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"SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!"

The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces the presentation of its Seventh Annual Hymn Festival on Sunday, October 19, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1010 Third Avenue South, Moorhead, Minnesota.

This year's festival, entitled "Sing to the Lord a New Song!" will feature hymns, songs, and commentary which trace the use of singing as a means toward spiritual renewal. The commentary reveals what people have said about hymn singing from the ancient Hebrew tradition to the present. An interdenominational massed choir, consisting of members of several area church choirs, will lead the singing, accompanied by organ, piano, and the A.G.O. Handbell Choir. Organists will be William Wojnar, Jamestown, N.D.; Mary Dahl, Norma Halverson, Bruce Jacobs, and Peter Nygaard, Fargo, N.D.; Berkley Guse, Rodney Rothlisberger, and Judy Sanders, Moorhead, MN. The pianist will be Judy Buscher, Moorhead. The massed choir will be conducted by Jack Close and Margery Possehl, Moorhead; and John Taylor, Fargo. Soloists will be Gay Mohr, Rosemarie Johnk and Gary Thrasher, Moorhead; Michael Siggerud, Horace, N.D. Bruce Jacobs, Fargo, N.D. will be the cantor. Several of the hymns will be accompanied by a brass ensemble consisting of Mark Fasman and Russell Pesola, trumpet; Edward Huttlin and Stener Anderson, trombone. Gary Thrasher will serve as guitarist. Pat Unkenholz will direct the A.G.O. Handbell Choir.

Rodney Rothlisberger, Father Donald Braukmann, Pastor Hal Anderson, and Mary Tangen will serve as Readers.

Among the great hymns to be sung will be Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," the spiritual "My Lord What a Mornin'," and Fanny Crosby's "Blessed Assurance."

The public is invited to both the hymn festival and the reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall which will be hosted by St. Joseph Parish. An offering will be received to help defray expenses.

The American Guild of Organists, established in 1896, is an interfaith association of 18,000 organists, choir directors, and others interested in the promotion of quality church music and the enhancement of the status of church musicians. The Red River Valley Chapter consists of approximately eighty members. Rod Rothlisberger, Moorhead, MN, is Dean of the chapter.