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The Monthly Newsletter of SDAGO

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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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Chapter Banquet and Installation Service September 13

We will begin our program year with a full evening of activities including a banquet, installation service and chapter meeting on September 13 at East Side Lutheran Church. The festivities begin with a catered meal at 6:00 p.m. The Installation Service follows at 7:00 p.m. led by Karen Black, our Regional Councillor, Rev. Norm Shomper from East Side who will share a brief homily, Tom Krause from East Side who will lead a choir of East Side and SDAGO members, and organist Matthew Tylutki. After the service, we'll hear from Karen Black about things that are happening in the AGO regionally and nationally. We'll also review the year ahead in SDAGO and hear about some exciting things developing with our OrgelKids Project and the SDAGO Academy. **Reservations are required for the banquet.** The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve your spot, contact Marilyn Schempp at mmschempp@sio.midco.net. You can pay the night of the banquet. *Reservations must be received by September 10.*

If you'd like to join the choir for the service, there is a rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. that evening to learn the music. Please let us know if you're singing by when you RSVP for the banquet so we can have enough music on hand.

Please be a part of celebrating a new year of music, new opportunities and most of all, our connections with one another around this instrument that excites and inspires us. Let's pack the place on September 13!!

SDAGO Program Year At-A-Glance

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| Sept 13 at 6pm | Banquet, Installation and Chapter Meeting at East Side Lutheran Church. |
| Oct 5 8:30am | Organ Crawl exploring area instruments that we don't get to hear very often. Instruments include Renner Lutheran (Aadland Opus 1-1/3), Lands Lutheran-Hudson (Dobson Opus 7-2/20), Dalesburg Lutheran-Vermillion (Doutt/Aadland—2/12), St. Theresa Avia Catholic Church—Beresford (Kimball/Aadland-2/11). Lunch will follow—more details coming soon. |
| Oct 18 at 7:30pm | Peter Westerbrink Concert at Dordt University. Dinner preceding the concert—carpool available. Masterclass at 3:00 pm. |
| Oct. 31 5-7pm | <i>Trunk and Treat with Pipescreams</i> concert played by SDAGO members at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls |
| Nov 3 at 2:30 pm | Chelsea Chen in Concert at SDSU Performing Arts Center in Brookings, sponsored by Salmen Organs and Farms. |
| Nov 22 at 7:00pm | Jens Korndörfer, organist from First Presbyterian in Atlanta in concert at Augustana University Chapel. |
| Jan 5 at 6:00pm | Epiphany Party hosted by Dave Knips—7001 S Edinburg Place, Sioux Falls |
| Feb 15 at 7:00pm | Tyler Boehmer Recital at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. |
| Mar 27 at 7pm | Bach Birthday Bash at the Augustana Chapel with the AU Chorale |
| Apr 25 at 2:30pm | SDAGO Academy recital at 2:30 at Hope Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls |
- Full details in the SDAGO Yearbook coming soon!*



From the Dean

Marilyn Schempp, SDAGO Dean

Greetings, SDAGO members!

As the days get shorter and schedules start to fill up again with all of the fall activities, I hope you will take time to put our many SDAGO events on your calendar and try to attend. We start off the year with a social time and meal at Eastside Lutheran and a worship service that includes the Installation of our Officers. Karen Black, our North Central Regional Councillor, will be joining us and will take some time to share things that are going on at the national level. Karen is the organ instructor at Wartburg College. We will also have a music rummage, so if you have music you would like to get rid of or have double copies of some things, bring them along to share. Let me know if you will be attending the meal—I need to turn in meal numbers

by Sept. 10. Cost of the meal is \$10 and spouses/guests are invited! Members of the Eastside Choir will be joining us that evening and participating in the worship service, as well.

There are a couple of playing opportunities that I need performers for: our Pipescreams event at First Lutheran on Halloween night (from 5-7) and our annual Bach Birthday Bash on March 27. We would love as many performers as possible for these events so let me know if you are interested!

Please keep Geri and Hans Peterson in your prayers as she begins chemo and surgery for ovarian cancer. Jared Ostermann has agreed to serve as one of our members-at-large in her place. Thank you to Geri for her leadership in SDAGO and to Jared for agreeing to serve on our Executive Board.

We have an exciting SDAGO year planned. Check out our many events—they are listed in the newsletter. Do you know other organists that would benefit from membership in our AGO chapter and who are not currently members? Do you know non-organists who might like to know about our events so they can attend? How about a Chapter Friend membership for them? Have you renewed your membership yet? In order to have the most current membership list for our membership book, don't forget to renew soon! Do you want to advertise in our membership book? You can do that either through ON-CARD or by sending the ad directly to Jack Mohlenhoff.

Here's to an exciting year!



OrgelKids Report

Matthew Tylutki, Orgelkids Team Leader

The first year of OrgelKids programming through the SDAGO has seen many highlights. The instrument saw its debut at the International Music Festival, and since then it has visited public and private classrooms all over Sioux Falls. It's greatest strength has been its versatility. Beyond the classroom it has gathered interest from those passing by at the SDMTA Piano Festival, enriched the after school programming at the SD Children's Museum in Brookings, and was an integral teaching tool at our Pedals, Pipes, Pizza event. Personally, I have been impressed at the OrgelKids instrument's ability to attract people, young and old, to the organ. It excels in demystifying the often intimidating and complicated instrument that is central to our organization.

In the coming year I am excited to take over as the OrgelKids team leader, and there are a couple of goals I have for the program. My first goal is to put together a group of members to act as our OrgelKids team. This will be a great way for you to be involved in a way that can greatly impact the reach of the SDAGO, even with a minimal time commitment. This team will seek to build a pool of teachers who will be able to bring this instrument to all kinds of classrooms and groups all over the area. The team will receive resources and training to help unify and refine the ways we can use this fantastic resource. The second purpose of the OrgelKids team, and my second overall goal, will be to increase the range that the instrument will travel this year. This resource is for everyone in the area that the SDAGO reaches. In order to serve everyone, I would love to see a broad range of members represented on this team.

We already have a few events in the works for the fall, and you will be able to see the instrument at the October *Pipescreams* concert. I'm hopeful that our OrgelKids programming will continue to grow this year, and the more people involved, the easier that will be. If you're interested in getting involved please feel free to talk to me at our September 13th event, or send an email my way. mttylutki@gmail.com

Pipe Organ Encounter St. Louis

by Keegan Smith

This past summer, I attended the St. Louis Pipe Organ Encounter which took place July 28th to August 2nd. POE's are meant for those age 13 to age 18 who play piano and want an introduction to the organ, or those who are already organists. I was lucky enough to get a scholarship (thank you AGO), and enjoyed the wonderful experience. Each day followed a similar pattern of lessons in the morning led by staff members from around the country, lunch, visiting local churches to see beautiful organs, dinner, then a concert provided by various staff members including Frederick Hohman, Nicole Keller, and Benton Blasingame. Every teacher worked with two students throughout the week, leading up to the final recital. I was lucky enough to work with Benton Blasingame, who is an incredible organist. We also enjoyed a special trip to the St. Louis Arch and a Carillon recital by Steven Ball.

We visited 13 different organs all throughout St. Louis and the surrounding areas. My personal favorites were the Cathedral Basilica Wicks, The Shrine of St. Joseph Catholic Martin Ott, the First Presbyterian Church Casavant, and the Fox Theatre Wurlitzer "Fox Special". The week ended with a final recital where 21 of the students played a piece of their choice. This experience is something I will never forget, and the knowledge I gained is going to benefit me in years to come.

Keegan Smith was one of 2018-2019 SDAGO Academy Scholars, studying with Marilyn Schempp. He graduated from Roosevelt High School last May and continues his studies at Augustana University this fall.

For a more detailed look at the St. Louis POE, visit the Organ Media Foundation's YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/OrganMediaFoundation/videos>



Welcome New SDAGO Officers

Jared Ostermann has been appointed by the Chapter Board to fulfill Geri Peterson's term as Member-at-Large. Geri recently resigned from the Board for health reasons. We extend our best wishes to Geri with thanks for her service to our chapter and thank Jared for his willingness to serve.



Jared Ostermann is the Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls, SD. At the Cathedral he oversees an active music program comprised of three adult choirs, with repertoire ranging from Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony to modern compositions and choral-orchestral major works. He also serves as Artistic Director of the Cathedral Sacred Arts Series, which regularly brings outstanding local, national, and international talent to Sioux Falls in the superb acoustic of the Cathedral. He holds degrees from the University of Kansas (BM, DMA), and Notre Dame (MSM). As a concert organist he has received prizes from numerous competitions, including the Canadian and Miami International Organ Competitions, the Rodland scholarship competition, and the Augustana National Undergraduate Competition. Jared lives with his wife Barbara and their three children in Sioux Falls, SD.

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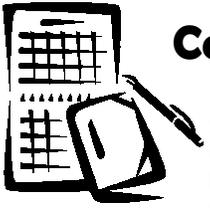
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Coming Musical Events

TRANSEPT PRESENTS *ECHOES OF PLAINCHANT*

Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph – 521 N Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls

Experience the timeless, ethereal beauty of plainchant and explore how these melodies have inspired composers from the medieval through modern eras to create works of sublime beauty. Featuring music spanning ten centuries, including works

by Hildegard, Dufay, Taverner, Mouton, Bruckner, Duruflé, and Biebl.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at <https://www.transept.org/2018-2019-season> or at the door.

RAWLINS PIANO TRIO in CONCERT

Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church – 300 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls

Join the Rawlins Piano Trio and Friends for an afternoon of chamber music including the Brahms G Minor Piano Quintet. Freewill offering.

SOUNDING LIGHT PRESENTS *ONLY LIGHT, ONLY LOVE*

Saturday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University – Sioux Center, Iowa

First Plymouth UCC from Lincoln, NE takes Abendmusik on the road, opening the season with music that strives to keep the light and love of Martin Luther King's message alive. Sounding Light is a professional chorus based in Plymouth, MI led by Tom Trenney. They are joined in this concert by Duo-B: Hirono Borter, violin, and Philip Borter, cello in sharing a kaleidoscopic array of music that illuminates this timely and timeless message. Free admission.

HOPE LUTHERAN ORGAN CELEBRATION CONCERT – MARILYN SCHEMPP

Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, 1500 S. Cliff Avenue – Sioux Falls

Hope Lutheran's organ renovation is complete! Come join us as we celebrate with an organ recital by guest organist Marilyn Schempp.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Springdale Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls is looking for an **organist/pianist for their Sunday services**. This would include working with the choir which meets at 8:30 every Sunday but only sings one Sunday a month. It also includes some worship planning responsibilities. They have a fairly new Ahlborn-Galanti electronic organ. Compensation starts at \$500/month. Please contact Pastor Dennis Bossman at 605-310-3467, if interested. The complete job description can be viewed on our website. <http://www.sdago.org/news.html>

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen has an opening for a fulltime Director of Music. The successful applicant will work as a vital part of the parish staff team to bring the parish vision of *Inviting Everyone to Passionately Live the Gospel* to realization, specifically through the work of sacred music. Tasks include coordinating music to enhance the liturgical services of the parish, including selecting music, playing the organ and piano for liturgies, directing choirs, and coordinating cantors and accompanists. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a two-year post-secondary degree in a relative field or related job experience, with a bachelor degree preferred. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is a beautiful church, and the parish has invested in a new pipe organ installed in late 2018. The parish enjoys a variety of music and has supported both children and adult choirs. Aberdeen is home to a Catholic K-12 school system and a Catholic university. A complete job description can be found at <https://sacredheartaberdeen.net/employment-opportunities>. Interested candidates are asked to send a copy of their resume and an accompanying cover letter to Fr. Mark Lichter, Pastor of Sacred Heart, at sacredheartaberdeen@gmail.com, or by mail to 502 2nd Ave SE Aberdeen, SD 57401.

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