

For Immediate Release

“Her Story ~ Her Song”

St. Cloud’s Bethlehem Lutheran Church will host the annual *“Her Story ~ Her Song”* program of music and poetry on Tuesday, May 2nd at 7pm. This is the fifth time that St. Cloud State University students and faculty have collaborated with a local charity that serves the needs of women and girls in our community.



Musicians from the Music Department Women’s Choir, Cantabile Girls’ Choir and women music faculty worked together to collect and build 100 patient care bags for Parent, Child and Women’s Services of the St. Cloud Hospital.



In meetings with the hospital staff, lists of needed items were created to include toiletries, note-cards with postage, razors and shaving cream, contact lens cases and saline solution, feminine care products, and small games for children. A small library of videos and dvds was also donated and paired with microwave popcorn.

Through these connections the women and girls work together to create a concert that embodies a *“circle of service”* philosophy.

- Collaborative musical decisions are made each year, providing opportunities for the women, girls, and faculty soloists to work together.
- Music is chosen that focuses on the kaleidoscope of experiences that women and girls have from different ages and cultures.
- Multicultural music and poetry is chosen not only for its merit but for the experiences it brings to the students and audiences.
- A system of mentoring is consciously created for this event on a variety of levels: the faculty mentor the university women who mentor the girls, through example, professionalism, musicality, and collegiality.

Past collaborations have included Central MN Task Force on Battered Women, New Beginnings, The Women’s Fund of the Central MN Community Foundation, and the Northstar Club at Sartell Middle School. Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults; \$5 for students and seniors; free with SCSU ID.

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