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Monday, July 31, 2017

White Bear Lake United Methodist Church in White Bear Lake, MN is seeking interested undergraduate students to audition for the **WBLUMC Choral Scholar Program**. All voice parts are welcome to apply. Four positions will be hired: one for each section of the choir.

This program is designed to foster students on the verge of careers in vocal/choral/church music in a number of ways: to introduce them to the world of professional church music by immersing them in an eclectic selection of choral and vocal literature in a worship setting, to hone interpersonal communication skills by working alongside 15-20 volunteer singers, and to gain proficiency in vocal ensemble skills.

Choral Scholars must:

- have good sight reading skills, sharp aural acuity, a strong solo voice, and vocal flexibility
- attend regular Wednesday evening rehearsals (7:30pm-9pm), Sunday morning rehearsals, and Sunday morning services. Sunday service times are currently being discussed by the pastors and worship committee
- periodically attend additional rehearsals prior to special services
- have a passion for choral music and a willingness to lead and learn

Singers will receive a \$40 stipend per call (Wednesday evening rehearsal counts as one call; Sunday morning rehearsal and service counts as one call) and will be paid monthly. The choir sings approximately three services a month from September through May, as well as occasional special services, which will include Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and Easter. Special services, concerts, and additional rehearsals will be paid at the same rate as regular rehearsals and services. Regular attendance is crucial.

20-minute audition slots are available on August 19 and 20 from 1:00-6:00pm. Auditionees should prepare one piece of solo vocal music in a classical idiom (e.g., art song, opera, oratorio, etc.). An accompanist will be provided.

To schedule an audition or for more information, please contact WBLUMC Choir Director Matthew Goinz at matthew.goinz@wblumc.org. If you are unavailable August 19 or 20 and would still like to be heard, please be in touch to work out a mutually satisfactory audition time. A schedule for the first half of the church season is available upon request and/or will be provided at the audition.

Positions are open until filled. No religious affiliation is required. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, August 30 at 7:30pm in the WBLUMC Music Room.