

# MEET OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS!



## **COLLEEN ROESS - MPLS CAMPUS**

Cherub Choir (3yr-Pre K)

Colleen Roess (pronounced "race") is a preschool music specialist who loves working with the Cherub Choir, the Mount Olivet Preschool children, and the Musikgarten families with children, birth through 3yrs. In her free time, she enjoys singing in the Mount Olivet adult choir, reading, cooking, and hiking.



## **DANA DONNAY - WEST CAMPUS**

Cherub Choir (3yr-Pre K)

Dana Donnay is a preschool teacher in Excelsior and a popular private teacher at the Mount Olivet School of Music and the Arts. (MOSOMA) Ms. Donnay likes sharing her love of music with the Cherubs as well as enjoying time outside in nature and being with her animals at home.



## **KATIE WIDEN - MPLS CAMPUS**

Alleluia Choir (K-1st Grade)

Katie Widen teaches K-3 music and choir at Highlands Elementary in Edina and is a player of bangolele, ukulele, mountain dulcimer, and violin! Ms. Widen loves doing arts and crafts with her kids and singing songs from her favorite Disney movies.



## **SARAH FINCHAM - WEST CAMPUS**

Alleluia Choir (K-1st Grade)

Sarah Fincham teaches K-5 General Music at Normandale Elementary in Edina. She has sung in choirs throughout her life and has spent many years directing young singers. Outside of music, Sarah enjoys traveling, being with family and friends, and exploring God's beautiful outdoors!



## **ELIZABETH WERNESS - MPLS CAMPUS**

Hosanna Choir (2nd-3rd Grade)

Elizabeth Werness teaches K-5 music at Normandale Elementary in Edina. When not teaching or driving her children to activities, she is actively involved in directing children's theater in the Twin Cities area. She also enjoys spending time at the lake with her family during the beautiful Minnesota summers!



## **SYDNEY GRAMSTAD - WEST CAMPUS**

Hosanna Choir (2nd-3rd Grade)

Sydney Gramstad teaches K-5 music at Carver Elementary in Carver. In addition to teaching Sunday School, she helps provide music for the Confirmation program at Mount Olivet. She loves to read and learn new things (and sing, of course!) and play with her puppy Olive.



## **RACHEL WIXSON- MPLS CAMPUS**

Chapel Choir (4th-5th Grade)

Rachel Wixson teaches instrumental music for Minneapolis Public Schools. She loves playing ukulele, hiking, and watching movies with her family. In addition, she is an exceptional baker, specializing in Scandinavian treats - #cardamombaker



## **KARI WERDAHL - WEST CAMPUS**

Chapel Choir (4th-5th Grade)

Kari Werdahl taught music in Waconia for 33 years and enjoys sharing her talent and experience with her church family. Her favorite activities include walking and hiking, reading, traveling, cooking, and of course spending time with her grandchildren!



## **MARY BROGE - MPLS CAMPUS**

Cherub Choir Accompanist (3yr-Pre K)

Mary Broge has been a life-long church musician and absolutely loves working with the 3 and 4 year-olds in Cherub Choir! In her free time, she enjoys singing in the Mount Olivet adult choir, gardening, and spending time with her family.

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY STAFF**

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