close to downtown, it is a very handy place to watch the beautiful Houston firework display.

The Houston Lutheran Chorale thanks all those who have supported us over the years with their prayers and their generous donations. People can also support the chorale by directing Thriven Choice Dollars to HLC, and by including HLC as part of their Amazon purchases. Information for these options will be put on our website (hlc-tx.org) soon. Please pray for us so that we may continue to praise God through our music. Please pray for our members, several who have had significant health issues during the past year.

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Bob Heth, President

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An All-American Salute to the 4th

It is with much excitement and anticipation that we work together on our concert music for July 4. I am so pleased to serve the Houston Lutheran Chorale as your interim director. I come with much respect for the previous directors and for the long-standing traditions of choral music presented by this Chorale.

Now that we have had several rehearsals, and you are familiar with the concert music, I can write about the concert. I decided to have an all-American composer program in honor of the Fourth of July Concert, so every piece was either composed by or arranged by an American composer. I also wanted to represent several different genres on the concert, so we are performing music that is categorized as: Spirituals, Folk Songs, Sacred, and Patriotic. I think that this will bring a good variety of repertoire to the concert. I have also chosen music that will be accompanied by piano and concert band. This, too will bring a nice variety to the program. Also, the concert will be only about 90 minutes long (including intermission).

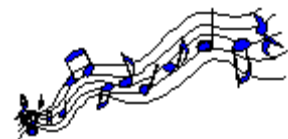
Please encourage and invite your friends and family to come hear our concert. I am very pleased with the progress that we are making, and I am sure that the Chorale members will also be proud of our concert on July 4.

Thank all of you for your strong dedication to the Chorale and to the performance of quality choral music. My gratitude also goes to the Board of Directors that so strongly supports the work of the Chorale and of the director. And, my very special thanks goes to our phenomenal accompanist, Aaron Hervey,

Introducing Kerry Talley

Mr. Kerry Talley is currently serving as the interim director of the Houston Lutheran Chorale. Recently retired, Mr. Talley taught high school choral music in Texas for 30 years. Through his friendship with Jason Mangles, he worked with the Chorale in several capacities over the past 10 years, so he comes to the Chorale with experience and knowledge of the Chorale.

Mr. Talley has earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree in vocal music from Baylor University, a Master of Music in conducting degree from Sam Houston State University, and has done post-graduate work at the University of Houston. In addition to his public secondary school teaching, he has also taught at various community colleges and at the University of Houston. He is active as a voice teacher, piano teacher, accompanist, and as the Director of Music Ministries at St. Chris-



Rehearsals

The Houston Lutheran Chorale has been sharing the story and love of our Lord for more than 30 years. The Chorale is open to all Lutherans who like to sing and are willing to rehearse approximately two Sunday afternoons from late January thru July and August through December. There are no auditions, all you need is a willingness to learn, love to sing and an abundance of joy because we truly have a wonderful time together. Contact:

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KERRY REHEARSING THE SOPRANO SECTION AT TRINITY

CONGRATULATIONS!

Each year, the Chorale membership takes a “time out” from our concert preparation to acknowledge our members who have achieved significant service milestones – 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years! We usually meet at Spaghetti Warehouse to show our appreciation for their years of devotion and commitment. We enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship! To signify their service and in recognition of their time, each member will be receiving a Chorale service pin. Each pin is different to denote the specific anniversary it represents. When you see the Chorale at the July 4th concert, you may notice many of our members proudly wearing their pins. This year is no different and in June, we are pleased to recognize the following members:

5 Years – Kristin Fischer

15 Years – Lynn Bedner and Don Kaspar

20 years – Bob Heth, Vicki Heth and Barbara Marchand

25 Years – Sheri Fryer

30 Years – Maria Keeling

God has truly Blessed the Houston Lutheran Chorale with a

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for opportunities to donate in support of the Houston Lutheran Chorale, here are two that you may not have thought of:

Thrivent—Choice Dollars: Just sign in to Thrivent, go to Choice Dollars. To choose the charity, type in Houston Lutheran Chorale. Then either select the entire amount of your choice dollars or enter a different amount.

Amazon Smile—Sign into Amazon in this way: <http://smile.amazon.com> After signing in, towards the top left of center you should see SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION in orange. At that point enter Houston Lutheran Chorale. After that every time you sign in to <http://smile.amazon.com>, Houston Lutheran Chorale should show up as the supporting organization. A small percentage of your purchase will then be

Houston Lutheran Chorale
800 Houston Avenue
Houston, TX 77007

AN ALL-AMERICAN SALUTE TO THE 4TH

July 4, 2016

6:00 PM

800 Houston Ave

**Trinity Lutheran -
Downtown**

Bring your folding chairs to stay for the fireworks.

Happy Birthday

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