



Taras Nahirniak
Director of Music

Taras Nahirniak has been the Director of Music at Bethany since September 2001. He is an accomplished composer and arranger who writes for many groups in the U.S. and abroad. Taras directs many musicals around the area and is the Choral Director and Chief Orchestrator for the Kids From Wisconsin. He lives in Cottage Grove along with his wife Lori and three kids, Mykhailo, Tatyana, and Andryi.



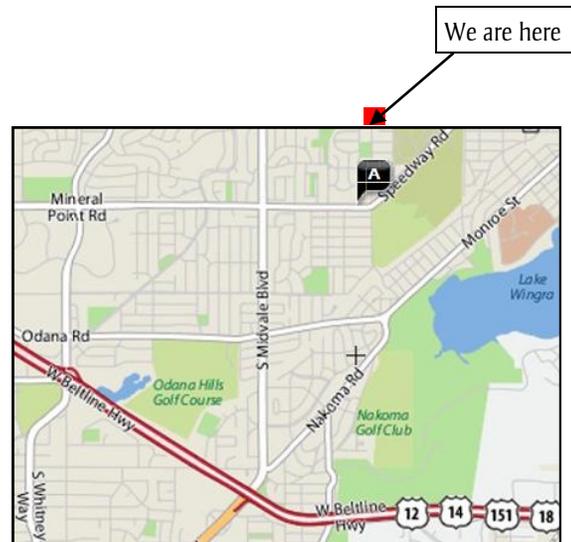
Lori Nahirniak
Director of Children & Youth Choirs

Lori grew up in Marathon, Wisconsin, a small community near Wausau. She thinks her love of music may date back to watching Lawrence Welk with her family on Sunday evenings. However, she has many relatives with musical talents, so clearly the genetic potential was there for cultivating. Though she sang and played the piano while growing up in Marathon, it was here in Madison while at the University and afterwards that she polished her directing skills working at several local churches and schools.

Directions

How to find us from the beltline:

Take the S Midvale Blvd exit
Go north on Midvale
Turn right (east) onto Mineral Point Road
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Vocal Choirs



*The LORD your God is with you,
He is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing!*
Zephaniah 3:17



Choirs

Praise Song

Our praise and worship team, Praise Song, leads our 9:00 am worship. The energy and enthusiasm of Praise Song are a huge part in helping to worship the Lord each Sunday at Bethany. This group consists of 9-12 singers with microphones and is accompanied by the Praise Band and lyric screens. High-energy contemporary Christian music leads our morning worship featuring music from today's top Christian artists. Contemporary cantatas are sung at Christmas and Easter while the Praise Band is expanded to feature brass and percussion accompaniments. Regular rehearsals are held in the sanctuary each Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm with warm-ups for Sunday worship starting at 8:15 am.



Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir is a thriving music ministry of Bethany Church. This 40 plus member ensemble leads the congregation in worship and provides special music on Sunday mornings. The Chancel Choir sings at the 11 am Service from September thru June. This traditional 4-part ensemble (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) covers a wide range of musical styles, from classical anthems to contemporary repertoire. Cantatas and major works are regularly sung at Christmas and Easter featuring instrumental accompaniments. Prior choral experience and the ability to read music are not required. Regular rehearsals for the Chancel Choir are Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 pm. Warm-up for the 11 am service on Sundays begin at 10:30 am.

Special Music

Each year at Easter and at Christmas our choirs perform season-specific cantatas and special music, often accompanied by brass and strings.



The Casavant Organ

On Sunday, June 2 of 1963 Bethany consecrated its new Casavant organ. Prior to that, our organists struggled with undependable reed organs. When the sanctuary was built in 1957, the balcony was outfitted for a pipe organ, but it took a few years to decide on a new organ and raise money to pay for it.

On Sunday, **June 2nd** of 2013, Bethany celebrated the 50th anniversary of our Casavant organ. Our regular organist, Sue Poulette, along with students performed during all of the Sunday morning services.



Children & Youth Choir



The youth choir program at Bethany United Methodist Church is designed to give children the opportunity to serve in worship, have fun, and learn and perform quality sacred music throughout the school year.

The youth choir is taught on a tiered level with pre-school-third grade students participating in energetic praise and worship music incorporating movement with singing. An additional tier of learning is taught to students in grades 2-6 who are at the music reading level. These students sing traditional choral music in two part harmony.

Preschool practice is held the first three Sunday's from 9:45-10:00 and Kindergarten through 6th grade rehearse every Sunday from 10:15-10:55 in the choir room. All choirs perform the third Sunday of the month at the 9:00 service and at the beginning of the 11:00 service. New members are always welcome!

