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Winter and Spring
2020
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Up-Coming Programs

March
Annual Organ Crawl
(watch PipeNotes and the website for more information)

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As the calendar turns to January, we make resolutions intended to improve our lives. Eat healthier, exercise more, read more books, devote more time to our family and friends, spend less time staring at our electronic gadgets – the list goes on and on. A positive attitude goes a long way to make these intentions successful.

One thing I encourage of you in the coming year is to get to know each other better. Visit the Chapter website: <http://agomilwaukee.org/> Log-in. Create your password if you haven't already done so. Scroll to the bottom of the left column. Click on Members-only, Member Directory and find a member whom you *don't* know. Call them; go out for coffee/tea or lunch. We are strong when we build relationships. Call me (414) 403-1046 likewise and leave a message. I would be happy to get to know you better or catch up on what's happening in our lives. We are an organic family. May the pipes sound together tunefully.

An opportunity to make new acquaintances and catch up with old friends is one element of our organ crawls. I dined with David Bohn a short time ago. He is the dedicated organizer of many crawls for Milwaukee Chapter. Heartfelt thanks to you, David, for your vast knowledge and careful attention to these events. The 2020 March Organ Crawl is coming to fruition with focus on Chicago. We're looking into a small coach bus to facilitate travel. Potential dates are March 14 or 21 with a preference for the 14th. Confirmed availability of the sites will be the final determinant. We will post on the website calendar and send out an email to alert you with details. This promises to be an exciting adventure. Chicagoan Jeff Weiler has been a valuable resource. David Bohn shared the following information about Jeff:

Jeff Weiler is a noted organ consultant and restorationist with a particular interest in the work of Ernest M. Skinner, Aeolian-Skinner, and Wurlitzer. Recent projects include the design and installation of the Casavant organ for the Chicago Symphony, the restoration of the organ for the Jacksonville Symphony, and the restoration of the Wurlitzer organs for the Howard/Paramount Theater in Atlanta and the Oriental Theater in Milwaukee.

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Last year we offered an improvisation class at St. Christopher's Episcopal in January. By chance the weather was a challenge though there were a few hearty folks in attendance. Christian Rich team taught last year's session. This year he offers 3 Tuesday workshop sessions on January 21, 28 and February 4 at Alverno College through its sacred music arm. ***From Doodling to Discovery: Toward Mindful Organ Improvisation*** — You can register at www.alverno.edu/music-liturgy-workshops. Scroll to the bottom of that page (click on register) and the next page (click on register here). Choose workshop #7. I think very highly of Christian and his work in hymn improvisation. I have registered for these sessions myself. If you're not into the above and want to explore the topic call Larry Wheelock who is also a giant among us in this field: Larry's cell (414) 617-2535.

It was my pleasure to accompany the All Saints Episcopal Cathedral Lessons and Carols in December 2019. Lynn Swanson has been their interim choral director. I carry one of her instructions with me into this new decade. She asked the choir to give their "personal best." Likewise, I ask you not to dwell on what you can't do, rather consistently **give it your personal best.** Your family, congregation and God will smile on you!



I do as well,

:) *Sheri*



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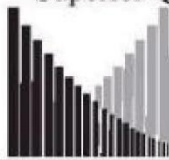
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Liz Walloch, Archivist/Historian, AGO Milwaukee Chapter

Chapter Installation at Calvary Lutheran Church

Fr. Tom Lijewski
AGO Milwaukee Chapter Chaplin

After reading a list of the essential purposes of the Guild the Chaplain addresses the officers:

Officers, do you accept the challenge and responsibilities of the office to which you have been elected and agree to work with your fellow officers and members in an atmosphere of mutual respect, toward the common goals of the continued health and growth of the Milwaukee Chapter AGO? If so, please respond "we do."

To the members of the Chapter:

Members, do you accept the responsibility to support these officers whom you have elected in the work they are about to undertake on your behalf? If so, please respond, "We do."

To both members and officers:

With these expressions of mutual respect and support, it is my privilege to install you as the officers and board members of the Milwaukee Chapter AGO. Congratulations!!

Let us pray: Eternal God, who existed before all things, who will endure beyond all things, we praise You. For the talents you have given us, for the wonder of music that enhances our lives, we thank You. Grant that we may use all our gifts to your glory. Amen.

We concluded with singing the hymn "When in our Music God is Glorified" to the tune Fredericktown.

This rite (among others) came from the National office and was adapted for our use.

