



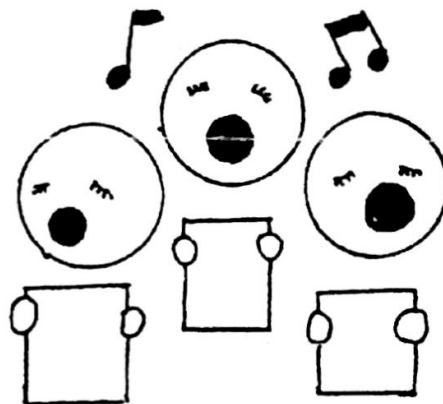
American Guild of Organists

# PIPELINE

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The Red River Valley Chapter  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
presents a  
**CHILDRENS CHOIR FESTIVAL**



"STORIES OF JESUS"

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1990 - 4:00 p.m.

Olivet Lutheran Church  
1330 South University Drive Fargo, ND

- + 200 choristers from area Churches
- + The Tri-College Marimba Choir
- + Celebration Ringers, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- + Proclamation Rock Group, First Presbyterian Church, Fargo
- + Obelisk, a tuba quartet

This project is supported by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and the City of Fargo

An offering will be received

## CHILDREN CHOIR FESTIVAL

A Childrens Choir Festival, sponsored by the Red River Valley Chapter, American Guild of Organists, will be held Sunday, March 18 at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo. The afternoon festival will conclude with a 4:00 p.m. public concert by the massed Festival Choir.

The purpose of the festival is to recognize young singers for the contributions they make in their churches as members of youth choirs. Additionally, the festival is designed to challenge choirs to learn new music which they can sing in their own churches throughout the year. More than 100 choristers in grades 1 through 8 from churches in Fargo, Moorhead, Hillsboro, Davenport, and Hallock will participate in the massed festival choir.

The theme of the 1990 Childrens Choir Festival is "Stories of Jesus". Participating choirs have been preparing anthems, choruses, and hymns that tell the stories of Jesus' birth, ministry, and triumph over death. Scripture passages, adapted for children, will highlight the message of the anthems and hymns sung by the festival choir and audience.

Special instrumental music will be provided by the Vick Family Violin Trio (Fargo), the Tri-College Marimba Choir, Celebration Ringers from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead, Proclamation Rock Band from First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, and Obelisk, a tuba quartet. Douglas Bakkum, instrumental music teacher in the Fargo Public Schools and a member of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, will play oboe with the festival choir.

Lucy Thrasher will appear as soprano soloist. Thrasher is a member of the voice faculty at Concordia College, soloist in the Sanctuary Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, and a member of the Prairie Wind Trio. She has appeared in leading roles with the Fargo-Moorhead Community Opera.

Accompanists for the festival concert are Lloyd Collins, organist at Olivet Lutheran Church, and Otto Muecke, professor of music at Mayville State University.

Childrens Choir Festival committee members are Susan Clambey, Ruth Fossum, Marlowe Kulish, Otto Muecke, Rod Rothlisberger, Gary Thrasher, and Marilyn Woods. Joan Bystol and Jack Close are co-chairpersons.

### FOR SALE

Baldwin V organ, 2 manual, full pedalboard. Recently checked by local organ repair/maintenance man. Found to be in "good condition". Extra tubes available. Great practice organ. \$300.00. You haul away. Call (218) 739-3044 (Myrtle S. Lindstrom) for further information.

### AGO Red River Valley Chapter Minutes February 25, 1990 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Moorhead, Minnesota

Following a very interesting program all about Handbell ringing chaired and presented by Judy Sanders, a short business meeting was held. A new member, Norita Lanners, 679 Sixth Ave. N., Fargo (please correct address in your yearbook), liturgy specialist, St. Mary's Cathedral, was present. Announcements of upcoming events were given:

March 18, Childrens Choir Festival, Olivet, Fargo; April 22, joint meeting with Sioux Falls Chapter at Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, SD; Early March George French will meet with John C. Stowe in Madison, WI; Youth Organ Workshop, June 10-14, Concordia College; March 18, business meeting, installation of officers by the Subdean at Olivet Lutheran Church.

The nominating committee -- Peter Nygaard, Judy Sanders, Michael Olson--presented the following slate of officers: Dean - Michael Olson; Subdean - Dr. John E. Close; Secretary - Susan Clambey; Treasurer: (position vacant at this time --volunteers welcome); Board Member - Lance Johnson; Program - Becky teVelde and Margery Possehl, co-chairpersons.

#### Old Business:

1. Volunteers needed for the March 18 Choir Festival
2. Thank-you notes read from the Paul Donners and the Grant Hensruds
3. Brad Steen reported he had mailed the yearbook to the Regional and National AGO
4. Becky te Velde reported she is working with member Norm Hanson who is working on a CAGO
5. No reply yet on the grants submitted to the N.D. Arts Council or Dayton Hudson Foundation

#### New Business:

1. The nominating committee, also functioning as the Long Range Planning Committee made several recommendations or ideas to be considered.
  - a. Have only five meetings per year
  - b. Have a Hymn Festival every year, -- possibly using only our own members
  - c. Have a major recital at least every few years
  - d. Entertain thoughts of possibly hosting the 1993 Regional Convention
  - e. Have another Church Music Bonanza in the summer of 1991.
2. George announced the plans for a new Reutter pipe organ at the Cathedral in Crookston to be completed in the fall of 1990.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margery Possehl, Secretary

### Slate of New AGO Officers for 1990-1991

The Nominating Committee (Michael Olson, Peter Nygaard, Judy Sanders) is proud to announce the following slate of officers for the 1990-1991 year.

- Dean: Michael Olson
- Subdean: Dr. John E. Close
- Secretary: Susan Clambey
- Treasurer: (See below!!)
- Board Member: Lance Johnson
- Program: Rebecca te Velde  
Margery Possehl, Co-Chairpersons

If you would like to submit another person's name to the slate, you will need to have the signatures of 5 people. The petition must be in the hands of Bradley Steen 24 hours prior to the election of officers. The election will take place, March 18 following the Childrens Choir Festival.

### CONCORDIA COLLEGE ORGAN WORKSHOPS

Concordia College will sponsor two organ workshops in June of 1990. The Institute for Young Organists will be held June 10 - 14, and an organ workshop for adults will be held June 15 - 16. The workshops are designed for organists at all levels of proficiency, including those who have never played organ before. Limited scholarships are available for young organists. For more information call Peter Nygaard at 299-4414 or the Office of Church Relations at 299-3146 at Concordia College.

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### A SPRING "TREAT" COMING

Just a reminder for ALL AGO members to mark their calendars for April 22. The "treat" is going to be in Marvin, SD at the Blue Cloud Abbey. There will be a Festival Service followed by a joint meeting with the members of the Sioux Falls Chapter. It should be a real "treat" to get out of town after the mad rush of Easter. Watch for further details in your next Newsletter.

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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Peter Nygaard for a very excellent recital on Sunday, March 4th at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church. The AGO is very proud of you. Also, congratulations to Lance Johnson for a very fine new instrument at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church. Thank you both!



"We're in need of a volunteer!"

The next Newsletter deadline will be March 26. Any information recieved after this date will not be included. Thank-you ALL for cooperating with the deadlines.



"Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them."

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