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Farwell Hall on Luther College campus.



The commons area for a room cluster in Farwell Hall.

Information about Farwell Hall

The housing facility on the Luther College campus for Sangerfest 2018 is Farwell Hall dormitory. There are three elevators for this eight floor facility. One is an express elevator from the bottom floor to the top floor.

The bottom floor exits to a large parking lot on the west side of the building. The top floor has a short overbridge which passes over the hillside to a sidewalk and road.

The sidewalk leads in about 200 feet to the Union building (with summer housing registration, Sangerfest registration and information, cafeteria, Oneota Market coffee/foods, hospitality room, and Sangerfest vendors room). Farther along is the Center for Faith and Life (CFL) rehearsal/concert hall. See map p.12.

Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the rooms of people 21 years and older. The rooms are arranged in three clusters on each floor. Each cluster has a commons area (seating room/living space) in the center which can be used for socializing. The center cluster has direct connection to a women's bathroom and a men's bathroom. The end clusters have one bathroom each, and short hallway connection to a center cluster bathroom. See floor plan on page 13.

NSAA President's Column

Twenty-six committees are busy planning Sangerfest 2018, which will be hosted by Luren Singers at Luther College May 31 to June 2, 2018. How can Sangerfest best be described to someone who has never attended? These key words could be used:

MUSIC Two concerts will be given in the Center for Faith and Life: the "Parade of Choruses" on Thursday night and the "Grand Concert" on Saturday night. Our eleven male Norwegian/American choruses from the Midwest, the Veterans Chorus, the Northern Lights from Decorah, and a male chorus from Hamar, Norway will participate. Two of the five grand concert segments will also spotlight a soprano and a baritone soloist. Three pieces will be accompanied by an orchestra. Both concerts are open to the public.

FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT Five events will feature varied menus and special programs: the Friday Formal Banquet, the Thursday and Saturday Afterglows, the Ladies Luncheon, and the Veterans Brunch.

INTERACTION Making new acquaintances and renewing friendships are an important part of the three day event.

ADVENTURE Those who attend will explore some of the unique features in and around Decorah. All who register will have free admission to the Norwegian American Museum Wednesday through Sunday.

CELEBRATION Participants will be observing the 150th anniversary of Luren Singers, the 126th anniversary of the Norwegian Singers Association of America, the 62nd anniversary of Sangerfest, and the attendance medals earned by many singers.

Expect another great Sangerfest,



Roger Buhr, NSAA President

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB

Minneapolis MN

One of the reasons we love Minnesota is the variety of weather it provides. A good measure of that is to look into our closets to view the range of beach wear to double-layer down jackets. We set a record in January in temps and for layers of the heavy stuff. Now as I write this the forecast is for semi-tropical weather. Perhaps the unbelievable Viking win in the last few seconds has heated the entire area up.

The Glee Club's January vacation was interrupted by a request to sing on Jan. 9th at the funeral service for Shirley Engh, Chuck Engh's wife. She was a strong supporter of the Glee Club and President of the Auxiliary for 12 or 13 years.

(The Minneapolis Star Tribune had Shirley's obituary. She died Jan. 4th. Surviving are husband Charles, three sons, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Shirley Seibert and Charles married in 1952. Ed.)

The focus will now be on preparing to participate in the Sangerfest in the beautiful city of Decorah. As reported at our last meeting, everyone has confirmed reservations at the expanded number of choices. This biennial event has fewer singers, but continues to be a great opportunity of renewing friendships and the joy of massed chorus singing.

Since my copy is abbreviated this month, I will add a slightly longer story, for a laugh.

Doug Pender lived all his life in the Florida Keys and is on his death bed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, their daughter and two sons are with him to hear his last wishes. He asks for two witnesses to be

present to record these last wishes and, when all is ready, he begins to speak. "My son Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef Houses. My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier. My son Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bayside on Blackwater Sound."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings and, as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Pender, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to accumulate all this property."

The widow replies, "The *** had a paper route."



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY

Decorah IA



Susan Potvin is Luren's co-accompanist. We first met her when she assisted our regular pianist for a few of our Christmas selections. She was born near Clarion IA and attended Belmont-Klemme High School, at which she took part in "everything," music, theater, volleyball, Student Council, et al. She was primarily in the percussion section of band.

Susan (Stockseth) has Scandinavian family roots. So she came to Luther College, majoring in Music Education, graduating in 2002. She is married to Mark Potvin, who is in his first year directing the Norsemen and Cathedral Choir at Luther. They are parents of two sons, Noah 8 and Simon 6.

Susan accompanies Luren while C.J. Keck is in Germany for 2nd semester. She will be accompanying us also for Sangerfest. (Nordic Fest?) She is impressed with the sense of tradition and heritage, as well as the camaraderie of the group.

Unfortunately, Susan broke her leg while sledding with the boys during the vacation month of Luren, so she came back with a cast and now with a walking boot. She also freelances with high school and college students during spring recitals and similar events.

We appreciate her talents and willingness to brave snowy sidewalks and streets while hobbling around during this time of healing and recovery.

Our post-Christmas "break" had to be extended because of adverse weather conditions. We had no concert dates, but the tighter schedule due to our 150th Anniversary and the hosting of Sangerfest puts added pressure on us to learn the two selections for the Parade of Choruses as well as the Grand Concert pieces.

We have one Lenten service for which to sing, March 21st at Good Shepherd, where about six of Luren members belong. Our Anniversary banquet/party will be April 8th at the Empty Nest Winery, located between Decorah and Waukon. Besides the banquet meal, there will be a program, but the details are not yet complete.

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DEADLINE FOR
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Our joint concert with the Norsemen plus the male voices from Decorah Middle School and High School will be May 13th at Decorah Lutheran Church. We may change the name of the event to reflect the involvement of the other groups

The following Sunday, May 20th, we will sing with the Rochester Male Chorus at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave. S. at 3:00 p.m.

Then, only two rehearsals before Sangerfest, with lots of last-minute decisions and activities.

There are a few other engagements in the works for Fall-Winter. I'dl have them in future reports.

A few Luren members belong to the SYMRA Literary Society. Recently we had an excellent program by Dr. Marvin Slind, retired History Professor at Luther College, about the "Estonian Musical Revolution." Besides telling about this Baltic nation and its recent turbulent history, Slind brought in the special feature of the musical heritage of this small Baltic country, most recently independent after being a satellite of the Soviet Union.



Folk Festival Chorus at bandshell in Talinn, Estonia.

In 2014, the last Song Festival held in Talinn, the capital city, had a total of 33,025 singers from 1046 separate choirs. These festivals are held every

five years. Several years ago, Weston Noble was privileged to be a guest conductor of the vast choir. The 2019 Song Festival will be held July 5-7. Music sung is very patriotic and mostly memorized. The power and importance of singing is clearly seen in such an event, as seen in our own country's and Norway's history.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB

Sioux Falls SD

Welcome to 2018! Due to the uncertainties of our Sioux Falls weather in winter, and some travel commitments of our director in February, we decided to start the rehearsal season earlier than usual. We began on Monday, January 8th. Our preparations are pointed toward the NSAA Sangerfest in May/June. We have submitted our members' registrations for that event. We anticipate 15 members attending, 6 of whom will be receiving medal recognition.

As in the past, we will be performing two individual numbers during the "Parade of Choruses" on Thursday evening, but more about our selections later. Also, the Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA), of which we are members, will be holding our usual combined rehearsals in our preparation for the Sangerfest. We, the Norse Glee Club, will host the first combined rehearsal at our Nordic Hall on Monday, February 26th.

On the social side, last month we saw a continuation of a 19-year tradition for us when George and Judy Regan played co-hosts at a mid-winter evening of "Court Whist." It is an event of card-playing, fellowship, and enjoying good food. We changed card-playing partners every few hands, and rotated, as scores dictated, among the seven tables. At the end of the evening, recognition was given to the high scorers and low scorers.

I am now saddened to report the passing of a long-time member, bass section songster, and club historian, JOSEPH ISAKSON. Joe died December 18th here in Sioux Falls at age 86. The club was honored, and supported by members of the Minnehaha Mannskor, to sing at Joe's funeral on the 22nd.



Joseph Isakson

He had been a member of the Norse Glee Club for over twenty years, and was the recipient of the NSAA Silver medal for participation in the 10 Sangerfests held over those twenty years. Equally, he was the recipient of the SVSA Pin with bronze bar, again, for his participation in their 10 Sangerfests over his 20-plus years.

Joe was a first-generation American, as his parents, at a young age, emigrated from Trondheim, Norway. He deeply respected that heritage by being active in both our glee club and the local (Gjoa) Sons of Norway lodge. Additionally, Joe served on the board of directors of the

Sioux Falls Master Singers organization.

Professionally, Joe held a degree in journalism, and used that talent in many capacities throughout his life. He contributed to several national and international journalism associations. As our club historian, Joe maintained a close relationship with the Center For Western Studies, and provided for their keeping many of our club's artifacts.

Significantly as well, he authored a definitive history of the first eighty years (1928-1988) of our Norse Glee Club. His contributions have been many, and we shall miss his quiet presence and low-key demeanor.



Gail A. Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI

The Chorus began the new year with our first rehearsal on January 9. We continued our practice of the Sangerfest 2018 music, while at the same time preparing for our first performance of 2018. On Sunday, January 28 we sang a full program of music for the Chamber Series Concerts of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Our Chorus was the first of four concerts in the 2018 performance season that are being held in a new venue, the Fort Atkinson Club overlooking the Rock River. We sang to a full house that was both enthusiastic and appreciative of our efforts. Following a standing ovation, audience and Chorus members

enjoyed a wonderful afterglow of food and drink.

On February 9 the Chorus was asked to sing for the funeral of Naomi Flugstad Bekkum. Naomi and her husband Owen have been long time supporters and benefactors of our Chorus. In fact, the Bekkumø have made very generous financial contributions to our sponsorship of both Sangerfest 2010 and 2020. The service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. We sang two songs under the direction of Assistant Director Linda Svanoë, *Den Store HvideFlok* and *Aftensang*, and our soloist Jim Svanoë, accompanied by Linda Johnson, sang *His Eye is on the Sparrow*.

Our next performance is scheduled for Friday, February 23 at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center in Madison. We sang for the residents of Capitol Lakes last year and also recorded our CD there in May. Most recently, a member of our Chorus, Rev. Al Wahl, had a short stay in the facility's rehabilitation center after suffering a broken ankle and crushed heel in a fall last November.

We recently welcomed the fourth new member to our Chorus this year. Donald Cleven, a retired but still active CPA, has joined our second tenor section. He is widowed with three adult children, four grandchildren and a brand new great granddaughter. Donald is an active member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Madison where he sings in the church choir. Donald is 50 percent Norwegian with family ties to Hafslø, Luster Kommune, Sogn og Fjordane. With the addition of Donald to our membership, we have reached a long sought goal. That is, Donald brings

our current total of active members to 40. Welcome Donald!

In other news, we are making great strides in our preliminary planning for Sangerfest 2020. Paul Larson has agreed to serve as Chair of the effort, Committee Chairs have been selected, dates have been reserved (June 18 ó 20, 2020), contracts have been signed for the chosen venues, and a logo has been selected. Of course, most of the work will occur in 2019, but we are off to a great start.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Dear Singer Brothers,

Can't wait for ðOl Man Winterö to catch the heat and melt away the snow. We've had 9 straight days of snow. The last couple of years we've been lucky with very little snow so now we've been brought back to normalcy. Besides the snow, we've had several weeks of 0 -10 degrees of temps along with learning how to drive on icy roads again.

Still the chorus has cancelled only one rehearsal so far, after coming back from our Christmas break.

Having the list of the Sangerfest songs we find that the chorus knows several songs very well. This will give us time to work on the new ones. Though we've lost a few singers this past year due to retirement and illness, we still have 2 first tenors, 4 second tenors, 4 first basses and 4 second basses. Our director, Ed Kramer, is impressed with the blend. He feels

that the group will be in good shape in Decorah's "Parade of Choruses."

Our first gig isn't until late March where we will appear at Normenness Annual "Singers Festival." The date and place are yet to be determined but we'll be ready when we are informed.

On Friday, April 27th, we will be having our annual Spring Dinner Concert at the Avalon Banquet Hall. More on that in the next Sangerhilsen.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

Greetings for the new year, 2018! The Mandskor has only met for a couple of rehearsals thus far, but we expect to have a good season. Our fortune would be improved were we to attract a couple more second tenors. Such is the fate of choirs in general. We are always coveting one more singer. After only one rehearsal, we had gotten through the Sangerfest music. That sounds commendable and perhaps it is; however there is a downside. We were missing some singers. Some didn't choose to brave the SD weather; others are more attached to the weather in AZ. Both are understandable situations.

This humble correspondent and conductor has not set up any singing engagements at this writing. She chooses to wait until we have a better command of the new things in our folder. We do have our joint rehearsals with the Sioux Valley Singers set up. As per the early

Sangerfest, our combined efforts will begin a month earlier with the Norse Glee Club hosting us, February 26.

The South Dakota Chorale (of which our accompanist Deanna Wehrspann is a founding member) was nominated in four categories of the 2018 Grammy awards, including Best Choral Performance, for the album "Tyberg Masses" - music written by Marcel Tyberg, who perished in the Holocaust and whose music was only recently discovered.



South Dakota Chorale. Deanna Wehrspann is pictured in second row, fourth from left.

While the Chorale did not win a Grammy, there are over 10,000 submissions for the 84 categories of awards; being chosen as one of only five nominations in these categories is truly an honor.

Now, in the style of our former bass and corresponding secretary the late Bob Stenberg, a personal note. We are having winter in SD. Weather being what it is, it fluctuates. Here, it is cold one day and colder the next. One must ask oneself why we put up with this nasty gift of nature. In my case, I was lucky enough to escape for 2 months, to AZ, where there are as many or more Norwegians as there are in Sioux Falls. While there, my husband and I, though not Norwegian, attended a Norwegian dinner hosted

by our neighbors, who aren't Norwegian either. I helped make the lefse for the meal.



Apprentice lefse baker Terry Walter.

Also, while in AZ, we hosted David and Gail Judisch, who also aren't Norwegian, for an afternoon boat ride and some Sangerfest conferring.



Dave and Gail Judisch, Terry Walter and Don Cooper at dockside.

It is somewhat curious that so many of us of another ancestry participate with such enthusiasm in the traditions of the Scandinavians. It happens with such frequency that we have come to be known as "social climbers."

May you all have a good season of singing, safe travels to and from rehearsals and concerts and a spare

pair of long johns to keep you warm until spring.

Respectfully Submitted,



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**



Clarence and Hazel Peterson at the 2016 Sangerfest in Sioux Falls, SD, where Clarence received his 20 Sangerfest medal.

Hazel and Clarence Peterson are moving in March to their new home in Iowa City, IA. They will be living close to their daughter, Barbara and her family. We will all miss them. Clarence joined the Normennenes Chorus in 1968, and except for the few years that his job took them out of state, they have been very active members of the society. Clarence is one of our first tenors and we will surely miss him at our Tuesday night rehearsals and our performances. His friendliness is known to all, and his positive outlook and attitude are inspiring.

Both Hazel and Clarence have made a tremendously positive impact

on Normnennes through their service. It's hard to point to any significant Normnennes event in the past few decades where they haven't been very active, behind the scenes and on the front lines, making things work for us. They took on the Treasurer responsibilities in 2000 and have only recently handed over those duties in anticipation of their move.

With characteristic modesty Clarence put it this way after his last rehearsal with us: "We've done a little bit of everything for Normnennes." Even accounting for Clarence's major understatement, all of us in Normnennes will find it hard to fill their shoes. We wish them all the best in their new home.

The chorus sang for the Chicago Sons of Norway Torske Klub annual Ladies Day luncheon on Saturday, February 10th. We enjoyed the traditional broiled cod meal, and a presentation by Beth Sair on Chicago's "Talking Statues." One of the statues is that honoring Leif Erikson in Chicago's Humboldt Park. The area around Humboldt Park was home to many of Chicago's Norwegian immigrants. A number of Normnennes members had their own family roots in that neighborhood.

Our next event, our Annual Festival of Song, is planned for the evening of Friday, April 6th.



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS
Canton SD**

New Year greetings to all NSAA members and their families!

On Jan. 14th the Grieg Chorus performed the annual holiday concert, hosted by the Grand Valley Lutheran congregation, rural Canton. Once again it was our privilege to present this concert to benefit Love, Inc. Each year, as statistics are presented regarding the assistance provided by Love, Inc., I find myself deeply humbled by the need, community response, and hundreds of hours by volunteers. As a chorus we look forward to this holiday experience each year.

Our concert theme this year was "After the Angels have sung, Our work begins," which holds SO true with the Love, Inc. challenge! The date of this event had to be changed more than once; so it was nice that the fellowship hall was still fully decorated to add to the atmosphere.

Refreshments were served during the concert, provided by the ladies of the Grieg chorus and Grand Valley congregation. Special thanks to our director Lane Karli for once again choosing challenging, meaningful concert selections and preparing us, and to our accompanist Claradith Kingbury.

As we rehearse NSAA Sangerfest material, we look forward to the first Sioux Valley Singers Association joint rehearsal later this month.



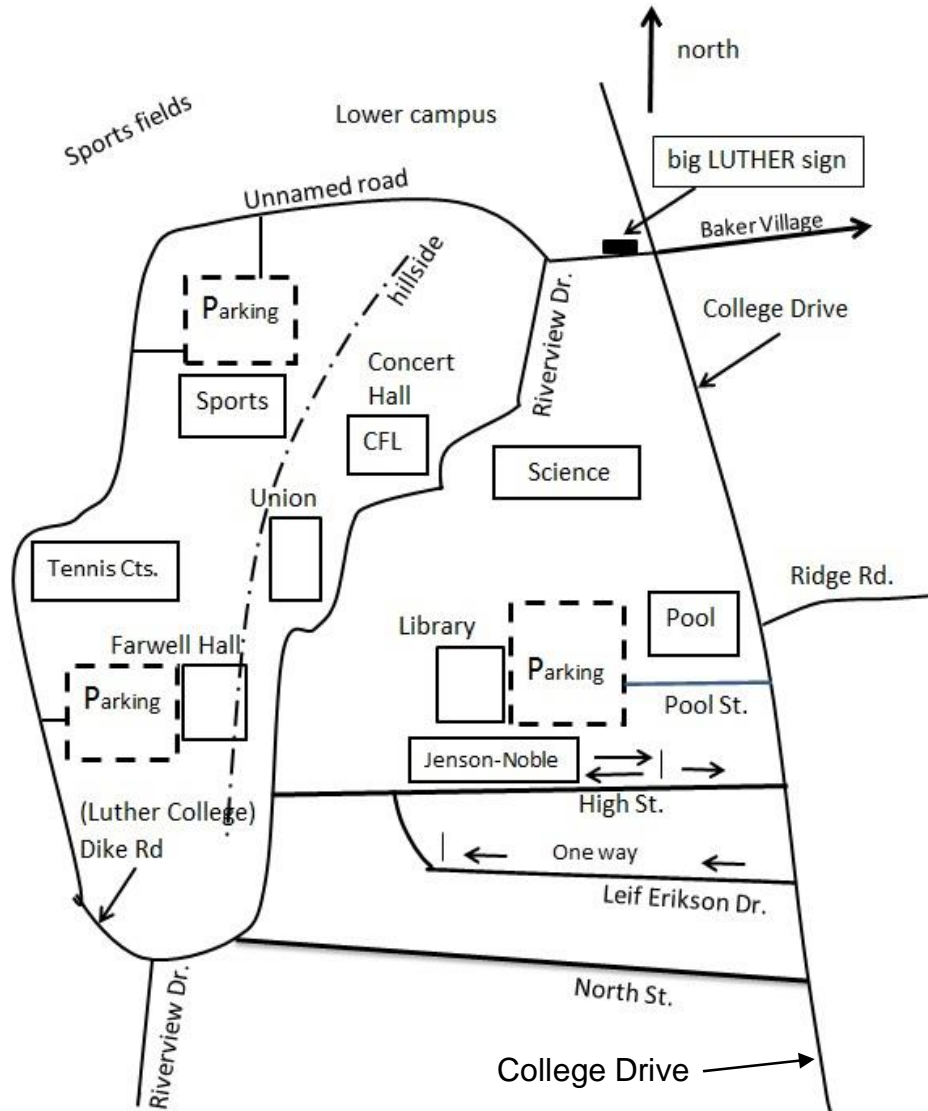
Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

The following pages present several documents of interest for the 2018 Sangerfest in Decorah.

SANGERFEST 2018		SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
May 31, June 1 - 2, 2018			
Luther College, 700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101 563-387-2000			
	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
T	9 AM - 1:30 PM	Registration	Dahl Centennial (DC) Union
H	9 AM - 1 PM	Mini Tours Signup Table	DC Union
U	9 AM - 4 PM	Velkommen! Hospitality Center	DC Union
R	1:30 PM	Sangerfest 2018 Opening &	Center for Faith & Life (CFL) Main Hall
S		Mass Chorus Rehearsal	
D	3:15 PM	Individual Chorus Rehearsals	CFL & Jenson-Noble Hall of Music
A	6:15 PM	Memorial Service	CFL Main Hall
Y	7:00 PM	Parade of Choruses & Awards	CFL Main Hall
		(Award Pictures—West Corridor)	
	9:00 PM	Thursday Afterglow	DC Union-Cafeteria
		(Plated Meal & Cash Bar)	
	9 AM - 4 PM	Hospitality Center	DC Union
	9 AM - 4 PM	Nordik Butikk /Vendors	DC Union in Mott & Borlaug Rooms
	9 AM	Directors' Breakfast Meeting	DC Union-Nobel Room
F	9 AM	State VP Meeting (6)	Shirley Baker Commons (SBC)
R	9 AM	Corresponding Secretaries Breakfast	Home of Donald Berg
I			407 Leif Erickson Dr.
D	10 AM	Veteran's Meeting & Prepaid Brunch	Shirley Baker Commons
A	1:30 - 3:15 PM	Mass Chorus Rehearsal	CFL Main Hall
Y	3:15 - 3:45 PM	Nordic Dancers	CFL Main Hall
	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Social Hour	Marty's - DC Union
	6:30 PM	Formal Banquet (White Coats)	DC Union-Cafeteria
	8:30 PM	Music by the Footnotes & Dancing	Marty's - DC Union
	9 AM - 4 PM	Hospitality Center	DC Union
	9 AM - 3 PM	Nordik Butikk /Vendors	DC Union in Mott & Borlaug Rooms
S	9 AM	NSAA Officers & Delegates Breakfast	Shirley Baker Commons
A	9:45 AM	NSAA Business Meeting	Shirley Baker Commons
T	11:30AM- 1:00PM	Ladies Luncheon	DC Union—Peace Dining Room
U	12:45 - 1:15 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	CFL Main Hall
R	1:30 PM	Mass Chorus Rehearsal	CFL Main Hall
D	5:55 PM	Pictures of Medal Awardees by Categories	CFL Recital Hall
A	6:30 PM	Mass Chorus & New NSAA Officers	CFL Main Hall
Y		Pictures (White Coats)	
	7 PM	Grand Concert	CFL Main Hall
	9 PM	Afterglow (Plated Meal & Cash Bar)	DC Union - Cafeteria
	10:00 PM	Karaoke, Singing & Dancing	Marty's—DC Union
Wednesday - Sunday, May 30-June 3 Free admission to Vesterheim Norwegian American, 523 W. Water Street, and 10% discount at the museum store, 9 AM - 5 PM with your Sangerfest name tag or registration. Open Air Division tours daily at 1:30 PM.			

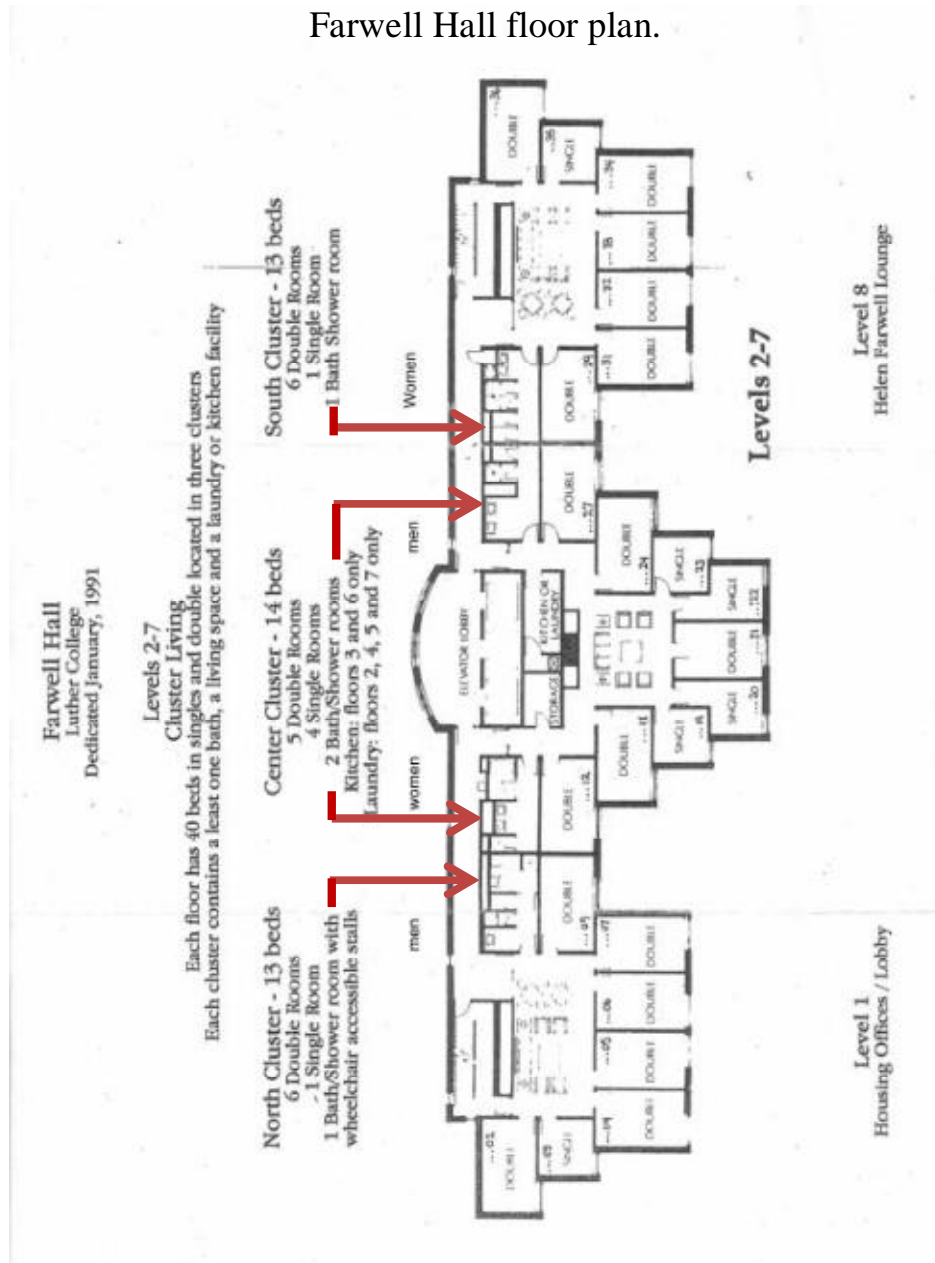
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Luther College simplified campus map (approx. scale).



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Farwell Hall floor plan.



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Then click on the **red sangerfest** button in the lower right corner, and follow instructions. Information about the Hall services is also presented
Or call 563-387-1538 and speak to Jeff Leshensky

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ILLINOIS CHICAGO

Bjornson Male Chorus

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Normenneses Singing Society

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ROCKFORD

Harmony Singing Society

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SIOUX CITY

Nordic Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 315 Hamilton Blvd. Sioux City, Iowa 51103; President: Gary Munson, 3303 Court St., Sioux City, IA 51104, tel. (712) 277-1428; Corresponding Secretary: Robert R. Hansen, 20 Eastview Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106 (712) 258-7445 gregors5@juno.com; Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, scschuett@aol.com.

DECORAH

Luren Singing Society

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Dan Alstad, 19714 Co. Rd. 4, Spring Grove MN 55974. tel. 507-498-3676, dalstad@springgrove.coop .Corresponding Secretary: Donald L. Berg, 407 Leif Erikson Drive, Decorah, IA 52101-1038, tel. (563) 382-5727; Director: Dr. David Judisch, 814 Fifth Ave., Decorah, IA 52101, tel. (563) 382-9222 judiscda@luther.edu.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

Norwegian Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Robert O. Olson, 7442 Pillsbury Ave S, Richfield MN 55423-4115; tel. (612)866-0687, hobjoolson@comcast.net ; Corresponding Secretary: Charles Engh, 7642 Prairie Flower Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55317, tel. (952)401-8838; cbengh@hotmail.com Director: Carsten Sløstad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639 carstonian@hotmail.com .

SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Center For Active Generations, 2300 W. 46th St., Sioux Falls, SD. President: Larry Luinenburg, 7300 S Edinburg Pl, Sioux Falls SD 57108. tel. (410)241-6832 lluienburg@gmail.com Corr. Secretary: Terry Walter (below), Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com.

Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: David Lien, 1800 Split Rock Blvd., Brandon SD 57005, tel. (605)582-3565; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17th St., Apt. #110, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, tel. (605)731-5281 mrgail@sio.midco.net. Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 212-1309.

CANTON

Grieg Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Canton Good Samaritan Center. President: Doug Olseth, 626 N Broadway St., Canton SD 57013, tel (605)764-2928, olenorsk54@hotmail.com. Corresponding Secretary: Jerry Holter, 28724 480th Ave., Canton, SD 57013, tel. (605) 987-2161; Director: Lane Karli, 3401 S. Grace Ave., Sioux Falls SD 57103-7219, tel.(605) 275-5591. lrkarli@sio.midco.net

WISCONSIN

MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704

Rehearsal: Each Tuesday, 7 p.m. President: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 richarj@charter.net. Corresponding Secretary: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 richarj@charter.net ; Director: Jonathan Schroerlucke, 117 S. Franklin St., Stoughton WI 53589-2218.

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OFFICERS:

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**PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN
SINGERS ASSOCIATION**

OFFICERS:

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Oregon: Paul Flora, 6042 Cottonwood St NE, Salem OR 97317 paulflora@pgn.com; Washington: Allen Feris, 23514 135th Ave NE, Arlington WA 98223, (360)435-3144, feris.allen@msn.com. Trustee at Large: vacant
;Director-in-Chief: Paul May, tel. (619)227-9979 paulthomasmay@gmail.com Asst. Director-in-Chief: : Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, whitewolf372@centurytel.net

CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND

Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: time and place unknown
President: Larry Schaleger, qubedude@ajk.cin; Secretary: Paul Eikeberg, tel. (925)485-1538 vikingike@yahoo.com
Director: unknown

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Mannskor

Rehearsal: every Monday at 7:00 p.m. on the campus of San Diego State Univ. in music Bldg. President: Sven I. Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Pl. Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (619) 709-6171, svenio@cox.net; Secretary: Jon Homerud, 3354 Bonica Woods Dr., Bnita, CA 91902 (619)223-2784 holmerud@cox.net; Director: Paul May, tel. (619)227-9979 paulthomasmay@gmail.com

SAN FRANCISCO

Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

Rehearsal: Meets every Monday 7:00 p.m. at 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127. President: HerleivStorseter, 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94103 tel: (415) 344-0204; Secretary: Mark Mathisen, 1601 Oakwood Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 tel: (650)947-1357, dchouse@earthlink.net; Director: Megan O'Brien.

OREGON

EUGENE

The Norsemen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Sonja Lodge #38, Sons of Norway, 710 McKinley, Eugene, OR 97402. President: Mark Williams, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 541-343-8060. Secretary: Duane Esperum, tel. (206)501-2010 desperum@gmail.com; Director: Ed Amundson, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 97448-9438. tel. (541) 998-6329 amundson@peak.org

SALEM

Thorsmen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Annex, 1198 Lanning Avenue North East, Salem, OR 97303. President: Paul Flora, tel. (503)363-9753 paul.flora@pgn.com; Secretary: Wes Anderson, tel.

(503)363-1714 wander@comcast.net; Director: Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, whitewolf372@centurytel.net

WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsals every Tuesday evening, 6:00 pm at the Norway Hall, 1419 North Forest St., Bellingham WA. President: Larry Peterson. Tel. (360) 935-1110. Secretary: Jim Florence. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net.

EVERETT

Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue
Everett, Washington 98201
Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. at Normanna Hall; President: Craig Fredlund, tel. (425)210-9067, craig_fredlund@jamco-america.com. Secretary: Robert Bruland, tel. (425)335-1150 bruland2@comcast.net. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

POULSBO

VestreSundMannskor

Meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Grieg Hall, Sons of Norway, 18891 Front St., Poulsbo, WA 98370. President: Stan Overby, 29311 Beach Dr., Poulsbo, WA 98370, tel: (360) 779-2460; Secretary: Warren Rosvold, (360)930-0504, wrosvold@gmail.com; Director: KathyHaug, 21050 Fern St. Indianola WA 98342. Tel. (360) 908-9806. Kathy@meland.com.

SEATTLE

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Every Monday evening 7:30 p.m. Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 N.W. 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117. Officers: President: Jens Eysteinson, tel. (205)799-8000, JensEysteinson@AmericanSeaffods.com Secretary: Rolf Federspiel, tel. (425)823-9080, farfarfed77@frontier.com. Director: G. Robert Johnston, 4707 NE 192 Pl., Lake Forest Park, 98155, tel. (206)362-1094, bobsings@gohuskies.com

SKAGIT VALLEY

Skagit Valley Manskor

PO Box 481, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM at Abel Lodge, 21098 2nd St. Conway WA 98238,. Officers: President: Jeff Highland tel. (360)387-5285, highland@smumn.edu Secretary Skip Ingraham tel (360)387-6168. Director Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Each Monday 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 20 Tacoma Ave. S, Tacoma, Wash. President: Pete Petersen, tel.(509)607-9406, o.petersen@gmail.com Secretary: Loren Jangaard, 5917 34th St NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, tel. (252)265-2312, jangaard@hatmail.com; Director: Jon Malmin, 14211 Peacock Hill Ave, Gig Harbor WA 98332, (tel) (253)514-8677, jmalmin2@comcast.net

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