

# PipeNotes

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## AGO Milwaukee Chapter 2019-2020

September 22, 2019

4:00 pm

Convention Reflection-Overview/Member Dinner/Officer Installation

Calvary Lutheran Church

1750 N. Calhoun Road

Brookfield, WI

November 3, 2019

3:00 pm

Organ Event with the Organ Historical Society

St. Francis Parish

Vel Phillips Ave (4<sup>th</sup> St.) and Brown Street

Milwaukee, WI

November 17, 2019

Psalm Festival

Dr. Zach Durlam with area church and synagogue choirs

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

8424 W. Center Street

Milwaukee, WI

A Saturday in March, 2020

Organ Crawl

May 17, 2020

2 PM – AGO Annual Meeting/3 PM - Member's Recital

Leipzig Chorales

Sacred Heart Seminary

7335 S. Highway 100

Hales Corners, WI

Summer 2020

Children's Program

Orgelkids/Organ Tour

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## August 2019

16 (Fri) 12:00 An Afternoon of Harp  
Organ and Horn  
Music on the Hill  
St. John the XXIII Parish  
St. Mary's Site  
551 Johnson St  
Port Washington, WI

17 (Sat) 9:00 A workshop for  
Church Musicians  
Brian Heinlein, Clinician  
Music at Historic Trinity  
Trinity Lutheran of Freistadt  
10729 Freistadt Rd  
Mequon, WI

18 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ  
St. Hedwig's Church  
1702 N. Humboldt  
Milwaukee, WI

18 (Sun) 4:00 Crawford Wiley, Organ  
Bach's Clavierübung III  
St. Jude the Apostle Church  
734 Glenview Ave  
Wauwatosa, WI

21 (Wed) 12:15 Louis Cucunato, Guitar  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St  
Milwaukee, WI

28 (Wed) 12:15 Blue Violet Duo  
(Violin and Piano)  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St  
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10 (Tues) 7:30 Scott Montgomery, Organ  
Church of the Gesu  
1145 W. Wisconsin Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

11 (Wed) 12:15 Andy Miller, Vibraphone &  
Marimba  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St.  
Milwaukee, WI

14 (Sat) 7:00 Organ Dedication Concert  
Dr. Brenda (Heck) Portman  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
701 Washington St.  
Grafton, WI

15 (Sun) 2:00 Karen Beaumont, Organ  
Milwaukee Catholic Home  
2462 N. Prospect Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## September 2019

4 (Wed) 12:15 Sara Van Weelden, Piano  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
812 N. Jackson St  
Milwaukee, WI

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Summertime..... and the livin' is easy! Weddings, funerals, some out-door services and blessed air-conditioning for the in-doors! This past Saturday I played a 4pm liturgy at 94 degrees with the air-show for accompaniment. Lots of timpani "booms" and pouring sweat were the order of the afternoon. I sympathize with those who minister in churches with hydronic heat; without air-ducts it's so costly and challenging to add air-conditioning. Do you remember past days practicing in a hot church with a towel on the organ-bench so that you could move freely for pedaling?

The real out-of-doors makes me think of the Spreckels organ in San Diego, California (an out-door amphitheatre). I would love to hear that instrument. Saturday, August 31 2019 is movie night with organist, Clark Wilson. Joining together with the [Pacific Southwest Railway Museum](#) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the San Diego & Arizona Railway, which was built by John D. Spreckels and completed in 1919. The Movie Night features "Chasing Choo Choo," which was filmed along the San Diego & Arizona Railway in San Diego's back country. One of our 2019 NC convention attendees, JoAnn Condry who lives in Maryland, was a train engineer up to her retirement. It's a long trip from Maryland to California but I bet JoAnn is interested in this concert.

We had a potluck supper/board meeting at my house last week. Suggestions emerged for web-site on-line elections for next year rather than strict hard-copy mailing. Hard-copy will still go out to those who receive PipeNotes in hard-copy. It should be easy to track who has not voted and send reminder emails until they do vote. Attendance at our last Annual Meeting/Members' Recital was challenging this past May as post-Easter events have escalated exponentially — confirmation, 1st communion, graduation, weddings. It was suggested that we move the Members' Recital to March or early Lent when the calendar is less complex. The on-line voting component will help the election procedure that has been tied to the May Annual Meeting. We also looked at flipping the organ crawl that had been in March to a later June mid-week date. The traditional organ crawl day — Saturday, is complicated for church musicians. We will also have to consider conventions that may occur in June for potential conflicts. Let me know your thoughts when we run into each other or via: [seasonsoftheheart@wi.rr.com](mailto:seasonsoftheheart@wi.rr.com) (414) 403-1046. And looking at immediate programs, the opening membership meeting for this year is focused on North Central convention review. We are still looking for a site but will send an email to alert you of date/time when we have confirmation.

Liz Walloch's Archive articles have been a hit in these past months. Liz is taking a break for the summer but will return with more good stuff in Fall. She has done a magnificent job of organizing the programs, newspaper articles, yearbooks and miscellaneous papers. Now that the Convention is accomplished we need to address digitizing our collected material and then (the challenging part) indexing the contents for easy reference.

News buffet:

- We hear that the Behnkes are moving to Florida. We wish John and Chris all the best but hope to see them in Wisconsin frequently as well as on Facebook. 😊
- AGOYO (young organist) member, Miriam Terneus, has joined the Milwaukee Chapter. Recently married in June and fresh graduate of University of Kansas — Master of Arts in Classics and Artist Certificate in Church Music (organ and conducting), student of James Higdon and Michael Bauer. Welcome!
- Next year's members' recital will feature the Leipzig Chorales (18 Large) BWV 651-668 of J. S. Bach. You may want to schedule some of these selections for your immediate study. If you're interested in playing any of them for the recital please contact John Schubring [john.schubring@gmail.com](mailto:john.schubring@gmail.com) or Audrey Rhinehart [musicministry@stkiliancong.org](mailto:musicministry@stkiliancong.org).
- There are several choral reading sessions in our area over the next few weeks. Google your favorite publishers and part-take of the recent publications!

Lastly, my memories are still glowing from the 2019 North Central Convention. The presentations and concerts were stunning! As convention treasurer I just sent the performers W9 forms to fill out for tax reporting. Along with the completed forms we received many compliments and gracious thanks from each of them. In particular, as I think of John Behnke and the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble — WOW! I am so grateful to claim them for our region. That hymn-sing was phenomenal!

Really lastly—bring hope, love and faith to your congregation through your hymn-playing and your personal presence. It's worth it!

*Sheri*



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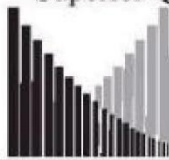
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## *From the Archives*

Fr. Tom Lijewski, Chaplin AGO Milwaukee Chapter

*Liz Walloch is taking a break over summer. She will resume her column in the Fall.*

For this month's column, Father Tom has submitted the prayer that was  
Read at the opening concert at the 2019 Regional Convention.  
This prayer was written by chapter member Larry Wheelock.

Ever-Present and Ever-creating God:

We gather here especially mindful of the gift of music:

Of song and meter  
Of rhythm and timbre  
Of poetry and prose

With which you have gifted  
And challenged  
And privileged us to share  
And to teach  
And to live:

To encourage the faint-hearted  
To soothe the frenzied,  
And to comfort the grieving

Help us to know you in all we create,  
To honor you in all our work  
And to proclaim you with our skills, voices and hearts.

Impart your blessing to this convention;

To the planners and volunteers  
To the artists and teachers  
And to those who honor us by listening.

Draw us together into a common purpose  
Compose us into a harmonious chorus  
And grant us a time of respite and refreshment.

We ask through the merit of all which we hold holy.

Amen and amen.