

The Cipher

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



NOTE: Deadline for the November Cipher is October 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen
at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

Our September meeting included dinner at Acme By Full Circle, followed by a sharing session of wedding and funeral favorites held at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church. Thanks to Greg Childs for hosting us that evening, and to Ryan Kennedy, Irene Ator, Matt Johnston, and David Hendricksen who shared ideas and played selections for us. A list of the recommended selections is published elsewhere in this issue.

Thanks to everyone who brought such a wealth of music to swap at the opening picnic back in August! The remaining unclaimed music was given to Concordia Theological Seminary for use in their organist training programs.

You won't want to miss our meeting on Saturday, October 7 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna Street. with guest Craig Cramer sharing his presentation on the Neumeister Chorales of Bach. We will have juice and donuts at 9:30 am, and the session will be from 10:00-11:30 AM. Come and share in fellowship with other chapter members at 9:30 AM. I hope to see you there

Tim Robison

Upcoming 2023-2024 Chapter Programs

October

Dr. Craig Cramer at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

- Saturday, October 7, 9:30 AM – fellowship
- Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM—noon:
Workshop and demonstration: *The Bach Neumeister Chorales*
- Sunday, October 8, 3:00 PM: Organ recital

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 AM

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Avenue
What Every Organist Should Know About Vocal Production

Dr. David Hendricksen will present information regarding vocal production and diction.

Optional lunch at Tower Bar & Grill, 11:45

December

Mini-Advent Recitals on YouTube

Organists will have an opportunity to record themselves or be recorded to be included in 1 of 3 “mini recitals posted on the new Ft. Wayne AGO YouTube channel. (See article in this issue.)

Friday, January 5, 6:00 PM

Epiphany Party at Tim Robison's residence. Food & drinks provided; feel free to bring wine to share.

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 AM

Trinity English Lutheran Church
Organ Music of David N Johnson

Dr Daniel Schwandt discusses and demonstrates

March Orgel Kit & Grand Page demonstrations.
Details TBA.

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 AM
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
Chant-based Repertoire for the Organ
Dr. Jennifer Pascual, organist at St. Patrick's
Cathedral, NYC

May
Organ crawl to Richmond, IN. Details TBA

June 3-7 Germanfest organ recitals

July *Follow the Pipes*. Details TBA

Welcome New Member!

We welcome Joe Hoffman of New Haven as a new member of the chapter in the “young organist” category

October & November Choral and Organ Events

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

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 PM Paul Prieto Ramirez, organ recital, 2015 Casavant III/54, Hope College, Holland, MI

Friday, September 29, Noon Josef Kotowicz, organ recital, 1966 Noehren III/70, First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Sunday, October 1, 4:00 PM Quire Cleveland choral concert, St. John Catholic Church, Trenton, OH

Sunday, October 1, 7:00 PM Thomas Strode, organ recital, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co. II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Monday, October 2, 8:00 PM Nicole Keller, organ recital, Aeolian-Skinner IV/124, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, MI

Teusday, October 3, 8:00 PM Balint Karosi, organ recital, Aeolian-Skinner IV/124, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, MI

Wednesday, October 4, 12:15 PM Ryan Kennedy, organ recital, 1974 Beckerath III/51, First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, October 4, noon Karen Rosenberger, organ recital, 1957 Hook & Hastings/Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Wednesday, October 4, 12:15 PM Jon Tyillian, organ recital, 1972 Beckerath III/73 and 1931 Kimball IV/66, First Congregational Church, Columbus, OH

Thursday, October 5, 12:10 PM Trent Sims, organ recital, 1962 Casavant IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian, Church, Dayton, OH

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM Craig Cramer, workshop, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM James O'Donnell, lecture/discussion, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

Sunday, October 8, 3:00 PM Craig Cramer, organ recital, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, October 8, 3:00 PM Heartland Sings, *Music of the Americas*, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, October 8, 4:00 PM Kimberly Marshall, organ recital, 2004 Fritts II/54, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame

Sunday, October 8, 4:00 PM James O'Donnell, organ recital, 1962 Casavant IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian, Church, Dayton, OH

Monday, October 9, 7:30 PM Richard Elliott, organ recital, 1998 Tellers/Lauck V/94, Mayflower Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Thursday, October 12, 12:10 PM John Sherer, organ recital, 1962 Casavant IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian, Church, Dayton, OH

Friday, October 13, 3:00 PM Craig Cramer, masterclass, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI

Friday, October 13, 7:30 PM Camerata Singers, choral concert – music of Lee Dengler, Sauder Concert Hall, Goshen, IN

Saturday, October 14, 8:00 PM Craig Cramer, organ recital, 2021 Fritts III/85, 2019 Fritts II/38, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 PM, Wesley Hall, organ recital, 1990 Casavant IV/88, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH

Sunday, October 15, 3:00 PM Christopher Holman, organ recital, 2016 Fritts III/100, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, OH

Sunday, October 15, 3:00 PM Vox GR, professional choir, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI

Sunday, October 15, 7:00 PM, Philippe Lefebvre, organ recital, 2021 Quimby III/65, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Tuesday, October 17, 12:15 PM Chris Dekker, organ recital, 2005 Muller IV/80, Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Thursday, October 19, 12:10 PM, Brent Manley, organ recital, 1962 Casavant IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian, Church, Dayton, OH

Friday, October 20, 7:00 PM Dennis James, organ, accompanies the 1923 silent film *Nosferatu*, 1927 Page IV/15, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

Friday, October 20, 7:30 PM Apollo's Fire presents Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, Sauder Concert Hall, Goshen, IN

Sunday, October 22, 3:30 PM Pump Up the Pipes, joint recital by 6 Fort Wayne organists, 1969 Casavant III/43, St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, October 22, 3:00 PM Chamber Choir & Concert Choir, Sursa Hall, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Thursday, October 26, 12:10 PM Victor Kovacs, organ recital, 1962 Casavant IV/85, Westminster Presbyterian, Church, Dayton, OH

Friday, October 27, 7:00 PM Kola Owolabi, organ recital, 2004 Fritts II/54, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame

Saturday, October 28, 7:30 PM Jonathan Hampton, organist, accompanies the Lon Chaney silent film *Phantom of the Opera*, 1957 Hook & Hastings/Wicks III/42, Reid Center, Richmond, IN

Saturday, November 4, 4:00 PM **Ryan Kennedy**, organ recital, Greenwood United Methodist Church, Greenwood, IN

Sunday, November 5, 4:00 PM Fort Wayne Children's Choir, Auer Performance Hall, PFW, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 5, 4:00 PM Thomas Ospital, organ recital, 1972 Beckerath III/73 and 1931 Kimball IV/66, First Congregational Church, Columbus, OH

Sunday, November 5, 4:00 PM Dan Boyle, organ recital, 1998 Muller III/35, Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville, OH

Sunday, November 5, 4:30 PM Matthew Gerhardt, organ recital, 1958 Schlicker III/57, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 5, 5:00 PM Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 5, 5:00 PM Choral Evensong for All Saints, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, November 5, 7:00 PM Karl Osterland, organ recital, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co. II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Sunday, November 5, 7:30 PM Choral Vespers with CTS Kantorei including Bach Cantata 99, Kramer Chapel, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Monday, November 6, 7:30 PM Hymn Festival, Kevin Hildebrand, organist, with CTS Schola Cantorum and area church choirs 1942 Austin IV/53, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 12, 4:00 PM Clara Gerdes Bartz, organ recital, 1990 Quimby/Aeolian-Skinner IV 77, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 12, 4:00 PM Bach Collegium, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, November 12, 7:00 PM Kola Owolabi, organ dedication recital, 2023 Pasi II/28, Athenaeum of Ohio, Cincinnati, OH

Saturday, November 18, 7:30 PM Amanda Mole, organ, with Central Ohio Symphony, Poulenc Organ Concerto, 2013 Klais IV/84, Gray Chapel Auditorium, Delaware, OH

Sunday, November 19, 4:00 PM Indianapolis Choral Arts Chorale, Meridian Street United Methodist Church, Indianapolis

Sunday, November 26, 7:00 PM Emma Whitten, organ recital, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 PM Isabelle Demers, organ recital, 1928 IV/79 E.M. Skinner, Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati, OH

Fort Wayne AGO Advent recitals

Advent is quickly approaching - December 3rd in fact! As organists and church musicians begin this “holiday marathon”, we usually don't have many opportunities to hear each other play in concerts or recitals during this busy time. So, our chapter's December “event” includes a unique opportunity for chapter members to play an Advent or Christmas selection to be included on a new Ft. Wayne AGO Chapter YouTube channel.

We've previously advertised this to have members record themselves and send recordings to me, but we've chosen to make this easier for you! – especially if you are not a “techy” type person. You will be able to sign up for a time slot to be recorded. I will come to your location and record your song and get title, composer, publisher information about your

selection to be posted on YouTube. We'll do a few “takes” if need be; the best version would be posted.

A sign up sheet will be sent via email from me with a link that will take you to a Google Document. All you need to do is click the link and once it appears, choose a day and time that is listed in the document and type in your name and location. I'll meet you at that time. What you type in the Document will automatically save and I will be able to see the entries. A quick disclaimer: you need to be comfortable being on YouTube. Remember, anybody on YouTube (the internet) can view these videos!

We plan to collect all the recordings and divide them evenly into three separate videos, one for each week in Advent beginning Sunday December 3rd, and be loaded to YouTube so each of us can watch these “mini-recitals”. Videos will be released on Sunday Dec. 3, 10, and 17.

If you still choose to record yourself and attempt to send it to me, please send me an email at msjIU84@gmail.com so we can work out any details. Using Google Drive or Dropbox will be the best way to upload a higher quality video and sound recording versus sending a recording via email. Please send any other questions to me at the email address listed above.

Matt Johnston

Craig Cramer Recital at Zion

Dr. Craig Cramer will present an organ recital on Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 PM on the four manual, 85 stop organ at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 South Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dr. Cramer will also present a workshop at Zion on “The Bach Neumeister Chorales” on Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 AM.

The works that Dr. Cramer has chosen to perform include: *Introduction, Scherzo und Fuge on B-E-A-T-E* by Toni Zahnbrecher; *Prelude and Fugue on O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid* by Ethel Smyth; *Passacaglia et thema fugatum in C Minor* (BWV 582) by Johann Sebastian Bach; *Allegro in B-flat, Andante in F*, and *Andante in D Major with*

Variations by Felix Mendelssohn; and *Le Mystère de Noël* by Auguste Fauchard. A reception for Dr. Cramer will follow the recital.

Craig Cramer was Professor of Organ at the University of Notre Dame for thirty-nine years until his retirement in 2020. He also was Visiting Professor of Organ at Yale University from 2020-2022. Cramer holds degrees from Westminster Choir College and the Eastman School of Music where he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance. The Eastman School also awarded him the prestigious Performer's Certificate in Organ. He has studied with Russell Saunders, William Hays, James Drake, David Boe, and André Marchal (Paris).

One of the most traveled organists of his generation, Cramer maintains an active recital career that has taken him to Canada, China, Mexico, to almost every country in Europe, and to forty-four of the United States. Regularly invited to play some of the most important historic organs in the world, Cramer's recent European concert tours have included performances in Germany on the 1727 König organ in Steinfeld, the 1748 Gottfried Silbermann in Nassau, the 1692 Schnitger in Norden. In the Netherlands he has performed on the 1725 Hagerbeer/Schnitger in Alkmaar, the 1727 Müller in Leeuwarden, the 1643/1814 Bader/Timpe organ in Zutphen, the 1696 Schnitger organ in Noordbroek, the 1770 Hinsz organ in Midwolda, the 1756 Van Deventer organ in Nijkerk, the 1756 Müller organ in Beverwijk, the 1768 Bätz organ in Woerden and the 1726 Vater organ in the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam. He recently performed in Denmark on the historic Compenius and Marcusson organs in the Frederiksborg Slotskirke in Hillerød. In Sweden he performed in Buxtehude's church, Sancta Maria in Helsingborg, and on the new (2000) meantone North German Organ built by GoArt in the style of Schnitger in the Örgryte nya kyrka in Göteborg.

Cramer has performed for national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, and the Association of Lutheran Musicians. He has also appeared as a soloist with a number of different orchestras. Cramer performed the complete organ works of Bach during a series of eighteen concerts using a distinguished set of mechanical-action organs in the state of Indiana,

and he has twice performed the complete organ works of Buxtehude, most recently on the magnificent organ built by Paul Fritts at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio.



Pump Up the Pipes!

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the FREE ***Pump Up the Pipes*** concert at St. John Lutheran Church, 729 West Washington Boulevard, on Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 PM. This concert is part a fundraiser to get some work done on our 1969 Casavant Freres console, especially the combination action. Church members have been contributing to a special fund in support of this endeavor. This concert is being held especially to raise awareness of all to the importance of keeping our instrument in good order.

Several members of the Fort Wayne AGO chapter have agreed to support the effort by sharing their time and talents for this concert. Members include: Irene Ator, Michael Dulac, David Hendricksen, Michael Holman, Wayne Peterson, and Tim Robison. Additional performers will include: Jay Heare and Nancy Calhoun flutes, and Aaron Smith, soprano saxophone.

A free will offering will be taken. A reception to meet the artists will follow the concert.

Wedding & Funeral Recommendations

At the September 18 Chapter meeting held at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church, several members offered suggestions of music for use in wedding and funeral services. Titles, composers, and publishers are listed below:

- *Ubi Caritas et Amor* by Gerald Near, Aureole Editions/Canticle Distributing
- *O Perfect Love* by Joseph Clokey, (organ solo or vocal solo) from *A Wedding Suite*, J. Fischer & Bro
- *A Wedding Blessing*, by Walter Pelz (vocal solo) Augsburg Fortress
- *Elegy* by George Thalben-Ball, Novello NOV357436
- *Elegy (Nimrod)* by Edward Elgar, trans. S. Drummond Wolff, MorningStar MSM 10-914
- *Aria on a Chaconne* by Joel Martinson, Concordia 97-6271
- *Aria* by Noel Rawsthorne, Kevin Mayhew (Melbay) MB98324
- *Wedding March* by Margaret V Sandresky, in *Organ Music Vol 1*, Wayne Leupold (ECS) WL 60031
- *Springs of Salvation*, by Margaret V Sandresky, in *Organ Music Vol 1*, Wayne Leupold (ECS) WL 60031
- *Trumpet Tune*, by John Erickson, in *The Ss Simon et Jude Organ Book* Selah Publishing Co 160-615
- *Song of Peace* by Craig Phillips, in *The Ss Simon et Jude Organ Book* Selah Publishing Co 160-615
- *Blessed Assurance* by Lani Smith, in *Funeral Music*, Unity Press
- *Processional* by Robert Hobby in *Trumpet Tunes for Organ* Morningstar 10-977
- *Fanfare and Processional* by Lynn Trapp, Morningstar 10-662

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

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 or 260-485-5311

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>

For Sale

THE COMPLETE ORGAN WORKS OF J.S. BACH-- Published by Kevin Mayhew; Edited by Alan Ridout (1994)

The set contains four magnificent volumes in publishers' gilt maroon cloth-on-board. These fine, unmarked copies of the organ scores are contained in a pristine matching slipcase. The set contains the entire organ works of J.S. Bach, as well as an introduction to the music, notes on ornaments, along with several useful indexes.

Please contact Kathy Kaney for more details: kathykaney@gmail.com or text 501-99-6480

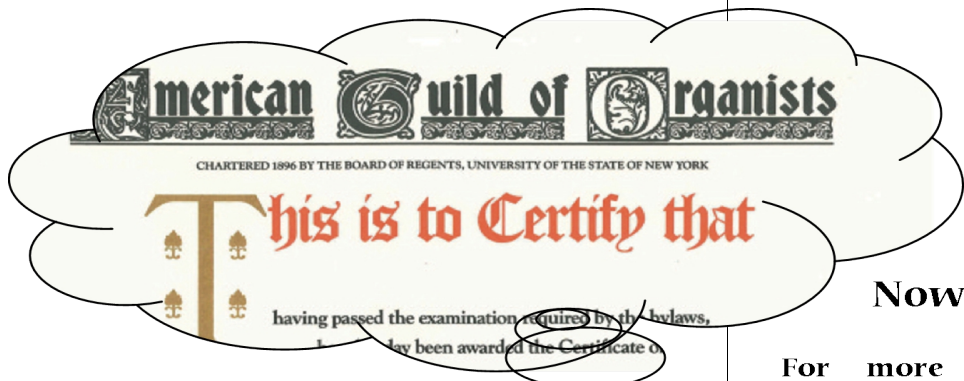
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An antique Mason & Hamlin melodium is available. Call Kathy Turner for more information at 260-486-0964. Mention Martin Gigler when calling, so that she knows where you heard about it.



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.



Is Guild certification a dream of yours?

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; 260-423-1693) or explore the certification content on the AGO website <https://www.agohq.org/certification/>