

# PipeNotes

American Guild of Organists – Milwaukee Chapter

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## 2025-2026 Season Calendar

American Guild of Organists - Milwaukee Chapter

September | October | November

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

Music - Community - Food

Organ and Piano Music Concert

*Tom Koester & David Bahrke, Organists | Maria Koester & Jeffrey Peterson, Pianists*

Installation of Chapter Officers and Board Members

Tapas Food and Dessert Reception by Kelly's Catering

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

7919 W. Lincoln Ave | West Allis WI

Free will offering received.

Co-sponsored with Saint Peter's Episcopal Church



Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 3:00 p.m.

Hymn & Choir Festival for All Saints  
David Cherwien, Organist and Conductor

Festival Choir of singers from area churches.

Post concert reception

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church ELCA

8424 W. Center Street | Milwaukee WI

Free will offering received.

Co-sponsored with Mount Carmel Lutheran Church ELCA



Friday, November 7, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Monica Berney, Concert Organist

Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

802 N. Jackson Street | Milwaukee WI

Free will offering received.

Co-sponsored with the Cathedral Fine Arts Series



February and May Events on Reverse Side.

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Saturday, February 21, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Organ Master Class with Catherine Rodland, Saint Olaf College**  
*Saint Olaf College Organ & Theory Instructor*

Concordia University Wisconsin - Chapel of Christ Triumphant  
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive | Mequon WI

Free and Open to Everyone  
Co-sponsored with Concordia University Wisconsin



Sunday, February 22, 2026 | 3:30 p.m.

**Catherine Rodland, Concert Organist**

Concordia University Wisconsin - Chapel of Christ Triumphant  
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive | Mequon WI

Tickets available at the door. University Students Free.  
Co-sponsored with Concordia University Wisconsin



Friday, May 8, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

**AGO Milwaukee Chapter Annual Meeting**

2026-2027 AGO Chapter Season Announcement

All Saints' Cathedral Guild Hall  
818 E. Juneau Ave | Milwaukee WI



Friday, May 8, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

**Jerrick Cavagnaro, Organist, Improvisatur, Transcriptionist**

First Prize Winner  
2024 AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation

All Saints' Cathedral  
818 E. Juneau Ave | Milwaukee WI

Free will offering.  
Co-sponsored with All Saints' Cathedral



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**Class of 2025**

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J. Craig Sproat

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**AGO MILWAUKEE CHAPTER EVENTS**  
**Appearing in The American Organist**

In the June 2025 issue you can see a picture and description of the February 2025 Church and Organ Tour to Racine and Kenosha.

In July 2025 watch for a picture and description of the March 2025 St. Patrick's Day Organ Concert held at All Saints' Cathedral

**AGO Milwaukee Chapter Election Results:**

2-year term:

Treasurer – Richard Ewert  
Secretary – Sharon Adel

Class of 2027

Mary Seboldt  
Marilyn Schader  
J. Craig Sproat

Thank You for Your Willingness  
To Serve the Milwaukee Chapter

Thank you to the following board members finishing their terms:

Treasurer – Steve Jensen  
Secretary – Mike Keegan

Class of 2025

Keri Kelly  
Thomas Koester

Thank you for all you have done for the Milwaukee Chapter!

## June 2025

4 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Andrew Schaeffer, Organ  
Lunchtime Organ Recital Series  
First United Methodist Church  
325 E. Franklin St  
Appleton, WI

11 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Daniel Schwandt, Organ  
Lunchtime Organ Recital Series  
Lawrence University Memorial Chapel  
510 E. College Ave  
Appleton, WI

17 (Tues) 7:00 Organ Rededication Concert  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
7845 N. River Rd  
River Hills, WI

18 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Stephen Schnurr, Organ  
Lunchtime Organ Series  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
100 N. Drew St  
Appleton, WI


19 (Thur) 7:30 Michael Mills, Organ  
Holy Name Oratory  
702 S. High Point Rd  
Madison, WI

25 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Derek Nickels, Organ  
Lunchtime Organ Series  
Faith Lutheran Church  
601 Glendale Ave  
Appleton, WI

## July 2025

2 (Wed) 12:15 Rowen Erickson, Organ  
Lunchtime Organ Series  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
100 N. Drew St  
Appleton WI

9 (Wed) 12:15 Dr. Benjamin Stone  
Lunchtime Organ Series  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
200 N. Commercial St  
Neeah, WI



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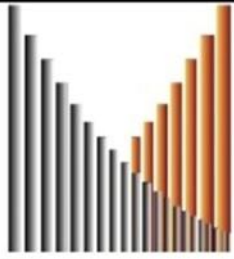
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June 2025

As we wrap up this program year, the board and chapter have worked hard this year to move the chapter forward. It is only through the dedication and hard work of members that the chapter exists and can prepare and present programs for members and for the public. I would like to thank those who are finishing their terms on board this year. Steve Jensen for his over 30 years of serving as treasurer of the chapter and his knowledge of the chapter. Mike Keegan is also finishing his term as secretary. He has been very conscientious and particular about sending out notifications of when minutes are available online. The two members leaving the class of 2025 are Keri Kelly, who has taken over running our Facebook accounts and travels in from UW-Whitewater for our meetings, and Tom Koester. Tom is always willing to help any place that we need help from performing in members' recitals to working on committees. Thank you all for all you have done for the Milwaukee Chapter! I now look forward to working with the new members coming on to the board: Treasurer: Rick Ewert; Secretary: Sharon Adel; Class of 2027: Marilyn Schrader, Mary Seboldt, Craig Sproat.

I would also like to thank the program committee and sub dean David Bahrke for all the work of putting this year's programming together. It was a great year with great programs something for everyone. Bruce Bengtson brought old and new repertoire and hymns for us in a workshop and recital and hymn sing at Mt. Carmel, Andrew Fredel played the OHS/AGO recital at St. Francis in November, the church and organ tour to Racine and Kenosha, the St. Patrick's Day Organ Concert at All Saints Cathedral, and finally the wonderful weekend with James Kennerley at St. Paul's Episcopal. Thank you to all the host churches, without you we would not be able to hold these events!

Please note the front two pages of PipeNotes and the front page of the website has the upcoming program year on it. Please make note of the dates and put them in your calendars!

If you are reading this thank you for being a member. It is because you are a member that we can present programs for you and for the public and promote the organ and the work of the American Guild of Organists and the Milwaukee Chapter. Thank you for continuing your support of the chapter.

John Schubring



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DUES**

Beginning with renewals effective on July 1, annual dues across all membership categories (Regular, Special, and Young Organist) will increase by \$7, with \$2 being distributed to chapters. This modest increase, approved by the National Council, will allow the AGO to continue offering high quality programs and services to our members, while providing additional financial support to chapters.

# News from National

## 2026 NYACOP Applications Open Through Oct. 1

Applications are now being accepted for the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). Organists born between July 1, 1993, and June 30, 2003, are eligible. The competition will be held in three rounds, including an initial recorded round and live semifinals and finals at the 2026 National Convention in St. Louis. **Click links for the 2026 [Guidelines](#) and [Application](#).**

## 2026 Woman Composer Sunday Composition Contest Open Through Sept. 1

The AGO Task Force for Gender Equity is accepting submissions for the 2026 Woman Composer Sunday Composition Contest. Categories include Concert Work for Organ, Short Composition for Worship Services, Hymn Tune, and Hymn Text. A Young Composer Prize will also be awarded. **Click links for the 2026 [Guidelines](#) and [Application](#).**

## REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN JUNE, JULY

AGO Regional Ambassadors will be holding a series of regional business meetings this summer on Zoom. All members are invited to attend, learn more about activities in their regions, and share their feedback. Click the links below to participate:

- [Mid-Atlantic](#) - Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. ET
- [Southwest](#) - Monday, June 9, 7 p.m. CT
- [Northeast](#) - Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m. ET
- [Southeast](#) - Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. CT
- [West](#) - Monday, June 23, 6 p.m. PT
- [North Central](#) - Monday, July 7, 7 p.m. CT
- [Great Lakes](#), Tuesday, July 8, 7 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. CT

## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP? WE CAN HELP

Nearly half of all AGO members renew their memberships on July 1. If you haven't visited our new website yet, you'll need to create a new login and password to access your member profile and renew. [Click here](#) for simple step-by-step instructions.

Convenient links can also be found in your renewal notice:

**1-CLICK RENEWAL** - Add Credit Card Info and Pay Online, Keep Current Member Options (Chapter, Magazine Subscription)

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If your employer pays for your membership, you can forward the email to the treasurer, and they can pay online or by check.

**QUESTIONS?** [Email](#) or call AGOhq at 212-870-2310 and a staff member will be happy to assist you.

# Organ Rededication Concert

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church

7845 N. River Road | River Hills, WI 53217



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## Organists

**David Bahrke**  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

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