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## ♪♪ CONCERT ♪♪

### OCTOBER PROGRAM AT EKSJO...

A pipe organ concert entitled "The King of Instruments in a rural Church" will be held at Eksjo (pronounced EKSHOW) Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.

The guest artist will be Michael Olson, organist at First Lutheran Church, Fargo. Olson, a Concordia College (Moorhead) graduate with a masters degree in organ at Southern Methodist

### FROM THE DEAN...

As dean, I have despaired, at times, over the slim attendance at our very practical and inspiring programs. But an article on church growth in one of the worship resources I receive made me stop and think. I quote the Reverend Hans Boehringer: "It is not enough to follow church growth techniques. We must develop a loving congregation---you have to worry about nurture."

For me, I have found that kind of nurture for my role in worship through the programs and associations in AGO. This is what our organization is all about. Sure, I'd like for us to be a larger group and have better attendance at programs. But if we can each find some value in the personnel and content of the program, spread the word to each other, and be nurturers, well, we just might even grow.

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**DIANE BISH COMING TO ABERDEEN....**Diane Bish will perform the dedicatory recital on Thursday, October 28 at First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, SD. The organ was recently renovated and enlarged by the Wicks Organ Co. of Highland, IL and now stands at 25 ranks over three manuals and five divisions (Great, Swell, Choir, Echo, and Pedal).

The concert is set for 8 p.m. with a ticket cost of \$5. For advance receipt of tickets, please call chapter member Chris Forslund, of Aberdeen, at 605-225-7426 (h) or 605-229-1212 (w).

Chris says the driving time is a little over 3 hours from Fargo. Let's try for carpooling and have a good representation from our chapter to hear this distinguished organist.

## HELP!!!! HYMN FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 21

Responses are not coming in from the invitation sent recently to church choir directors in the area. Please urge your choir directors to send replies to Michael Olson, First Lutheran Church, 619 Broadway, Fargo ND 58102 as soon as possible. In other words, do it today! **TIME IS SHORT!!**

**SYMPATHY TO** Joan Bystol and her family....Joan's father, Gilbert Lorenz, formerly of Milwaukee, WI, and recently of Fargo, ND, died in early September. The funeral was held at Messiah Lutheran on September 13th.

**VALLEY CITY STATE U REOPENS ORGAN DEPARTMENT...**Under the new leadership of division chairperson, Diana Skroch, Valley City State U will again offer organ instruction. After an absence of nearly twenty years, Dr. Skroch saw the need to broaden the keyboard offerings. She has hired Red River Valley Chapter member Michael Olson, organist at First Lutheran in Fargo, to teach one half-day per week. Six students have registered for the fall semester in organ, and Michael is busily into the schedule. The only organ on campus is the 3 manual, 27 rank Moller installed in 1938 in Vangstad Auditorium which was tonally updated by Lance Johnson in 1964. **CONGRATULATIONS TO VALLEY STATE U.**

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### **MORE RECITALS FOR OCTOBER 17!!**

7:00 p.m. is the time for the dedication of a new Allen organ at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Veblen, SD. Recitalist is Mary Maynard, chapter member and organist at Our Savior's in Moorhead.

Included in the program will be Cor Kee's "Ein Feste Burg", "Finale from Symphony No. 1" by Vierne, Bach's "6th Organ Sonata", and modern arrangements of various hymn tunes.

Mary is a 1982 graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, where she studied organ with Ruth Berge. More recently she has studied with Peter Nygaard and Joan Bystol. In addition to her organ work, Mary is a private piano teacher in Fargo.

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Tom Hanson will be the featured organist at a 4 p.m. recital on a small 8-rank Moller organ restored by Gould Co. of Minneapolis.

St. James Episcopal Church, North Court & Lakeside Drive, Fergus Falls, MN, plans an open house from 3 - 5 p.m. which includes High Anglican Tea at 3 p.m. and the recital at 4. The festivities are to celebrate restoration of several things at church.

Hanson is organist at Augustana Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. His program will include compositions by Mendelsohn, Bach and Ralph von William. For more information, call Tom at 218-736-3075.

**ORGAN NEWS....**The St. John Lutheran Church in south Fargo now has a new Scharf Mixture of two ranks in the Swell. This stop was prepared for when the organ was built in 1984. The organ at that time had ten ranks and was moved to the new sanctuary in 1987.

The 4 rank unit organ at Hamar Lutheran Church in Rothsay was enlarged this past summer with the addition of a Rohrflote 4' and a Trumpet 8'. The organ is entirely unenclosed on a beam in the balcony above the console. The organ was installed in 1987 and dedicated by Dr. Rod Rothlisberger.

The Johnson Organ at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jamestown now has a four level memory solid state combination action. The work was completed in mid August and consisted of replacing the old electro-mechanical combination action with a Peterson solid State system along with new stop tablets and piston buttons. The organ, the first totally encased organ by Johnson, was installed in 1976. Dr. Karel Paukert at that time played a concert for the student AGO chapter. The organ was voiced in the North German style by voicer, Robert Sperling, who is now head voicer for Dobson Pipe Organ builders of Lake City, Iowa. Organist at Trinity is William Wojnar of Jamestown College.

(Organ news submitted by Lance Johnson)

**THANK YOU...** To those who gave to the 1993-1994 Fund Drive.

Patron: Dr. and Mrs. Burton S. Belknap; Constance Brakke, Dr. R.J. Rothlisberger.

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**THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOU.**

(Submitted by Rod Rothlisberger)

[Ed.note: We apologize if any name has inadvertently been omitted. Corrections will be made in the next newsletter.]

### **PIPEDREAMS SUNDAY, 9:30 P.M. KCCM-FM**

10-3: Organs in Evansville: Douglas Reed, Robert Anderson, and Mark Harfield play new and historic instruments by Walcker, Fisk, Jaekel, and Schaefer located in this Indiana town.

10-10: Indian Summer: seasonal favorites with theater organists performing on the Might Wurlitzer.

10-17: Marie-Madeleine Durufle in concert: the famous French virtuoso recorded at Riverside Church in New York City and at St. Paul Cathedral in Minnesota.

10-24: Tribute to Ned Rorem: a 70th birthday celebration featuring comments from the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer.

10-31: Phantoms and Furies: and other things that go 'bump' in the night, with some 'spiritual' music with a twist in observance of All Hallows Eve.

**TUNE IN AT 91.1 FM**

**BOARD MEETING** minutes, August 4, 1993. The Red River Valley Chapter AGO Board met at the home of Margery Possehl, Dean. Those present were: Ruth Berge, Joan Bystol, David Childs, Lloyd Collins, Norman Hansen, Carolyn Hensrud, Lance Johnson, Michael Olson, Craig Proehl, Mercedes Roos, Brad Steen, Mary Tangen.

Committee reports were discussed:

- 1) Program- The schedule for the year is almost finished, with a few details needing to be fine tuned.
- 2) Finance- Treasure balance is over \$3,000 which includes more fund drive results; memberships have also come in. One expense was an extensive mailing with address corrections which were costly.
- 3) Library-RRVAGO materials are stored in the archives at MSU. The library books are in boxes stored at homes of 3 members. It is thought that it might be wise to discontinue the library since materials are missing and are not kept in one place.
- 4) Membership-Carolyn reported that lists are all updated and being entered into computer files; about 46 memberships have been received. A letter will be sent to those who have not sent their membership renewals including the request to send them in by Aug. 25 to Brad Steen in order to be included in the program handbook. In addition, some people will be called.
- 5) Handbook-should be out by the Sept. 12 meeting. \*\*Note: The information for the handbook was all prepared by Aug. 31 and submitted to Mathisons Printers on that date. As of 9-11-93 no work had been done on the book by Mathisons due to an inundation of work orders which are being completed in the order they were received.\*\*
- 6) Professional concerns-should the chapter have a handbook? We need a program on professional concerns.
- 7) Newsletter-Mary Tangen remains as editor. One fall issue will have a report of membership and archives. Late memberships received will be listed in forthcoming newsletters.
- 8) Hymn Festival-Committee has met. Mike Olson urged that we have a hymn festival every year. The board concurred.
- 9) Long range planning-recommnd a survey of membership to gear programs accordingly.
- 10) Archives-Marlys Herring and Rod Rothlisberger are checking this. **Old Business:** Grant bills were submitted and justified. **New Business:** Jennifer Evans has moved out of town and a new secretary will be required. Lance reported that the Moller Organ Co. is reopened with 50 employees, and they have a big backlog of work. Meeting adjourned. Mary Tangen, secretary pro tem.

MINUTES...Red River Valley Chapter, Sept.12 1993. The first 1993-94 meeting of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists took place at the home of member, Dawn Papenfuss, Sunday, Sept. 12.

Minutes of the most recent board meeting were reviewed by Mary Tangen, pro tem secretary. Marlys Herring will be secretary this year, replacing Jennifer Evans who has moved.

Treasurer Craig Proehl reported a checkbook balance of \$2236.10 on July 1, 1993. Balance on September 11 was \$3002.78. He reported 58 paid members.

Dean Margery Possehl announced some opportunities for exposure: 1) the Guild will have a display at the Hjemkomst Interpretive Center for the New Faculty Reception hosted by the city of Moorhead on Sept.22, 5-7p.m. 2) Judy Sanders and Michael Olson will represent our chapter at Kaleidoscope - the LAAC extravaganza highlighting the arts in Fargo/Moorhead November 7 at the Fargo Theatre.

Our chapter has the opportunity to co-host Dr. Frederick Hohman in a recital in February. Location, date, fee, and joint sponsorship were discussed. First Lutheran and Communiversity are also interested in sharing responsibilities. Mike Olson, Peter Nygaard, George French and Marlys Herring will have further meetings which will include Ann Zavoral of the Communiversity office. A motion made by Mary Tangen and seconded by Peter Nygaard that this committee be empowered to work out the details and sign the necessary contract was passed. Additional concerns were how might we be able to prepare ourselves financially ahead of time so we could comfortably host future recitalists.

It was noted that some of last year's grant money was used to print more stationery and to up-date address corrections.

Next month's meeting is Oct. 17, 4p.m. at Eksjo Lutheran, rural Hawley, with Mike Olson, recitalist.

Announcements: 1) John Obetz, Oct. 16 and 17 on the New IV/102 Casavant at the new RLDS Temple in Independence, MO.

2) Diane Bish, Oct. 28 on the recently-renovated III/25 Wicks at First Presbyterian in Aberdeen, SD. 3) John Walker, Feb. 19 on the 111 rank Aeolian-Skinner at the RLDS Auditorium in Independence, MO. 4) Marie-Claire Alain and John Obetz, March 4 and 5, a symposium: "The Organ

in the 21st Century" on the Casavant at the RLDS Temple.

The meeting was adjourned. Following a pot-luck supper, we were treated to a service of rededication of the organ at Bethesda Lutheran in Moorhead with our own Dr. David Childs as recitalist.

Respectfully submitted, Marlys Herring, Secretary.

#### ANNUAL REPORT for Fiscal Year 1992-93

Checkbook Balance 7/1/92	\$ 946.58
Less unpaid 1991-92 bills	608.97
Less prepaid 1991-92 dues	83.00
Less outstanding checks	125.00
	<u>\$ 129.61</u>
Plus refunded check	230.00
Actual Beginning Balance	
Fiscal Year 1992-93	\$ 359.61

Income	
Dues	\$3376.00
Interest	27.02
ND Arts Grant	1750.00
Fund Drive	1335.00
Swann Dinner	261.00
Miscellaneous	12.00
	<u>6761.02</u>
	\$7120.63

Expenses	
National Dues	\$1733.00
Newsletter	863.71
Administration	536.14
Yearbook/Mbrshp	854.68
Program	66.83
Swann Dinner	282.75
Paul Westermeyer	408.00
Fund Drive	743.42
	<u>5488.53</u>

Actual Ending Balance	
Fiscal Year 1992-93 (6/30/93)	\$1632.10

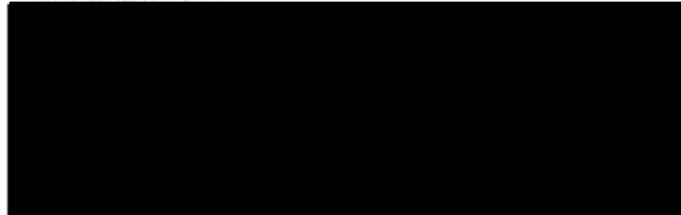
Plus prepaid 1993-	
1994 dues	\$1166.00
Less National 1993-	
1994 dues	558.00
Less Refund 1993-	
1994 dues	4.00
	<u>604.00</u>

Checkbook balance (7/1/93)	\$2236.10
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(Submitted by Rod Rothlisberger, treasurer 1992-1993)

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Various styles of type have been used for this issue  
and the editor apologizes if you have a headache as a  
result.

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**DON'T FORGET TO ENCOURAGE YOUR  
CHOIR DIRECTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE HYMN FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 21 AT  
1ST LUTHERAN CHURCH. THEY MUST LET  
US KNOW NOW. CALL MICHAEL OLSON.**