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FIRST MEETING OF 1993-1994 SEASON

SEPTEMBER 12, 1993

POTLUCK SUPPER

DEDICATORY RECITAL 7:00 P.M.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

RRV CHAPTER FINE COOKS ALERT!!

Sunday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. you once again have the opportunity to display your culinary skills at a pre-recital pot-luck supper at the home of Dawn Papenfuss, 430 S 15th St, Moorhead. Enjoy a good chat and fun while experiencing the amazing cooking of fellow chapter members. Beverages dishes and utensils will be provided. After supper are all encouraged to attend the organ rededication recital at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 401 40th Ave S, Moorhead at 7 p.m. with organist David T. Childs.

VARIED PROGRAM...

The rededication program of the renovated pipe organ at Bethesda Lutheran Church will feature the Service of Rededication, a recital, and congregational participation. Members are urged to attend and to tell others about this opportunity to support a local organist in recital.

BETHESDA ORGAN GETS MAJOR RENOVATION...

The 2 manual organ at Bethesda Lutheran Church in south Moorhead has been renovated with work spanning almost a year. The Swell wind chest was replaced after suffering residual moisture damage while it was in the old church. The Swell Holzgedackt and Salicional which were retained from the 1920s Hillgreen-Lane organ were replaced with new pipework. The Great has an addition of a new Pommer 4' (metal) and the trumpet 8' was cleaned and revoiced. The console was totally overhauled with a new solid state combination action, relay, pistons and contact system. The organ was built by Johnson in 1967 and moved to the new church in 1972.

DR. DAVID T. CHILDS, RECITALIST

Dr. David T. Childs, recitalist, attended undergraduate school at Houghton College in New York where he studied with Charles Fenney, (FAGO). His graduate studies were in Nashville, TN at the George Peabody College with Scott Withrow (AAGO) where Dr. Childs acquired his AAGO, "almost a good organist". He then taught at Wichita State University for 23 years and was organist/choirmaster at St. John Episcopal Church. In 1988, Dr. Childs came to Concordia College, where he is chair of the music department. For the past three years he has been organist at Gethsemane Cathedral in Fargo, ND.

His program will include selections by Bach, Childs, du Mage, Dupre, and Rheinberger.



POSITION OPEN...Organist for small church...
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choirs. New electronic Allen organ. Grandin
Lutheran Church-30 miles from Fargo. Salary
\$25/week negotiable. Call Rev. Meadows-
Rogers, 236-7410.

DIANE BISH COMING TO ABERDEEN...

Chris Forslund, a RRV Chapter member
from Aberdeen SD, sent the following infor-
mation: "The organ at First Presbyterian
was recently renovated and enlarged by
the Wicks Organ Co. of Highland, IL. It
now stands at 25 ranks over three manuals
and five divisions (Great, Swell, Choir,
Echo, and Pedal). Diane Bish will perform
the dedicatory recital on Thursday, Oct.
28. The Music Committee has not chosen
a time as yet, but I believe it will be
at 8 p.m. with a ticket price of \$5. We
are very excited that Ms. Bish will be
sharing her talents on this beautiful instru-
ment."

Chris is organist at First Presbyterian
in Aberdeen and notes that he is planning
to do a spring recital at First Lutheran
in Fargo sometime in May. Let's hope that
some of us can get to Aberdeen for Ms.
Bish's recital. Watch for more information
in the next newsletter.

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FROM THE DEAN...

In the August issue of The American
Organist, President James Moeser states
that the national organization of AGO
is losing membership at the rate of 4%
per year, due in part to aging and dying.
This decline may also happen in our local
chapter.

I agree with the president's suggestions
that we reach out to folks by an inten-
tional effort to include every phase of
church music and those people involved
in worship. Who are these people and what
does AGO have to offer them? They are
pastors, organists and pianists, choir
leaders (vocal, handbell, instrumental,
and motion), worship committee personnel,
and concerned church goers. Program chair
Joan Bystol and her committee have planned
outstanding programs for the 1993-94 season
which will include something for everyone.

When you receive your yearbook in Sep-
tember and see the list of programs planned
please support the chapter and please
yourself by attending regularly. If you
haven't sent in your dues, your name may
not appear in the yearbook, but names
of new members will be acknowledged in
the monthly newsletter.

I trust you had a grand summer and
I hope to see you at our first program
of the fall at Bethesda Lutheran Church,
Moorhead, on Sunday, September 12, 7 p.m.

Margery Possehl, Dean

From the book "Pulling
Out All the Stops II"
by Catherine Fischer.
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Organic Gardening

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT...After investigating the current holdings in the archives of the Livingston Lord Library at Moorhead State University related to the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, co-chairmen Marlys Herring and Rod Rothlisberger perused materials not deposited in the collection, selecting and assembling sets of newsletters, programs yearbooks, newspaper clippings and financial reports. Especially emphasized were items dating from 1985 to the present, 1985 being the last year in which additions had been made to the archives.

Obviously missing were the following editions of the PIPELINE: Vol. 5, No. 2, Sept 1988; Vol. 5, No. 9, May 1989 (or was Vol. 5, No. 8 the last edition that year?); Vol. 6, No. 2, Oct. 1989; Vol. 6, No. 5, Jan or Feb, 1990; Vol. 6, No. 8, May, 1990 (or was Vol 6, No. 7 the last edition that year?)

If you have any of these newsletters and are willing to donate them to the permanent archives collection, please forward them to Marlys or Rod. Furthermore, long-time members of the chapter are encouraged to look through attics, basements and closets for worthy memorabilia which is of historical significance to the chapter and which can be donated to the archives. When in doubt let us or the archives librarian decide. All members should note that our collection of programs of chapter events from 1988 to the present is somewhat sparse.

Please contact Marlys or Rod about any or all of the above. Thanks!

Submitted by Marlys and Rod

Pipedreams with Michael Barone...KCCM 91.1FM Sundays at 9:30 p.m.

9/5/93...The American Muse...an entertaining bi-coastal glimpse of American performers and composers, including Dudley Buck, Mark Winges, Thomas Crawford and John Knowles Paine.

9/12/93...A British Cathedral Spectacular... from the Cathedral of St. Paul, MN, English music...by Basil Harwood, Hubert Parry, Edward Elgar and others...for several thousand pipes and several thousand voices!

9/19/93...How Swede It Is...a Scandinavian sampler of some of the little-known organ repertoire by Swedish composers, featuring Swedish artists and recordings.

9/26/93...From the Wooddale Church...Marsha Seale, Kathy Handford, Donald Hustad, Merrill N. Davis III, and Herndon Spillman, play the 5-manual 'magnum-opus' Visser-Rowland organ in Eden Prairie, MN.

POSITION OPEN...First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead is seeking a church **organist/rehearsal accompanist** to play for Sunday morning worship, one service, Wednesday evening choir rehearsals (adult choir one hour/week), and children's choir 30 minutes, twice a month. Salary negotiable. For further information, please call Martha Wheeler at 233-6461, or leave a message at First Presbyterian at 233-1192. Send a letter of application and resume of experience and qualifications to:

First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead
Attention: Martha Wheeler
2900 S. 5th Street
Moorhead MN 56560

CHURCHES TAKE NOTICE...PIPE ORGAN FUND CREATED...Mrs. Orlee Howell of Jamestown ND has established an endowment fund within the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, to make funds available for pipe organs. The Howell Pipe Organ Fund has been created as a lasting contribution to the music Mrs. Howell so enjoys.

The Fund will provide support to churches in North Dakota for the construction, installation, or refurbishing of pipe organs. The FM Area Foundation is a collection of many charitable funds whose earnings are used to enhance the quality of life in the following areas: the arts and culture, civic projects, education, health, human services, youth and recreation.

Mrs. Howell, a member of the American Guild of Organists, created this fund to ensure both present and future support of pipe organs in our state.

All churches in North Dakota are eligible to apply for a grant to support their pipe organ instruments.

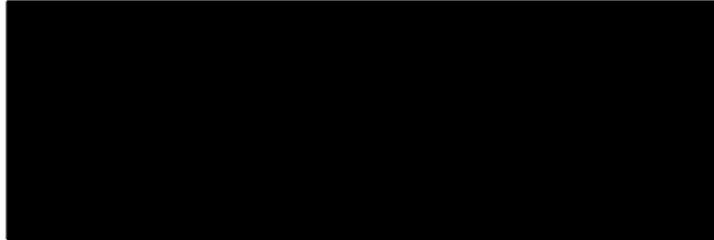
Grant applications may be obtained from the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, 609 1/2 First Ave N, Suite 205, Fargo, ND 58102, 234-0756.

Submitted by Rod Rothlisberger

10/3/93...Organs in Evansville, IN...Douglas Reed, Robert Anderson, and Mark Hatfield play new and historic instruments by Walcker, Fisk, Jacckel and Schaefer in this modest Indiana town, a most gracious and hospital home to the King of Instruments.

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CONGRATULATIONS...

In an article in *The Forum*, 8-15-93, Catherine Zaiser said: "While the WE Festers were hootin' and hollerin' at Soo Pass Ranch last weekend, lovers of music with a more classical bent gathered in Fargo's Trollwood Park. KCCM's "Classical Celebration" tended toward operatic vocal selection and the strings didn't play hoedowns.

"Special activities included an instrument "petting zoo" and a classical music listening contest sponsored by the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

"The win went to a visiting team—Curtis and Christopher Holmes of Buffalo, NY. They might have had a small advantage — Curtis is a church organist in Buffalo and son Christopher, 14, is a violinist and member of Buffalo's Suzuki String Group which has traveled in Australia, Italy and (to) Chicago. They were visiting Robert and Ray Harris of Fargo.

"Their prize was the opportunity to request a piece of classical music to be broadcast by MPR on Eric Friessen's classical music show. They selected Bach's Third Brandenburg Concerto.

"Second place went to Eric Vollen, a junior at Concordia College. Marie Compton, Fargo, took third out of the 11 participating teams.

"The weekend—a first for KCCM—was so successful, the station plans to sponsor another "Classical Celebration" next summer."

According to Marlys Herring, she, Mike Olson and Rod Rothlisberger from RRVAGO spent many hours of planning during the 3 months preceding the event. Considering that the listening contest was held for the first time, no big glitches or surprises occurred. The 11 teams went from "soup to nuts" including a team of three 13 year olds from Ben Franklin Junior High School. Curtis Holmes of the winning team is the dean of the Buffalo, NY, AGO chapter. Holmes and his son were privileged to hear their first prize selection while they were still vacationing in the F-M area.

In a letter to the RRVAGO chapter, KCCM's Karen Nitzkowski said: "Thanks to the American Guild of Organists for all the work that went into developing and hosting the first Trollwood Music Listening Contest. It was a terrific contest and participation was very good. Participants and workers had a great time. KCCM's Classical Celebration Weekend was very successful. A big part of the success was your competition. We hope AGO will want to participate again next year."

Upcoming meetings: October 17 at Eksjo Church, Lake Park; November 21, Hymn Festival at First Lutheran.

Mark your calendars.