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## Love is in the air at choral concert

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St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington continues its 2008-2009 concert series Sunday, Feb. 8 with "A Valentine Concert," a selection of love-themed songs by The Novi Choralaires.

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Songs on the program range from Broadway hits by Lerner and Lowe and Gershwin to pop hits.

The Novi Choralaires is a non-profit, self-supporting group under the auspices of Novi Parks Performing Arts. Established in the Fall of 1975, the chorus is open to men and women from Novi and surrounding communities by audition in September.

The group performs a Christmas concert series each December; their major concert is a spring show which is performed in May. They also sing for senior adults, service clubs, and at civic events. "Many of our folks have been in the group for 20 years or more and have forged lasting friendships. We really enjoy the fellowship as well as the music," said Johanna Bermann, a member.

Director Janet Wassilak has directed the Novi Choralaires since 1977. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree and a Master of Music degree in Applied Voice from Boston University. An active church musician in Massachusetts and Michigan since 1967, she is currently Director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

Accompanist Trena Baldrige currently works with the University of Detroit-Mercy Jazz Ensemble and Chorus. She has also been the musical director of the Redford Youth Theater and is actively involved in several churches in the Detroit area.

The Novi Choralaires are available to sing for church functions, nursing homes, service clubs, and at civic events.

A free will offering will be taken.

Refreshments will be served during intermission.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road, two blocks west of downtown Farmington between Grand River Avenue and Freedom Road.

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