



# American Guild of Organists

# PIPELINE

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Dear AGO Members (and those thinking about becoming members):

What beautiful fall weather we've been having! Just as soon as I start typing this, it will probably rain - or something worse!

Thanks to those of you who were able to attend the September 23 meeting at Messiah Lutheran Church. It was fun to hear about members' summer activities. If you weren't able to be with us, perhaps people will share their experiences with you at some future point in time.

There are some dates which you might want to keep in mind:

Sunday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Dedication Recital by John Walker at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

Sunday, October 21, 1:00 p.m., Dedication Recital by Peter Nygaard, Hoff Lutheran Church, Rustad, MN.

Sunday, October 21, 3:00 p.m., Dedication Recital by Bill Wojnar, at the Basilica of St. James, Jamestown, ND.

Sunday, October 28, 5:00 p.m., Dedication Recital by Michael Olson at Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo.

Our next monthly AGO meeting is Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo. More information on this event is found elsewhere in this newsletter. If you haven't already joined AGO this year but wish to do so, please fill out the enclosed membership form and send it with your check to the address indicated on the form. If you have any questions about AGO, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at First Lutheran Church, 235-7389, or at home, 293-0284. I am willing to listen to any concerns you might have.

If anyone is interested in recording Christmas Carols played by various organists on various instruments, please call Jack Close and let him know that you'd be willing to play. Several organists have already expressed interest in this project. We are thinking of selling these cassette tapes at the "Kaleidoscope" event and at the November 18 Hymn Festival.

Two events connected with the Lake Agassiz Arts Council, of which AGO is a member organization, should be mentioned here. The West Acres Arts Fair will be held Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. We need volunteers to sit at our booth and answer questions for 2-hour stints. Three people, including me, have signed up so far. Call if you would like to volunteer!

Also, the "Kaleidoscope" will be held at the Fargo Theatre on Friday evening, November 16. More information on this is found elsewhere in the newsletter. We need someone to sit at the AGO booth from 6:30 to 7:30 that evening, again to answer questions and explain what AGO is all about. Let me know....

If somebody needs a copy of the newsletter sent to them, call Judy Sanders - our very efficient newsletter editor - or have them call me, too. Remember, AGO is only as good as WE make it. I'm the Dean, but I want many people involved to make everybody's job easier.

See you the 14th, the 21st, the 28th or whenever...

Michael Olson

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

The new officers for the 1990-1991 year met in the library of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, preceding the September 23rd meeting.

Dean, Michael Olson, led the sharing of old and new business. Past Secretary, Marge Posschl, read minutes from the March meeting which followed our exciting Children's Choir Festival at Olivet under the direction of Dr. John Close. Treasurer, Brad Steen, has received 18 renewals of membership, and probably several checks in our Post Office Box to be deposited Monday, Sept. 24. The opening balance in our checking account July 1, 1990, was \$755.48.

There was some discussion about our October meeting needing more people to be involved on a panel about junior and children's choirs. Also, plans are being made for our March meeting to be held at Hope Lutheran, Fargo, if possible, or Nativity.

A major event coming up is the West Acres Art Fair, Friday and Saturday, October 26th and 27th, sponsored by the Lake Agassiz Arts Council. Lance Johnson will provide the little Portativ Organ for possible performances. Lloyd Collins and Norm Roos have some large photos and display items for our booth. Members will volunteer to sit 2 hours with our AGO information.

Another event will be "Kaleidoscope", held in the Fargo Theatre, Friday evening, November 16th. We will have a display in the Skyway, and a performance on the theater organ by Michael Olson. Last year, Peter Nygaard represented our AGO.

Our guest Recitalist in February 1991, will be John Obetz, well known organist from the Reformed Church in Independence, Missouri. He will be featured during the Communiversity on the Brown Bag Series, possibly with a workshop on "How to learn music and Practice".

To raise some funds for our AGO chapter, we will send out a mailing for a Patron Fund Drive. Another suggestion, by Jack Close, SubDean, was to make a cassette tape of our organists playing on various church organs, recording simple Christmas Carols. We will need a recording engineering artist who could go from church to church. Such a tape would have a large market to members of all the churches in the area. If we could have them prepared by November 16th, they could be sold at the "Kaleidoscope" event, and at our November meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Clamby, Secretary

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

The March 10 meeting will be at Nativity Catholic Church in Fargo.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Following the program about the travel inspirations of our members, there was an Installation of new officers by Carolyn Hensrud. The new officers are:

Dean - Michael Olson                      Subdean - Dr. John Close  
Secretary - Susan Clamby                Treasurer - Bradley Steen

Members as Representatives:

Lance Johnson and Marlys Herring

Program chair, Marge Posschl, will be the moderator for the October program on Children and Youth Choirs, possibilities and pitfalls. Members should bring some favorite tunes. Also, more AGO members could be on the panel.

Several upcoming events and recitals were mentioned, including:

October 14 - Organ Dedication in Crookston by John Walker  
October 21 - AGO Meeting at Pontoppidan Lutheran,  
Fargo

October 21 - Organ Dedication in Jamestown by William Wojnar

October 26 and 27 - West Acres Arts Fair

October 28 - Organ Dedication of new Dahlberg organ at Hope Lutheran, Fargo

Refreshments were served by Norma Halverson and Carolyn Hensrud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Clamby, Secretary



### "Ecumenical Sing"

"The Advent of Our God" for choir and assembly will be presented by the faith communities of St. Mary's Cathedral and Nativity Catholic Church for anyone who wants to experience the very special season of Advent.

This *Ecumenical Sing and Celebration* event is set for Sunday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary's, AND Sunday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity. All are welcome to attend this very special and unique event.

## EXCERPTS OF SEPTEMBER AGO MEETING

Members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists met at Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, for an interesting program about travel experiences of our members.

Rebecca Te Velde and Rod Rothlisberger told of the National Convention for AGO held in Boston this summer. Many workshops and concerts were available, featuring great artists, some of the best organists in the world. It also had been a chance to see many old-historic organs in the Boston area. They felt it had been an inspiring setting for meeting other organists and choir directors.

Michael Olson had traveled to Switzerland, Austria and Germany. The Passion Play in Oberammergau was very well done with over 5,000 people attending. The feeling in Germany, especially Berlin, was different from his visit 5 years earlier, now that the Berlin Wall is being taken down.

Joan Bystol attended the International Peace Garden Music Camp. She studied handbells with Pat Unkenholz. Judy Sanders was there also. They rang 8-9 hours a day, alternating technique, new skills and new music.

Carolyn Hensrud traveled as accompanist with the International Ambassadors of Music under the direction of Dr. Rodney Rothlisberger. There were 54 singers between 15-20 years of age, half from Canada and the other half from the United States. They traveled through Germany, Austria and Hungary, singing 8-9 hours a day. The trip had been arranged by Dr. Utgaard and his son Michael of the International Music Camp at the Peace Gardens.

Peter Nygaard spoke of the Summer Organ Workshops, sponsored in part with a grant from Aid Association for Lutherans, held earlier in the summer. 23 youth and 84 adults were participant organists. Along with Peter Nygaard, Michael Olson, Berkley Guse, Judy Sanders, Dr. Christopher Cock and Dr. David Childs also taught in the workshops.

Ruth Berge had spent three weeks in France with a University Elderhostel program studying art in France in various Cathedrals and museums. At St. Chappell she and her sister had an opportunity to hear a concert of Renaissance music.

Brad Steen will be traveling to the Washington National Cathedral this coming week for the Evensong Worship and laying of the final brick.

The members present all appreciated the interesting program shared.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Clamby, Secretary



## "KALEIDOSCOPE 1990" SET FOR NOVEMBER 16

"Kaleidoscope 1990" is an Arts Event. Presented by Lake Agassiz Arts Council November 16, 1990, the second annual "Kaleidoscope" arts event will showcase both live performances and booth displays by 30 area arts organizations as well as presentation of the 1990 Mayors Award for the Arts.

"Kaleidoscope 1990" begins with a festive reception in the downtown Fargo Skyway from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Arts groups participating in the reception include KCCM, KDSU, Quilters Guild of North Dakota, Northern Lights Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Trollwood Arts Park and Performing Arts School, and many others. The reception is free and open to the public.

The performance portion of "Kaleidoscope 1990" begins at 8:00 p.m. on stage at the Fargo Theatre, 314 Broadway, with performances by several Lake Agassiz Arts Council member organizations including F-M Symphony Orchestra, F-M Civic Opera, Red River Boy Choir, F-M Chamber Chorale, Red River Dance and Performing Co., Moorhead Public Schools, AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS, Plains Art Museum, F-M Master Chorale, Concordia College, F-M Ambassadors Barbershop Chorus, F-M Community Theatre, Moorhead State University, and more!

Tickets for "Kaleidoscope 1990" are \$9.50 (general admission) and \$15.00 (reserved seating area). Get your tickets early!!

"Kaleidoscope 1990" is made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the North Dakota Council on the Arts, and the cities of Fargo and Moorhead.

Come Celebrate the dedication of the new Pipe Organ in the Basilica of St. James (the Greater) in Jamestown, N. Dakota. The new Nelson Organ of Wolverton, MN was given over to the church for use on July 1st, 1990. The new instrument is a melding of the original 1914 Kilgen organ, various historical ranks of pipes, and new pipework. There are a total of 27 ranks of pipes and 1551 pipes. It is a direct electric action instrument which has a solid state combination action.

The congregation is looking forward to hearing the dedication recital by Bill Wojnar of the Jamestown College. The time is 3p.m., the date October 21, 1990.



# Choir News



## CHILDRENS AND YOUTH CHOIRS

"Problems and Pitfalls"

Sunday, October 21, 4 P.M.

Pontoppidan Lutheran Church

A panel discussion will be presented that will focus on Children's and Youth Choirs in our churches. Special invitations will be sent to area directors involved in these groups. Members - please encourage your church's director(s) to attend. If you have a successful anthem to share, let me know please, (233-6711) and we will program it. Let's find out what our kids are singing - and why.

Marge Possehl, Chair

**PIPELINE DEADLINE**  
**Thursday, November 1, 1990**

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

FREE - For any church -- If you will remove it!!

Baldwin Organ (early 1950's)

Can be played and heard in the chapel of Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead.

For further information call the church at (218)-236-1333

or Peter Nygaard at (701)-237-0218--home

or (218)-299-4414--Concordia College Music Dept.

or (218)-236-1333--Trinity Lutheran Church.

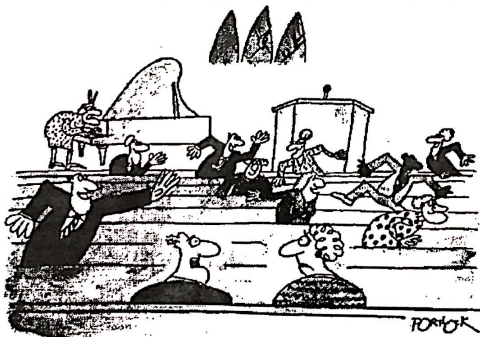
Norman Hansen, a member of the Red River Valley Chapter, has been invited to give a Sacred Concert at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albany, Oregon in Sunday, October 21, 1990.

Hansen will play on the 43 rank Moeller Pipe Organ and his Electronic Piano. He will be joined in several numbers by the Sanctuary Choir and Rev. & Mrs. Arnold Abel and his close friend, Eugene Klemp, Jr.

Hansen presently has over \$15,000 of electronic equipment including organ, piano and sound equipment.

**Needed: Hospitality Chairperson.**

Please contact Michael Olson if interested.



"Go tell the ushers, Mrs. Perkins is playing Bob Dylan again!"



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## Red River Valley Chapter

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES RENEWAL NOTICE: 1990-1991

Mail to: Bradley Steen, Treasurer  
Red River Valley Chapter - AGO  
P.O. Box 2223  
Fargo, ND 58108

Please mail your dues check with this form.

Make your check payable to Red River Valley Chapter, AGO.

Contributions beyond dues are also tax deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by law.

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (check one)

Regular Voting Member (\$22 local + \$24 national) \$46 \_\_\_\_\_

Special (over 65, under 21, full-time student,  
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Partner (2 members at same address,  
1 subscription to The American Organist)  
First Member (\$20 local + \$24 national) \$46 \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Member \$22 local + \$12 national) \$34 \_\_\_\_\_

Dual (paid directly to second chapter; list  
primary chapter here \_\_\_\_\_) \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Subscribing Member (Chapter dues only; no magazine) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

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Fargo-Moorhead ( )      Surrounding Area ( )

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(By signing this renewal form, members agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the American Guild of Organists.)

## PROGRAMS FOR 1990-1991

PLEASE SIGN UP IN YOUR INTEREST AREA AND RETURN THIS!!

Sunday, September 23 - 4:00 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo  
Get acquainted; wear your favorite summer T-shirts(!);  
share pictures; report on summer activities;  
installation of officers  
Co-Chairs: Joan Bystol, Carolyn Hensrud

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, October 21 - 4:00 p.m.

Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo  
Mini-workshop on Children's and Youth Choirs  
Chair: Margery Possehl

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, November 18 - 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Fargo  
Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival  
Co-Chairs: Gary Thrasher, Margery Possehl

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany Party  
Time and location to be announced

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, January 27 - 4:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead  
Organ Demonstrations for Outstanding Piano Students  
Chair: Michael Olson

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, February 17 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Fargo  
Workshop (in conjunction with F-M Communiversity)  
by recitalist John Obetz

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, February 18 - 7:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Fargo  
Recital by John Obetz (flyers and more information later)  
Co-Chairs: Becky teVelde, Michael Olson

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, March 10 - 4:00 p.m.

Nativity Catholic Church, Fargo  
Music for Organ and Instruments plus Election of Officers  
Chair: Mercedes Roos

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, April 21 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fargo  
Certification Process  
Chair: Becky teVelde

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, May 19 - afternoon

Spring Sing and Installation of Officers  
Cottage of Lance and Judy Johnson

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

ARCHIVE \_\_\_\_\_

AUDITING/FINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

HOSPITALITY \_\_\_\_\_

HYMN FESTIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

LONG-RANGE PLANNING \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATING \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICITY \_\_\_\_\_

RECITAL \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

(to be held during the 1991-1992 program year)

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST \_\_\_\_\_

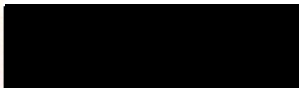
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The T-shirts are available at KCCM Studios, Theatre Arts Building, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.