AGO Milwaukee Chapter
2019-2020

September 22, 2019
4:00 pm
Convention Reflection-Overview/Member Dinner/Officer Installation
Calvary Lutheran Church
1750 N. Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI

November 3, 2019
3:00 pm
Organ Event with the Organ Historical Society
St. Francis Parish
Vel Phillips Ave (4th St.) and Brown Street
Milwaukee, WI

November 17, 2019
Psalm Festival
Dr. Zach Durlam with area church and synagogue choirs
Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
8424 W. Center Street
Milwaukee, WI

A Saturday in March, 2020
Organ Crawl

May 17, 2020
2 PM – AGO Annual Meeting/3 PM - Member’s Recital
Leipzig Chorales
Sacred Heart Seminary
7335 S. Highway 100
Hales Corners, WI

Summer 2020
Children’s Program
Orgelkids/Organ Tour
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August 2019

16 (Fri) 12:00 An Afternoon of Harp Organ and Horn
Music on the Hill
St. John the XXIII Parish
St. Mary’s Site
551 Johnson St
Port Washington, WI

17 (Sat) 9:00 A workshop for Church Musicians
Brian Heinlein, Clinician
Music at Historic Trinity
Trinity Lutheran of Freistadt
10729 Freistadt Rd
Mequon, WI

18 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ
St. Hedwig’s Church
1702 N. Humboldt
Milwaukee, WI

18 (Sun) 4:00 Crawford Wiley, Organ
Bach’s Clavierübung III
St. Jude the Apostle Church
734 Glenview Ave
Wauwatosa, WI

21 (Wed) 12:15 Louis Cucunato, Guitar
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

28 (Wed) 12:15 Blue Violet Duo (Violin and Piano)
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4 (Wed) 12:15 Sara Van Weelden, Piano
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
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10 (Tues) 7:30 Scott Montgomery, Organ
Church of the Gesu
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI

11 (Wed) 12:15 Andy Miller, Vibraphone & Marimba
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson St
Milwaukee, WI

14 (Sat) 7:00 Organ Dedication Concert
Dr. Brenda (Heck) Portman
St. John’s Lutheran Church
701 Washington St.
Grafton, WI

15 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ
Milwaukee Catholic Home
2462 N. Prospect Ave
Milwaukee, WI
August 2019 Dean’s Column

FROM THE KEYBOARD

of Sheri Masiakowski

Summertime … and the livin’ is easy! Weddings, funerals, some out-door services and blessed air-conditioning for the in-doors! This past Saturday I played a 4pm liturgy at 94 degrees with the air-show for accompaniment. Lots of timpani “booms” and pouring sweat were the order of the afternoon. I sympathize with those who minister in churches with hydronic heat; without air-ducts it’s so costly and challenging to add air-conditioning. Do you remember past days practicing in a hot church with a towel on the organ-bench so that you could move freely for pedaling?

The real out-of-doors makes me think of the Spreckels organ in San Diego, California (an out-door amphitheatre). I would love to hear that instrument. Saturday, August 31 2019 is movie night with organist, Clark Wilson. Joining together with the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the San Diego & Arizona Railway, which was built by John D. Spreckels and completed in 1919. The Movie Night features “Chasing Choo Choo,” which was filmed along the San Diego & Arizona Railway in San Diego’s back country. One of our 2019 NC convention attendees, JoAnn Condry who lives in Maryland, was a train engineer up to her retirement. It’s a long trip from Maryland to California but I bet JoAnn is interested in this concert.

We had a potluck supper/board meeting at my house last week. Suggestions emerged for web-site on-line elections for next year rather than strict hard-copy mailing. Hard-copy will still go out to those who receive PipeNotes in hard-copy. It should be easy to track who has not voted and send reminder emails until they do vote. Attendance at our last Annual Meeting/Members’ Recital was challenging this past May as post-Easter events have escalated exponentially — confirmation, 1st communion, graduation, weddings. It was suggested that we move the Members’ Recital to March or early Lent when the calendar is less complex. The on-line voting component will help the election procedure that has been tied to the May Annual Meeting. We also looked at flipping the organ crawl that had been in March to a later June mid-week day. The traditional organ crawl day — Saturday, is complicated for church musicians. We will also have to consider conventions that may occur in June for potential conflicts. Let me know your thoughts when we run into each other or via: seasonsattheheart@w1rr.com (414) 403-1046. And looking at immediate programs, the opening membership meeting for this year is focused on North Central convention review. We are still looking for a site but will send an email to alert you of date/time when we have confirmation.

Liz Walloch’s Archive articles have been a hit in these past months. Liz is taking a break for the summer but will return with more good stuff in Fall. She has done a magnificent job of organizing the programs, newspaper articles, yearbooks and miscellaneous papers. Now that the Convention is accomplished we need to address digitizing our collected material and then (the challenging part) indexing the contents for easy reference.

News buffet:
- We hear that the Behnkes are moving to Florida. We wish John and Chris all the best but hope to see them in Wisconsin frequently as well as on Facebook.
- AGOYO (young organist) member, Miriam Temeus, has joined the Milwaukee Chapter. Recently married in June and fresh graduate of University of Kansas — Master of Arts in Classics and Artist Certificate in Church Music (organ and conducting), student of James Higdon and Michael Bauer. Welcome!
- Next year’s members’ recital will feature the Leipzig Chorales (18 Large) BWV 651-668 of J. S. Bach. You may want to schedule some of these selections for your immediate study. If you’re interested in playing any of them for the recital please contact John Schubring john.schubring@j邮箱.com or Audrey Rhinehart mu3sici3nministry@stliliancon3g.org
- There are several choral reading sessions in our area over the next few weeks. Google your favorite publishers and partake of the recent publications!

Lastly, my memories are still glowing from the 2019 North Central Convention. The presentations and concerts were stunning! As convention treasurer I just sent the performers W9 forms to fill out for tax reporting. Along with the completed forms we received many compliments and gracious thanks from each of them. In particular, as I think of John Behnke and the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble — WOW! I am so grateful to claim them for our region. That hymn-sing was phenomenal!

Really lastly — bring hope, love and faith to your congregation through your hymn-playing and your personal presence. It’s worth it!
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From the Archives
Fr. Tom Lijewski, Chaplin AGO Milwaukee Chapter

*Liz Walloch is taking a break over summer. She will resume her column in the Fall.*

For this month’s column, Father Tom has submitted the prayer that was Read at the opening concert at the 2019 Regional Convention. This prayer was written by chapter member Larry Wheelock.

**Ever-Present and Ever-creating God:**

We gather here especially mindful of the gift of music:

- Of song and meter
- Of rhythm and timbre
- Of poetry and prose

With which you have gifted
- And challenged
- And privileged us to share
- And to teach
- And to live:

To encourage the faint-hearted
- To soothe the frenzied,
- And to comfort the grieving

Help us to know you in all we create,
- To honor you in all our work
And to proclaim you with our skills, voices and hearts.

Impart your blessing to this convention;

- To the planners and volunteers
- To the artists and teachers
And to those who honor us by listening.

Draw us together into a common purpose
- Compose us into a harmonious chorus
And grant us a time of respite and refreshment.

We ask through the merit of all which we hold holy.

Amen and amen.