



# Chiff Chat

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## From the Dean . . .

We have a new manager for our website, Darrell Fluehr, who is gradually getting it in shape. Do check it out and let him know what you think. If you have ideas for improvement he will be happy to hear them. Thanks very much to Darrell for taking on this task!

Coming up in March is a Saturday morning workshop on Gregorian Chant provided by yours truly at Northeast United Church of Christ. In this workshop we will cover ways of learning chant, ideas for teaching your choirs, and we will prepare and sing several pieces. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions throughout the session. If you read music, you can learn to sing chant. If you don't read music and learn by ear, you can learn to sing chant. Come one, come all...we'll have a ball.

Believe it or not, summer is fast approaching, and that means the Regional AGO Convention in Colorado Springs, June 26-29. I highly recommend attending this event. These conferences are always educational as well as fun. It is always

## Next Chapter Meeting!

**March 12, 10 a.m.**  
**Northeast United Church of Christ**  
**6200 Adams, Lincoln**

Presenter: Gerald Holbrook  
Topic: Gregorian Chant

See the Dean's Column for more information!

great to renew friendships and make new ones, hear good music and get rejuvenated....plus have a little vacation on top of it all. As we are hosting the 2007 Regional, it will be invaluable for chapter members to observe firsthand how various things are handled at the regional conference.

*— Gerald Holbrook, Chapter Dean*



Happy  
Spring!



### New Concert Series!

I Nomi Nuovi (the New Names) is St. Mark's new concert series featuring young professionals. There are 4 concerts on Thursday evenings at 7:30. The first concert was on February 10th and featured Ben Carlisle on the harpsichord and clavichord. Remaining concerts on the series are:

**March 3:** Anne Patterson & Ben Carlisle are doing cello & continuo pieces (with a special appearance by Clark Potter). Composers include Buxtehude, Rameau, Gabrielli, Vivaldi, Caldara, Geminiani, and Boismortier.

**April 21:** Ben Carlisle, fortepiano. Composers include Haydn, Mozart, CPE Bach, Beethoven, J.S. Bach

**May 19:** Chad Winterfeldt, organ. Chad earned his doctoral degree in organ performance at UNL, and is now Director of Music at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota. His recital will mainly consist of 17th & early 18th c. German pieces.

Concerts are free, but with a suggested \$10 free will offering (\$5 for students).

### Upcoming Chapter Events

**March 12:** 10 a.m. Northeast United Church of Christ, 6200 Adams, Gerald Holbrook presents a Gregorian Chant workshop.

**April 9:** 9:30 to noon. Erik Wm. Suter, Organist and Associate Choirmaster at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. will present a workshop on service playing at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street. See details on page 3.

**April 10:** 7:30 p.m. LOS Concert by Erik Wm. Suter, Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street

**April 14-15:** American Liszt Society Festival. On the 15th, Gerald Holbrook (our dean!) will present a lecture at 11:30 at Kimball Recital Hall. **Note time change!**

**May 9:** 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Members Recital.

## Position Available

### COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRIES

Primary responsibilities include coordinating music for large groups on Sunday mornings and planning and executing music education workshops throughout the year. Approximately 10-15 hours per week (although hours may vary greatly).

Contact Denise Makinson, Director of Worship and Music Ministries at 402-423-5511 or [dmakinson@southwoodlutheran.org](mailto:dmakinson@southwoodlutheran.org) for more information.

### **Organ Concert and Workshop**

On April 10, Lincoln Organ Showcase will present Erik Wm. Suter, organist and associate choirmaster at National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in concert at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street, at 7:30 p.m. Door tickets are \$10 regular admission, \$7 for seniors and students.

On April 9, from 9:30 to noon at Grace, Suter will present a workshop for area organists entitled "Service Playing Repertoire, Tips and Techniques: Practical Ways to Improve Your Skills on the Bench". At the workshop, Mr. Suter will coach a few people in hymn and service playing – contact Sara Schott if you'd like to be one of them! (474-1505/sschott@cornhusker.net). We will also have time for a question and answer session, so come and get the scoop on what it's like to work at National Cathedral.

### **Organ Conference Scheduled for April**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, The Saint Cecilia Schola Cantorum, and the Westfield Center for Keyboard Studies are collaborating to sponsor a conference called "The Organ as Mirror of Religion and Culture: Temperament, Sound and Symbolism" April 5-10 at Saint Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha. The event will focus on the consideration of new applications for historic principles of organ building, especially as concerns current cosmology, religious culture and symbolism. Pre- and post-conference events are also planned.

Lecturers will include Quentin Faulkner, Calvin M. Bower, Hans Davidsson and Anthony Ruff, and recitalists will include David Dahl, Hans Davidsson, Marie Rubis Bauer and Kevin Vogt. Liturgy will be sung by the Saint Cecilia Schola Cantorum, with improvisations by Susan Ferré.

For more information, contact George Ritchie at the UNL School of Music, 472-2980, or [gritchie1@unl.edu](mailto:gritchie1@unl.edu)

### **Organist Position Available**

Grand Island First Presbyterian Church has a part-time organist/keyboardist opening. Four manual Moller Pipe organ (30 ranks). Accompany two Wed. evening choir rehearsals and one Sunday morning worship service. Salary is negotiable. Please contact John Croghan, Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church, 308-384-4436.

### **Don't Forget!**

Region VI AGO Conference  
June 26-29  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

For more information:  
<http://www.csago2005.org/>

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**April 5-10:** Organ Conference at Saint Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, see p.3

**Saturday, April 9:** Erik Wm. Suter workshop at Grace Lutheran, see p. 3

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**April 14-15:** American Liszt Society Festival, see p. 2

## From our Chapter Historian, Sinda Dux . . .

The historical records of the Lincoln AGO chapter include Secretary's books from April 1929 through March 1932.

April 13, 1929 15 persons including Vernon Bennett, Dean of the Organist's Guild at Omaha, met for a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce office in Lincoln. Mr. Bennett explained the requirements for membership in the AGO. The officers for the Lincoln "Branch Chapter" as it was called in the Secretary's Minutes were: Mrs. Edith Ross, Regent, Mrs. Chas. W. Fleming, Secretary, Mr. O. H. Sunderman, Treasurer, and Miss Cornelia Gant, Publicity.

The Treasurer reported on February 8, 1930 that the balance on hand was \$3.17. For the June 1930 picnic at Capital Beach, food was purchased at Miller and Paine for 50 cents per person.

In 1931, for six consecutive chapter meetings, a Mr. Rosborough gave a series of lectures: The Organist and his Church, The Organist and the Minister, The Organist and the Choirs, The Organist and the Anthem, The Organist and his Town, The Organist and His Art.

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