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American Guild of Organists – Milwaukee Chapter and Mount Carmel Lutheran Church present

Choral Music for the Church Year
A repertoire session
for directors and singers
Tuesday,
July 30, 2013
6:30-8:45 pm

Scott Weidler

Scott Weidler is National Program Director for Worship and Music
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church,
8424 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Registration: $15 per person/$25 per Choir
(Includes a director and up to 4 singers for a total of 5 persons)
Register at the door or online at agomilwaukee.org
Information: Paul Kasten 414.839.5928
As I write this I am still feeling the excitement that is a welcome residue of a regional convention. The Region VI Convention was in Springfield MO this year. I confess that I arrived unsure of what to expect from a convention hosted by such a small chapter, but was pleasantly surprised at what a great convention it was. I will save my descriptions for a little later; I have asked Sheri Masiakowski and Greg Beem to help me in writing some reviews of various convention events which will appear online very soon. I will take this opportunity, however, to encourage you to attend the next regional convention in 2015 and see for yourself how rewarding it can be.

Please mark your calendar for the Choral Reading Session and Workshop (July 30) with clinician Scott Weidler at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church. These summer events have become a tradition with several of my choir-members - we sign-up as a group -- and we all look forward to them. They are always fun and chocked with good music. Plan to attend to see what all the fuss is about. Online registration and payment is available at agomilwaukee.org now.

While you’re at it, be sure to note the Chapter Picnic and Installation of Officers at The Cathedral Church of All Saints in Milwaukee, September 8. The time spent sharing food and friendly discussion with colleagues is one of the most rewarding opportunities for our chapter. There are some chapters that have opportunities for socializing and mutual support on a regular basis, but this event is our one major chance to interact on a personal level. Please consider taking advantage of it. It is time well-spent and you will not regret it.

Speaking of opportunities let me mention that The Milwaukee Chapter of The AGO was organized May 5, 1919. Our 100th anniversary will be coming-up before we know it. I will be convening a task-force in the very near future to discuss the ways we will mark and celebrate this momentous centenary event. Some of you will be contacted directly to serve on this task-force, but if you have a particular interest or some good ideas to share, please Email or phone me and be a part of planning our birthday celebration.

Meanwhile, enjoy what’s left of summer. Take time to relax, refresh and rejuvenate. I hope to see you at the July 30 event.
July 2013

3 (Wed) 12:15 Karen Beaumont, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

9 (Tues) 7:30 Michael Batcho, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

10 (Wed) 12:15 Wyatt Smith, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

17 (Wed) 12:15 Ann Lobotzke, Harp
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

21 (Sun) 7:00 Marilyn Keiser, Organ
Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church
Ellison Bay, WI

24 (Wed) 12:15 South Shore Youth
Opera Ensemble
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

27 (Sat) 2:30 Karen Beaumont, Organ
St. Hedwig’s Church
1716 N. Humboldt
Milwaukee, WI

30 (Tues) Choral Reading Session
& Workshop
Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
8424 W. Center St
Milwaukee, WI

31 (Wed) 12:15 Michael Bottenhorn, Organ
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

Positions Available - to view more positions available and more complete job descriptions please login to the AGO Milwaukee Chapter website, www.agomilwaukee.org, and look in the members only section.

06.24.13 -- Director of Liturgy and Music -- St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Wauwatosa, WI is seeking a full time Director of Liturgy and Music experienced with engaging the active participation of worshipping assemblies as envisioned by the liturgical renewal of Vatican II. Position requires a bachelor’s degree in music, or its equivalent, knowledge in Catholic liturgy as well as the various styles of ritual music and choral repertoire, proficiency in organ and piano, vocal and directing skills for the adult and children’s choirs and the training of cantors, and ability to collaborate with staff and parishioners. This individual will be responsible for preparing liturgical celebrations and for the formation and recruitment of liturgical ministers. Salary based on background and experience. Starting in September when present director retires. Vibrant worship space with a three manual 40 rank Schantz pipe organ (2009) ref: http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/listings/2010/1008/ and /2012/1202/. Please submit a cover letter and resume to: St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Attn: Rev. Charles Conley, 734 Glenview Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. Phone: (414) 258-8821; fax: (414) 258-7371; website: www.stjudewauwatosa.org.

6.11.13 - Music Minister Position - Memorial Lutheran Church (ELCA) is seeking a motivated leader to guide the ministry of music. This is a part-time position, with primary emphasis on leading the music portion during of a 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service. The person sought will be one who can encourage the different musical gifts the congregation offers as well as encouraging vocal leadership. We seek a music minister who works well with other musicians, clergy, and staff. In addition to Sunday Worship and special services music, the desired candidate will redevelop a Bell Choir as well as form a new Worship Choir. To be considered for this rewarding opportunity send a resume with names of at least three persons who can speak to your musical background and ability to Memorial Lutheran Church, 7701 N. Green Bay Ave, Glendale, WI 53209. Electronic resumes may be sent to memoriallutheran@sbcglobal.net.
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AGO PRESIDENT EILEEN GUENTHER PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR AT WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Promotion to Professor of Church Music Approved by Washington Seminary’s Board of Governors

NEW YORK CITY — The American Guild of Organists (AGO) celebrates the promotion of Guild President EILEEN GUENTHER to Professor of Church Music at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where she has been Associate Professor. Her promotion was approved by the seminary’s Board of Governors on Friday, May 17, in Washington. Wesley is a teaching seminary and a service-oriented community with a student body of approximately 1,000 members. Her responsibilities include directing Chapel Music and the Wesley Chapel Choir, chairing the Chapel Committee, and supervising worship planning teams and teaching courses in music and worship. The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary is to equip Christians for leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square.

Also on May 17, Eileen Guenther was honored with the presentation of the 2013 Inspiration Ribbon from the Concert for Life Committee at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington. The occasion marked the 20th annual Concert for Life, which Dr. Guenther established to raise awareness and support for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Washington and Africa. During her tenure at Foundry, the Concert for Life raised more than $600,000 for this cause; this year’s anniversary concert brought the cumulative total to over $1 million. Dr. Guenther was presented a plaque citing her for “blending the healing power of music with mission in a labor of love that saves lives” and given funds to take to South Africa to present to the beneficiary of her choice. In February, Eileen Guenther was named Director of Music at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C.—an historic downtown church with commitments to racial justice, women’s issues, peace advocacy, sexual equality, and concern for the homeless. Dr. Guenther plays the organ, directs the choir, participates in worship planning and helps to shape a monthly First Thursdays Concert Series.

Eileen Guenther is presently serving her third term as president of the American Guild of Organists. During her tenure, she has overseen the development and implementation of a comprehensive membership survey, the preparation of a long-range plan, and the adoption of major changes to the organization’s bylaws and governance structure. She is the author of Rivals or a Team? Clergy-Musician Relationships in the Twenty-First Century (MorningStar, 2012) and is currently completing another book that is projected for publication in 2014. The Power of Spirituals: In their Own Words will trace the origin of the Spiritual and context in which it grew using text from the slaves themselves as contained in their writings and interviews.
Custom French specification Johannus digital organ for sale. After this organ was installed in Chicago, the customer requested additional options. This organ is now available for the organist who loves the French organ sound. The digital samples in this instrument are all from French pipe organs. The specification is designed for maximum tone color useful in a church music organ, but capable of performing a wide swath of French literature. The keyboards are professional woodcore keyboards. The audio is 14.2, 14 wide-range speakers and 2 sub-woofers. This organ can be delivered and installed for less than $60,000 in most cases, depending on location and room features. Specification available on request.

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