



Prairie Pipings

The Monthly Newsletter Of SDAGO

A New Program Year

Matt Tylutki, SDAGO Communications

Hello SDAGO Members,

I am excited to be sending this latest edition of Prairie Pipings after what has seemed to be a blur of a summer hiatus. I hope every one of you had an opportunity to rest and enjoy time with family and friends after a particularly challenging winter season. In this edition of Prairie Pipings you will find several exciting announcements, primarily our schedule for events in 2021-2022. Take special care to note our new series of workshops available for SDAGO members. Watch for future emails regarding registration for those events.

Right away I want to direct your attention to our first event, a gathering for fellowship, food, and a little business on September 26 at 5:30 pm. Marilyn Schempp has graciously offered to host at her home, and it will be great to have an opportunity to gather in community after a long time apart. It'll be a potluck so bring a side, dessert, or salad to share. I hope to see many of you there.

Secondly, I will be putting together our chapter yearbook in the coming month. Last year's extraordinary circumstances with the Covid-19 pandemic kept us from producing our usual yearbook with contact info as well as information about our programming and opportunities for advertisements. As we have become accustomed to dealing in a digital world, we decided that we will be

producing a digital yearbook this year. We hope that this will help improve peoples' access to the yearbook as well as make it more convenient to use as a resource. If you are someone who would prefer a paper copy in addition to the digital form, there will be an option to opt into receiving your yearbook in a physical form. More information about the yearbook will come in September so stay tuned.



Finally, as I plan for distributing this year's yearbook, I will encourage those of you who have not renewed your membership to do so in order to make sure you are included. This year is particularly special year because it is the AGO Year of the Young Organist. That means that any organist under the age of 30 can receive a free AGO membership along with 2 additional dual chapter memberships. Please encourage anyone under 30 who has the slightest interest in the Organ to take advantage of this opportunity! You can visit yearoftheyoungorganist.com for more information.

I wish you all the best and I'll see you on the 26th of September!

Matt Tylutki

SDAGO Program Year 2021-2022

September 26, 2021 - *SDAGO 2021-2022 Season Kickoff*

Join the South Dakota Chapter of American Guild of Organists for our opening meeting and potluck dinner graciously hosted by Marilyn Schempp at **809 E. Plum Creek Road in Sioux Falls at 5:30pm on September 26**. We'll have time for fellowship, and an opportunity to discuss our 2021-22 program year. It's been a long time since we've been able to gather so we look forward to seeing you there! Marilyn will provide a main dish, and **attendees are invited to bring salads, desserts, sides, chips, etc.**

October 30, 2021 - *Hymn Playing Workshop*

This workshop will be led by SDAGO members Dr. Carrie Groenewold & Zachary Brockhoff at **First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa**. They will discuss different techniques used to enhance worship through hymn playing and congregational singing. It will be from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. There will be a fee of \$20 for non members and \$5 for students. All SDAGO workshops are free to members.

November 20, 2021 - *Repertoire and Practice Techniques Workshop*

This workshop will be led by SDAGO members Dr. Jared Ostermann and Matthew Tylutki. They will be focusing on practical repertoire for the church organist and sharing practicing tips and techniques. This event will take place from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Vermillion, SD at Aalfs Auditorium** on the classic 1925 E.M. Skinner organ. There is a fee of \$20 for non members, \$5 for students, and no charge to all SDAGO members.

March 12, 2022 - *Hymn Playing Workshop*

Did you miss the October workshop? Here is your chance to catch Dr. Carrie Groenewold and Zachary Brockhoff present different techniques used to enhance worship through hymn playing and congregational singing! Join us in **Brookings, SD from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. There is a fee of \$20 for non members, \$5 for students, and no charge to all SDAGO members. Location TBA.

March 19, 2022 - *Bach Birthday Bash*

Join area musicians to celebrate the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach with performances of his various works. This event will be held at the **Augustana Chapel at Augustana University Campus in Sioux Falls at 7:00 pm** and is free to the public.

April 22, 2022 - *Jan Kraybill in Concert*

Join GRAMMY-nominated artist Jan Kraybill for a concert at **First United Methodist Church on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm**. Jan is a multi-faceted musician, dynamic speaker, and "enthusiastic advocate for the power of music to change lives for the better." This concert will be one you won't want to miss!

April 23, 2022 - *Masterclass with Jan Kraybill*

Join GRAMMY-nominated artist Jan Kraybill for a masterclass at **First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 23, 2022**. This masterclass will start at **10:00 am and go until 12:00 pm**. This event will be free to the public. If you are interested in playing as part of this masterclass, please contact SDAGO at southdakotaago@gmail.com.

May 7, 2022 - *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza & SDAGO Academy Auditions*

Join SDAGO for an exciting day of learning about the organ through an interactive organ crawl! We will start out at **10:00 am** exploring a couple different organs in area churches. During this time you will hear demonstrations of the stops, tour pipe rooms, and even get to play the organ yourself! At 12:00PM it will be time for pizza! Then after lunch, the SDAGO Academy auditions will take place. Stay tuned for an announcement about the location of Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza!



SDAGO Workshops

SDAGO is excited to be bringing some new offerings in the form of workshops aimed at supporting organists of all abilities. Each workshop will feature guest presenters who will cover topics like hymn playing, organ repertoire for the church service, and practice techniques.

We hope that these short courses will help support our members with practical skills valuable to a wide range of organists playing in various denominations and venues. The workshops will be \$20 for the public, \$5 for students, and free to all SDAGO members. It is our intention that these workshops help to add value to your membership, and help to support the community of organists across our region.

Our first workshop will be 10:00am-12:00pm on Oct. 30, 2021 in Sioux Center, IA at First Christian Reformed Church. The first topic will be Hymn Playing with Zachary Brockhoff and Carrie Groenewold. Watch your email for updates regarding registration.

Positions Available

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Principal Organist
20 hours per week
\$80 per service plus salary

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, is seeking an exceptional organist and accompanist for our Festive (traditional) worship services. This position could also include the Our Savior's Choir accompanist duties, with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00, September – May. Our Savior's has a rich music tradition, a magnificent Schlicker pipe organ, a wonderful Chapel pipe organ, and a loving community of believers. Organ specifications, including pictures, may be found at oslchurch.com. Send application letters to the Director of Worship, Gene LeVasseur, glevasseur@oslchurch.com or 909 W. 33rd St. Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Risen Savior Lutheran, Tea, SD

Organist
\$35 per service

Risen Savior Lutheran in Tea, SD is looking for a part-time organist who is available to play one service at 9:00 am at least two Sundays per month. Resources include an Allen electronic instrument, and candidates should be familiar with music in the Lutheran Service Book. Contact Angie Stueven at ajsadiegirl@yahoo.com for more information.

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Upcoming Episodes

Pipedreams

August 23, 2021

Summer Music #2134

... from around the world, marvelous melodies and remembrances of the year's sweetest season.

August 30, 2021

Pipedreams Live! Relived #2135

... a never-before-broadcast conversational concert from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, IN.

Pipedreams airs each week in our area on KRSD 88.1 FM at 6AM Sunday mornings, or you can listen at any time at www.pipedreams.org. Programs dates shown are the first day the program is available online. Live broadcast on KRSD is the following Sunday morning.

Community Music Events

Aug. 29 - First United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary Organ Recital

First United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls
1:00 pm

Recitalists include Marcia Klimes, Bruce Feistner, Richard Collman, Marilyn Schempp, plus more. There will be a variety of music so it should be a fun afternoon. This is a free recital so come and enjoy the afternoon.

Sept. 4 - Carrie Groenewold, Faculty Recital
Dordt Univeristy, Sioux Center, IA

7:30 pm

Dr. Carrie Groenewold, associate professor of music and chair of church music and organ at Dordt University, will be presenting a faculty organ recital. The program will feature several collaborative works with trumpeter Richard Neckermann.

Sept. 17 - Maggie in the Meantime

First Congregational Church, Sioux Falls
7:00pm

Maggie in the Meantime is a Celtic ensemble made up of four musicians who have been playing since they were children; Magdalena Modzelewska (violin), Jeff Paul (oboe, pennywhistle & keyboards), and brothers Darrel Fickbohm (vocal & guitar), and Blaine Fickbohm.

Cover art: SDAGO's Orgelkids instrument at Dordt discovery days, July 2021.

Have your instrument featured in the newsletter by submitting a photo or setting up a photography session with Matt Tylutki:

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