



Singing with Spirit and Mind

The Children's Choir as Ministry

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THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS ONE OF THE most important ministries of any church because this is where the next generation of musicians is cultivated: future church musicians, future choir members, and future singers for in the pews. The children's choir cultivates a chorister's love of singing in church. The choir cultivates a chorister's appreciation for hymns, liturgy, and choral music. The choir cultivates a chorister's willingness to serve the church. The choir cultivates a chorister's ability to commit to a common endeavor, a strong work ethic, a sense of personal discipline, and an appreciation for excellence. The choir gives every chorister an opportunity to develop vocally and musically. This ministry focuses on engaging young Christians in the primary activity of the Church: *Worship*.

Beginning next school year Mount Olive will be offering a choir for children and youth in addition to the School Choir. This choir will be open to any child between the ages of 8 and 13 (treble / unchanged voices). This choir will have monthly service duties and rehearse outside of the school day. All those who are interested in learning more are invited to attend Adult Bible Class in March. I will be leading a ***Forum on Church & Music***; children's choir ministry and music education will be major topics in this forum.

Kantor Rosebrock

**"Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it."**

Proverbs 22:6

**"I will pray with my spirit,
but I will pray with my mind also;
I will sing praise with my spirit,
but I will sing with my mind also."**

1 Corinthians 14:15

