

The Cipher

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



NOTE: Deadline for the December Cipher is November 25

Submit information to David Hendricksen at revoxfan55@gmail.com

From the Dean

Many thanks to Mike Hollman for hosting us at Zion Lutheran Church several weeks ago, and to Dr. Craig Cramer for his interesting and informative session on the Neumeister Chorales of J.S. Bach.

Our November meeting will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMS, 1636 St. Mary's Ave. on Saturday, November 11 beginning from 10:00-11:30 AM. (NOTE: parking lot and entrance are behind the church.) Dr. David Hendricksen of our chapter will present *What Every Organist Should Know About Vocal Production*. Host Tammy Schaaf will also highlight some of the renovations occurring with the organ console at Trinity.

Lunch will follow at 11:45 AM for those who are able to attend, at Tower Bar and Grill, 2403 W. State Blvd. Reservations can be made via the chapter website, www.fortwayneago.com, clicking on chapter events, November, and scrolling down to the reservation box.

Lastly, after much discernment, the chapter has decided to withdraw our hosting of the 2025 regional convention. The national office presented too many challenges, requirements, and other obstacles to us, leaving us feeling that we could not continue the path forward. I wish to thank Noah Vancina for his volunteering in taking on the monumental task of chairing the steering committee, and to those others

from our chapter who have served as sub-committee chairs, including, Irene Ator, Greg Childs, Michael Dulac, David Hendricksen, Michael Hollman, Matt Johnston, Parker Maas, Kathy Miller, Wayne Peterson, Tammy Schaaf, Garth Snow, and Jane Snow. We have an awesome chapter in Fort Wayne, and we will continue to promote excellence in the organ and church music to our greater community!

Tim Robison

Upcoming 2023-2024 Chapter Programs

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

November & December Choral and Organ Events

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

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

Friday, October 27, 7:00 PM Andrew Earle Simpson,
organist, accompanies the Fritz Lang 1927 silent film
Metropolis, 1928 E. M. Skinner V/75, Scottish Rite
Cathedral, Indianapolis

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

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**

Tuesday, November 7, 12:15 PM Julia Brown, organ
recital, 2005 Muller IV/80, Park Congregational
Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Friday, November 10, 12:30 PM Jeremy David
Tarrant, organ recital, 1992 Pizecker IV/96, St. Paul's
Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Friday, November 10, 7:00 PM Nicole Simental,
organ recital, 2019 Muller II/22, St. Patrick Catholic
Church, Columbus, OH

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, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH

Sunday, November 19, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

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

Tuesday, November 21, 12:15 PM Eric Strand, organ recital, 2005 Muller IV/80, Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI

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

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 PM Bach Collegium Messiah Sing-Along, Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, December 3, 3:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo, OH

Sunday, December 3, 4:00 PM Canto de Carazon choral concert, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 3, 7:00 PM David Kazimir, organ recital, 2019 Richards, Fowkes & Co. II/32, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Wednesday, December 6, 12:10 PM Sarah Williams, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 PM Chanticleer vocal ensemble, Goshen College Music Center, Goshen, IN

Friday, December 8, 12:15 PM Jeremy David Tarrant, 1992 Pilzecker IV/96, St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, MI

Saturday, December 9, 1:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Monroeville, IN

Saturday, December 9, 7:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 10, 4:00 PM Ecce Choir, Advent Lessons & Carols, Monastery of the Visitation, Toledo, OH

Friday, December 15, 7:30 PM Heartland Sings: *The Spirit of Christmas*, Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne

Saturday, December 16, 3:00 PM Heartland Sings: *The Spirit of Christmas*, Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne

Sunday, December 17, 2:00 PM Matt Dierking, organ recital, 1929 Skinner II/21, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 PM Heartland Sings: *The Spirit of Christmas*, Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, December 20, 12:10 PM Travis Person, organ recital, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo, IN

Sunday, December 31, 7:30 PM Isabelle Demers, organ recital, 1982 Robert Dial V/76, Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Fort Wayne AGO Advent recitals



The Advent Mini-Recital Recording Sign-Up is still active! We want lots of great Advent and Christmas music for December! Please check your email inbox for a message from Sept. 29 that I sent out with a live link to a Google Document to sign up. All you need to do is type in your name and location where you'd like to be recorded. If you need to contact me directly to let me know a time you'd like to sign up for that isn't on the calendar or with any questions on the recordings, let me know any time. If you don't want to be included in a video recording, we can record the audio but no video.

We have 4 signed up so far, but need many more to fill 3 "mini-recitals". You have until Dec 3 to sign up.

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Positions Available

Gethsemane Lutheran Church – ELCA seeks accompanist for 5:00 PM Saturday services and Adult Choir and handbell choir director for 9:15 Sunday morning service. Contact Pastor Deb Mueter by email at pastorgeth@frontier.com

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. II/16 Pilcher/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

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

