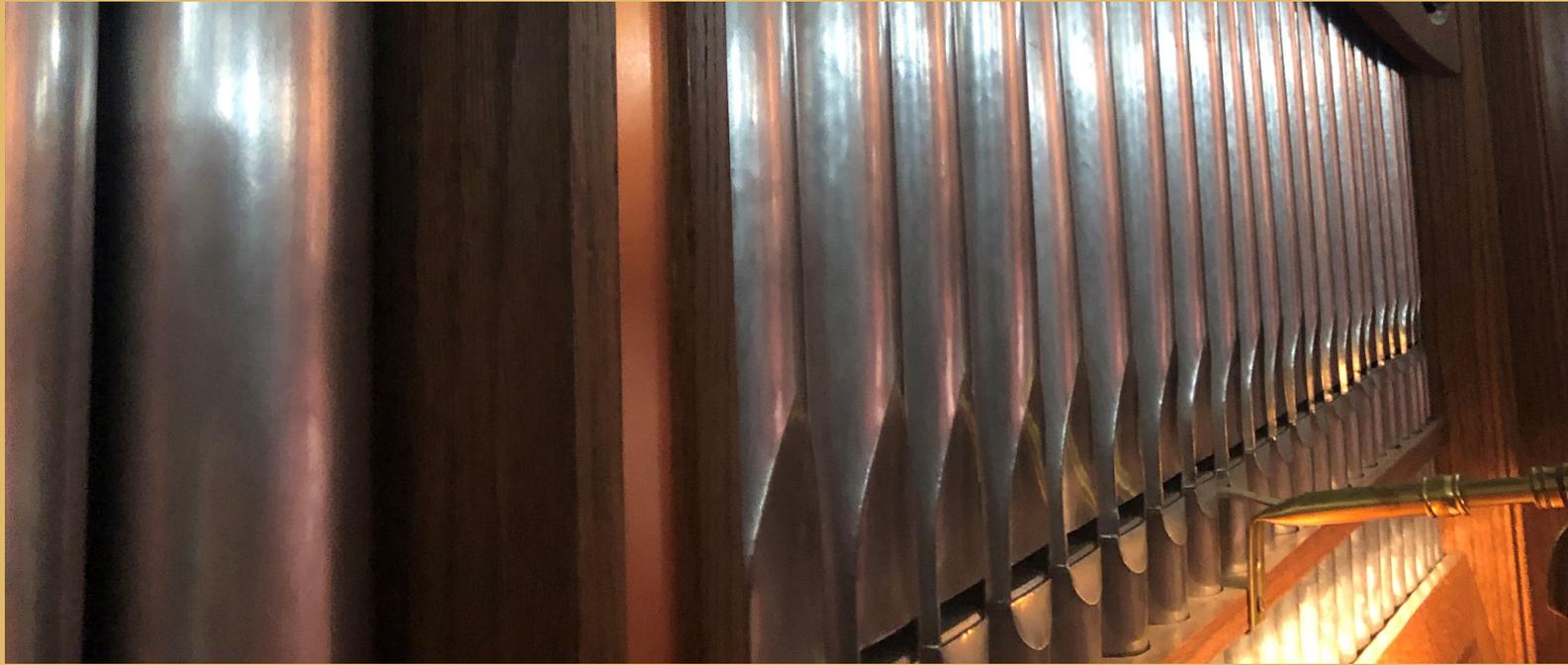




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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
ARROWHEAD CHAPTER OF THE AGO
WHERE THE PIPE ORGAN IS CELEBRATED



A NOTE FROM BRIAN

This last year has been a strain on me, as I am sure it has been for most of us, but I am sure that life will continue for the better. After all, we have music. Music offers comfort, challenge, and joy to our lives - aspects of life that keep us healthy, growing, and vibrant. There are several items to which I would like to call your attention this month.

First, on page 79 of your November issue of "The American Organist," you will find a listing of Sam Black's March 2020 recital on the E.M. Skinner at First Presbyterian Church in Duluth. Congrats, Sam!

Second, our November "Organ-ic" video is up on our website and Facebook page for your viewing pleasure. It features Velda Graham Bell on the 1995 Jaeckel in the chapel at First United Methodist Church in Duluth. Check it out and share it with your friends and family. Our goal with these videos is to expand our audience and to feature our membership.

Third, we are now able to accept donations on our website. If you are able, please thoughtfully consider donating to continue our work of inspiring and engaging our community through organ music.

Fourth, included in this mailing is our updated membership directory. I would like to offer a huge thank you to Velda Bell for her work in compiling this list. If you did not receive this list, please reach out to me (keyed88up@gmail.com) for a copy.

Finally, as you have seen in our most recent email update, Carol Donahue's eldest daughter, Beth Nims, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 49. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this time of loss and change.

Keep an eye out for more programming to come this Spring. As we enter the last parts of the year, I wish you all celebrations full of love and warmth.

Brian Kapp, Dean

GOOD NEWS THIS ISSUE:

- *A Note From Brian*
- *Check out these events happening in our region.*
- *Meet Jan Bilden and Rosemary Guiney, new board members*
- *Sam Black's historical spotlight on the Jaeckel Organ at FUMC*
- *From the Editor*

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE REGION

A FELGEMAKER CHRISTMAS

Mark your calendars to watch a virtual Christmas concert with seven of our very own Arrowhead AGO organists playing the historic Felgemaker pipeorgan at Sacred Heart Music Center. "A Felgemaker Christmas" is sponsored by Friends of the Felgemaker, a committee of Sacred Heart Music Center that maintains and promotes the historic Felgemaker pipe organ housed at the Music Center. "A Felgemaker Christmas" will be broadcast on Sacred Heart Music Center's YouTube channel beginning on:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th AT 2:30 P.M.

The concert will remain on Sacred Heart's YouTube channel for later viewing.
Donations accepted online at
<https://www.givemn.org/story/Pipeorganfund>.
It will be fantastic!

ORGAN RECITAL TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF NORMA STEVLINGSON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

You're also invited to join us for a virtual reception after the recital hosted by the UWS Music Alumni group. The link to both recital and reception will be emailed to you on the morning of the event.

Register to receive the video link, at: <https://cvent.me/Dl7qnA>

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT JAN & ROSEMARY

This Fall, we have welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors. Below, you will find a bit more about them.
Welcome, Jan and Rosemary!

Jan Bilden

I am celebrating my fifty-third year as a church organist, having started in tenth grade in Northwood, North Dakota in a Lutheran congregation with a pipe organ and a long tradition of high school organists. Thanks to instructors such as Ruth Berge of Concordia College and many others, including Tom Hamilton most recently, I continue to enjoy learning and growing in my ability to serve.

Like most church musicians, the position is something I've done as an adjunct to a career, in my case school counseling from which I retired in 2013.

I have been an organist at St. Andrews Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MN since 1993 and am enjoying the Hendrickson organ installed about 2002. The Arrowhead AGO has provided me with many wonderful opportunities to enjoy good music and equally good educational events and I will do my best to support the AGO as a board member.

Rosemary Guiney

When I was 5 years old, my mother took me to my first piano lesson. I continued with lessons on the piano for many years as my primary instrument, but other instruments were also part of my musical background including the harp, organ, and accordion. At the age of 12 I began playing the organ for Saturday evening Mass. I continued as a church musician thru my high school years. Throughout my youth, I was fortunate to have many wonderful teachers, including LeAnn House from St. Scholastica. While at the College of St. Thomas, I studied under Dr. James Callahan and had great fun singing in the Liturgical Choir under the direction of Rob Strusinski.

There were many years I would refer to as the Great Pause when music was not at the heart of my day, as I was busy working and raising a family. During that time, I held many interesting jobs and work experiences all of which I find have significance in my current positions. Some of those include working in promotions and event planning for several years and at a large ad agency for several more. Then I began a long career in insurance, most of which was spent with a national brokerage company.

I have been married to my husband, Tim, for 30+ years. We have 3 grown children, all girls, who are also musical.

My life has now come full circle and I can happily say that the Great Pause is over. Father Steve Laflamme offered me the position as music director at Holy Spirit approximately a year and a half ago. So now I am back playing the piano, learning how to play the pipe organ properly from Tom Hamilton, and helping others, to the best of my ability, sing at church. I enjoy many benefits the American Guild of Organists offers and am immensely proud to say I am a part of this wonderful organization.



A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

JAECKEL, OP 33, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, DULUTH, MN.

Samuel Black

As a Duluth-based organist, I can easily share that this portable organ at First United Methodist Church is the only pipe organ I have ever wanted to steal. Jaeckel Organs, Inc. is an amazing treat along London Road, right next to Lake Superior in the near center of Duluth, MN. Dan Jaeckel, owner and organ-builder, has more than fifty organs in use around the world. His skill is with mechanical organs - pipe organs that function with wires, rods, springs, rollers, sliders, keys, and pedals, with minimal reliance on electrical engagement.

Back in the early 1990s, Music Director/Organist Carol Donahue initiated a project to add a portable pipe organ to the Three Brothers' Chapel at the church. Funds were raised, and by December, 1995, a dedicatory recital was performed by our good friend, AGO member David Tryggestad. Since then, the organ has been used for small services, recitals, and in conjunction with the larger Austin organ in the main sanctuary.

A team of healthy muscles can roll the organ back and forth on the main floor of the church! This organ has two keyboards with 56 keys each, and a pedalboard with 30 notes. The four stops, flute 8' & 4', and principal 4' & 2', are magnificently joined by a Krummhorn reed on the upper manual. Both keyboards can be connected to the pedal with on/off levers. The entire instrument is self-contained, so building door dimensions determined the final size of this unique instrument. As expected, this organ produces a very clear, crisp tone, and is certainly not overbearing in the Three Brothers' Chapel space. Many organs of the past centuries were actually similar to this one, so there is no lack of historical and contemporary literature to perform. The delights of the Krummhorn reed give the organist an opportunity to share very sensitive solo melodic lines.

This November we celebrate Jaeckel Organs, Op. 33, with a liturgical piece from around 1700 by the French composer Louis N. Clérambault. Do plan to visit the Arrowhead Chapter AGO Facebookpage or the arrowheadago.com website to listen to this ongoing series of Organ-ic presentations

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*To my eyes and ears
the organ will ever
be the King of
Instruments.-
Wolfgang Amadeus
Mozart*

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FROM THE EDITOR

Rosemary Guiney

Thanksgiving is upon us!

What a wonderful time of year. Even this year. While there have been many challenges this year, there remain so many things to be thankful for. Family, friends, music and the pipe organ, to name a few.

Mozart said the pipe organ is the king of instruments. I believe that is an accurate statement. The masterful pipe organ brings majesty, grace and brilliance to music. It is something that all should have the opportunity to experience and it is a gift.

Sharing the gift of the pipe organ can be done with our ORGAN-ic video series. I have, and intend to continue, posting the videos across different personal platforms in order for more people to have access to the beautiful performances and to at least have a digital experience of the pipe organ. I invite you to do the same. Share on Facebook, Instagram, add a link to the Arrowhead AGO website thru other websites, as a few examples.

The first video was incredibly beautiful. I am so looking forward to the next video of Velda playing the Jaekel organ.

I am thankful for all the performers and everyone who helped with this series.

Pax Tibi and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Rosemary

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