

# The Cipher

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



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

Submit information to David Hendricksen  
at revoxfan55@gmail.com

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### From the Dean

Many thanks to the following organists who participated in the recent, *Follow the Pipes* programs at various venues throughout Fort Wayne: Daniel Schwandt, Kathy Miller, Brent Neuenschwander, Irene Ator, Jonathan Young, Andrew Danielson, Michael Dulac, and Cletus Goens. Thanks also to Rosalie Bowker for her hard work in making all the arrangements that made the, *Follow the Pipes* event happen!

I had the opportunity to attend the Great Lakes Regional Convention in Evanston, Illinois several weeks ago and enjoyed it very much. The Chicago North Shore Chapter was very well-organized and presented a stellar list of outstanding organists, including Nicole Keller, Stephen Buzard, Aaron David Miller, Scott Montgomery, and Vincent Dubois among others. I hope many of you will consider attending the 2024 national convention in San Francisco next July!

Our 2023-2024 season begins in just a few short weeks with a picnic at Franke Park on Friday, August 25 at 6:00 PM. Matt Johnston and the program committee have been busy planning a nice slate of events for the year, and details for the picnic are included elsewhere in this issue.

Several things I want to emphasize for the picnic:

1. Invite an organist or other musician to join you!
2. Bring items to donate to our archives if you have them. (old programs, rosters, photos, CIPHERS, etc.)
3. Bring music with you that you're not using anymore. (you can exchange, discard, or maybe pick up a new gem!)

Our website has been recently updated, and reservations for the picnic can be made there. Go to: [fortwayneago.com](http://fortwayneago.com), click on CHAPTER EVENTS, then click on, August 2023. The reservation form will be at the bottom of the page. You may also contact our Sub-Dean, Matt Johnston, to make your reservation.

Stay cool and calm, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Tim Robison*

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### Welcome New Member!

Tim Utterback, formerly of the Columbus, OH chapter, has joined the Fort Wayne chapter. Welcome aboard!

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### 2023-2024 Program Committee Report New details since last report!

A reminder that our chapter will begin the 2023-2024 season with our first meeting, "Bring an Organist and Score Exchange" on Friday August 25th at 6:00 PM at the Franke Park Pond Pavilion with a catered meal from Jamison's meats. There is no fee for the meal.

We added the “score exchange” activity for any organist interested in exchanging an organ score with another organist with the hope that you will learn to play as much as you can from your exchange. Bring a few scores to trade!

This meeting will also include the rundown of events for the upcoming year, a recap of this year's Great Lakes 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. Remember, 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 Sherman Blvd to Franke Parke Drive. Google Maps can help too. Let's kick the year off with a great start!

Here are the rest of the events we have preliminarily scheduled for the season (more details will follow in each month's issue of *The Cipher*):

**SEPTEMBER**

*Orgel-Kit & Grand Page Organ Presentation*  
Details - TBA

**OCTOBER**

Dr. Craig Cramer at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

- Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM—noon:  
Workshop and demonstration: *The Bach Neumeister Chorales*
- Sunday, October 8, 3:00 PM: Organ recital

**NOVEMBER**

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Ave., Room 206, Saturday, November 11, 10:00 AM—noon

Dr. David Hendricksen: *What Every Organist Should Know About Vocal Production*

The session will provide basic information we need regarding vocal production and diction with straightforward, non-technical methods, so that we can help our choir members become better singers.

Session will be followed by a tour of the new organ console with Tammy Schaaf and David Laisure.

**DECEMBER**

*Mini-Advent Recitals*

Members can submit recordings performing their favorite Advent and/or Christmas organ piece or chorale prelude to be posted on a Ft. Wayne AGO Facebook page or YouTube channel each week leading up to Christmas. Dates for submitting recordings will be announced soon, as details regarding which media platform will work best for our chapter are resolved. The goal is to continue to have local organists have opportunities to perform for one another.

**JANUARY**

*Epiphany Party* Date: Friday, January 5, more details TBA

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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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## August & September Choral and Organ Events

*Please send information about September and October events by August 25 to David Hendricksen at [revoxfan55@gmail.com](mailto: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**.*

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

**Friday, July 28, 7:00 PM Choralfest Concert, Fort Wayne Children's Choir, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne**

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

Sunday, September 3, 3:00 PM Richard Perry, organ, Hot Horns! & "Pipes" Immanuel United Church of Christ, Indianapolis

Sunday, September 10, 8:00 PM Kevin Vaughan, organ recital, 2016 Fritts IV/93, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

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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](mailto: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](mailto:pastordale@stmatthewslutheran.com)

Interim Organist during maternity leave: October 15, 2023 to January 31, 2024. Bethany United Methodist Church. Organist plays Sunday service at 10:00, as well as accompanies choir rehearsal Thursdays at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:40. Could be for an accomplished high school/college student. Contact Pastor Dan Douglas at [dan.douglas@inumc.org](mailto:dan.douglas@inumc.org) or 260-485-5311

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.

## 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?**