



Pastor Sean Ewbank's First of the Month Letter

Happy August Everyone! I am turning this month over to Paul Delgado, our dear friend and Director of Music Ministries. Have a great month! Pastor Sean

Dear CLC Family,

I'm "hi-jacking" Pastor Sean's First of the Month Letter, because I have something on my heart I'm excited to share about the CLC Music Department. As Fall arrives, I find myself approaching the end of my fourth year at CLC, amazing how time really does fly. I cherish being part of this congregation, this ministry, and this staff more than words can say, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next. Speaking of what's next...

A Choir for the 9:30am Service

For a while now, folks have been asking about having the Worship Choir sing for a 9:30am service. From what I understand, this happened on occasion under my predecessor, Lim Forgey, and it's become clear there's a genuine desire in our congregation for a choir at that hour.

I'll admit, this raised a concern for me since I didn't want to lose the wonderful people in our 8am choir, especially since the appeal of a little extra Sunday sleep is real (no judgment here!). But after sitting with it, I believe I've found a solution that lets us grow without losing what we already love.

The Plan

Rather than splitting into separate 8am and 9:30am choirs, we'll remain one full choir family. On the fourth Sunday of each month (or as close to it as we can manage), the choir will sing near the end of the 8am service and again at the beginning of the 9:30am service so both congregations get to share in the gift of music together. For those of you in Praise Team this does not take away from what you do or how we operate as a band and vocal team. This addition of a choir serves for our Special Music offerings.

Choir season kicks back into full swing on Thursday, September 10th, 6:30–8pm, right after Labor Day. I'd love nothing more than to see familiar faces and some new ones too.

Fourth Sunday Dates

- September 27th
- October 25th (Reformation Sunday)
- November 22nd
- December 20th (Special Music Sunday — a larger work with small orchestra, presented at both services)
- January 24th
- February 28th
- March 28th (Easter Sunday, I know it's early this year, eek!)
- April 25th
- May 23rd

A Few Notes

I'd ask that you make rehearsals a regular part of your week, since we're not only preparing for what's just around the corner but also building toward music further down the road.

I truly hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us because all are welcome with open arms. If you've sung for years, wonderful. If you've never set foot in a choir, that's wonderful too. This is a place where we learn and grow together, embracing the desire God has placed on our hearts to praise Him through music. Let's make a "joyful noise" together. If you want to join, have questions, thoughts, or concerns please feel free to reach out to me: paul@clclvisalia.org

With love and gratitude,

Paul Delgado

Director of Music Ministry