

April 20, 2008

Dear Bethel Guardians and Directors of Music,

After many setbacks, computer crashes, and loss of documents the information about Bethel Choir and other Music Competitions is available. All Music Competitions will be held on Friday evening. There will be a piano and CD player available for all participants' use. Please encourage the Daughters to consider entering the competition and having the Bethel participate in the Choir Competition.

Jan Harms has copies of the Required Number and a few CDs with parts and accompaniment. If there is need of additional CDs, please contact me and I will get one to you. The music was lent to us by Zion Lutheran Church Choir, and needs to be returned with no notations. Please make copies to mark for your individual bethels. There were sufficient copies purchased to account for a number of copies to be written upon. Being a librarian, I am one of those most adamant about copyright laws.

The "Anything Goes" Category has been renamed "Musical Tapestry" in keeping with the 2008 Grand Session theme. Please promote this category and have the Daughters enter anything they do that relates to music. For instance, dance, color guard, baton, tumbling, poetry set to music would be some of the musical threads we hope to weave.

Because we will only be asking the judges to come one evening, and Grand Sessions will be well underway, I have made the deadline June 1 and not asked when the participants will be arriving. Please note that my preferred method of communication is email. If you send any correspondence via snail mail, please put a subject line above my name. I tend to not open unsolicited mail from addresses with which I am unfamiliar. Please also put a subject line of "Grand Sessions Music" on all emails.

Information about the Bethel Choir, Individual Music Competition and the applications are attached. There will be time available to practice the Bethel Choir numbers on Friday. Sign-ups for these practice times will be on Thursday afternoon at Grand Sessions.

Thank you to all who offered to help when both of my computers crashed. I hope I answered all emails sent to me and apologize again for the tardiness of the information.

AletaAnn Sultana, Grand Director of Music