

The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
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NOTE: Deadline for the June Cipher is May 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

There are many things to report within our chapter this month!

First off, thanks to Parker Maas for his fine presentation this past Tuesday evening at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on ways to interest our church members and young people in the pipe organ. Thanks also to Michael Dulac for hosting us!

On Sunday, May 21 at 2:30 PM we will have a recital by our scholarship winners from last year as well as our own chapter members. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLAY! If you are willing, please contact me at 260-402-3402, or via email at robisont77@gmail.com. This will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd. Myra Schmidt, host organist will be able to secure practice time for you.

Planning for the 2025 regional convention is ramping up, and the steering committee is being led by Noah Vancina. If you haven't yet volunteered to help in some way, please contact Noah at maestrovancina@gmail.com. We need all of our chapter members to be involved!

The program planning committee will be meeting later in May to begin planning for the 2023-2024

season. If you have an idea for a program or would like to be a part of the committee, please contact Sub-Dean, Matt Johnston at msjiu84@gmail.com.

Rosalie Bowker is busy putting the final details together for the daily Germanfest organ recitals which take place during the week of June 5-9, (see schedule below) and for "Follow the Pipes!" which is part of the annual Fort Wayne Three Rivers Festival in July. More details will be announced soon.

Thank you all for your support of our Fort Wayne AGO Chapter, and have a blessed spring!

Tim Robison

Upcoming 2022-2023 Chapter Events

May 21 2:30 PM Recital by Ator Scholarship winners and chapter members, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd. Installation of Chapter officers

June – Germanfest Organ Recitals – all 12:15 PM

- June 5 – Kevin Hildebrand, St. Paul's Lutheran
- June 6 – Ryan Kennedy, Emmanuel Lutheran
- June 7 – Daniel Schwandt, 1st Wayne Street UMC
- June 8 – Michael Dulac, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- June 9 – Wayne Peterson, Trinity Episcopal

July 7-15 – Three Rivers Festival: Follow the Pipes

Nunc Dimittis

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Martha Johnson, who died on March 29. Mrs.

Johnson served as Dean of the Fort Wayne Chapter AGO in 1987-1988. Memorial service will be 11:00 AM on May 13 at Good Shepherd UMC, 4700 Vance Ave. Full obituary information may be found here: [Martha Johnson Obituary - Fort Wayne, IN \(dignitymemorial.com\)](http://dignitymemorial.com/Martha-Johnson-Obituary-Fort-Wayne-IN)

FWCC 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary Spring Concert of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir will take place in Auer Hall at Purdue Fort Wayne at 4:00 PM, Sunday, May 7.

Being the oldest Children's Choir in Indiana, we are planning a big celebration! Nine works have been commissioned and will be premiered by our 250 choir members! Former Artistic Director, Fred Meads, will be returning from Princeton, NJ, to direct an Alumni Choir of 110 singers.

Tickets are available at <https://tickets.artstix.org/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=17078> or at the door, but seats are selling fast!

All AGO members, families and guests are invited and encouraged to attend. I would love to see you there. . . Irene Ator, accompanist

Janelle Deal to present Master of Music degree recital

Chapter member Mrs. Janelle Deal will present a recital in partial fulfillment of the Master of Music degree on Friday, May 26 at 7:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne. The program is free and open to the public, and will include selections by J. S. Bach, Messiaen, Buxtehude, Clérambault, and Mendelssohn.

She studied Music Theory and Composition at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music graduating with a Bachelor of Music *Magna Cum Laude* in May 2010. She studied piano with Dr. Daniel Paul Horn and composition with Dr. Howard Whitaker.

Upon graduation, she remained in Wheaton working

as a pianist for Wheaton Christian Reformed Church, through October 2020. During this time she became inspired to study organ and worship-planning in the Reformed style. Her first organ teacher was Mark Edwards, organist at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles, IL. Under his guidance she performed her first organ recital at College Church in Wheaton in summer, 2018.

That fall, she began the Master of Music in Church Music degree program at Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, IL, studying organ with Dr. Steven Wentz. After her marriage in October 2020 and moving to Indiana, she began coaching sessions with Dr. Wayne Peterson.

She currently serves as organist at Bethany United Methodist Church and is honored to be a member of the robust and welcoming Fort Wayne AGO chapter. Since coming to Fort Wayne, Janelle has also had the privilege of singing with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Chorus and the Bach Collegium Fort Wayne.

Fridays in May at Trinity English

Trinity English Lutheran Church has announced its annual Fridays in May music series. The free programs run from 12:10 to 12:40 PM. An optional \$2.00 lunch follows each program in Wagenhals Hall.

- May 5, Krauss Chapel *Woodwind Quintets from Around the World*
- May 12, Krauss Chapel *Show Tunes!* Natalie & Jonathan Young
- May 19 Church Nave *Spring and Summer* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* FW Phil players
- May 26 Church Nave *Raising the Roof* program for brass, percussion & organ FW Phil players and Evan Anderson, organ

May & June Choral and Organ Events

Please send information about June and July events by May 25 to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com for the June issue of The Cipher. Events listed in approximate 3-hour driving radius of Fort Wayne. Local events in **bold**.

Saturday, April 29, 10:00-3:00 Open House at Schantz Organ Company, Orville, OH

Saturday, April 29, 7:00 PM John Peragallo III, organ demonstration/recital, 2022 Peragallo IV/98, St. Malachy Catholic Church, Brownsburg, IN

Sunday, April 30, 1:00 PM Ecce Choir concert, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton, IN

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 PM Nathan Laube, organ recital, 2022 Goulding & Wood III/72, Basilica of St. Adalbert, Grand Rapids, MI

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM Balint Karosi, organ recital, 2023 Taylor & Boody II/52, Ancilla Domini Chapel, Plymouth, IN

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM Emma Whitten, organ recital, 1981 Casavant IV/90, Kettering Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Dayton, OH

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM Gail Archer, organ recital, 1985 Karl Wilhelm III/54, First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Thursday, May 4, 7:00 PM Michael Messina, organ recital, 1973 Gabriel Kney II/20, Grace Episcopal Church, Muncie, IN

Friday, May 5, 7:00 PM Hayden Glasgow, organ recital, 2020 Kegg III/33, All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, OH

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM James O'Donnell, organ recital, 2018 Quimby III/29, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette, IN

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM Robert Moore, organ recital, Logansport Baptist Temple, Logansport, IN

Sunday, May 7, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, May 7, 4:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir Spring Concert, Auer Performance Hall, PFW, Fort Wayne

Sunday, May 7, 7:00 PM Rhonda Sider Edgington, organ recital, 1965 Reuter, III/42, Hope Church, Holland, MI

Friday, May 12, 6:30 PM Sing For Joy Hymn Festival, 2020 Fisk II/26, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Friday, May 12, 7:30 PM Robert Moore, organ recital, Logansport Baptist Temple, Logansport, IN

Saturday, May 13, 7:00 PM Mary Yetter, organ with Clara Ferance, flute, 1982 Holtkamp II/23, First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, IN

Sunday, May 14, 3:00 PM Michael Unger, organ recital, 2020 Richards, Fowkes & Co. III/73, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, May 14, 5:00 PM Michael Messina, organ recital, 2021 Quimby III/65, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Wednesday, May 17, Noon Rachel Spry Lammi, organ recital, 1906 Hook & Hastings/1957 Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Friday, May 19, 2:00 PM Matthew Machermer, organ recital 1958 Schlicker III/57, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Saturday, May 20, 7:30 PM Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert with organist Dave Wickerham, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Sunday, May 21, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, May 21, 2:30 PM Recital by Ator Scholarship winners and Chapter members, 2017 Muller III/37, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, May 21, 3:00 PM Renee Anne Louprette, organ recital, 2022 Letourneau II/36, Alumni Memorial Chapel, MSU, East Lansing, MI

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 PM Shayla Van Hal, organ recital, 2000 Goulding & Wood III/46, All Saints Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Friday, May 26, 12:10 PM Raising the Roof – music for organ, brass & percussion, 2004 Schantz/Aeolian Skinner IV/94, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Friday, May 26, 7:00 PM Janelle Deal, organ recital, 2015 Cornel Zimmer, III/36, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne

Monday, June 5, 12:15 PM Kevin Hildebrand, Germanfest organ recital, 1942 Austin IV/53, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, June 6, 12:15 PM Ryan Kennedy, Germanfest organ recital, 2017 Muller III/37, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, June 7, 12:15 PM Daniel Schwandt, Germanfest organ recital, 1974 Beckerath III/51, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, June 7, 12:10 PM Stephen Schnurr, organ recital, Christ Church, Michigan City, IN

Thursday, June 8, 12:15 PM Michael Dulac, Germanfest organ recital, 1986 Wicks III/54, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Friday, June 9, 12:15 PM Wayne Peterson, Germanfest organ recital, 2015 Cornel Zimmer, III/36, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne

Friday, June 9, 12:30 PM Sarah Simko, organ recital, 1992 Pilzecker IV/96, St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Sunday, June 11, 3:00 PM Clark Wilson accompanies *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Thursday, June 22, 4:00 PM Lucia Skrobola, 2008 Martin Ott III/41, First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti, MI

Friday, June 23, 12:30 PM Sarah Simko, organ recital, 1992 Pilzecker IV/96, St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Sunday, June 25, 3:00 PM Cletus Goens accompanies two Buster Keaton films: *Our Hospitality* and *One Week*, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Region V Convention

Registration is **now open** for the Region V Convention which will be held in the northern suburbs of Chicago, this summer from June 25-28. Do a Google search for the AGO 2023 regional conventions and you'll find all the information you need to register.

To show our support for them, like we hope they will in return, how many of us are able to go? This is a wonderful opportunity not only to support the good of the cause, but to gather ideas about how our convention will function in 2025.

I'm challenging our chapter to have at least 10 in attendance. Will you help us reach that goal?!

Tim Robison, Dean

Positions Available

Part-time organist/pianist, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Rd. Small pipe organ, 1 Sunday service. Contact Pastor Dale Henderson at 483-9312 or pastordale@stmatthewslutheran.com

Full time Director of Sacred Music, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne. For information, contact: pastor@queenofangelsfw.org

Part-time Choir Director, Bethany United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. One service on Sunday at 10:00 AM, Choir rehearsals Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 9:40. Currently the adult choir has 8-10 members, plus an accompanist. Contact Pastor Dan Douglas at dan.douglas@inumc.org or 260-485-5311. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-United-Methodist-Church/159035314458156>

From our Webmaster:

COLLEAGUES! We want to use our FWAGO website to list Northeast Indiana music events. If you are planning a concert series, a single concert, a hymn festival or other related event, we will be glad to list it on the website. Please email the information as a file attachment to: giglerm@aol.com. The file needs to be in pdf or jpg format and give complete information about the event – dates, times, locations – even a poster.

Many thanks, Martin Gigler, webmaster

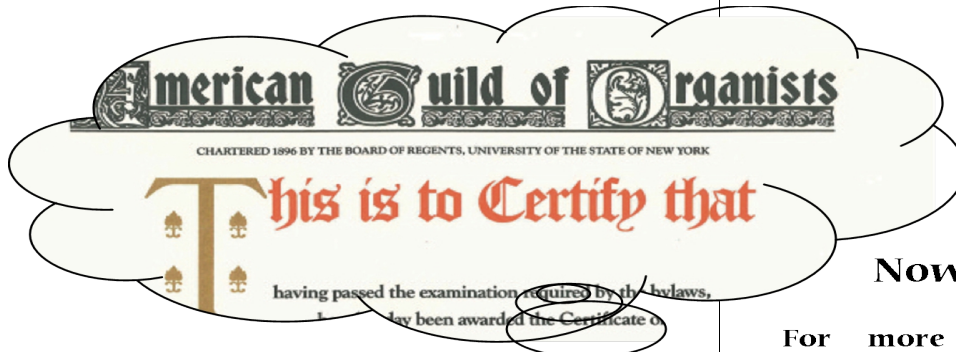
Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

Elected positions:

Dean Tim Robison (2023)
Sub-Dean Matt Johnston
Secretary David Hendricksen (2024)
Treasurer Kathy Miller (2023)
At-Large: Irene Ator (2025)
Greg Childs (2024)
Michael Dulac (2025)
Wayne Peterson (2025)
Tamara Schaaf (2026)

Non-elected positions, appointed by the Board:

Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Anne Epling
Webmasters: Martin Gigler & Tim Robison
Scholarship Committee Chair: Fran Page
Germanfest, Follow the Pipes: Rosalie Bowker
Certification Coordinator Wayne Peterson
Program Committee Chair Matt Johnston
Newsletter Editor: David Hendricksen



Now is the time to act!

For more information, contact Wayne Peterson (waynehpeterson@yahoo.com; 260-423-1693) or explore the certification content on the AGO website

<https://www.agohq.org/certification/>

**Is Guild certification a
dream of yours?**