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Rick Burk (CAGO)

Dear Colleagues,

When coming to the month of November one of the most obvious thoughts is of Thanksgiving. Even in the midst of continued upheaval brought on by the pandemic I feel there are many things for which we as a Chapter may be thankful this year. We have been able to resume in-person programming and have been blessed with several events already this Fall. We have been able to resume gathering in fellowship around some wonderfully catered meals. The Executive Committee has been able to meet in person and discuss various topics of great interest to our Chapter. We saw a net increase of sixteen members between September and October. As Dean, I think I am personally most thankful for the many folks who continually step up to fulfill leadership positions. We are blessed to have such a vibrant Chapter within the AGO. For all these things, let us give thanks.

On October 25 I attended a Chapter Leader Town Hall webinar presented by the National Office. It was announced that a new strategic plan has begun and will continue until 2024. Following on the heels of the Strategic Growth Plan which just concluded, the new endeavor is being called the Strengthening Plan. There will be three components which will seek to honor our traditions and envision our future: 1) chapter and community; 2) education and recognition; and 3) organizational capacity and effectiveness. I am sure details will soon be posted on the National website.

At the Town Hall it was announced that the position in which Elizabeth George serves has been amplified and her title will now be Chief Membership Officer (CMO). The AGO has been richly blessed by all that Elizabeth has done and will continue to do.

Perhaps the biggest news from the webinar was the announcement that a decision has finally been made regarding the replacement of the ONCARD system. It will be replaced by a customized version of Tendenci. It will take quite a few months to make the transition and the new service is expected to be fully functioning by June or July of 2022. Again, I am sure we will be hearing more about this in the months to come.

So, yes, even in the midst of continued uncertainty, we do have much for which to be thankful. Let us rejoice with thanks and praise.

Rick Burk
Dean

Sub-Dean



St. Louis AGO Chapter



Heather Martin Cooper - CAGO

November, 2021

Dear Members,

Success again! Our second in-person chapter event with John Behnke was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Dr Bill Wade for hosting us in Belleville.

Our next event is coming quickly, and dinner reservations are needed soon.

On Monday, November 15, we will gather at Little Flower Catholic Church in Richmond Heights. Chuck Chauvin is our host. Our chapter Certification Coordinator, Brent Johnson, has pulled together a presentation focused on AGO certification at all levels. He will give us an overview of the certification process. Then several chapter members will perform music from their exams on the newly installed Kegg organ in the church. Even if you are not particularly interested in working toward certification or learning more about the process, don't miss the opportunity to hear some great music played on this new instrument.

There is no meeting in December, but we hope to gather in early January for an Epiphany party at the home of Rick Burk, Chapter Dean.

See you soon!

Heather Martin Cooper
Sub Dean

The Details

Certification: Who, What, Where, When, How?
November 15, 2021
Little Flower Catholic Church
1275 Boland Place
St Louis, Missouri

Cost \$20 for dinner
RSVP to Cathy Bolduan **right now**
(314) 853-5011
kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com

Directions from I-64:
Take Exit 33A, Big Bend
Take Dale Ave to Boland Place
Little Flower Church and School is on the left

6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Program

Music Conference Coordinator



Dawn Riske - CAGO

*AGO St. Louis presents FEBRUARY FLOURISH 2022
A Trio of Happenings*

Friday, February 11, 2022

Taizé Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Church Music Conference
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Recital at 3:00 p.m. by
Dr. Steven Wente of Concordia University Chicago



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

February Flourish sponsored by

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Handbell Association of Greater Saint Louis

National Association of Pastoral Musicians--St. Louis Chapter

\$25 registration for in-person attendance includes all workshops and lunch

\$10 registration for in-person student attendance includes all workshops and lunch

\$0/Free registration to access live-stream

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 Showcase by MorningStar Music and Concordia Publishing House

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

Presenters: Dr. Steven Wente, Kevin McBeth, Simeon Layne, Jr., Burnell Hackman, Carlos Flores Ramirez, Nori Fahrig, Kevin Uppercue, Mark Lawson, Jacob B. Weber, Dr. Karen Black, Nancy Helmich, and Dolan Bayless

Registration opens in November via **eventbrite**

Search: AGO February Flourish 2022 , or use the link on the Saint Louis Chapter webpage: agostlouis.org

Some February Flourish Presenters



Simeon Layne, Jr.



Kevin McBeth



Dr. Steven Wente



Nori Fahrigh

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Surrounded by the stunning beauty of the Pacific Northwest, Seattle is the host city for **The American Guild of Organists National Convention, THE WELL-TEMPERED FUTURE**, July 3–7, 2022. Artists, presenters, workshops, instruments, venues, and newly-commissioned works will be revealed in the coming months.

The Central Missouri Chapter is extending an invitation to help them celebrate the 90th birthday of their Chapter. Aidan Hill, a University of Kansas undergraduate, will play in recital as their recognition of the Guild's Year of the Young Organist. The recital is scheduled for Saturday November 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. America's National Churchill Museum is located at 501 Westminster Ave. in Fulton, Missouri. There is no charge for admission.

Applications are being received to the rapidly growing **organ program at Georgia State University**. Graduate assistantships in collaboration with local churches provide free tuition, a generous stipend, and first-rate immersion into the day-to-day work of large music ministries. More information on the program (including audition requirements and dates) can be found at <https://music.gsu.edu/organ-performance-2/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To post an opening for an organist, choir director or other liturgical music position or to remove a posting, email placement@agostlouis.org. Some of the current listings are highlighted below. Visit our website at agostlouis.org for more details on each listing.

- Glendale Presbyterian Church in Glendale, MO is seeking a part time Music Director.
- Gethsemane Lutheran Church in St. Louis is seeking an organist.
- First Church of Christ, Scientist, Kirkwood, Mo is seeking an organist beginning in January 2022.
- Third Baptist Church, St. Louis is seeking application for a Bass section leader.
- Ivy Chapel UCC, 620 N Woods Mill Road in Chesterfield, MO is seeking a part time Minister of Music.
- St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Eureka, MO is seeking an Interim Music Director.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Shawnee KS (suburb of Kansas City) is seeking a Director of Music.
- Eden Church in Edwardsville, Illinois is looking for a Director of Worship.
- St John United Church of Christ, 405 S 5th Street St Charles, Missouri 63301 is seeking a full time Music Ministry Director.

For Your Calendar



Bell-a-bration 2022

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Kirkwood United Methodist Church

201 W. Adams
Kirkwood, MO 64122

Set-up Begins - 1:30 pm
Introductions - 2:15 pm
Rehearsal with Break - 2:30 pm
Light Supper and Rehearsal - 5:30 pm
Concert Open to the Public - 7:00 pm

Repertoire

Acclamation in G minor - Karen Thompson
Celtic Grace - Tammy Waldrop
Down By the Riverside - American Tapestry III - Arnold Sherman
Fanfare on Holy, Holy, Holy - John Behnke
Meditation on Beautiful Savior - Cathy Moglebust

Sponsored by the Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis
www.stlbells.org

December 3, 7:30 p.m.

Gateway Ringers

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
(O'Fallon)

8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O'Fallon, MO

December 5, 3:00 p.m.

Gateway Ringers

John Paul II Catholic Church
4980 Heege Rd, St Louis

December 12, 3:00 p.m.

Early Music @ 1st

"Mit lieblichen Weisen":

Seventeenth-Century German
Music of the Season

Arianna Aerie, soprano

Musicke's Cordes

First Congregational Church of
Saint Louis

6501 Wydown Boulevard, St Louis

December 19, 3:00 p.m.

Gateway Ringers

St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL



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*

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

The music for this traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music is by English composer William Byrd (c. 1543–1623). The service includes Byrd's "Sing joyfully" and "Prevent us, O Lord."

Organ Vespers Sunday, November 28 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Advent Sunday with this service of candlelight, chant, and organ music for the season played by guest organist **Horst Buchholz** on St. Peter's Mander organ, the largest mechanical-action organ in the St. Louis region.

Advent Carol Service Sunday, December 12 5:00 p.m.

This service reflects the Advent season's growing anticipation. Sung by the St. Peter's Choir, the music includes works by Josquin des Prez, Elizabeth Poston, Paul Manz, and Judith Weir.

For full details visit specstl.org

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