



Dean's Corner

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

As we wind up October, I'm struck by the fact that there is much color happening around us. Leaves change from green to all kinds of different colors. Decorations of oranges and browns and yellows get placed out for Halloween and Thanksgiving, respectively, and soon, Christmas is upon us with all of the wonderful colors. Many churches also change from the long-standing green paraments of Ordinary Time into blue or purple for Advent.

Just as the Church and the planet have cycles, so do we in our Guild. We had a wonderful October program featuring four of Martin Ott's instruments. In between the second and third church, many of us gathered for "lunch on our own." It was a great time of fellowship.

The Board met on October 15 as well. A couple of key things to highlight:

1. The February Flourish planning is in full swing!
2. We would like volunteers to play at the Members' Recital in March.
3. A reminder to those who obtain an AGO certification that there is reimbursement available to you - but you must apply for it in order to receive it.

It is my hope for you that during this busy time of the year that you take some time to relax, reflect, and enjoy time with family and friends.

I hope you will join us for our November program - an ecumenical Thanksgiving service. Please see Mary Beth's article for the details. I am thankful for each of you for your membership and fellowship in our chapter!

Gratefully,

Your friend and colleague,
Jeffrey White
Dean, St. Louis AGO Chapter

Sub-Dean's Column

Greetings!

November Dinner Meeting:

November 21, 2022

Thanksgiving Service at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville

200 W. Harrison St.

Belleville, IL 62220

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Service 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Cathy Bolduan at 314-853-5011 or kathleen.bolduan@gmail.com.

Stephen Eros will lead all of us with choir and brass in a beautiful and inspiring Thanksgiving service, and Rich Thompson (Cathedral Director of Music) be our host at the beautiful Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. Rich will show us the lovely organ and the new counsel.

Attendees should park in the lot directly to the east of the Cathedral. There is a ramp entrance to the Cathedral on the east side of the building and this is the only door that will be open. Those who want to park closer to the Cathedral entrance can park directly on the ramp, as spaces are available.

After you enter the Cathedral from this ramp door, keep walking straight across the nave, with the choir loft to your right and the main altar to your left. Go through another door and down the stairs. After completing the stairs, continue walking in the same direction toward the back of the building to the Undercroft, which entrance will be on your left.

You will pass restrooms on this lower level. There is also a restroom at the east ramp entrance to the Cathedral.

I hope you will join us for a time of fellowship and giving thanks. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Beth Wittry, Sub-Dean, or Jeff White, Dean.

Mary Beth Wittry

Sub-Dean, St. Louis AGO Chapter

American Guild of Organists--St. Louis presents

February Flourish 2023

A Trio of Happenings

Friday, February 10, 2023

Taizé Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11, 2023

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

Sunday, February 12, 2023

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



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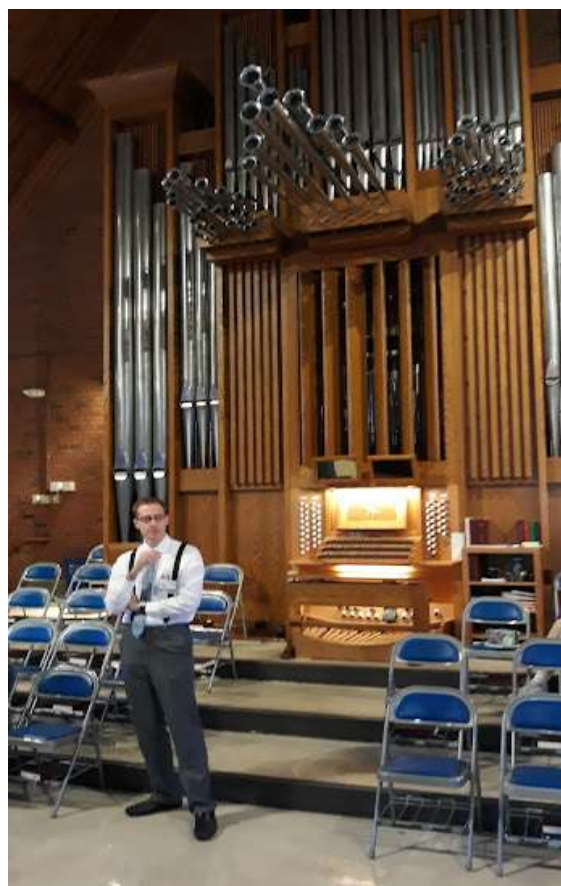
Chapter Meeting Report

From Dawn Riske

The Amazing Martin Ott Organ Crawl on October 15 was a great way to spend a Saturday! Thanks to our colleagues at Peace Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church of the Reformation and Saint Monica's Catholic Church for sharing their time, talents and instruments with us! Here's some snapshots from that day.



The back of the tracker at Peace



The trumpets at St. Paul's

Chapter Meeting Report *continued*



The bench at Reformation



The works at St. Monica's

New Facebook Page and Group

By Suzanne Chisum

The St. Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has a new Facebook Page and a new Facebook Group. Rene Zajner, who passed away earlier this year was the administrator of our Facebook Page. Due to Facebook rules, we were forced to create a new Page.

The new **Facebook Page** is [Saint Louis Chapter AGO American Guild of Organists | St. Louis MO | Facebook](#) The new Facebook Page can be distinguished from the old one by the color logo on the profile while the old page profile picture is now black and white. Suzanne Chisum and Brent Johnson are the administrators.

We also have a Facebook Group. [AGO St. Louis Members](#)

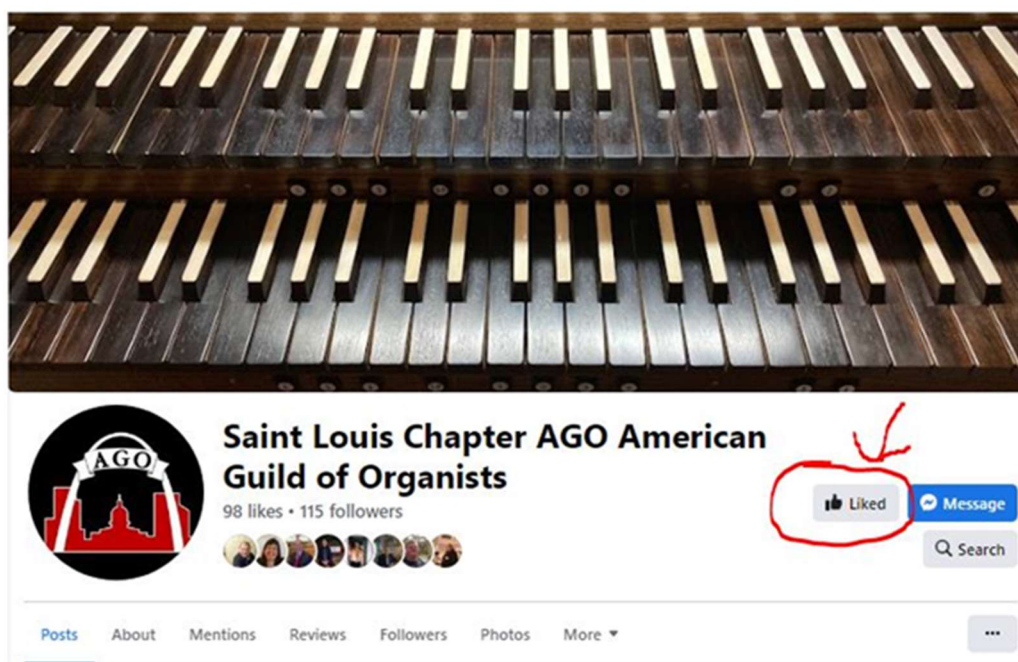
Why both?

The Facebook Page can only be updated by those who are administrators.

The Facebook Group is a place where members can post questions and pictures without having to submit to an administrator to approve to post.

If you have not yet done so, please take a few moments and take a look at the Facebook Page and select “Like” to follow. If you would like to be a member of the Facebook Group, please send a message to Suzanne Olszewski Chisum and I will be happy to add you to the group.

Note from Newsletter Editor: The link on the last page of the online newsletter for November-December has been changed to go to this new page.



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Can you help with this request?

Dr. Sarah Bereza would like to borrow a portable organ that can play at A=415 (ideally a Roland C230) for an early music performance in February, 2023 at East Central College in Union MO. If anyone has something like this, or knows where one could be borrowed or rented, please contact Sarah.

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Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 13 5:00 p.m.

Music includes the *Evening Service in C* by Charles Villiers Stanford and Balfour Gardner's *Evening Hymn*. The St. Peter's Singers are directed by guest choirmaster Nicholas Bideler.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11 5:00 p.m.

The popular service reflects the Advent season's growing anticipation. The St. Peter's Choir is joined by the acclaimed English vocal ensemble Apollo5.

Epiphany Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 8, 2023 5:00 p.m.

This service tells the stories of the infant Jesus, from his birth to the visitation of the Magi, and his Presentation in the Temple. This service includes the premiere of a new carol text by Charles Anthony Silvestri set to music by composer Jessica French.

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