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FROM THE DEAN...

Greetings. I'm writing this on April 8, the last Wednesday of Lent before Holy Week. I am always "frazzled" by this time in Lent. There are so many services to plan, so much music to learn, and so little time to plan and practice. In the midst of this, I often wonder if we could not help each other by sharing bulletins. I might get some ideas for a tenebrae service from your last year's bulletin, and you might be interested in seeing my last year's Passion Sunday bulletin.

Pastors from Messiah, St. John, and St. Mark's churches in Fargo decided to exchange pulpits for Wednesday evening services this year. Their next decision was to bring along special music as they moved from church to church. As music leaders, we were a bit alarmed by the plan. It meant losing all or part of Wednesday rehearsal time, working out the logistics of moving from one church to another, performing in an unfamiliar setting, and minimal practice with a different accompanist. Despite these disadvantages, the plan had some very positive results. The St. Mark's congregation was treated to a wonderful children's choir, a worship choir, and a bell choir which are not part of our music program. At St. John, the St. Mark's choir participated in a vesper service which we do not use often (what a beautiful service!); and at Messiah we experienced the acoustics of the newly tiled chancel. The chancel at Messiah was redone to prepare for the installation of their new organ.

The point is, we should seek more opportunities to share our music with our neighbor churches. Maybe the Guild is a forum for planning this.

If you are driving around Fargo, go past Gethsemane Cathedral's building project in the 34th Avenue, 25th Street SW area (near First Assembly's church). It will be exciting to watch the building take shape.

Mercedes Roos has consented to chair the nominating committee. Lance Johnson and Brad Steen are members. They will need both your input and willingness to serve as officers.

Finally, special thanks to Barbara Preloger, Char Shirley, and the people of St. John Lutheran for hosting our March meeting. Once again, I was inspired by the music of our members Marlys Herring, Michael Olson, and Judy Sanders and the Bell Choir. Marlys Herring and Mary Tangen provided the "tea and crumpets". -Jack Close, dean

MAY 17TH AGO DEMONSTRATION TOUR

The Red River Chapter is sponsoring an organ tour May 17th, starting at Historic Eksjo Lutheran Church east of Hawley.

Instruments to be demonstrated include the 12 rank Reuter at Eksjo; the 1981 20 rank Johnson organ at Hawley Lutheran; and the recently completed Johnson tracker at Dilworth Lutheran. Following the tour, chapter members will gather at "Singers" in south Moorhead for dinner.

Members are reminded to invite friends to join the tour as all events are open to the public. Pooled transportation from the Concordia music hall parking lot will be available. Additional tour details will be published next month. (Submitted by Mercedes & Norman Roos, chairpersons.)

REGIONAL ARTISTS IN CONCERT

KCCM 91.1 FM, will broadcast Regional Artists in Concert on Thursday, May 7, 1992 at 7 p.m. featuring the January concert of the F-M Symphony conducted by Joel Revzen.

The orchestra premiered "Egyptian Triptych", the winning work of composer Alexandre Rudajev who won the 1991 Sigvald Thompson Composition Competition. Also performed were Berlioz' "Overture to Benvenuto Cellini", "Serenade for Strings", Opus 20, by Elgar; and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4 in B flat major".

CHANGE OF ADDRESS... Marlys Herring (R.G.), 4440 Carrie Rose Lane, Fargo ND 58104. Phone #701-232-3829.

RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER of the AGO met March 15, 1992, at St. John Lutheran Church with Dean Jack Close presiding. Motion by Rod Rothlisberger to correct the minutes for the board meeting of Feb. 2, 1992, which read that "the April meeting is to be held at Messiah." Change should read "Olivet Church." Motion passed. Motion by Mercedes Roos to accept the minutes as changed was passed. Treasurer reports a balance of \$1292.18 with bills of about \$200 outstanding. Money in the P.O. bulk

mailing account is enough for one mailing. Motion by Lance Johnson to accept report was passed.

Thank you to all who helped with the David Fienen workshop and concert, Lance Johnson, chair. Thanks to St. John for hosting the chapter for the March meeting and to Char Shirley for helping with arrangements. Thanks also to Marlys Herring and Mary Tangen who provided "tea and crumpets."

Dean Close appointed a nominating committee: Mercedes Roos, chair; Lance Johnson and Brad Steen. The committee is to report to the April meeting. Offices to be filled are dean, sub-dean, secretary, treasurer and one board member. (Board members are on a cycle of one elected each year and serve a 3-year term.) Dean Close informed us that members can be elected to a 2-year term but this must be done in an even year. The RRV chapter is using one year terms at present. It is too late to change our local by-laws now. The consensus of the group was that if we want to change we must work on this for next year.

National headquarters tells us that dues for June 1992 to June 20, 1993 are \$35 national, \$25 local, a total of \$60 (a \$2 increase). Motion by Peter Nygaard to set our local dues at \$25 passed. On a recommendation by Peter Nygaard the chapter agreed to plan for the fall of 1993 to have a "top-notch" artist to perform in concert if at all possible.

Announcements: 1) April meeting is at Olivet Lutheran in Fargo, 4 P.M., Judy Sanders, chair. AGO choir members are needed. 2) May meeting, May 17, "Organ Demonstration Tour" begins at 3:15 P.M. at Eksjo Lutheran near Lake Park and moves west to Hawley Lutheran and Dilworth Lutheran. Program will be advertised as a public event. 3) Silent Movie night at Fargo Theater April 10 & 11. 4) March 31, U.S. Navy Band, Concordia College, one night only. 5) Organ dedications: October 18, Messiah Lutheran; October 23, First Lutheran. 6) A \$2100 grant has been written to ND Arts Council. 7) Dr. Linda Duckett of Mankato gives a recital at 1st Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, on March 22. Meeting adjourned. - Mary Tangen, secretary

Red River Valley Chapter, AGO Choral Reading Clinic

Date: Saturday, June 13, 1992 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Coffee at 8:30 a.m.;
Luncheon available at 1:15 p.m. for \$3.50

Place: Messiah Lutheran Church
2010 Elm Street North
Fargo, ND

Directions: Messiah Lutheran is across the street from the V.A. Hospital in north Fargo. Arriving from Highways 10, 75, or I-94, turn north at the intersection of NP/Center Avenue or Main Avenue and 2nd Street North in Fargo. Turn east at 12th Avenue, and continue to the intersection with Elm Street where you turn north. Arriving from I-29, take the 19th Avenue exit. Continue on 19th Avenue until the intersection with Elm Street where you turn north. There is ample parking around the church. The church is fully accessible.

The workshop will be conducted by **Walter Ehret**. Mr. Ehret is one of the most knowledgeable choral literature specialists in the nation. In addition, he is one of the most published composer/editor/arranger in the country, with over 2000 octavos, collections, and teaching folios to his credit. His clinics are always exciting and informative. You will enjoy his upbeat, positive, and congenial manner. We are indeed fortunate to have him with us on the occasion.

Over 100 choral selections from some 50 publishers will be presented. The set will be extremely diverse in terms of historical periods, styles, composers, voicings, levels of difficulty, and calendar year representation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is no charge to you. All music (over \$100.00 worth) will be given to the attendees **free of charge**.

As an "out-reach" service, please feel free to invite other non-AGO church music directors to attend the session. This is a courtesy that may result in additional future membership for our chapter.

You may wish to bring a member of your choir (or a soloist) to the workshop. Feel free to do so (no more than two, please).

Should you have any questions, please call Jack Close, at (218) 299-4414 (office) or (218) 233-3035 (home).

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT TO:
American Guild of Organists
Red River Valley Chapter
P O Box 2223
Fargo ND 58108

I will attend the Workshop	(check here)	_____
I will invite other non-AGO church directors to attend		_____
I will bring a choir member or possibly two		_____
Indicate the possible number of attendees (including yourself)		_____
How many can we expect for the luncheon @ \$3.50		_____

(your name)

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APRIL 26, 1992
4:00 P.M.

OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH,
1330 UNIVERSITY DRIVE S
FARGO ND
FESTIVAL PROGRAM

MAY EACH OF US, whether
choir director, organist
soloist, bell ringer or
participant this Easter
season, be filled with
joy as we worship.
Soli deo Gloria!!!

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CELEBRATE!