



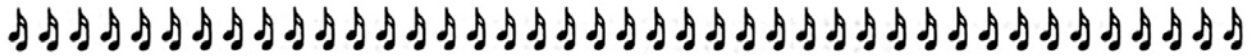
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CHAPTER MEETING

NOVEMBER 22, 1992

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4:00 P.M.

610 13TH ST N, MOORHEAD

## *PRACTICAL REPERTOIRE FOR THE CHURCH YEAR*

Come to hear the "sampler" of practical selections of music that are intended to be approachable and "user friendly" for musicians of various levels of training, proficiency, and experience. Performers are members of our Red River Valley Chapter, AGO. Works include numbers for solo organ as well as organ with handbells.

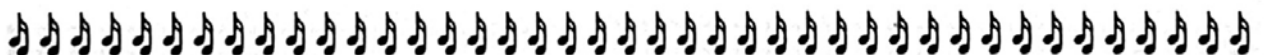
Opportunity to examine the music during the social time.

Regular chapter monthly meeting will follow.

Acquire some new ideas - hear some new music!!

Support your fellow guild members.

SEE YOU NOVEMBER 22, 1992, AT 4:00 P.M.!!



## *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

*Come, Ye Thankful*



*People, Come*

#### FROM THE DEAN...

The past few weeks were exciting for area organists with outstanding recitals given on new and newly enhanced pipe organs. Many of our chapter members enjoyed listening, playing, and socializing. I'm sure many of our members participate in interesting events in their congregations, but Sunday morning obligations often prevent us from hearing each other.

However, if there are times when special things are happening in your church, let's not keep it a secret. Mary Tangen, our editor, would be delighted to promote your event in the newsletter. I consider our chapter as a form of support group to encourage each other in our various situations. Our newsletter becomes the lifeline for support. Sharing is the first step. Caring about each other and attending these events is the next - and most important - step. As dean, I'm hopeful our membership will be that sharing and caring support group. See you on Sunday, November 22 at 4 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Moorhead. Come and hear a fine Johnson organ and some of our fine players. A short business meeting follows the program. Happy Thanksgiving!

....Marjory Possehl, Dean

#### ORGAN DEDICATION.....

The organ dedication of the Johnson Organ at Parkview United Methodist Church in Milbank, South Dakota will be at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 22. Lloyd Collins, organist at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota, will be the guest organist.

The original Vogelpohl organ has been completely rebuilt with the expansion of tonal resources to double the original specifications. The organ chambers were remodeled to be acoustically reflective.

To showcase the tonal possibilities of this instrument, organ selections from J.S. Bach (1685-1750) to Fred Bock (20th century) will be presented with additional compositions of Buxtehude, Couperin, Reger, Lefebure-Wely, Lemmens, Manz, Chapman and Erismoen.

The public is invited to attend.

#### ORGAN FOR SALE....

For sale: Allen MDS 15 digital computer organ. 18 months old, excellent condition. 2 manuals, pedal board. Speakers contained in console. Alterable voice stops. MIC capability. Specifications and stop list on request. Call (701) 746-1864 (in Grand Forks).

For sale: Conn Organ - "Tampico" - Model 624. 2 manuals, 24 foot pedals, about 9 years old, books between \$3,500 and \$4,000. Call 1-800-876-3246 and ask for Lynn.

#### PROGRAMME FOR WINNIPEG CENTRE..RCCO

For your information the Winnipeg Centre of RCCO plans these programs for the 1992-93 season. December 13, 19:30, Carol Festival, St. John's Cathedral. January 24: John Walker Masterclass, Westminster United. February 7 & 8: Martin Jean Recital/Masterclass. March: i) Introduction to the Organ, ii) Professional Concerns Workshop. April 24: Olivier Latry Masterclass, Westminster United. Further information may be received by contacting Richard Greig, chairman of the board, 135 Anderson Avenue; P.O. Box 3958, Station B, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2W 5H9; or by calling (204) 586-8385 in Winnipeg, CANADA.

**NOTICE TO RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS....** Short meeting at 3:30, Sunday, November 22, at Our Savior's. Come with ideas for a nominating committee.

**Congratulations to Dr. Rod Rothlisberger, RRVAGO member..**director of the Moorhead High School Renaissance Singers who will sing at the Minnesota state convention of the American Choral Directors Association at 10 a.m., November 21, in the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul. The Renaissance Singers have performed at the state conference of the Minnesota Music Educators Association. The group has consistently received highest honors at regional and state music festivals. ....from *The Forum* October 13, 1992

RECITAL....Sunday, December 6, is the date to remember for a recital to be presented by Michael Olson. Scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 619 Broadway, Fargo, the program features all Christmas music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Region VI AGO Convention... June 20-23, 1993, Davenport, Iowa. The organ program: Thomas Murray, professor of music, Yale University, will perform on June 22, 8:00 p.m., at Wesley United Methodist Church, Muscatine, Iowa. To round out the convention, he will hold a workshop on the "Newly Found Treasures of Mendelssohn."

Dan Miller, Associate Minister of Music, Calvary Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, will perform a program based on hymn literature at the First Presbyterian Church, Davenport. Dan's recordings are often featured on *Pipedreams*. His workshop is entitled "Bringing the Organ to the People."

Susan Klotzbach, Director of Musical Arts for the Eastman School of Music, is scheduled to play the new organ at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. Her workshop covers practical and accessible music for the small organ.

George Ritchie, the head of the organ department at the U of Nebraska, will play a concert of new music for organ and percussion, and his workshop is named "Bach and the Cosmic Connection".

The Choir Program will include a joint effort with the Mozart Festival and the Dale Warland Singers. Dale will lead a workshop on Choral and Vocal Techniques for choir directors. More for Choir Directors: \*Find out why Children's Choirs are in a class by themselves. \*So your church wants a Youth Choir - learn from a successful program director. \*Spice up your Adult Choir with new/old music that has stood the test of time. \*Tired of the old ho-hum anthems? Choral Reads for all ages, levels and choir sizes.

(This sounds like a varied and exciting program. Please consider attending. Look for more information later...ed.)

**MINUTES...**The Board of the RRV Chapter of the AGO met Sunday, October 18, 1992 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo. Those present: Marge Possehl, David Childs, Mike Olson, Lance Johnson, Marlys Herring, Brad Steen, Mary Tangen. The secretary's report was accepted as printed. The treasurer's report as printed: clarification is needed. The treasurer will be asked to prepare a budget.

Motion by David Childs, second by Lance Johnson to nominate Lloyd Collins for mayor's ward for the arts. Motion passed.

A letter from two chapter members was read in regard to concern that writings in the newsletter appear to center on activities in Lutheran churches and that other denominations are excluded. Discussion ensued: 1)the editor would very much prefer news from all congregations represented; 2) people need to send in information; 3)in this part of the country Lutheran churches are numerous; 4)our chapter is more inclusive (handbells, choir directors, etc.) than many chapters elsewhere seem to be; 5)it is good that members of the chapter let us know of their thoughts and observations.

**Announcements:** 1) Kaleidoscope program: November 7 & 8, Mike Olson and Judy Sanders are doing a duet of "Stars and Stripes" at the Fargo Theatre. 2) The nominating committee of 3 persons should be appointed by Nov. 1st. 3) The next board meeting is to be 3:30 at Our Savior's Church on Nov. 22. 4) 27 people have signed up for dinner with Fred Swann. 5) October 31, Morris MN: workshop at First Lutheran Church, with David Cherwin playing the 22 rank Holtkamp organ.Meeting was adjourned.

.....Mary Tangen, secretary

**MINUTES of the RRV Chapter of AGO...**the RRV Chapter of AGO met October 18, 1992, for a brief meeting after the recital at Messiah Lutheran Church. The secretary's report was accepted as printed.

**Announcements:** 1) Thursday, October 22, dinner with Fred Swann. 2) Friday, October 23, recital at First Lutheran. 3) November 1, recital at Dilworth Lutheran. 4) Next meeting of chapter at Our Savior's, 6th Ave N., Moorhead, November 22, 4:00 p.m. 5) July issue of *The American Organist* describes opportunities of testing for various performance levels and lists service requirements. 6) Sign-up sheet with opportunities for committee membership was circulated.Meeting was adjourned.

...Mary Tangen, secretary



# Thanksgiving

Pipeline Newsletter of Red River Valley Chapter of American Guild of Organists, Fargo/Moorhead  
 Margery Possehl - Dean  
 Joan Bystol - Sub Dean  
 Mary Tangen - Secretary  
 Rodney Rothlisberger - Treasurer  
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 Lance Johnson, Ardis Witte  
 Contributions are encouraged in writing. Send to Mary Tangen,  
 1423 22nd Ave S, Moorhead MN 56560

**PIPEDREAMS....KCCM-FM 91.1, Sundays at 9:30 p.m.** Don't forget to tune in to programs of fine organ music.

**OTHER KCCM-FM news.....**

- 1) Regional Artists in Concert on Thursday, Dec. 2, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. featuring two Moorhead State University faculty recitals. The first is with Alice Fasman, soprano and Terrie Manno, fortepiano, assisted by Catherine Tesch, clarinet. The second part is Terrie Manno, piano.
- 2) Dec. 13, 8-9:30 p.m...Advent Carol Service from St. John's College, Cambridge, England.
- 3) Regional Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. features 1992 Concordia College Christmas Concert with the theme "O, Come, One and All."
- 4) Dec. 18, 8-10:00 p.m....Echoes of Christmas with the Dale Warland Singers.
- 5) Dec. 19, 8-10:00 p.m.....Philip Brunelle's Plymouth Music Series, "Welcome Christmas."
- 6) Dec. 20, 5-6:00 p.m...The Chanukkah Story
- 7) Dec. 20, 6-8:30 p.m...Handel's Oratorio "Joshua"
- 8) Dec. 21, 7-9:30...The Messiah - Russian performance.
- 9) Dec 22, 7-9:00 p.m..The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert..... plus numerous other programs through Dec. 28. Tune in for pleasurable listening.

**KUDOS to the American Theatre Organ Society...**for the splendid evening at the recent Silent Movie Night. The Fargo Theatre Big Band All-Stars under the direction of James Ployhar were wonderfully smooth sounding. Lance Johnson, an AGO member, did such a fine work accompanying the 1927 Comedy-Mystery Thriller, "The Cat and the Canary", that this writer couldn't watch some of the scary scenes. It seems to me that is effective playing! Many of our AGO Chapter members are also members of the ATOS and are actively working to preserve theatre organ music. ...the editor

**Congratulations...**  
**To the churches who recently had recitals on new or enhanced organs. GREAT JOB!!**

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