



# Wisconsin Gossellers March 2019 Newsletter

## February Rehearsal Reflections by Alicia Gardner

The February Gossellers rehearsal made me smile. We had several examples of how our group bridges divides like our mission statement says. We built a bridge between music and life, between English and French, and between people who have traveled to Germany and those who will soon be going for the first time. Every rehearsal provides us with opportunities to help transform each other into more connected individuals.

After we sang “Free at Last”, Hans shared with us about his dad having struggled with cancer and that this song reminded him of his dad’s passing as his dad being free at last. Free from pain, free from suffering, free to be where God planned him to be. Hans sharing that story all brought us a little bit closer to understanding the song in a new way. Thanks for sharing Hans!

As we were rehearsing “Dirait-on” in February, I realized that we really are all stepping outside of our comfort zones by learning how to speak/sing a different language. We didn’t give up on the song because we couldn’t sing it. We all are taking steps to learn the song. We are bridging the gap between our English and our French skills. If anyone saw me smiling during this song, that’s what I was thinking about. It makes me happy that we are all willing to try something new and give it a shot. We grow each time we learn a new song.

During lunch we were discussing the Germany trip and how to pack for it. The people who have traveled there before were sharing their cultural knowledge of what to pack and what to expect when traveling to Germany. Those who haven’t been to Germany had good questions and were attentive in listening to the answers. The communication between each group of people is a beautiful thing!

What terrific bridges we are making within our own group. I can’t wait to hear how good our bridge building skills will perform when the Gossellers travel to Germany this summer.





**Mission Statement: To bridge cultural divides and touch souls through the transformative power of gospel music**

**Vision Statement: A world where God's love triumphs over that which divides us.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Lunch by</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sat Apr 13	10am-3pm	Olivet UCC 313 W Prairie St, Columbus, WI 53925	Sopranos	Rehearsal
Sat May 11	10am-3pm	Olivet UCC ?	Altos	Rehearsal
Sat Jun 9	10am-3pm	?	men	Rehearsal
June 24-July 12, 2019	Updates via email	Germany	N/A	Updates via email
Sun Aug 18	9am warmup 10am Worship Service 11:30am Picnic	Folk Song Farm (Faith UCC picnic) 4811 Pioneer Rd., Richfield, WI	Faith UCC	Worship service & family day = invite your family!

? = still tentative and could change. Stay tuned! Will be updated via email.

### Reasons Why Gospel Music is the Perfect Relaxation Music at Home

1. Enrich both ear, soul, heart and mind: When you listen to gospel music you don't only receive a high sense of entertainment from it but it also enriches your soul and mind as it will strength your relationship with your creator and as well feed your soul to the core. Gospel music will strength your faith and spirituality which will definitely increase your relationship with God.
2. Music that transcends boundaries of age and generations: Gospel Music doesn't expire as it is always known to travel through years, no matter what Gospel Music are everlasting as it can be played years after its release and the song will still have great meaning to the world. The songs are usually meaningful and your children can learn from it, its not the kind of song which you have to drive your children out to listen to, they are appropriate for both young and old.
3. Music to find balance: When the world seems crashing and everything seem low this kind of music is what you listen to in other to find balance, they are good in healing the heart and soul. It is suitable for you in any situation, either when you are happy or sad. It often provides a way for people to find balance in their lives.
4. Music to keep you woke: Great music is a great way to stay awake in your spiritual life. it keeps you in track with the secular world we are living in, Gospel music also help Christian self aware and more connected to their spiritual life.
5. Just a closer walk with the lord: When you listen to gospel music then you increase your chance of moving closer to your creator as this help strength the heart towards doing the will of God. [Lauren Daigle](#) a famous and successful Gospel singer spoke about why she chose gospel songs, she stated that this happens to be a great way for her to remember people of their creator and will to the will of God.

[https://thriveglobal.com/stories/reasons-why-gospel-music-is-the-perfect-relaxation-music-at-home/?fbclid=IwAR3IW49\\_shyJGfEYBCTFII4dyeWppyGqS96pPPvZ9MtenTPnm3YscpoCXCXY](https://thriveglobal.com/stories/reasons-why-gospel-music-is-the-perfect-relaxation-music-at-home/?fbclid=IwAR3IW49_shyJGfEYBCTFII4dyeWppyGqS96pPPvZ9MtenTPnm3YscpoCXCXY)