



notes from sherri

I hope you are all having a good week! Please take extra care of your health and wellness (physical and mental). There is a bit of flu and an surge of Covid, unfortunately. Let's make a point of spacing our chairs a bit more (perhaps facing the windows?) and be conscious of washing hands... you know, all the things Dr. Fauci told us to help us protect ourselves.

Thank you for all of the extra energy in our long rehearsal this past Sunday. We made a great start with Loosin Yelav and the Hebrew is coming together nicely. Please keep working on your parts -- even 15 minutes a day will make a big difference.

For our Dec concert, is there anyone who has a long green robe? A headband or small wreath of winter greenery? And anyone who would like to be "Carol, the ancient yuletide troll"?

Our 10/1 rehearsal: ENSEMBLE starts at 5pm!

Our Small Ensemble will rehearse "Watch the Stars" at 5 and those who want to sing "A Hand for Mrs. Claus", please be ready to sing at 5:20.

The regular rehearsal will start at 5:45 with quick warm ups and:

- A Million Dreams
- Go Where I Send Thee
- Have Yourself a Merry Xmas
- Loosin Yelav*
- Night of Silence
- Where the Light Begins

*I spoke with the composer and it is Loo-sihn YA-lahv (with a capial A sound (not Yee).

The Singing Revolution

In July, I sent an email out to everyone about the Estonian Song Festival 2025, "Iseoma" (kinship), being livestreamed on the internet. A few of you let me know you were able to tune in to this amazing event. Every other year, for over 150 years, over 25,000 singers from over 1000 choirs, gather for 3 days to perform group pieces, and then a massive joint piece.

The Singing Festival has gone on for over 150 years - even through Soviet occupation. And the Baltic States, first Lithuania, then Estonia, then Latvia, credit their independence to the people and the spirit of their music that kept their hopes for freedom burning the whole time.

There is a documentary, "The Singing Revolution," that I'd love to share with you all. I have the video, but we need a gathering place and a large TV or TV projection system. If anyone is willing to help organize a watch party or knows of a place, please let me know.

More info: <https://singingrevolution.com/>