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NOVEMBER EVENT: VARIETY, THE SPICE OF AGO LIFE

Friday evening, 6 November at 7:00, the Chapter will host an organ recital by Dr. John Schwandt at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 3633 Lindell Boulevard. Featured will be the Rite's venerable 4-manual, 53-rank Kimball (1924).

Dr. Schwandt is Associate Professor of Organ and Director of the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma School of Music. Nationally acclaimed as a performer, clinician, leader of hymn festivals, silent film accompanist, and organ consultant, he studied at St. Olaf College with John Ferguson, and earned graduate degrees, as well as the prestigious Performer's Certificate, at Indiana University, studying with Larry Palmer. Dr. Schwandt has been a featured performer for the American Guild of Organists, the American Theater Organ Society, and the Organ Historical Society.

In 2006, Schwandt founded the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma. In addition to the traditional performance-based emphases, the AOI is the only program in America which possesses a fully-equipped pipe organ workshop capable of building, maintaining, and restoring instruments. It functions in part as a laboratory for a new curriculum of organ technology courses.

This will certainly be an entertaining evening, with a variety of musical styles being played . . . from Guilman, Bach, and Grieg, to *The lost chord* and *Tip toe through the tulips!*

I'll see you at the Scottish Rite!

Cheers - Mark

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FROM THE DEAN

A co-worker recently remarked, "I've just noticed that so often when people thank me, I respond with a 'yeah,' or 'That's OK.' Too often, I forget to say, 'You're welcome.'" All day we enjoyed the awareness of that specific aspect of civil discourse: the politeness of responding to "thank you" with "you're welcome." What a lift that was for my day!

Professor and author Adam Grant shares some interesting options for taking "You're welcome" to the next level. Grant shares the persuasive power of another unconventional response to "thank you." He quotes author Robert Cialdini's effort to capitalize on the power of that moment with the reply "I know you'd do the same for me."

Grant analyzes the pros and cons of this response in his own experience. Like him, I find the reply unique but ultimately unsatisfactory. The assumed reciprocity is not in keeping with principles of kindness and generosity, rather it implies "strings attached." In the end, Grant adopts and adapts a "pay-it-forward" response: "I know you'll do the same for someone else." A person can be helpful and appreciated without expecting payback. This paradigm shift can actually extend the generosity to a wider network—it seems to be the way we humans are wired.

All this brought me to consider the possibilities we have as a chapter to "pay it forward." How might we "do the same for someone else"?

Our prodigious well of talent is "paid forward" when members volunteer strengths and time for the sake of our Chapter's aims. Committee Chairs, Executive Committee members, and AGO meeting hosts and performers do the work to make dreams into realities. And the financial resources in our treasury are not to be hoarded, but to be allocated wisely so that others might enjoy the rich gift of music. We have opportunities to bring music to life which otherwise might never be heard. What exciting prospects lie ahead for our Guild!

For the members who cannot attend Monday evening meetings and events due to rehearsals, November is the month for you. This month's **Friday evening** recital with Dr. John Schwandt promises to be a night to remember. Prepare for a few thrills -- I look forward to seeing you there, (yes, you, Bob C., Henry E., Jim T. and more).

The time is approaching when schedules and rehearsal dates will become very demanding. Preparations and expectations reach astounding heights. You will be in my thoughts (and prayers) as you shine light and grace and beauty into the lives of others. Not only will YOUR music sing, but your coordinating and organizing and coaching will help others bring new life into their song. May you sense that all your hard work forms part of God's welcome for which so many are longing.

Thank you!

Soli Deo Gloria

Deaconess Dawn Riske, CAGO

P.S. What was that I heard? Ah, "You're welcome. I know you'll do the same for someone else."

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December 15**



NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1—2:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series—Equinox Chamber Players. St. Louis' Premier
 Woodwind Quintet—Sesquicentennial Performance of Nielsen Wind
 Quintet. Music of Thuille and Roussel, with guest pianist Hyunsoon
 Whang. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm—Second Presbyterian Church
Couts Music Series—Fall Chorale Concert. Conductor Andrew Peters
 leads the Second Church Chorale and chamber string orchestra in
 Franz Schubert's beautiful *Mass in G Major*. The concert also includes
 string music by Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Rossini. Free and open to
 the public. 4501 Westminster Place, 63108 in the Central West End.
music@secondchurch.net

Friday, November 6—12:30 pm—Third Baptist Church
"Friday Pipes"—Mark Scholtz, Organist and Director of Music, St.
 Timothy Episcopal Church. Free of charge. 620 North Grand Blvd.,
 St. Louis

Friday, November 6 & Saturday, November 7—8:00 pm;
Sunday, November 8—2:00 pm—The Touhill Performing Arts Center
Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. The Bach Society Chorus with Dance St.
 Louis, UMSL Orchestra & University Singers, and The St. Louis
 Children's Choirs. Single tickets available from: dancestlouis.org
 1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121

Saturday, November 7—7:30 pm—Union United Methodist Church
Concert—SIUE Steel Drum Band. This "one-of-a-kind" band has
 traveled to Trinidad and has competed in the PANORAMA semifinals in
 San Fernando. Free-will offering. 721 East Main Street, Belleville, IL

Sunday, November 8—2:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series. Matthew Mazzoni, piano and Jennifer Mazzoni, flute.
 The Great French Flute Romance: Couperin, Widor, Debussy and
 Messiaen. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Sunday, November 8--3:00 pm--Saint Louis Abbey
Saint Louis Chamber Chorus--In Every Corner Sing! Music scored for
 multiple choirs is heard to grand effect in this spacious acoustic.
 Offerings by Monteverdi and Vaughan Williams, and a commission
 from contemporary British master Gabriel Jackson, complement more
 elaborate settings by Thea Musgrave (Make We Merry), Knut Nystedt
 (Immortal Bach, for 5 choirs) and Thomas Tallis (Spem In Alium, in
 forty parts). For ticket information: <http://www.chamberchorus.org>
 500 S Mason Rd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Sunday, November 8--5:30 pm--St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Organ Recital--David Sinden plays the two Mander organs of the
 church. 110 North Warson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124
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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Friday, November 13—12:30 pm—Third Baptist Church
"Friday Pipes"—William Sullivan, Organist, LaCledde Groves Chapel.
 Free of charge. 620 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO

Sunday, November 15—2:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series—St. Mark's is Dead: A Book Reading and Talk by New
 York City journalist. Ada Calhoun, will speak about *St. Marks Is Dead*,
 her new book about the 400-year history of three blocks hugely
 influential on American culture. The book contains surprising stories
 and moving insights on religion and race from the late dean of Christ
 Church Cathedral, The Very Rev. Michael Allen, who before his time in
 St. Louis was the "hippie priest" of New York City's notorious St. Mark's
 Church-in-the-Bowery. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Sunday, November 15—2:30 pm—Church of St. Michael & St. George
Bach Chamber Music. Concertmaster Lenora-Marya Anop is joined by
 Charles Metz, Catherine Edwards, Ken Kulosa, and Sandra Geary. All
 tickets are \$25 (www.bachsociety.org). Meet performers for a glass of
 wine after the performance. 6345 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO

Sunday, November 15—3:00 pm—First Presbyterian Church of
Kirkwood. Con Spirito Concert Series—St Louis Women's HOPE
 Chorale: *Vox Angelica*. 100 East Adams Avenue, Kirkwood, MO

Sunday, November 15--3:25 pm--St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Concert. The Missouri Women's Chorus, under the direction of Scott
 Schoonover. This well known chorus will present a variety of music
 and is presented to the public without charge. A reception will be held
 in Heneghan Hall after the concert to which all are invited. 10 East 3rd
 Street, Alton, Illinois

Sunday, November 15--7:00 pm-- Manchester United Methodist
Church. Celebration of Praise. The MUMC Chancel Choir; Susan
 Slaughter, trumpet; Peter Henderson, piano; John Cargile, organ.
 Fundraising concert for the activities and mission fund of the Chancel
 Choir featuring the new 5 Manual Colby Pipe Organ. Conducted by
 Kevin McBeth. Admission, \$15.00. 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester,
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Wednesday, November 18—6:00 pm—Third Baptist Church
"Friday Pipes" Series (on Wednesday!)—Simon Niemiński, Organist,
 St. Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh, Scotland. Free of
 charge. 620 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO

Friday, November 20—12:30 pm—First Baptist Church
"Friday Pipes"—David Erwin, Director of Music Ministry, Ladue Chapel
 Presbyterian Church. Free of charge. 620 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis,
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Friday, November 20—5:30pm—Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
Fourth Friday Recital Series. Benjamin Kolodziej. 812 Souldard Street,
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NOVEMBER (Continued)

Saturday, November 21—8:00 pm—Cathedral Basilica
Holiday Concert—The Vienna Boys Choir. Tickets: \$47, \$34, \$24 available from www.CathedralConcerts.org (314-533-7662). 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

Sunday, November 22—10:30 am—Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Worship Service—Stonehenge Brass Quintet.
 Shawn Portel, Director of Music Ministries/Organist. spp@wgpc.org (314-962-9210 x 3211) 45 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO

Sunday, November 22—4:00 pm—Peace Lutheran Church
"Concerts at Peace." Soprano MeeAe Cecilia Nam and Organist Horst Buchholz. 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125

Sunday, November 22—5:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series—Evensong. The Cathedral Choir. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 3—12:15 -12:45 p.m.—Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church. A Season of Festivity. David Erwin, Organist. Free of charge. 9450 Clayton Road, Ladue, MO 63124.

Sunday, December 6—2:00 pm—First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. Imaginary Theatre Company: The Elves and the Shoemaker. When a kindly shoemaker gives his only remaining pair of shoes to a cold and hungry beggar woman, he finds his good deed rewarded in unexpected ways. The shoemaker is shocked by the appearance of magic elves who turn his simple shoe shop into a great success, thrilling customers with their special creations. Based on the tale by the Brothers Grimm, this beloved, warm-hearted story is perfect for the holiday season, reminding us that where we find kindness, generosity and hope, anything is possible. Free of charge. 100 East Adams Avenue, Kirkwood, MO

Sunday, December 6—2:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series—A Holiday Gift to the People of St. Louis.
 The Webster University Music Staff and Students. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Sunday, December 6—5:30 pm—St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Messiah, Part the First. Sung by the St. Peter's Choir with orchestra, David Sinden, conductor. 110 North Warson Road, Saint Louis, MO 63124

Sunday, December 6—6:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series—Diocesan Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols.
 Missouri and Illinois Choirs and Instrumentalists. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Sunday, December 6—2:00 pm—St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson
Annual Jackson Community Choral Festival. Featured: Jackson area Church Choirs and Mass Choir selections celebrating the "Sounds of the Season." Matt Palich, Director of Music—572-243-2236. 223 W. Adams St., Jackson, MO

Tuesday, December 8—12:00-1:00 pm—Missouri History Museum in the AT&T Room. Free Lecture--Dr. Dennis Sparger, Music Director and Conductor for the Bach Society of Saint Louis "Let's Talk (and Sing) Bach--His life and music--and the Bach Society's 75th Anniversary." J S Bach, the greatest of the great composers, overcame countless obstacles to create music filled with joy and vitality. Maestro A. Dennis Sparger talks about the composer's life, his music, and how he has shaped the 75-year history of the Bach Society of Saint Louis Chorus and Orchestra. Two of the Society's gifted Young Artists, accompanied by Sandra Geary, will provide musical examples. No reservations are required. Audience members are free to bring a brown bag lunch or food is also available for purchase at Bixby's Express. 5700 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63112.

Thursday, December 10—12:15 -12:45 p.m.—Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church. A Season of Festivity. Mark Scholtz, Organist. Free of charge. 9450 Clayton Road, Ladue, MO 63124.

Saturday, December 12—8:00 pm & Sunday, December 13—2:30 pm
Cathedral Basilica—Christmas at the Cathedral. Experience something new as we present the Sonos Handbell ensemble with mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade in this special concert of Christmas favorites as they join the Archdiocesan Choirs for Christmas at the Cathedral. \$49, \$30, \$24. www.CathedralConcerts.org (314)533-7662. 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

Sunday, December 13—10:30 am—Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Worship Service—Festival of Lessons and Carols. With the chancel choir, soloists and guest orchestra. Shawn Portell, Director of Music Ministries/Organist. spp@wgpc.org (314-962-9210 x 3211) 45 West Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO

Sunday, December 13—3:00 pm—Concordia Seminary
Bach at the Sem--ADVENT 3. J. S. Bach: Organ prelude on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 1; Cantata BWV 61, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland; Aria for bass, "Johannis freudenvolles springen," from BWV 121, Christum wir sollen loben schon; Cantata BWV 40, Darzu ist erschienen der Sohn Gottes; Chorus from BWV 1, Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern. 801 Seminary Place, Saint Louis, MO 63105

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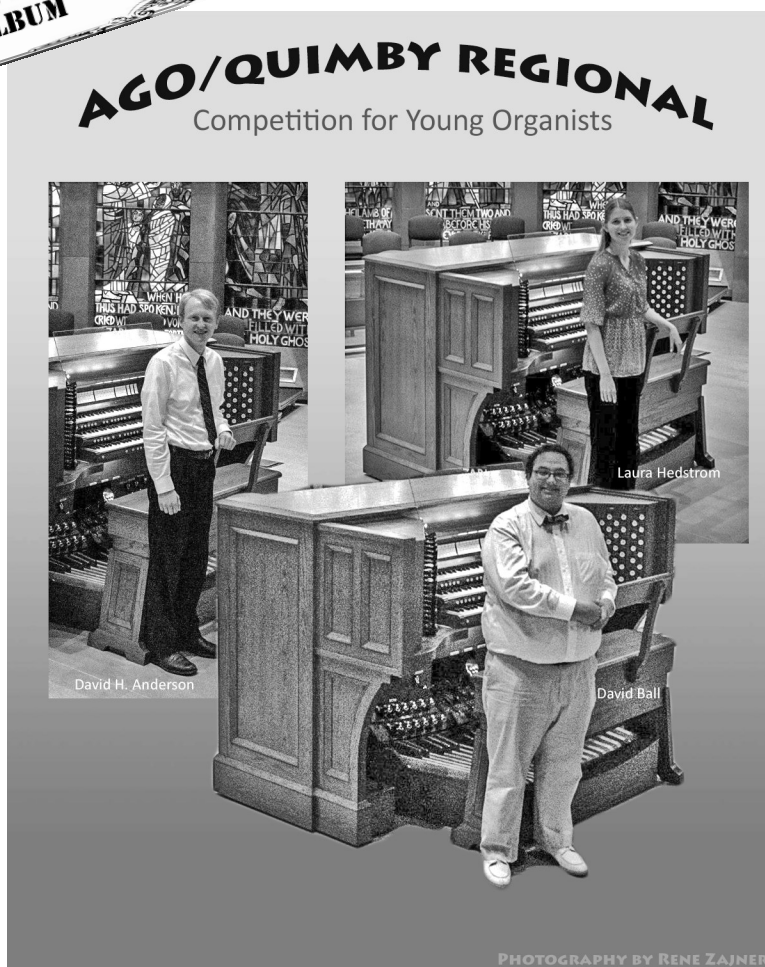
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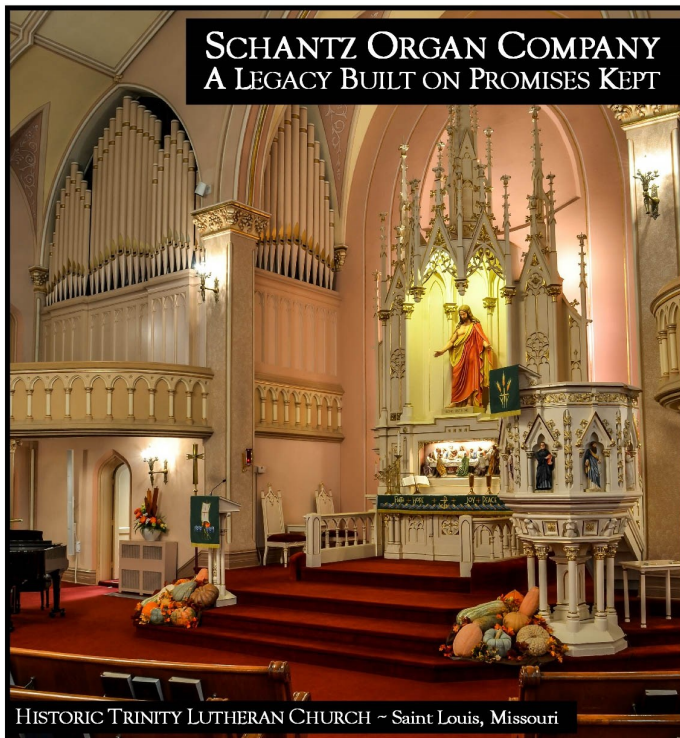
Monday, June 22 at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood.

Attendees were treated to a demonstration of the remarkable talent of three young organists. Each contestant presented a unique performance of challenging works selected from a list, so we heard a variety of works. This editor was pleased to hear all three organists play "Variations on an Old American Tune," (Zachary Wadsworth) with each competitor bringing a distinctive registration and individuality to the piece.

The music lovers of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood proved to be wonderful hosts. Many volunteers worked to assure an environment for competition free of interruptions. During the breaks between competitors there seemed to be an endless supply of refreshments and friendly smiles.

David Ball had the distinction of placing first; David H. Anderson was second place; and Laura Hedstrom placed third. All of them were extremely accomplished.

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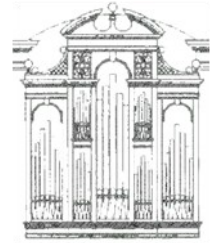


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Sunday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Messiah, Part the First by G. F. Handel (1685-1759), with orchestra
Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Epiphany Lessons and Carols
Sunday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

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THE DETAILS

Event:	Dr. John Schwandt—Concert
Location:	Scottish Rite Auditorium 3633 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108
Date:	Friday, November 6, 2015
Time:	7:00 pm.
Cost:	Free of charge, open to the public
Reservations:	None needed
Directions:	<p>From I-64 (eastbound): Take exit 37B/Grand Blvd. Bear right onto S. Grand Blvd. Turn left onto Lindell.</p> <p>From I-64 (westbound): Take exit 38A/Forest Park Ave./Grand Blvd. onto Forest Park Ave. Turn right onto S. Grand Blvd. Turn left onto Lindell..</p> <p>From I-44 (from South City/South County): Take exit 288/Grand Blvd onto De Tonty St. Quickly turn left onto S. Grand Blvd. Turn left onto Lindell.</p>

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Couts Music Series—Advent Vespers.** If, Lord, There Be No Light: a service of readings and music. The Second Church Choir, Handbell Choir and organist Andrew Peters. 4501 Westminster Place (at Taylor) St. Louis, MO

Monday and Tuesday, December 14 & 15—1:00 pm and 7:00 pm—St. Paul Lutheran Church. "Christmas at St. Paul" Matt Palich, Director of Music—572-243-2236. 223 W. Adams St., Jackson, MO

Wednesday, December 16—7:00 pm—St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson. "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" Matt Palich, Director of Music—572-243-2236. 223 W. Adams St., Jackson, MO

**Thursday, December 17—8:15 am & 6:30 pm—St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson
Preschool and Kindergarten Christmas Program.** Matt Palich, Director of Music—572-243-2236. 223 W. Adams St., Jackson, MO

Thursday, December 17—12:15 -12:45 p.m.—Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church. A Season of Festivity. David Erwin, Organist. Free of charge. 9450 Clayton Road, Ladue, MO 63124.

**Friday, December 18—5:30pm—Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
Fourth Friday Recital Series.** Norbert Krausz and Wes Kassulke, Christmas Singalong. 812 Souland Street, St. Louis, MO

**Friday, December 18—7:00 pm—Peace Lutheran Church
Christmas At Peace** featuring The Peace Orchestra, Chancel Choir and Alleluia Ringers. 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125

**Friday, December 18—7:00 pm—Historic Old Saint Vincent's Church, Cape Girardeau
"A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"** Matt Palich, Director of Music—572-243-2236. 131 South Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Sunday, December 20—8:30 and 11:00 am—Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church. "The Star of Bethlehem" by Josef Rheinberger. Chancel Choir and Orchestra. Free of charge. 9450 Clayton Road, Ladue, MO 63124.

**Sunday, December 20--3:00 pm--Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
Saint Louis Chamber Chorus-Christmas – Auf Deutsch!** The centerpiece of our festivities is the richly Romantic Friede auf Erden, an early work by Schoenberg, which is combined with various German carols often arranged by non-Germans! These include Stephen Paulus, John Rutter, and a commission from Yakov Gubanov. 812 Souland St., Saint Louis, MO 63104

**Wednesday, December 23—7:30 pm—Powell Hall
Christmas Candlelight Concert.** Featuring Christine Brewer, the Bach Society Chorus and Orchestra. "The Announcement of Christ's Birth from Handel's *Messiah* and "O Holy Night." The St. Louis Children's Choirs join in for the candlelight procession and seasonal carols. Tickets from \$30-\$75. (314) 652 BACH or www.bachsociety.org.718 North Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63103.

**Sunday, December 27—5:00 pm—Christ Church Cathedral
Shepley Series—Evensong.** The Cathedral Choir. 1210 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

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