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**DEADLINE  
For the February  
issue of  
THE WINDCHEST  
the deadline is  
February 15, 2016**

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## **Dean's Message**

Education! Opportunities for life-long education! Life-long education leading to recognized certification in organ and choral proficiency. Framed certificates on your office wall. SPC, CAGO, ChM, AAGO, FAGO behind your signature.

In the immediately past decades, professional certification in several professional fields has become more and more important as college and university programs have been diminished or even eliminated, including organ and sacred music programs. Opportunities for professional development and renewal disappear, and in certain fields, including organ and choral music in religious and educational institutions, a decline of professional leadership.

Thanks to the wisdom and vision of the founding fathers of the American Guild of Organists, one the stated goals of the Guild is to offer life-long education opportunities for those seeking to develop proficiency in organ and choral music leadership in religious and education institutions as well as personal and professional growth. These goals are partially accomplished through the Guild's certification program, beginning with the SPC and ChM, followed sequentially by the CAGO, AAGO, and FAGO certification.

The Service Playing Certificate (SPC) and Colleague American Guild of Organists (CAGO) certify performance skills at the console, including voluntary repertoire, transposition, sight reading, and improvisational skills. The Associate American Guild of Organists (AAGO) and Fellow American Guild of Organists (FAGO) require extensive performance skill development as well as extensive knowledge of theory, music history, and composition. The ChM requires considerable knowledge of choral literature in addition to developed vocal and directing skills.

Through publications, articles in TAO, and resources available at national headquarters, the Guild offers many resources to candidates for any of the certificates. Local chapters appoint an

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**AGO STUDENT RECITAL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016  
3:00 P.M.**

**CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ORGAN STUDIO  
ST. CECLIA CATHEDRAL CAMPUS**

Plans (and practicing) are underway by organ students of Omaha AGO members preparing to play an organ recital on **Saturday, March 12, 3:00 P.M.** The recital will be held in the organ studio of the Cultural Arts Center on the St. Cecilia Cathedral campus, open to the public free of charge.

AGO members with students planning to perform should contact **Marie Rubis Bauer** at [MRBOMaha@aol.com](mailto:MRBOMaha@aol.com) to arrange for one lesson and one practice time for each student playing.

## AGO Hymn Fest – Sunday, 4/17

The Omaha Chapter AGO will host their 2nd Hymn Festival on April 17, 2016 at First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass. Last year a similar festival raised \$1,000 to match a challenge gift and the chapter hopes to do the same this year. Those funds will be put to good use as educational opportunities are offered to church musicians.

The festival will bring focus on the organ as the leader of congregational song and the congregation will be involved in every hymn. Guest instrumentalists will also be a part of the program.

Hymns for the Festival will follow the church year taking all on the journey from Advent through the celebration of Christ the King. Organists participating are from Omaha, Lincoln and Seward. We are proud to have the following organists leading the festival this year!

Advent - Marty Wheeler Burnett

Immaculate Conception – Marie Rubis Bauer

Christmas - Barbara Fremder

Lent - Wayne Kallstrom

Easter - Michael Bauer

Pentecost - Mark Kurtz

Reformation - Charles Ore

All Saints - Jeremy Bankson

Christ the King - Dana Sloan

Omaha Chapter members will be needed for hospitality on the day of the festival, so please say “yes” when you are asked! We look forward to seeing YOU on April 17.

Jean Johnson, Chair of the committee 402-453-4080 church 402-670-8177 cell, Julie Sandene, Mark Kurtz, David Schack, Jerry Brabec, Laura Palmer, and Barbara Fremder.

## SOUP AND SOCIAL TIME – Sunday, 4/4

### Additional Event for Omaha AGO Members

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2016  
(The Sunday after Easter)  
4:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Home of Gina Simpson  
5633 South 118 Plaza, Omaha**

Your Board, at its January meeting, elected to include an additional get-together for Omaha AGO member to “just” spend time in fellowship. Since most of our programs are recitals or events, your Board wants to make sure your ideas or concerns are heard.

So, come at 4 p.m; a short business meeting around 4:30 p.m. and plan to eat at 5:00 p.m.

We'll have several kinds of soups and salads. Let Gina know ([ginas@chirock.com](mailto:ginas@chirock.com)) if you have any allergies, etc.

### **Choir Forming for AGO Hymn Festival**

Choir directors are encouraged to ask choir members to sing on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have a volunteer choir of approximately 75 singers for the afternoon festival. Singers would learn the music ahead of time and rehearse prior to the festival on April 17. We would ask chapter members to relay this information to any choir directors with whom they work. Please let Julie Sandene ([jasandene@gmail.com](mailto:jasandene@gmail.com)) know of interest and she will be in contact with directors as plans come together.

### **Sinai Festival Sounds – 2/28 Recital**

**Sinai Festival Sounds  
presents Pianist Cynthia France  
in a solo recital  
Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m.  
Sinai Lutheran Church  
950 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Fremont.**

We are always thrilled when we have the opportunity to showcase young musicians, and are confident that our audience will be impressed with this young artist. Cynthia was born in Shenyang, China in 2002 and has lived in Omaha since 2011.

A student of Dr. James Johnson, she has recently won numerous awards including First Place in the Junior Virtuoso division of the Nebraska Summer Music Olympics, First Alternate in the MTNA State Competition, First place in the Omaha Youth Chinese Talent Show, and Second Place in the OMTA Young Artist Competition. In addition to piano, she also plays flute in her school's band and serves as concertmaster for the Westside Middle School Orchestra. Cindy also excels in academics and athletics!

Sinai Festival Sounds concerts are supported by freewill donations.

### **Dean's Letter (*continued from page 1*)**

education chairman (Omaha AGO education chairman is Sally Hodges) who arranges schedules and acts as proctor for the SPC and CAGO exams, which are administered locally. The AAGO and FAGO exams are taken at specific chapter sites, announced in July for the upcoming year.

There are several members expressing interest in earning the SPC and CAGO certificates. Interested? Questions? Need guidelines? Resources available locally? Please contact Sally Hodges [sallyspiano@cox.net](mailto:sallyspiano@cox.net) or Dr. Christensen [mrc@chase3000.com](mailto:mrc@chase3000.com), and you'll be on your way to earning AGO certification. Yes, it's hard work, but it's worth it, especially when that framed certificate is displayed on your office wall, and the initials appear with your signature!

Peace and good will. Psalm 96:1,2. Stay in touch.

Dr. Christensen, AAGO

### **New "Member Spotlight" Column**

**Editor's Note:** Your Board has asked that a new "Member Spotlight" column be added to *The Windchest*. The purpose of the column is to help our members get to know each other.

For this issue, I have selected two of the non-Board bios from the handout materials from the recent January Jubilee. (See pages \_\_ and \_\_.)

Please consider this as your invitation to write a bio about yourself to share with our membership. It can be short or long. Assuming I get an overwhelming response to this request, bios will be published as space permits.

## **Lenten Organ Recital Series**

### **WEDNESDAY-AT-NOON LENTEN ORGAN SERIES St. Paul's Lutheran Church 239 Frank Street Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503**

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the annual WEDNESDAY-AT-NOON LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL SERIES for 2016. Host organist is Dr. J. Gordon Christensen.

Now in its eighth season, the recitals begin at 12:00 noon, lasting about 40 minutes. The recitals are followed by a home-cooked meal in the Undercroft of the church. Both the recitals and meals are free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

#### **THE 2016 SERIES**

February 10:	Michael McCabe, organist; Janeen Jensen, contralto
February 17:	Joan Ebersold
February 24:	Rev. Timothy Frank
March 2:	Barbara Fremder
March 9:	David Schack
March 16:	Laura Palmer

#### **Officers for 2015-16**

DEAN:	J. Gordon Christensen
SUB-DEAN:	Marie Rubis Bauer
SECRETARY:	Gregory Johnson
TREASURER:	Gina Simpson

#### **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (3-year terms):**

Claire Eason (1<sup>st</sup> of 3 years)  
Julie Sandene (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 years)  
Jean Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> year – fulfilling  
J. Gordon Christensen's term)

## **Success! January Jubilee**

Team work! Omaha AGO JANUARY JUBILEE was terrifically successful because of team work within the chapter.

Team work was evident when the JANUARY JUBILEE committee, comprised of Ann Warner Spangler, Joan Ebersold, Jerry Brabec, Marty Wheeler Burnett, Dr. Wayne Kallstrom, Greg Johnson, and Mark Kurtz met early in the spring. Members of the committee proceeded to recruit presenters, organized promotional materials, facilitated business transactions, recruited fellow chapter members for various responsibilities, always with visible team-work observed across the membership of the Chapter.

Team work was especially evident in organization of materials for workshop handouts, items gathered for the packets, and preparing a mailing of more than 700 brochures. Members work well with Rosemary Paul, who designed the promotional flyers and the program booklets. Chapter members moved tables, chairs, handbells, organ consoles, pianos, and dividers at Saint John Lutheran both before and after the Jubilee.

And, at the end of the day, two comments that came our way. Dr. Eileen Guenther: "I appreciated the Chapter's hospitality to me. I especially took note of your team-work and how everyone worked together to make this a successful day." The president of Saint John Lutheran Church, Alan Meilike:

"Hmmmmmm—organized? Yeah! Everyone worked together, and well. Come back again!"

CODA: This same terrific team-work in our Chapter is visible in our hymn festival committee, chaired by Jean Johnson. Team work! Keep it up!



### **Member Spotlight: Dr. Wayne Kallstrom**

In 1962 having determined that he would be a music major, Kallstrom enrolled at Drake University, Des Moines, IA, as a Church Music major (organ) studying with the renowned pedagogue, Russell Saunders. While at Drake he was awarded a Drake University Scholarship as well as the Central Iowa Chapter American Guild of Organists' Scholarship (1965.) He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity and Pi Kappa Alpha Honorary Fraternity.

Following graduation from Drake (1966,) he auditioned and was accepted for graduate work at the Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY) where he earned the MM and DMA degrees in Performance and Church music, studying with the gifted performer and teacher, David Craighead.

Dr. Kallstrom's teaching/performing career began in 1971 and has continued to the present time. He has held teaching positions at Whitworth College, Spokane WA; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK; Minot State College, Minot, ND; and Northwestern Oklahoma State U., Alva, OK. Since 1982, he has taught at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and until recently at the College of Saint Mary and Metropolitan Community College, Omaha.

He has served as organist at St. Luke's Lutheran, Omaha, Trinity Lutheran, Des Moines, St. John's Lutheran, Des Moines, First Presbyterian, East Rochester, NY, Parkside Methodist, East Rochester, NY, Messiah Lutheran, Spokane, WA and for the past 33 years at Dundee Presbyterian, Omaha.

Kallstrom is a member of the Omaha Chapter AGO and for 28 years served as Editor of the monthly newsletter, *The Windchest*. He has presented programs for the Omaha Music Teachers' Association: "From Pianist to Organist" (1998,) and "Sopranos of the Twentieth Century" (2004.) For the Omaha Chapter AGO, he presented a program,

"Trumpets and Other Toys." (2001.)

He has played an annual faculty organ recital at the University of Nebraska-Omaha since 1989 and has performed on the East and West coasts and in the southwestern parts of the US.

In 2008 he accompanied the choir from the College of Saint Mary to Italy and served as organist at masses at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. He also accompanied public concerts at St. Ignatius Loyola, Rome and at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Florence.

In 2014 he again served as organist for the CSM choir on its tour of Ireland where masses were sung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh and St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.



## **Member Spotlight: The Rev. Jerald Brabec**

### *Rev. W. Jerald Brabec*

Rev. W. Jerald Brabec, tenor, is an Ordained Deacon on the clergy staff at Omaha St. Paul United Methodist Church where he serves as Minister of Worship. His responsibilities include the overseeing of music preparation for the congregation of 650.

Awarded the Master of Music degree from the University of Nebraska, he studied choral conducting with Dr. Cina Crisara and Dr. Z. Randall Stroope. As a chorister of the acclaimed Robert Shaw Festival Chorus at Carnegie Hall, he sang for five years under the baton of the late Robert Shaw, was selected one of six participants in the Alice Parker Melodius Accord Fellowship Program and continues his conducting studies with Ms. Parker each January in New York.

Jerry is an active musical director for the Omaha Theater Company for Children at the Rose. He also serves as music director for the nationally acclaimed Rose Brigade, one of the award winning offerings of the "Broadway at the Rose" program. In June 2010, Jerry premiered the production of "Two Gentleman of Verona" for Omaha's Shakespeare in the Parks in the position of musical director. Formerly, Jerry taught at the high school level for Council Bluffs Community Schools, served as associate artistic director of the Omaha Clarion Chorale, artistic director for the Kaneshville Chorus and Renaissance Faire of the Midlands. He frequently sings in area theatre and commercial settings, and is a member of Omaha-based Caberet Theatre.





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**Friday, October 23, 7:30 pm**  
 Concert (Free admission)  
**Sunday, October 25, 10:30 am**  
 Choral Mass

**All Saints Day Evensong**  
**Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm**  
 Combined choirs of Trinity &  
 Saint Cecilia Cathedrals

**Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, December 6, 10:30 am**  
 Cathedral Choir and Handbells

**Christmas Eve Choral Mass**  
**Thursday, December 24**  
 5:00 pm Résonance  
 10:00 pm Cathedral Choir  
 & Palladium Brass Quintet

**Organ Recital** Dr. Robert Delcamp  
**Thursday, January 21, 7:30 pm**  
 (Free admission)

**Choral Evensong**  
**Sunday, February 21, 4:00 pm**  
 Combined Choirs of All Saints Episcopal Church,  
 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and  
 Trinity Cathedral

**Easter Day**  
**Sunday, March 27**  
 8:30 and 10:30 am  
 The Cathedral Choir & Palladium Brass

**Cathedra**  
**Thursday, May 12, 7:30 pm**  
 Resident choral ensemble at Washington  
 National Cathedral  
 Conductor Michael McCarthy  
 (Free admission with donation to  
 the Food Bank for the Heartland)



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## In the Cathedral Nave

***Blessing of the Animals - Celebrating all creatures great and small.***  
Saturday, October 3, 2015, Prelude - 10:30 a.m., Blessing - 11:00 a.m.,  
featuring the *Palladium Brass* and the *Archdiocesan Youth Choir*.

***James David Christie, Organ***  
Sunday, October 18, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.  
Organist, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, College Organist at Wellesley College

***Saint Cecilia Day Concert***  
Sunday, November 22, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.  
A celebration of the Cathedral's patroness featuring the *Cathedral Choirs* and  
*Marie Rubis Bauer*: Cathedral Organist

***An Advent Celebration***  
*Mary Bircher: Harp, Craig Bircher: Trumpet*  
Sunday, November 29, 2015, 3:00 p.m.  
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, 239 Frank St, Council Bluffs

***Christmas at the Cathedral***  
Friday, December 4, 2015 - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.  
*Omaha Symphonic Chorus and the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra*  
Information: [www.omahasymphonicchorus.org](http://www.omahasymphonicchorus.org).

***Cathedral Flower Festival***  
Saturday, Sunday, January 30, 31, 2016  
The 31th Annual Cathedral Flower Festival invites you to *A Night at the Movies!*  
Check the *Omaha World Herald* for specific times and programs.

***New York Polyphony***  
Sunday, February 7, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.  
New York Polyphony is regarded as one of the finest vocal chamber ensembles in  
the world. *The four men*, "singers of superb musicianship and vocal allure."  
(*The New Yorker*)

***Cathedral Lecture***  
Thursday, February 25, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
113 North 18th Street  
The second presentation on the continued progress of the renovation of the  
Crystal Cathedral presented by Brother William Woeger, FSC, Liturgical  
Designer for the new Christ Cathedral, Diocese of Orange County, California.

***Cathedral Jazz Workshops***  
Sundays of March, 2016  
Led by noted Omaha Jazz pianist *Robert Glaser and Company*  
Information: [regpiano@cox.net](mailto:regpiano@cox.net)

***A Bach Birthday Celebration***  
Sunday, March 6, 2016, 3:00 p.m.  
*Douglas Cleveland*, Organist, University of Washington, Seattle and Seattle Symphony

***An Easter Celebration***  
Sunday, April, 3, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.  
*Music from Lent through Easter - Cathedral Choir, Marie Rubis Bauer, Conductor*

***Spire Ensemble - Choir and Baroque Orchestra***  
Friday, April 15, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.  
Kansas City's newest ensemble will fill the Cathedral with Handel and Haydn!

***Gail Archer, Organ***  
Sunday, May 8, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.  
Grammy-nominated Organist from Vassar and Barnard Colleges in New York " ...she  
played with an agility that met the music's coloristic and rhythmic demands." (NY Times)

## In the Cathedral Cultural Center Sunderland Gallery

***De-constructing Kimball***  
August 23 - September 27, 2015

***Los Dias de Los Muertos***  
October 17 - November 7, 2015, Opening reception October 17 - 7:00 p.m.

***Retrospective: Paintings by Mary Murphy***  
November 22 - December 30, 2015, Opening reception November 22 - 1:00 p.m. -  
3:00 p.m.

***Flower Festival Exhibition: The Golden Age of Film Stars***  
January 29 - 31, 2016

***Phil Hawkins: Installations***  
February 21 - April 8, 2016, Opening reception February 21 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

***Edge: Contemporary Fiber Artists***  
April 24 - June 5, 2016, Opening reception, April 24 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



# **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Nathan A. Sherrill**

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**Presents:**

## **Wednesday at Noon Lenten Organ Recitals**

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to a series of  
Lenten Organ Recitals to be held on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent.**

**Recitals begin at 12:00 p.m. lasting about 40 minutes.**

**This is a time to reflect, meditate, be refreshed, and renewed.**

**The recitals are free and open to the public.**

**Lunch will be served in St. Paul's undercroft following the recitals.**

### **2016 Series includes:**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Michael McCabe**

**Dowd Memorial Chapel, Boystown**

**with Janeen Jansen**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Joan Ebersold**

**Saint John Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Rev. Timothy Frank**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Charter Oak**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Barbara Fremder**

**Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, Omaha**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> ~ David Schack**

**Past Dean, Omaha Chapter, American Guild of Organists**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Dr. Laura Palmer**

**All Saints Episcopal Church, Omaha**

