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Dear Members,

Welcome to our 110th Anniversary Year! We have a variety of programs planned, and I hope you will be able to take advantage of the opportunities we have to meet again in person.

Our opening event will be held in the parish center of Our Lady of the Pillar Church in Creve Coeur. Our host is a new chapter member, Tom Stephan. We will enjoy dinner catered by As-You-Like-It catering. Our program highlights the 110th anniversary. Randy Zerkel has prepared a short presentation on the history of our chapter, and will have some memorabilia on display. There will be an opportunity for members to share memories, so bring some stories to share.

I'm looking forward to seeing you very soon!

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The details

Opening Banquet
Monday, September 27, 2021
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Program

Cost \$20 for dinner
RSVP to Cathy Bolduan
(314) 853-5011

Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Center
401 S. Lindbergh Blvd
Creve Coeur, MO 63131

Directions
Follow I-64 to US67/Lindbergh Blvd north, exit 28A
After 1 mile the church is on the left (west side).

Follow the drive on the left side, past the church building. The parish center is just west of the church, and plenty of parking is available near the doors.

Music Conference Coordinator

February Flourish 2022



Dawn Riske - CAGO

Friday, February 11, 2022

Taizé Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Church Music Conference

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Recital by

Dr. Steven Wentz of Concordia University Chicago at 3:00 p.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview
Saint Louis (Mehlville), MO 63125**

Sponsored by

American Guild of Organists--St. Louis Chapter

American Guild of Organists--Gateway Confluence Chapter

Handbell Association of Greater Saint Louis

National Association of Pastoral Musicians--St. Louis Chapter and Duchesne Branch

\$25 registration for in-person attendance includes lunch

\$10 registration to participate via Zoom

Keynote presentation on Saturday by Kevin McBeth, Director of IN UNISON Chorale

You'll Be Swell! You'll Be Great! Worship in the Modern Age

Organ, Choral, Handbell, and Ministry Workshops

Repertoire Showcases by MorningStar Music and Concordia Publishing House

AGO news, upcoming events, repertoire and a hymn will be presented by Chapter members

On-line registration begins in November

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FEBRUARY FLOURISH REPORT CONT:



Presenters: Kevin McBeth, Director of SLSO IN UNISON Chorus and Director of Music and Worship, Manchester United Methodist Church, along with Dr. Steven Wenthe, Carlos Flores Ramirez, Simeon Layne, Jr., Burnell Hackman, and members of the Handbell Association of Greater Saint Louis.



Kevin McBeth, directing in Symphony Hall, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Subject to change based on pandemic protocols.



2026 AGO Convention Coordinator Burnell Hackman and AGO Executive Director James Thomashower met in New York on September 14

Reminders/Information



Programs 2021-2022

September 27, 2021 Opening Event/Banquet

Kickoff of the 110th Anniversary of our Chapter

Venue Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Center

Program Presentation by Randy Zerkel

October 10-11, 2021 Organ and Handbells weekend with guest artist Dr. John Behnke

Venue St Paul United Church of Christ

Program Sunday afternoon Concert Sunday October 10

Monday evening Reading Session

November 15, 2021 Certification: who, what, where, when, how?

Venue Little Flower Parish

Program Presentation by Brent Johnson

Overview of the Guild exams with members recently certified

January 7, 2022 Epiphany Party

Venue Home of Rick Burk, pending status of pandemic

February 12, 2022 February Flourish with NPM and HAGSTL

Venue Peace Lutheran Church

March 28, 2022 OR several dates celebrating the under 30 organists

(July '21-June'22 Year of the Young Organist)

Program Program or series focusing on the Young Organist

Executive Committee would like to ask our membership for names of current or recent former organ students, and how we as a chapter might be able to support and/or celebrate them. This information will help the program committee to come up with a program

May 23, 2022 Closing Event with guest Elizabeth George

Venue Boat Ride on the Mississippi, details not finalized

Program Installation of Officers and Chapter Awards

Organ recital by David Ball (a dual member with our Chapter) on Sunday, September 19, 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica.

There is more information at the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/591982918492819?ref=newsfeed>



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EST. 1868

Choral and Organ Music at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Rev. David Hodges *Rector*
David Sinden *Organist & Director of Music*
S. William Aitken *Organist & Director of Music Emeritus*

Organ Vespers Sunday, September 29 5:00 p.m.

The inaugural service in St. Peter's Organ Vespers series celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Mander organ, the largest mechanical-action organ in the St. Louis region. David Sinden plays music of Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707).

Choral Evensong Sunday, October 10 5:00 p.m.

This beloved service of scripture, prayer, and music returns. This service, sung by the St. Peter's singers, includes music by Bryan Kelly, David Briggs, and Jessica French.

Choral Evensong Sunday, November 14 5:00 p.m.

The music for this service was written by English composer William Byrd (c. 1543–1623) and includes his Short Evening Service and the anthem "Prevent us, O Lord."

For full details visit specstl.org