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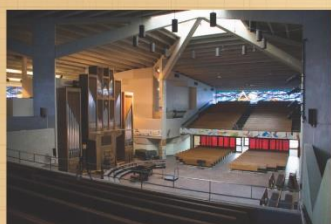
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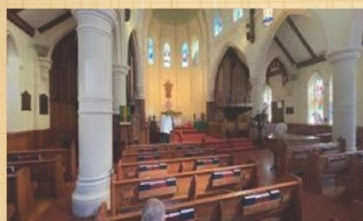
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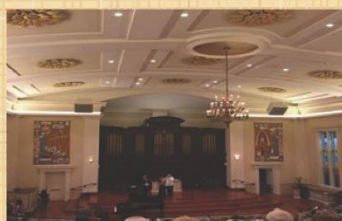
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St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Wangerin Op. 841 1942
Besch 1927 | Schuelke 1905
Chant & Jackson 1869



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Skinner Organ Company Opus
505 1924 4/43
14 Bell Carillon Tower



First Presbyterian Church
William Johnson Op. 238 1867
3 manuals, Charles Besch 1938,
Colby 1988, Fabry 2009



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Tour of Kenosha and Racine
February 22, 2015

Here's a brief description of the tour destinations.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church dates to 1840. Construction on the present church building began in 1872, and was completed in 1879, making it the oldest church building in Kenosha County. The church is built of limestone in the Gothic Revival style. Organ: 1924 Skinner 4/43. Fourteen Bell Tower Carillon playable from the organ console.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church was established in 1838. The building was destroyed by fire on January 4, 1866. First services in the new building were September 8, 1867. The building is an excellent example of the English Gothic Revival style. The nine piece carillon bell set in the tower weighs 7200 pounds and was gifted to the church in 1887. Organ: 1869 Candy & Jackson/1905 Schuelke/ 1927 Charles Besch/ 1942 Wangerin /3 manuals.

First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1839. The congregation's first church building was dedicated in February 1843. The current building was built in 1852 and designed in the Greek Revival style. Organ: 1867 William Johnson / 1938 Charles Besch / 1988 Colby / 2007 Fabry/ 3 manuals.

Holy Communion Lutheran Church May 1898, the first English-speaking Lutheran church was organized in Racine. On April 21, 1902, Holy Communion's first church opened its doors. Richter & Eiler, an architectural firm from Reading, PA, was commissioned to build the new Holy Communion. Dedicated on February 17, 1929, the building was in the Gothic style and features a high rib vaulted ceiling. 43 stained glass windows were designed by the renowned glass firm, Giannini & Hilgard of Chicago, who also designed numerous windows for Frank Lloyd Wright's projects. The baptismal font was designed by the famous Danish sculptor, Bertel Thorvaldsen. Organ: 1982 Cassavant 3/42.

Some very interesting church buildings and organs. That's not the whole story of the tour.

We all remember going to AGO Conventions, seeing fine church buildings and hearing great organs but, it was the bus ride that generated unabashed conversation and community with participants. Add the box lunch designed for your gourmet needs by Beans & Barley, and you will have a wonderful experience.

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Additional information regarding the churches, organs and registration is found in this issue of *Pipenotes*.

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Mequon, WI

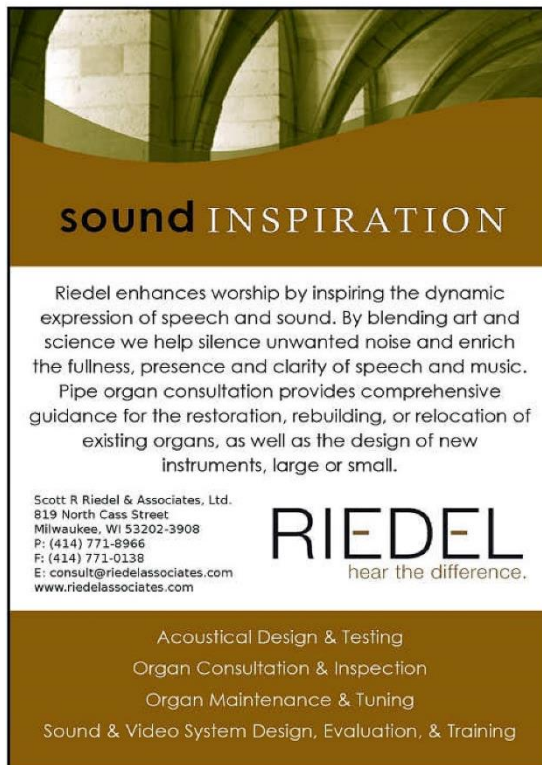
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Holiday Organ Concert
Trinity Episcopal Church
1717 Church St
Wauwatosa, WI

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Brookfield Congregational Church
13650 Gebhardt Road
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Ah, the month of December for church ministry is a revolving door of PPR -- planning, preparing, rehearsing. All of this PPR leads up to the festive celebration of the Christmas season when there is high demand for musicians to perform music. This month the Archives is taking a step back by starting to gather information on Chapter members who are composers. Just think what our gathering for worship would be without musical compositions from composers! Although some oral music traditions have survived and continue to serve worship like chant, many other cultural traditions have been lost forever through the generations. My delayed summer project is finally launched with this first of many articles on the topic of chapter composers. During one of your pauses in your PPR, enjoy reading this month's article.

Part I - 1929-1950s
Composers in our Midst

The earliest mention of members who composed music, that I found so far, was in the Correspondence, Meeting Minutes of May 20, 1929.

<u>Composer's Name</u>	<u>Title of Works</u>	<u>Year</u>
Walter Ihrke	"Sonata" Correspondence/Meeting Minutes (C/MM) 1929	Performed May 20, 1929
Miss Ann Lee	"Bird Song" composition Theme for this piece was taken from the song of a bird heard in her travels through Canada Correspondence/Meeting Minutes (C/MM) 1929	Performed May 20, 1929
William Webb	Anthem - "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord" with solo voice Solo - "O Jesus, I have Promised" Solo - "What Shall I Render Unto the Lord" These compositions by William Webb were observing the 50 th Anniversary of Webb being organist and choirmaster at First Baptist Church, 911 East Ogden Avenue	Performed November 28, 1945

<u>Composer's Name</u>	<u>Title of Works</u>	<u>Year</u>
Dr. John F. Carre	"Mountain Sketches"; "Images"; "Sonata Eroica", etc. published by Willis Music Co., NY Wisconsin NEWSLETTER June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	----
	Three Images for Organ (mss.) - "Cloister Shadows" - "White Clouds" - "Mirror Lake" John Carre dedicated his work to Dr. Emory L. Gallup, who was the guest organist for the 23 rd anniversary of the church edifice at the church of Ascension Lutheran, 1236 S. Layton Blvd. in Milwaukee.	Performed June 24, 1946
John Christensen	"Thy Word" - organ "Praise to the Lord" - organ These organ works by John Christensen, Minister of Music at Ascension were on the program for the 23 rd anniversary of the church edifice of Ascension at 1236 S. Layton Blvd. in Milwaukee.	Performed June 24, 1946

Some Facts and Finds from the Archives.

The Wisconsin Chapter N E W S L E T T E R from June of 1953 was referred to as the "Who's Who and What" of the chapter with 180 members strong.

The 1965 Student Organist Contest winner's program included three pieces by composer member Robert Legler. The Epiphany Lutheran Church Senior Bell Choir performed under his direction "Spanish Hymn," "Go to Dark Gethsemane," and "Variations on 'O Sons and Daughters'".

Did you know that the first annual Milwaukee Chapter's Composer Contest in 1966 had twelve composers participating from the state of Wisconsin. Of the twelve entries, composer member Cyril Owen was awarded the winner for his anthem "**An Olde English Carol**" and prize money of \$100.00.

<u>Composer's Name</u>	<u>Title of Works</u>	<u>Year</u>
Oliver Wallace	"Sevenfold Amen"	c1943
	"The Lord's Prayer"	c1943
	"Be Merciful, O Lord"	c1943
	No Publisher noted	
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	
Edward Wise	"Psalm 105" - mixed voices a capella	-----
	"Lord's Prayer" - mixed voices, organ	-----
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	
Mrs. Eugene P. Meyer	Arranged organ fugues, chorales and descants, children's songs	
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	
Michael J. Wierzbicki	"Blossomed as a Lily"	Performed December 15, 1957
	"While Shepherds Watched"	
	Two vocal works on traditional melodies for soprano/alto duet, tenor/alto duet and 4-part chorus.	
	Mr. Wierzbicki was present to receive an acknowledgement of his two vocal pieces which were performed on a program at Brooks Memorial Hall on the campus of Marquette University	
	PipeNotes (PN) February 1958	
Robert Legler	Cantata: "A Christmas Meditation"	-----
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	
	Narrative Chorale: - Cantata:--"The Passion of the Lord" ---	
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	
Robert Legler	"Suite for Handbells and Organ"	Performed 1958
	performed at the Junior Choir Festival	
	PipeNotes (PN) April-May, 1958	
	"Bell Sonata" – handbells	Performed April 12, 1959
	premiere performance April 12, 1959 at the Junior Choir Workshop	
	1 st Methodist Church, 10 th and Wisconsin Avenue	
	PipeNotes (PN) March 1959	
	"Cantata" – mixed voices	Performed March 29, 1959
	performed on Easter Sunday at Epiphany Lutheran Church	
	PipeNotes (PN) April 1959	
	An "organ solo"	Performed March 1959
	A "vocal ensemble"	
	He received 2 awards at the Composers Contest sponsored by Wisconsin State Fair, Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs	
	PipeNotes (PN) September 1959	
Mrs. Lorraine L. Schultz	Has arranged anthems and written Descant, not published	--
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	
	"There Came Three Kings" - Male Choir	Performed December 1958
	Three Milwaukee Churches, unnamed, are performing this vocal piece during the 1958 Christmas season.	
	PipeNotes (PN) December 1958	
Mrs. B. A. Marcell	"March" (Piano)	c1928
	Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	

<u>Composer's Name</u>	<u>Title of Works</u>	<u>Year</u>
Mrs. E. J. Tetlie	Hymn: "O Savior, King" published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, MN Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	c1946
Phil J. Beyer	A number of selections, unpublished Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	----
James Engel	"Two Chorale Preludes" – organ Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	c1951
Miss Mattie C. Hermes	"Mass in Honor of St. Rita" – mixed choir "Veni Creator" "Asperges Me" English Hymn all in manuscript Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	---- ---- ----
Cyril M. Owen	Lute Book – "Lullabye" published by H. W. Gray Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	c1952
	"Trilogy" – sacred anthem received a special award at the Composers Contest sponsored by Wisconsin State Fair, Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs PipeNotes (PN) September 1959	Performed March 1959
Dr. Heinrich Fleischer	Collection of "four chorales"; pending publication summer of 1953 Wisconsin NEWSLETTER - June 1953 (WN-June 1953)	1953
Winefrid Ryan	"Gaily the Troubador" - recorder with piano accompaniment published by Schirmer Publishing Company, 1 st edition with 2 nd edition being prepared PipeNotes (PN) December 1955	c1955
James Bauman	Mass for boys' voices "Sanctus" and "Benedictus" written for the boys' choir at Christ King Church	Performed March 1959
	"See What Love" unison, children's anthem written for the Carol Choir of Grand Ave. Congregational Church PipeNotes (PN) March 1959	Performed March 1959
	Composition for Trumpet and Strings received a prize at the Composers Contest sponsored by Wisconsin State Fair, Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs PipeNotes (PN) September 1959	Performed March 1959
Winston Luck	"Tocatta for Christmas" – organ premiere performance by composer at Underwood Baptist church PipeNotes (PN) February 1959	Performed December 1958
Sr. M. Theophane	"Prelude and Allegro"- oboe and piano received an award at the Composers Contest sponsored by Wisconsin State Fair, Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs PipeNotes (PN) September 1959	Performed March 1959.

This first article is a small sampling of the many gifted chapter member composers. The members wrote music for use at their churches where they were music ministers. Members programmed original composition of members on recital programs. Some members premiered their own compositions as well as guest recitalists would premier a member's works. From what I discovered, the chapter members encouraged and supported the composers to continue to explore musical genres for the organ and other instruments. In the new year, I will continue to share more on the composers in our midst.

Before I wrap up this last article for 2024, it has been brought to my attention that one of the deceased names on the November Memorial Roster, Larry Marowsky is still living. My sincere apology to his family and friends of the Milwaukee Chapter and Organ Historical Society.

Blessings of the Season and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

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