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## NEWS & NOTES

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## **Upcoming Events**

July 21 - Big Sing California

Sept 21 - BlesSING Concert 7 pm

Sept 30 - Ascension Lutheran 4 pm

## **Director's Notes**

During the past 18 months over 3,500 people have seen the Street Choir in 31 concerts. Over 150 people have sung with the choir. Our new brochure is all about: How the choir changes lives. How to book the choir. How you can support the choir. How to get in touch with the choir... www.SanDiegoStreetChoir.com



## SDSC Team

Our all-volunteer San Diego Street Choir Team is a group of likeminded professionals who have a heart for God, music, people, and serving those who are currently experiencing homelessness.



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# Save the Date! BlesSING on Broadway

100% of Donations Support The Arts Therapy Program at Monarch School

### **FEATURING**

The San Diego Street Choir singing with some of your favorite musical theater performers from around San Diego!

September 21, 2018 7:00 pm

(Free Concert - Free-will offering will be taken)

First Presbyterian Church of San Diego 320 Date St., San Diego, CA



Choir Manager Bill Taylor leading SDSC in a Devotional before the PLNU Concert

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## **Meet Joseph Schuldt**

My story begins in 2017. I was taking about 10 different medications, I had stomach pain and cramping, my gallbladder was working at just over 25% of its capacity, and a CT scan had shown a growth on my left kidney.

Nearly a year later I had my gallbladder removed, but the lesion on my kidney had grown half a centimeter. It was a benign cyst, but new scans showed enlarged lymph nodes around my pancreas.



My neurologist referred me to a specialist for immediate testing. After

an endoscopy, I woke from the anesthesia and waited for the doctor to tell me the results. "Well... you've got cancer!" My treatment consisted of chemotherapy combined with a cutting edge stem cell process.

When all of this started, I had joined the San Diego Street Choir. Being a member of SDSC and singing in this choir helped to restore my faith. My faith turned out to be an important and powerful companion to me during the cancer treatment.



Earlier in my life, I had turned away from church music after some negative experiences. A friend who was also in the San Diego Rescue Mission invited me to attend church services with him. After declining the first few times, eventually I decided to accept the invitation. I knew that I needed something to help me find the strength to get through this difficult time. By the end of that service, I knew what I'd been missing, and my faith began to grow again. My restored belief was essential during my treatment.

(Joseph Schuldt cont.)

I was able to see the bigger picture. Even when I was experiencing painful side effects, I could see these were just learning moments in my life. I knew the pain would pass. Undergoing chemotherapy helped me get my priorities straight. I realized the importance of the relationships I have in my life. I began telling the people I care about, how I feel about them. I told them how thankful I am that they are in my life. It also gave me the knowledge and compassion to reach out and help others having difficulties coping with their own personal cancer battle.



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