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

Gina Simpson, Editor
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Dean's Message

Dear Dean's List Scholars,

The HYMN FESTIVAL committee (Sunday April 17, First United Methodist Church) is preparing an outstanding festival for Omaha AGO to sponsor. The format of the festival follows the liturgical year, with considerably more audience participation than the festival a year ago, highlighted by a choir--all supported by the spectacular pipe organ in First United Methodist Church. Plans include a choir of 75, which will rehearse the same afternoon as the festival. The committee's goal for the choir is 75, comprised of singers from AGO member churches.

The committee will be ordering choir music within days. So, for those choir members planning to sing in the festival choir who have not yet signed up, contact JULIE SANDENE <jasandene@gmail.com> soon. This is an opportunity your choir members will not want to miss.

Questions? Contact Julie <jasandene@gamil.com; or Jean Johnson <jean.johnson.8@cox.net>

Peace and good will.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Christensen, Dean
Omaha AGO

OUR NEXT MEETING

**AGO STUDENT RECITAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016
3:00 P.M.
CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ORGAN STUDIO
Room 201
ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL CAMPUS**

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.

There are seven students playing in our recital, representing two studios. Students include:

**Brett Allen
Julia Brockhouse
Timothy Connor
Gianna Manhart
Theresa Piroch
Timothy Schreiber
Katherine Turner**

The recital will be followed by a cookie/punch/coffee reception.

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

SOUP AND SOCIAL TIME – Sunday, 4/3

Additional Event for Omaha AGO Members

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016
(The Sunday after Easter)
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Home of Gina Simpson
5633 South 118 Plaza, Omaha**

EVENT TIME CHANGE! (moved to one hour later)

Enjoy "An Easter Celebration" program presented by the St. Cecilia Cathedral Choir under the direction of member Marie Rubis Bauer at 3:00 at St. Cecilia Cathedral, then join fellow Chapter members starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be a short business meeting at 5:30 p.m. with soup being served around 6:00 p.m.

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

Please RSVP to Gina at ginas@chirock.com or 402-312-1157.

Directions from I-680: Take the Q Street exit. At the "T"-stoplight, take a left heading west on Q Street. At the first four-way stoplight you'll be at 120th and Q streets. Turn left and head south on 120th. Follow directions from 120th and Q Streets below.

Directions from 120th and Q Streets: Head south past Q Street on 120th. Turn left at the first subdivision (St. Andrews Pointe) onto Oakair Plaza. Take the first left in the subdivision (S. 118 Plaza) and we're the 5th house on the left—look for black awnings.

Member Spotlight: Jean Johnson

Jean Johnson is an Associate in Ministry (AIM) for Music of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving under call at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6340 N 30th Street in Omaha. She has a B.A. in Music Education from Kearney State College (now UNK) and was commissioned as an AIM in 2000. In 1984 Jean became director of a well-established handbell program at Trinity, subsequently becoming organist and director of the Chancel Choir and Alleluia Kids. Trinity's Chancel Bells have rung for weddings and funerals and have appeared in concert for the Florence Arts and Humanities, Midland College, Omaha Symphonic Chorus, and the Heartland of America Band in their Christmas concerts at the Orpheum. Jean is a member of the Handbell Musicians of America, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and the American Guild of Organists.



Jean Johnson

News from AGO National

WILMA JENSEN TO BE HONORED WITH AGO ENDOWMENT FUND DISTINGUISHED ARTIST AWARD RECITAL AND GALA BENEFIT RECEPTION IN NASHVILLE

Colleagues, Students, Loved Ones, and Friends from Across the Country Will Gather to Celebrate her Lifetime Achievements at AGO Endowment Fund Benefit

NEW YORK CITY — The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has selected internationally acclaimed organist, church musician, and teacher **WILMA JENSEN** as the honoree for the **2016 AGO Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award Recital and Gala Benefit Reception on Friday, April 8, 2016**, in **Nashville, Tenn.** Complete information can be found online at www.agohq.org/2016-gala.

The celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m., at West End United Methodist Church, 2200 West End Avenue, where the honoree will perform a free recital featuring works by Vierne, Philip James, Franck, Brahms, Schumann, and Tournemire. Dr. Jensen will be joined by Stephen Seifert in a performance of Conni Ellisor's *Blackberry Winter*, a concerto for dulcimer and string orchestra, which has been transcribed for organ by the honoree for this occasion. The Recital will be followed by a Gala Benefit Reception (advance tickets required) at the Vanderbilt University Club of Nashville.

Participate from a Distance by making a contribution to the AGO Endowment Fund in honor of Wilma Jensen. Contribute online at www.agohq.org or by sending a check to: AGO Endowment Fund, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260, New York, NY 10115. Contributions received by March 15 will be reported in the commemorative program book.

All proceeds from the Gala will honor Wilma Jensen in perpetuity through the AGO Endowment Fund. For further information, please call 212-870-2311, ext. 4308, or e-mail gala@agohq.org.

Cross Lutheran Church Closes

The closing service for Cross Lutheran (LCMS) was held on February 7, 2016. Rev. Richard Snow, Nebraska District President, presided. The organist for the final service was Carol Williams. Rosalie Soodsma, and Kent Seetin have also served as organists at Cross.



Cross Lutheran Church, Omaha

Cross was established 98 years ago at 3101 S. 20th Street in Omaha. The Church had a K-12 school, now closed, nearby.

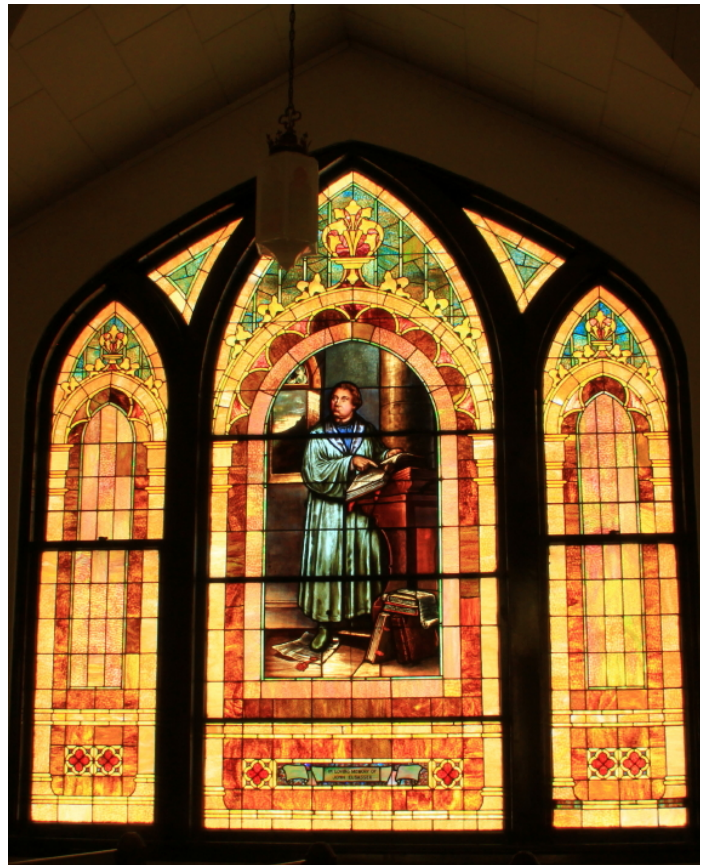
The congregation was organized in 1918 and the building was dedicated on Pentecost in the spring of 1919. The organ was installed later. The organ is a 2 manual Weickhardt. Wangerin-Weickhardt. The Milwaukee firm of Wangerin-Weickhardt has two or three organs in Nebraska. There still are some Wangerins in southern Wisconsin.

The organ is composed of 12 ranks with 12 stops. The organ seems to be original in its entirety. The facade pipes are those of the Great Diapason. The organ console is attached to the case and the organ is still in remarkably good condition.



Carol Williams at the console.

The future of the instrument and building are unknown at this time. It is hoped that the stained glass windows, especially the one of Luther, and the organ can be repurposed.



Luther Window at Cross Lutheran, Omaha

Cross Lutheran Closes, continued



Sanctuary at Cross Lutheran, Omaha



Organ at Cross Lutheran, Omaha

Information from Dr. Holyoke's compendium
"The Pipes of Greater Omaha," Stephen
Bartelt, Carol Williams, Barb Lupton and Kent
Seetin.

Pictures by Carol Williams and Julie Sandene.



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Historic church. Fresh ideas. Your spiritual home in downtown Omaha.

New York Polyphony
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.

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

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.