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## International Vocal Ensemble in Concert At St. Paul's

Voces8, an international award winning a cappella octet from the United Kingdom, will be in concert at St. Paul's on Tuesday evening, February 8. Cedar Rapids Washington's Slice of Jazz will also be featured. Slice of Jazz was selected to perform at the national ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) convention in Chicago and will be featured in the jazz night sessions on Friday, March 11. St. Paul's members in Slice of Jazz include Emma Azelborn and Wes Carlson.

Formed in 2005, Voces8 has established itself at the forefront of British a cappella singing, performing repertoire ranging from early polyphony to unique jazz and pop arrangements. The group has recorded 6 CD's: *The Bach Motets* (2010); *Aces High* (2010); *Evensong* (2008); *From Gibbons to Gershwin* (2007); *Blessings* (2006); and *Snowed In* (2006). Voces8 performs in concert internationally and won 1st prize and the audience vote for Best Act at the challenging International Choral Competition in Gorizia, Italy, 2005. In 2006, Voces8 won two first prizes at the international choral competition in Tolosa, Spain. The group has appeared on the BBC and performed on television and radio in Germany, Belgium, Austria, Slovenia, France, Spain and Italy. Forthcoming international tours in 2010-11 include the USA, China, France, Germany, Israel, Sweden, Spain and Italy.

A quote on their website indicates ...

"The slickest of the lot ...

two parts King's Singers;

three parts Swingle Singers;

a dash of Bobby McFerrin and California sunshine ...

fans of a cappella singing ought to hear this, not just for the singing but the production values and Jim Clements' audacious arrangements ...."

## Thank You

Carol, Kelly and Mark extend their thanks to all who were responsible for the gifts shared this Christmas season. Please know that your staff greatly appreciates the thoughtfulness and expressions of gratitude.



## Breath of Soul and Slice of Jazz Sing in Benefit Concert

The contemporary Christian quartet Breath of Soul will again be in concert in Cedar Rapids. Breath of Soul was in concert at St. Paul's in November of 2010. On January 30, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at 1st Lutheran Church, this quartet and Slice of Jazz from Washington High School will present a benefit concert for the Tim Lafrentz family. This family was recently faced with numerous medical situations. In conjunction with the concert, a chili cook-off and raffle will be held. All proceeds and free-will offering donations will go to the family.

## MLK Service January 17

St. Paul's will host the annual Martin Luther King service on Monday, January 17, 7 p.m. The annual Who's My Neighbor Award will honor a notable community volunteer. Various music ensembles, including the community choir Chorale Midwest will share the spirit of MLK through song. St. Paul's members affiliated with Chorale Midwest include Barb Kouba, Alicia Aguiar and Kelly Truax.

## Up-Coming Music Events

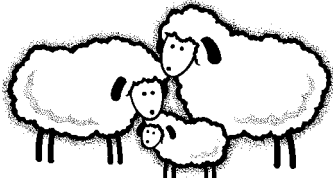
January 30	7:00 p.m.	Breath of Soul and Slice of Jazz Concert at 1st Lutheran
February 8	8:00 p.m.	Voces 8 and Slice of Jazz Concert at St. Paul's
February 9	7:30 p.m.	Voces 8 in residency with Sanctuary Choir
April 13	7:30 p.m.	Messiah Choir (Sanctuary Choir) and orchestra rehearsal at 1st Lutheran
April 20	7:30 p.m.	Messiah Choir (Sanctuary Choir) and orchestra rehearsal at St. Paul's
April 21	7:30 p.m.	Messiah Choir and orchestra: St. Paul's Maundy Thursday service
April 22	7:30 p.m.	Messiah Choir and orchestra: 1st Lutheran's Good Friday service

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# Happy Birthday!

January 2	Diana Schilling	Sanctuary Choir
January 4	Julie Tucker	Chancel Bells
January 6	Ashley Kupka	Chancel Bells
January 6	Alissa Kupka	Chancel Bells
January 13	Jo Hunerdosse	Sanctuary Choir
January 14	Kay Galli	Sanctuary Choir
January 16	Connor DeJong	Youth Choir, Wesley Bells
January 17	Maya Altemeier	Wesley Bells
January 24	Mark Baumann	Principal Organist, Men's Ensemble
January 26	Emma Azelborn	Youth Choir, Chancel Bells
January 29	James O'Halloran	Sanctuary Choir, Men's Ensemble





## Count Your Blessings Instead Of Sheep

I attended 'White Christmas' at Theater Cedar Rapids last month. How nice to be back at the beautiful, renovated theater. It looked as if there had never been a problem. Impressive are those fabulously talented carpenters who can re-create and make even better what was before. It really is lovely and encouraging. I had always known about the movie 'White Christmas', but had never watched the whole thing through; I'd seen only bits and pieces of it. I also didn't realize that Irving Berlin had written the music. I'd heard often 'Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep' but didn't know it was from this movie. This tune is so pretty, and I started thinking about the clever lyrics—clever but oh, so poignant.

*When I'm worried and I can't sleep  
I count my blessings instead of sheep  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings  
When my bankroll is getting small  
I think of when I had none at all  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings  
I think about a nursery and I picture curly heads  
And one by one I count them as they slumber in their beds  
If you're worried and you can't sleep  
Just count your blessings instead of sheep  
And you'll fall asleep counting your blessings*

It's interesting how we humans seem to dwell on the bad. We have a good day, but one bad thing happens and we dwell on that one thing instead of the myriad of positive things.

I went to lunch with a group of coworkers the week before Christmas and as I sat listening to the grouching about work situations and the like, it made me sad. Gosh, why do we do this? We really need to be positive. Maybe it's just that we're stressed and this is our way of letting it all out. It's not good though. It really doesn't make us feel good, and we have so much for which to be thankful. We really do.

My parents were really good about showing my brothers, sisters and me how important it was to remember all the good. When we started to feel woe-be-gone, my mother said it was the time we needed to stop and count our blessings.

Let's have our New Year's resolution be one of passing it forward - smile, be positive, encourage one another. That's what really relieves stress – being positive, kind and understanding. We receive as much back as we give, and isn't that the Christian way?

Happy New Year!

In Christian harmony,  
Brenda Prediger





## Handbell Happenings

**Kevin Lodge**

Director of Handbells Ministries

**Kathy Colton**

Director of Youth Handbells

### January Schedule

<b>January 23</b>	Carillonneurs	9:00 a.m.
<b>January 30</b>	Chancel Bells	9:00 a.m.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Choir  
Wesley Bells  
Chancel Bells

Carol A. Tralau, Director  
Kathy Colton, Director  
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ENSEMBLE	REHEARSAL	TIME	LOCATION
Youth Ensemble (6th-12th)	Sunday	4:30-5:15 p.m.	Music Center
Wesley Bells (7th-8th)	Wednesday	7:30-8:15 p.m.	Room 325
Chancel Bells (9th-12th)	Sunday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Room 325

### January Schedule

<b>Jan. 30</b>	Chancel Bells	9:00 a.m. service
<b>Jan. 30</b>	Youth Choir	11:30 a.m. service (meet in choir room at 11 a.m.)



## Children's Activities

Star Choir      Janet Schroeder, Director      Deb Gillespie, accompanist  
Cherub Choir    Wendy Morton, Director      Colt Ballou, accompanist  
Chapel Choir    Kelly Truax, Director and accompanist

ENSEMBLE	REHEARSAL	TIME	LOCATION
Star Choir (Pre-school)	Wednesday	6:00-7:00 p.m.	307
Cherub Choir (K-2nd)	Wednesday	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Room 101
Chapel Choir (3rd-4th)	Wednesday	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Room 117

### January Schedule

<b>Jan. 16</b>	Chapel Choir	<i>Let It Shine!</i>
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# Proposed Schedule for January 2011



Jan. 1 5:30 p.m. Tim Brinkman, Guest Artist  
 Jan. 2 9:00, 10:30,  
 11:30 a.m. Tim Brinkman, Guest Artist

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Jan. 8 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield  
 Jan. 9 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Praise His Holy Name!*  
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann  
 David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,  
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut  
 11:30 a.m. David Griffin, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Jean Pearson

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Jan. 15 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield  
 Jan. 16 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Lamb of God*  
 Men's Ensemble *Come, Oh, Come, O Quickening Spirit*  
 Chapel Choir *Let It Shine!*  
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann  
 David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,  
 John Gee, Jean Pearson  
 11:30 a.m. David Griffin, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Jean Pearson

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Jan. 22 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield  
 Jan. 23 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Light Everlasting*  
 Carillonneurs TBA  
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann  
 David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,  
 John Gee, Mary Hurlbut, Deb Jurkowski  
 11:30 a.m. David Griffin, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Deb Jurkowski

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Jan. 29 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield  
 Jan. 30 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Blessed Are You*  
 Chancel Bells TBA  
 10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann  
 Kelly Truax, Dennis McPartland,  
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut  
 11:30 a.m. Kelly Truax, Dennis McPartland, Youth Choir

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