

# The Cipher

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FORT WAYNE CHAPTER,  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
JULY, 2023



## NOTE: Deadline for the August Cipher is July 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com

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### From the Dean

Many thanks to Kevin Hildebrand, Ryan Kennedy, Daniel Schwandt, Michael Dulac, and Wayne Peterson for their noontime organ recitals presented during Fort Wayne's Germanfest earlier in June.

Thanks also to Rosalie Bowker for her hard work in organizing these recitals, as well as for "Follow the Pipes" coming up during the Three Rivers Festival. A line-up for Follow the Pipes appears elsewhere in this issue.

The program committee, under the leadership of Sub-Dean, Matt Johnston, continues its work in planning the 2023-2024 program year. A report appears elsewhere in this issue.

The steering committee for the 2025 regional convention, under the leadership of Noah Vancina continues its work as well.

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer!

*Tim Robison*

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### Follow the Pipes!

*Follow the Pipes!* is an annual event that takes place during the Three Rivers Festival. Events are spaced one hour apart. Organists will make short presentations, which may involve a combination of explanations of the history or the workings of the

instrument, demonstrating some of the tonal possibilities, or performing organ music. Thanks to Rosalie Bowker for coordinating the series!

Here is the 2023 schedule:

#### Tuesday, July 11

10:00 AM Trinity Episcopal Church  
Daniel Schwandt, organist

11:00 AM First Presbyterian Church  
Kathy Miller, organist

#### Wednesday, July 12

1:00 PM St. Joseph United Methodist Church  
Jonathan Young, organist

2:00 PM St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Tim Robison, organist

3:00 PM Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Andrew Danielson and Annetta Stork, organists

#### Thursday, July 13

7:00 PM Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Michael Dulac, organist

8:00 PM Embassy Theatre  
Cletus Goens, organist

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### Sam Parnin earns AGO certification

Sam Parnin, a former member of our chapter (now in the Bloomington chapter) is a 2020 Carroll High School graduate, and a rising senior at IU's main campus in Bloomington. While in Fort Wayne he was a piano and organ student of Irene Ator. This spring, he sat for, and passed the AGO Service Playing Exam with a score of 94/100.

Congratulations to Sam, and to his former teacher, Irene!

The AGO offers 5 different certifications: Service Playing Exam, Colleague, Associate, and Fellow for organists, as well as the Choirmaster certification. For more information, contact our chapter's certification coordinator, Wayne Peterson, [260-423-1693, waynehpeterson@yahoo.com] or check out the information at <https://www.ago.org/certification>

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### Irene Ator / AGO Scholarship Update

On Saturday, June 3, auditions were held for applicants for the 2023-2024 scholarships. Auditors were Matt Johnston, Tammy Schaaf, and David Hendricksen. Those awarded 2023-2024 scholarships are: Corbet Elkins, Aidan Kroeker, Elias Kroeker, and Naomi Maurer. Congratulations!

The picture below shows last year's scholarship awardees at the chapter program on May 21. From left to right, Corbett Elkins, Elias Kroeker, Aiden Kroeker.



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### Hymn-Sing Organ Concert

Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Rd., welcomed a new Rodgers Imagine series 351 to their acoustically wonderful sanctuary back in February and will be hosting a Hymn-Sing Organ Concert on Sunday, August 20th at 3:00 PM. Organist Matt Johnston will be playing the majority of the program including familiar hymns with special hymn settings along with a few concert pieces. Tom Magee, owner

of Classic Organs of Indianapolis, will be playing his own hymn composition, *Remember Thee*. The event is free and open to the public. Matt Johnston has also dedicated three other Rodgers organs in the area.



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### 2023-2024 Program Committee Report

The Programming Committee is excited to bring the Chapter an exciting array of events for the upcoming year!

We will begin the 2023-2024 year with our first meeting, "Bring an Organist", on Friday August 25th at 6:00 PM at the Franke Park Pond Pavilion and a catered meal from Jamison's meats. There is NO FEE for the meal! This meeting will include the rundown of events for the upcoming year, a recap of this year's Great Lakes Regional Convention, updates for our convention in 2025, a group picture, AND door prizes for those who bring an organist/new member outside of our membership, and a small "grab bag" for all those in attendance. Families are welcome!

Please RSVP to Matt Johnston via email: [msjIU84@gmail.com](mailto:msjIU84@gmail.com) or 260-229-1387 by Saturday, August 19th. The Pond Pavilion is located on the far side of the pond at Franke Park - use the entrance off of Sherman Blvd to Franke Parke Dr. Google Maps can help too. Let's kick the year off with a great start!

September's event will include an Orgel-Kit demonstration, especially aimed for our young and future organists, on the Embassy Theatre stage with the Grand Page organ with Parker Mass hosting and a lunch to follow. October will include a workshop

with Dr. Craig Cramer at Zion Ev. Lutheran followed by a recital the next day. November's event will be hosted by Tammy Schaaf at Trinity Ev. Lutheran with David Hendricksen presenting a voice workshop followed by a tour of Trinity's new organ console and pipe work. December's events will include our chapter's talents for Advent.

Details regarding these events – and more – will be announced very soon!

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### **July & August Choral and Organ Events**

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

Monday, June 26, 7:00 PM Julia Brown, organ recital, 1998 Tellers/Lauck V/94, Mayflower Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Wednesday, June 28, 12:15 PM Thomas Gouwens, organ recital, 2012 Lauck III/44, Pillar Church, Holland, MI

**Wednesday, June 28, 12:15 PM Geoffrey North, organ recital, 1974 Becherath III/51, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne**

Wednesday, July 12, 12:15 PM Linda Strouf, organ recital, 2012 Lauck III/44, Pillar Church, Holland, MI

Saturday, July 15, 4:00 PM “Hot Horns & Pipes” Richard Perry, organist with Brass Ensemble, Greenwood United Methodist Church, Greenwood, IN

**Sunday, July 16, 3:00 PM Clark Wilson accompanies *The Ten Commandments* (1923), 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne**

Wednesday, July 19, 12:15 PM Caron Farmer, organ recital, 2012 Lauck III/44, Pillar Church, Holland, MI

Wednesday, July 26, 12:15 PM David Schout, organ recital, 2012 Lauck III/44, Pillar Church, Holland, MI

Friday, July 28, 7:00 PM Circle City Sound Barbershop Chorus, First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, IN

**Saturday, July 29, 1:00 PM Ecce Choir Concert, Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne**

**Saturday, July 29, 2:00 PM Sacred Music Seminar, with Ecce Choir, Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, July 30, 3:00 PM Ecce Choir concert, Novel Blends, Bowling Green, OH

**Sunday, August 6, 3:00 PM Clark Wilson accompanies *Why Worry* (1923) and *Bumping Into Broadway* (1919) both starring Harold Lloyd, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, August 6, 3:00 PM Ecce Choir concert, St. Wendelin Catholic Church, Fostoria, OH

**Sunday, August 20, 3:00 PM Matt Johnston, Hymn-Sing Organ Concert, Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne**

Sunday, August 20, 4:00 PM Josef Kotowicz, organ recital, 2008 Martin Ott III/41, First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti, MI

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### **Positions Available**

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church seeks a regular organist for Sunday services at 9:30 AM. And until a regular organist is secured, substitute organists will be needed. If interested in either the regular position or substitute work, contact Deaconess Jeana Moe: email: dcsjeana@mtcfw.org; office: 260-203-3703 cell: 260-416-8472

Part-time organist/pianist, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Rd. 4-rank Schantz organ, Sunday service at 10:00. September-May there is a Sunday choir rehearsal at 9:00. 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](mailto: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](mailto:dan.douglas@inumc.org) or 260-485-5311. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-United-Methodist-Church/159035314458156>

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### 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](mailto: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

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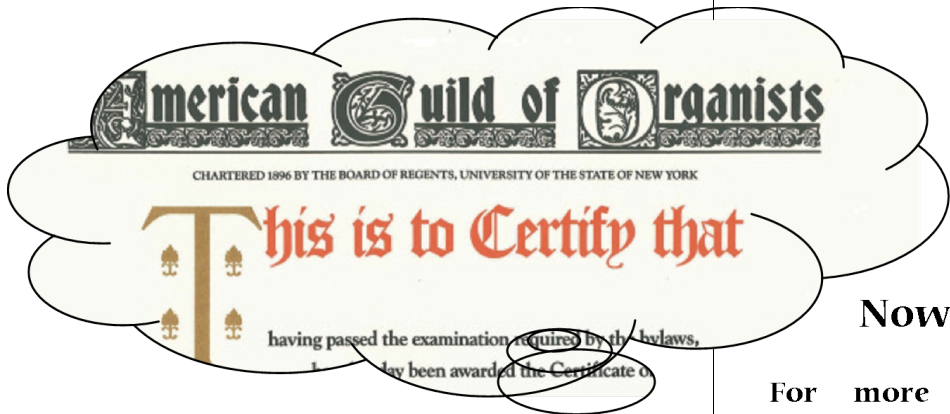
## Fort Wayne Chapter Leadership

### Elected positions:

Dean	Tim Robison (2023)
Sub-Dean	Matt Johnston (2023)
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](mailto: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?