



# Prairie Pippings

The Monthly Newsletter of SDAGO

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*The Mission of SDAGO is...*

*to bring the excitement  
and inspiration of the organ  
and its music  
to children and adults  
through events of  
education, entertainment  
and discovery.*

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**January Meeting/Program:  
Sunday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m.**

## **Epiphany Party and “Open Bench” Celebrating the newly transplanted Bedient Pipe Organ at the Mohlenhoff Residence 1400 E Crestview Drive—Sioux Falls**

Come join members and friends of SDAGO as we usher in the new year with a grand Epiphany Party on January 13! Come for an informal supper along with lots of music and conversation. We'll review things happening in the months ahead, hear about some of the exciting organ projects in our area, and update you on OrgelKids and other chapter business.

There will also be time to hear and play the Bedient organ, so bring your favorite pieces—especially Christmas and Epiphany tunes—to try out. The organ is small: 8-4-2 on the lower manual, a 4' Principal on the upper manual and an 8' flute in the pedal. The pedalboard is flat—30 notes. It is gently voiced and offers a very intimate experience to the player and listener. The piano is also available if you have other seasonal music you'd like to bring to the party. Or... you don't have to play at all—just come and enjoy!

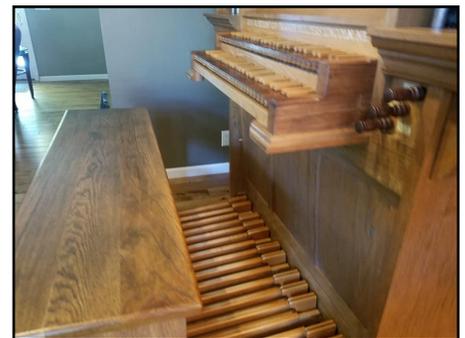
No need to bring anything for the meal, but **please RSVP** to make sure we are prepared for the number of people who will join us! You can call or text Jack at (605) 359-1058 or email [jmohlenh@sio.midco.net](mailto:jmohlenh@sio.midco.net).

## **SDAGO's OrgelKids Project Update**

SDAGO's OrgelKids Planning Team met on December 18 at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The OrgelKids instrument will make its debut in the Sioux Falls Public Schools in late January when it will spend several days at Patrick Henry Middle School. Marilyn Schempp and Matthew Tylutki will be the team leaders for this project, working with Patrick Henry music teacher Tara Stadem.

It will also be an important part of our *Pedals, Pipes & Pizza* event on February 23. The team is exploring other collaborations in schools and the possibility of appearances at various upcoming music teacher organization meetings and the SDMTA Piano Festival at Augustana College on March 16. Jared Ostermann has created an illustrated user guide to help assemble and repack the instrument.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the OrgelKids project, please contact one of the team members. They are Marilyn Schempp, Zachary Brockhoff, Matthew Tylutki, Elizabeth Soladay, Jared Ostermann and Jack Mohlenhoff.





## from the Dean

By the time members read this article, Christmas services and parties will pretty much have come and gone. But as church musicians, you don't slow down, you only start thinking about the Lenten and Easter season! But I do hope you had a little time to relax once those Christmas services were finished. Jack and Marilyn Mohlenhoff have invited us to their home for our January gathering. This should be a fun evening of socializing and having the opportunity to play their new house organ. I hope you will all be able to join us!

Our *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* program is scheduled for Saturday, February 23. Composer and musician David Cherwien will be joining us that morning so encourage any young people you know to attend the morning's activities. Students just need to have an interest and curiosity about the organ and not necessarily be students who will be starting the organ right away (although we would like those students for our scholarship auditions later this spring!). Parents are welcome to sit in, as well. David will also be involved with a Hymn Festival at First Lutheran the evening before so there are lots of musical opportunities that weekend. If you would like to help plan or lead the PPP, please let me know soon ([mmschempp@sio.midco.net](mailto:mmschempp@sio.midco.net)).

Before long the executive committee will be starting to think about programming for our 2019-2020 year. If you have suggestions of program ideas or want to be involved in some way, please let one of the Executive Committee know. Or if you would like to host any SDAGO gatherings next year either at your home or your church, we would welcome the invitation! Also, don't forget to send your musical activities to Jack Mohlenhoff so they can be included in our newsletter.

Musically, Marilyn Schempp, SDAGO Dean



## Pedals, Pipes & Pizza Needs You!



SDAGO has hosted a number of these events designed to provide a hands-on opportunity for young musicians to learn about the pipe organ. This February 23, we are partnering with First Lutheran, First Congregational and First United Methodist Churches to offer another morning of activities and experiences for kids fifth grade and older with some basic piano background. Special guest for the morning will be David Cherwien, well-known church musician and organist from Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis who will also lead a hymn festival on February 24 at First Lutheran.

In addition to learning about the organ and how it works using SDAGO's OrgelKids kit organ, students will have the opportunity to play organs at First Lutheran, First United Methodist and First Congregational Churches. Registration fee is \$5—includes materials and pizza. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, February 20.

**WE NEED YOU**, as chapter members, to promote this event! In the next few days, you will be provided with a flyer that includes all the details, as well as posters that can be displayed in churches, piano studios, etc. Most importantly, **consider students you can personally invite to participate**. A personal invitation is more convincing than a generic announcement. This is arguably one of the most important ways that SDAGO helps keep the organ "alive and well" in our community.

For more information contact Marilyn Schempp at [mmschempp@sio.midco.net](mailto:mmschempp@sio.midco.net) or (605)521-9636.

## Bach Birthday Bash March 29

### The date has changed!

The annual SDAGO Bach Birthday Bash will take place on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Augustana College Chapel. This is a change from the yearbook listing of March 22.



**Players are needed!** The program is shaping up nicely with the Augustana University Chorale and the White Spruce Chamber Players joining us. Now we just need some organ music! Brush off your favorite Bach or challenge yourself to learn something new in the new year and share it at the Bach Birthday Bash!

To sign up or for more information, contact Marilyn Schempp at [mmschempp@sio.midco.net](mailto:mmschempp@sio.midco.net) or (605)521-9636.

### Position Available

#### Adult Choir/Bell Choir Director

Hope Lutheran in Sioux Falls has an opening for an adult choir director/bell choir director. This position will be open beginning August 2019. It is a part-time position at 8 hours a week. Candidate should have a BA in music and some experience directing a choir. Send resumes to [office@hopesiouxfalls.org](mailto:office@hopesiouxfalls.org).