



Lapeer County Concert Choir

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Songs for Christmas 2026, in no particular order

Hoodie Christus Natus Est

Welcome Yule

While by My Sheep

Lo. How a Rose E'er Blooming - arr. Michael Praetorius

In Dulci Jubilo - arr. John Rutter

Gloria (Coronation Mass, K. 317) - Mozart

O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam

The Shepherd's Carol - Dan Forest

Still, Still, Still

Candlelight Carol - Arr. John Rutter

Mary, Did you Know? Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene (arrangement TBD)

Baby, What You Goin' To Be? - arr. Stacey V. Gibbs (if used)

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Winter Wonderland - Felix Bernard & Richard B. Smith (Arr. Kirby Shaw, if used)

Sleigh Ride - Leroy Anderson

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane (arr. Mac Huff, if used)

Let There Be Peace on Earth - Sy Miller & Jill Jackson



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Welcome all!

9/1/2026

It is exciting to start a new season. It is great to see members return and interested new people. I joined LCCC in January 2025. My reasons were to meet local people while doing something that brings me joy, making music. I moved back to the area in 2020 and had not sung in a choir since High School. It felt good to make music, harmonize, perform and slowly meet people. It definitely helps to practice at home and listen to the audio files. The board president asked me to become treasurer in the summer of 2025. This spring I volunteered to become the President. I prefer to lead by consensus and think transparency is key to building trust.

I am grateful that Heather Hundt returns as our director and Laura Cline as our accompanist. Heather started a new professional role and had some conflicts so we will be welcoming our most recent past director, Jennifer Orkisz, to be a guest conductor for our first concert.

The mission of the choir is to provide vocal music education, enthusiasm, enjoyment, and enrichment for its members and the community at large. The board has continued to look for opportunities to reach out to the community. You will see that on the schedule.

If you are interested in helping the choir and are able to commit to a once monthly board meeting, please let me know. Please also let me know any suggestions for how to improve our operations or ideas for next season. I would prefer a text or email over a phone call.

Have a great season!

Michelle DeBuck
LCCC Board President
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**WELCOME TO THE 2026
LAPEER COUNTY CONCERT CHOIR SEASON
Christmas Through the Ages**

Dear Lapeer County Concert Choir Members,

Welcome! I am so excited to be returning for my second season as Director of the Lapeer County Concert Choir. It is a privilege to work with this wonderful group of singers, and I look forward to all we will create together this season.

A little about me: I earned my Bachelor of Music Education from Central Michigan University, where I studied flute and voice, and spent 23 years as a music and band educator in North Branch, Lapeer, and Davison before moving into school administration. I also had the privilege of directing the choir at First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer for 18 years. Throughout all of these experiences, making music with others has remained one of the things I love most.

Last season was incredibly special to me. I loved getting to know this ensemble, discovering what we are capable of, and experiencing what happens when our individual voices come together. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, I am so glad you are here.

This season, our theme is Christmas Through the Ages. Together, we will take our audiences on a musical journey through centuries of Christmas music—from some of the earliest melodies and traditions to the familiar carols and sounds of Christmas we know today.

As we prepare, we will challenge ourselves musically, work hard, laugh often, and probably sing more than a few passages “just one more time!” Above all, I want Tuesday evenings to be something we look forward to—a chance to step away from the busyness of the week, make music with friends, and be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and voice with the Lapeer County Concert Choir. I am excited for another wonderful season of music, friendship, laughter, and community.

I can’t wait to get started!

With gratitude,

Heather Hundt

Director

Lapeer County Concert Choir

Lapeer County Concert Choir Fall Season 2026

Rehearsals at First Presbyterian on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
433 N Calhoun St, Lapeer.

Tuesday, Sept. 1st - **Registration & Potluck Kick-Off** from 6:30-7:30
Bring appetizer or dessert to share, **Rehearsal** from 7:30 to 8:30.

Rehearsals - Sept 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th & Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Saturday, Nov 7 - **Fall Retreat** - from 9 am to 3 pm at Chatfield School
231 Lake Dr, Lapeer, MI 48446

Tuesday, Dec 1 - **Dress rehearsal with concert folders**

Friday, Dec 4th - **Lapeer Parade** - A float entry with speakers, repeat 2 or 3 carols. Line up at 5 pm. Parade starts at 6 pm. - **Optional attendance - RSVP by Nov 7 (@ retreat)**

Mon, Dec 7th - **Performance at Suncrest Nursing Home** from 6-7 pm
at 1455 Suncrest Dr, Lapeer, MI 48446 .
A selection of concert pieces ending with sing-along carols.
Dress is Christmas casual. No jeans, sweatpants. Santa hats & Sweaters

Friday, Dec 11 - **Concert #1** - 7 pm at St. John Catholic Church
with Guest conductor - Jennifer Orkisz
at 404 North Dayton St, Davison, MI 48423. Warm Up at 5:30 pm.

Sunday Dec 13 - **Concert #2** - 4 pm at Trinity Methodist Church in Lapeer.
Warm up at 2:30 pm

Friday, Dec 18th - **Caroling at Stonegate Nursing Home** - 6-7 pm
at 2525 Demille Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446. Dress is Christmas Casual. **Optional attendance - RSVP by Nov. 30th - Dress Rehearsal**

Sunday, Dec 20th - **Concert #3**- 4 pm at Amazing Grace,
210 N Almont Ave, Imlay City, MI 48444, Warm up at 2:30 pm

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Board Members

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Accompanist	Laura Cline	810-356-2186
Trustee	Gary Bird	517-441-1054
Trustee	Anne Roszczewski	586-665-4412

Contact a board member if you have any concerns or questions.

Section Leaders

Soprano - Anne Roszczewski - 586-665-4412 - Also the librarian

Alto - Sheila Tabone - 810-656-8658

Tenor -

Bass - Larry Holen - 989-550-0609

Facebook

LCCC maintains two Facebook spaces:

Lapeer County Concert Choir — Public Page

This is our public-facing page for concerts, announcements, recruitment, and community outreach. It uses the black-and-white LCCC logo.

Lapeer County Concert Choir — Members Group

This private group is for current choir members and is used for member announcements, rehearsal information, music resources, and other choir communication. New members should request to join this group.

The Lapeer County Concert Choir is a nonprofit organization supported through member contributions, donations, fundraising, and community support. Throughout the season, members may have opportunities to participate in fundraising efforts that help provide music, advertising, professional musical leadership, and other expenses necessary to keep the choir performing in our community.

Rehearsal Etiquette

1. Attendance

- a. Regular attendance is a necessity for the success of the choir.
- b. Please stay home if you are sick.
- c. Contact your section leader if you will be absent or tardy.
- d. Members are permitted two rehearsal absences during the concert preparation period.
- e. Extended absences should be discussed with the director ASAP.

2. Rehearsal Time

- a. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. **Please arrive 5-10 minutes before start time so we can begin on time.**
- b. We also have a retreat scheduled for one Saturday a season.
- c. Dress Rehearsals and Warm-Ups are mandatory.

3. No perfume, cologne, aftershave, or fragrant lotions.

- a. Do not smoke or indulge in aromatic food or drink before we sing.
- b. Be kind to your neighbors' noses.

4. Come Prepared

- a. Always bring a pencil to make director notes in the music. ONLY use pencils. NOT pens or highlights.
- b. If absent, try to get notes from the section leader or your neighbor to see what was covered the previous week.

5. Give the Director your Attention

- a. Silence cell phones during rehearsal.
- b. Please refrain from side conversations so that everyone can hear and benefit from the director's instruction. Questions and constructive comments are welcome at appropriate times.
- c. Listen carefully to the comments from the director. Make notes.
- d. If the director is talking to a specific section, please
 - i. Review your vocal part silently while others are singing.
 - ii. Notice how your part interacts with the part being rehearsed.
 - iii. Pay attention to what the director is saying to the other section and apply it to your part.
 - iv. Be respectful and keep quiet.

6. Camaraderie

- a. Treat each other with kindness, courtesy, and respect.
- b. Help maintain a positive rehearsal environment. If someone needs assistance or a reminder, offer it kindly and respectfully. When in doubt, allow the director or section leader.
- c. The choir is comprised of members with various levels of expertise in choral music. It is important to be positive.

Concert Etiquette

1. Arrive at designated warm-up time, usually 1.5 hours prior to concert time.
2. Silence cell phones.
3. Hold the music folder as instructed by the music director when entering and exiting the stage.
 - a. Black folders are required.
 - b. Folders are available for purchase. See the Treasurer.
4. At the end of each piece, give attention to the audience before changing music.
5. Absolutely, no talking on stage.
6. No perfume, cologne, aftershave, or fragrant lotions while on stage.
7. Do not smoke or indulge in aromatic food or drink before the concert.
8. Don't wave to the audience, but smiling is highly recommended.
9. Wear the approved concert attire.
10. Look up from the music frequently to see direction from the conductor and make a connection with the audience.

Concert Dress

Women

All in black

- Ankle/floor length dress, or same length black skirt
- Long sleeved dress or black top (No glitter on dress top)
- Black dress shoes (No glitter), No sandals or flip flops
- NO SLACKS or PANTS

Acceptable Jewelry (not required):

- Necklace: simple string of pearls, simple gold or silver chain
- Earrings: simple pearl studs
- NO dangling earrings or flashy /large jewelry or hair ware.

Men

Black Tuxedo

- White Tuxedo shirt, Black jacket, black pants
- Bow Tie - Red for Christmas, Black for Spring
- Cumberbund
- Black shoes and socks. No sandals or flip flops.