



“Dean David’s Dreams”

by David Held

What a great day it was to travel with the group to Vermillion, South Dakota, on Saturday, May 13. In addition to seeing and hearing some historic instruments at the Shrine to Music Museum, we also had ample opportunity to visit with one another and get to know one another better, as we traveled in the comfort of the charter bus. Members were able to play a few of the instruments to demonstrate them to the group. I was amazed at the fine sound of a six-rank tracker organ with a single manual that had about four octaves of notes. The organ still would work well in a small congregation.

The slate for next year’s officers is listed elsewhere in this issue of *Chiff Chat*. Any additional persons may be nominated by the membership, if a nomination for the position is signed by five chapter members and the nominee. The election of the slate will occur at the May 19 AGO meeting. A huge thank you to all who agreed to be nominated.

Speaking of the May 19 meeting, this will be a mini-trip to two churches with historic organs, one in Malcolm and the other near Lincoln. Details about the trip are given on this page.

As you plan your future, keep Monday, June 3, in mind for our closing meeting, a picnic at the Maags’ home on the lake. It will be a great way to end our 2001-02

Spring

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MAY AGO MEETING

Sunday, May 19 – 1:15 p.m.

Country Organs

by Art Fliege

Sunday, May 19th is your “big chance” to go on an organ crawl to neighboring communities to see two pipe organs.

Meet at the 14th & Superior Streets parking lot near the Osco Drug Store, share a ride or drive yourself, to visit two early 1900s pipe organs in country churches:

- 1:45 p.m.** St. Paul Lutheran Church – Malcolm – two-manual and pedal HAGELPOHL & SPAETH, (New Ulm, Minnesota, date _____?)
- 2:30 p.m.** Travel to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church – 2400 NW 126th Street – Lincoln – one-manual and pedal HINNERS ORGAN COMPANY (Pekin, Illinois, split-division (chest), installed ca. 1928)

Our recent visits to newer organs in our area have been wonderful, but now is a chance to look backwards in time to two older, still functioning congregations, admirably.

We are planning to turn off the electric blowers and hand-pump each organ, to see, hear and experience what it might have been like some 70 years ago.

Both organs have interesting histories. The Hagelpohl & Spaeth at Malcolm has recently gone through some updating, including beautiful painting of the facade pipes. The Hinners organ at Zion, one of 3,000 built between 1879 and 1940, is interesting in that, while it is a single manual, its registers (ranks) are divided between B



Hagelpohl & Spaeth Organ
Malcolm church interior, 1922



Hinners Organ Company
Pekin, Illinois

and Middle C; . . ."thus many pleasing solo effects in the treble division, with subdued accompaniment below Middle C, can be produced, that would otherwise be possible only on a two-manual organ." (This quote is taken from an early 1900s catalog description of specification No. 4!)

Local organists have been invited to play some music and accompany some hymn singing. However, AGO members are invited to contribute brief selections, and/or hymns, of music from this era, if possible. Contact Art Fliege (402.420.1036) if you wish to play. Both instruments have mostly 8' stops, one 4' stop – a typical, economical consideration for the times.

For practice times, contact Pastor Todd Schlechte at Malcolm (402.796.2306) or Pastor Rathjen at Zion Evangelical (402.796.2433).h

Resources for the 21st Century Musician

by Sara Schott

There is going to be a regional ALCM meeting in Blair, Nebraska, June 7-8, sponsored by region 3 of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and Dana College.

The conference will open Friday at 7:30 p.m. with "The Joy of the Hymn: A Concert of Hymn-based Literature" featuring choirs and performers from the region. This will be followed by Evening Prayer and a reception.

David Schack, director of music at First Lutheran Church in Omaha, will serve as organist for the choral program and the worship service.

The meeting will open with Morning Prayer on Saturday at 8:00 a.m., followed by these workshops:

- Pastors and Musicians: Cats and Dogs or Birds of a Feather? – Rev. Thomas Hallstrom
- Vocal Techniques & Repertoire for

Choirs – David Held

- New Organ & Piano Resources for Worship – Margot Woolard
 - Handbells: What Works and What's New – Jean Johnson
 - The Solo Voice in Worship – Jeanmarie Nielsen
 - Sound System Basics – Barry Anderson
- Music Teachers Supply, Omaha, will be the vendor. For additional information, contact Claire Bushong (402.426.7311), cbushong@acad2.dana.edu

Trip to Reuter Organ Company – Kansas by Murray Foreman

On Sunday, June 9, at 11:15 a.m., one or two busses will leave First Presbyterian Church (840 South 17th Street, Lincoln) to attend the Reuter Organ Company's celebration of its new plant in Lawrence, Kansas. First Presbyterian's new organ will be assembled and playing, and several nationally-known organists will be playing mini-recitals from 1:00-5:00 p.m. We hope to arrive by 2:45 p.m.

"First Presbyterian CORDIALLY welcomes AGO members and all organ-lovers to join us for this festive occasion."

Bring a sack lunch; the group will have supper (Dutch treat) at a Lawrence restaurant, then return to Lincoln, arriving about 10:00 p.m.

Tickets could range from \$21 to \$32, determined by the number of participants.

Call the church office (402.477.6037) for a reservation by April 26.h

Director of Music Ministries Countryside Community Church United Church of Christ Omaha, Nebraska

Vibrant, active mainline congregation of 2,000 with a strong tradition of choral music for all ages seeks a music director for full-time employment. The interested individual should have appropriate academic qualifications, experience in directing, and proficiency in piano. The successful candidate will be competent in and comfortable with a broad range of musical genre. The applicant must be an energetic, enthusiastic, visionary leader with a profound love for the church and must be willing to work co-creatively with senior church leadership.

Compensation commensurate with education and experience. Position available June 2002. Please submit your resume to

Patti Tu, Countryside Community Church,
8787 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68114 or e-
mail minasst@countrysideucc.org

Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert

Join the Lincoln Lutheran Choir, in their 24th season, as they present their spring concert "Cantate Domino: Sing to the Lord." Conducting is professor William Kuhn of Concordia University, Seward.

Saturday, April 27 – 7:30 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church
919 North Columbia, Seward

Sunday, April 28 – 3:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

22nd at Washington Street, Lincoln

Nationally known organist, David Schack, will accompany the choir along with soloists and instrumentalists.

Audience members will be invited to join the choir and instrumentalists in the singing of several hymns.

Join the choir at a reception following the concert. A freewill offering will be received and childcare is available.

Gregorian Chant Institute

A Gregorian Chant Institute will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, Denton, Nebraska, July 1-6. Contact Gerald Holbrook for further information. (402.423.5009).

Looking Ahead to June . . .

Joy and Bob Maag are planning to host a picnic at their home at 262 West Lakeshore Drive (Capitol Beach) on Monday, June 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Lincoln Chapter AGO members and their families are invited to bring a generous covered dish of either a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. An entree will be provided, along with coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. If you prefer another beverage, please bring your choice. We will also provide table service of plates, cups, silverware and napkins.

So that we can plan accordingly, we would appreciate RSVPs either by telephone (402.435.4591) or e-mail (maagonthelake@aol.com) when you know if you will be attending.

The best way to find our home is to go to the corner of West O Street and Northwest 20th Street and turn north several blocks, going down the curved hill to the traffic barricade. Turn right onto West Lakeshore Drive which runs parallel to Interstate 80 and continue to 262 West Lakeshore Drive.

We will repeat this information in the May *Chiff Chat* for your convenience.



AGO members who traveled to Shrine of Music Museum in South Dakota.

Let There be Light (Bulbs) . . .

How many _____ does it take to change a light bulb? These answers recently appeared in *The Anglican Digest*.

- , *Episcopalians: 10. One to call the electrician, and nine to say how much better they liked the old one.*
- , *Roman Catholics: None. They use candles.*
- , *Charismatics: None. They already have their hands up in the air.*
- , *Pentecostals: 10. One to change the bulb and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.*
- , *Presbyterians: None. God has predestined when the lights will be on and off.*
- , *United Methodists: We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light*

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

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| April | 27 | 7:30 p.m. | Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert – "Cantate Domino: Sing to the Lord" – St. John Lutheran Church – 919 North Columbia, Seward |
| | 28 | 3:00 p.m. | Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert – "Cantate Domino: Sing to the Lord" – Grace Lutheran Church – 22 nd at Washington Street, Lincoln |
| May | 15 | | DEADLINE for June issue of <i>Chiff Chat</i> — Editor: 910 University Towers; 128 North 13 th Street; Lincoln, NE 68508-1501; Fax: 402.474.3250; Phone: 402.435.6913; E-mail: mveak@lps.org |
| | 19 | 1:15 p.m. | AGO Meeting – Country Organs – Organ crawl to neighboring communities to see "old" organs – Meet at parking lot at 14 th & Superior Streets |
| June | 3 | 6:30 p.m. | JUNE AGO Meeting – Family Picnic at Joy & Bob Maag's Capitol Beach Lake Home – 262 West Lakeshore Drive, Lincoln |
| | 7-8 | | "Resources for the 21 st Century Church Musician" – Dana College – 2848 College Drive, Blair |
| | 9 | 11:15 a.m. | Trip to Reuter Organ Company, Kansas – Chartered busses leave First Presbyterian Church – 840 South 17 th Street, Lincoln |
| July | 1-6 | | A Gregorian Chant Institute – Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary – Denton, Nebraska |

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- , *bulb. However, if in your own journey, you have found that a light bulb works for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your*
- , *personal relationship with your light bulb and present it next month at our annual light bulb service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence. h*

Slate of Officers

Dean – Marlene Hallstrom
Sub-Dean – Gerald Holbrook
Secretary – Denise Witfoth Makinson
Treasurer – Pamela Penner

3-year board members – Sinda Dux, Charles Ore
2-year board members - John Friesen, Pat Kaltenberger
1-year board members – Art Fliege, Roger Obbink

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