

Lehigh Valley Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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Dean's Mixtures

The beginning of the choir season can be hectic, as we all know! In the midst of the crunch, perhaps it would be relaxing to think about watching SOMEONE ELSE play! (Or to share your own talents with our group.)

On **September 16, 10am** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Nazareth, we'll have our first event of the season, our Organ Plus Recital. After some of us play, we'll have a brunch with some nice time to socialize. We'll also have a music and cd exchange. Bring organ music and CDs you would like to part with, and look for some new ones!



October 14, 10am (refreshments at 9:30) at College Hill Moravian Church, Bethlehem, we will take a look at anthems for smaller church choirs (2 and 3 part anthems.) If you have a special anthem you'd like to share, contact Jane Errera. Or just come to sing along and get to know others' favorite pieces for small groups!

November 12, 4pm at Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua, we'll have an Ensemble Festival, featuring different combinations of instruments and/or voice.

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September Meeting

Organ Plus Recital

Saturday, September 16, 10am
St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth

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January 12, 7:30 at Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, we are cosponsoring a recital by Simon Johnson, organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

February (time and place TBA) we are planning a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event.

March 11, 3pm-8pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown, is our annual Marathon recital.

April (date TBA) we will have an organ crawl in the Lehigh Valley to hear and play some local treasures.

May 27, First Presbyterian Church of Allentown will be our annual banquet and recital, featuring Clara Gerdes, the winner of the regional competition.

Mark these on your calendar! Not only will they be interesting events, but we'll have time to socialize, share stories, etc. The connection with other organists and church musicians is lots of fun and an invaluable support as we face the tasks of leading music at worship services.

Hope to see lots of you this season!

Thomas Dressler, Dean

Pipe Organ Inventory



The Lehigh Valley is populated by many and varied pipe organs. As time permits, Greg Kuklinski and I are gradually documenting these instruments with photos, stoplists and historic information on

the website. Chapter member, Steven Ziminsky, graciously took time out of his schedule this summer to allow us to photograph and document the II/18 pipe organ at **Grace Lutheran Church, Macungie**.

The builder's plate on the console shows the Fritzsche Organ Company was the last builder to do major work on the instrument. That was in 2001. Recently, the Positiv Flute 4-2 unit was revoiced to make it softer and more useful.

With Greg's new photos, I have created a page for this organ on the website. Use this link to go to the page: www.lvago.org/SPECS/graceLutheranMacungie.html to see more photos and the stoplist. If you would like to have the organ in your church documented on the website please contact Greg or me.

Mark Dennis, Editor

Sept/Oct Concerts

September 24 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Satori**; East and West; Japanese Shakuhachi, Classical Guitar; Art Reception, 4:00 pm; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Free admission

September 24 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **We All Believe in One True God—Reformation 500th**; St. John's Sacred Voices in Concert; Susan Frickert, director; Featuring brass, timpani, harp, organ and piano; St. John's UCC, Nazareth; Donation: Adults \$10, Students \$5

October 1 (Sunday) 2:00–5:00pm; Fall Arts; Christopher Johnson, Principal Organist of Riverside Church, New York City, 3:00 pm; Student art exhibit, Strolling performers; East Stroudsburg UMC, East Stroudsburg

Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; sfbueker@rcn.com.

Robin Bidwell	Saturday	302 593-0401
Ruthann Brandt	Mon–Sat	610 262-3304
Janice Butz	Mon–Fri	610 882-9388
Stephen Cable	Mon–Sat	484 866-6019

Kathleen Comito	Sun–Sat	610 866-4883
V. Mark Dennis	Mon–Sat	610 867-0385
Carol Dzurenda	Sun and Sat	215 538-7273
Ellen Erb	Saturday	610 837-7426
Muriel Folk	Sun–Sat	610 438-8556
Sr. Doris Gonzalez	Thurs–Sat	610 317-0695
Gail Hanzl	Mon–Sat	610 264-5859
Michael Huffman	Mon–Sat	610 433-6563
Joe Kaczmarek	Sun–Fri	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Mon–Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon–Sat	215 536-4345
Dodd Lambertson	Sun–Sat	484 935-3505
Andrew Lutz-Long	Mon–Fri	610 704-7805
James Matz	Sun–Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon–Sat	610 258-5006
John McEnerney	Sun–Fri	215 794-7338
Richard McIntyre	Mon–Sat	908 283-4691
Randall Perry	Mon–Fri	570 325-9440
Erin Petrella	Mon–Sat	484 863-9052
Shirley Platt	Sun	610 838-5202
Michael Pletcher	Sun–Sat	610 820-7554
Maria Prochnau	Sun–Sat	610 694-0525
Bruce Rohrbach	T,W,F and Sat	610 683-9496
Karen Scott	May–Sept.	610 737-1701
Michael Seroka	Mon–Fri	570 386-2378
Brian Snyder	Mon–Thurs	484 838-0977
Donald Vaughn	Mon–Sat	610 966-0682
Matthew Wary	Mon–Fri	610 473-8777
Stephen Williams	Mon–Fri	610 737-5196
Freda Zimmerman	Sun–Sat	610 381-3089

Notes: 2 Sunday services: 8am & 10:30am
Wednesday Lenten services: 7pm

Director of Music (1)

Church: Christ Church United Church of Christ, 75 E. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018, 610-865-6565

Website: christucc.org

Contact: 610-865-6565, musicsearch@christucc.org

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir—25, Youth Choir—6, Handbells—10

Instruments: Allen/Moeller

Music budget: \$6,000

Weekly attendance: 125

Position fill date: Immediate Opening

Deadline: Before 12/31/2017

Total hours per week: 20

Salary: \$20,800—\$25,000

Weeks vacation: 0

Benefits: book/music allowance, secretarial assistance

Notes: The ideal candidate(s) will: (1) Provide a broad array of musical styles for all age groups, (2) Be proficient with a musical accompaniment instrument (preferably organ and piano), (3) Be able to lead and develop one or more adult, youth, or children's musical groups (vocal, handbell), and (4) Understand the role of music to enable faith formation and a spiritual worship experience.

Positions Available

Organist/Choir Director (1)

Church: Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5103 Snowdrift Road, Orefield, PA 18069, 610-395-5912

Website: www.jordanlutheran.org

Contact: Bill Hendricks, 610-435-1283

wrljh@rcn.com

Weekly services: 2

Ensembles: Chorale—25, Canon Choir—4, Cherubs—7, Handbells—8, Sinfonia—10. Responsible for Chorale and Sinfonia

Instruments: 3 manual Allen

Music budget: \$1,500

Weekly attendance: 150–225

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 20

Salary: \$23,300

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: None

Music Director/Organist/Director of Choirs(2)

Church: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 107 W Lincoln Ave., Telford, PA 18969

Website: stpaulstelford.org

Contact: Kristine Fosbenner, 215-723-8981

secretary@stpaulstelford.org

Weekly services: 2

Ensembles: Adult Choir—18–20, Childrens' choirs (2)—12

Instruments: pipe organ II/22, refurbished 2006; W. Hofman 5' 10" grand piano, purchased 2011

Music budget: \$2,000+

Weekly attendance: 160

Position fill date: Sept 1, 2017

Deadline: Until filled

Total hours per week: 20

Salary: \$27,000–\$29,000 for full position

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: book/music allowance, continuing ed

Notes: The congregation is willing to hire an accomplished organist separately from the Music Director/Director of Choirs position (or any combination). If you are interested in any one position, or the entire position, please apply accordingly. Hours/salary will depend on which combination of positions filled.

Responsibilities include: Music director—overseeing music program, coordinating music for the season of the church year in conjunction with the Senior Pastor.

Director of Choirs—choosing appropriate anthems for the season, coordinating with Music Director and Senior pastor and directing Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir and Red Angels Choir.

Organist—providing suitable organ and piano music for all worship services and choir rehearsals; accompaniment for choirs, soloists and instrumental groups; and assisting in planning of the worship service music.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in music or credentials of formal music training; accomplished organist with ability to accompany choral groups and congregational singing. Must be available for choir rehearsals, worship services, and other events, as needed.

Organist/Choir Director(2)

Church: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1335 Old Carriage Road, Northampton, PA 18067

Website: www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org

Contact: Rev. Gary L. Walbert, 610-262-9517, pastorgary81@gmail.com

Weekly services: Not listed

Ensembles: Adult Choir—8

Instruments: Walker digital/pipe, 3 manuals

Music budget: \$750

Weekly attendance: 80–90

Position fill date: June 2017

Deadline: Not listed

Total hours per week: 11

Salary: \$16,000

Weeks vacation: 2–4 weeks

Benefits: book/music allowance, continuing ed

Notes: We would like to see a Junior Choir and a bell choir started. We are a friendly, warm congregation.

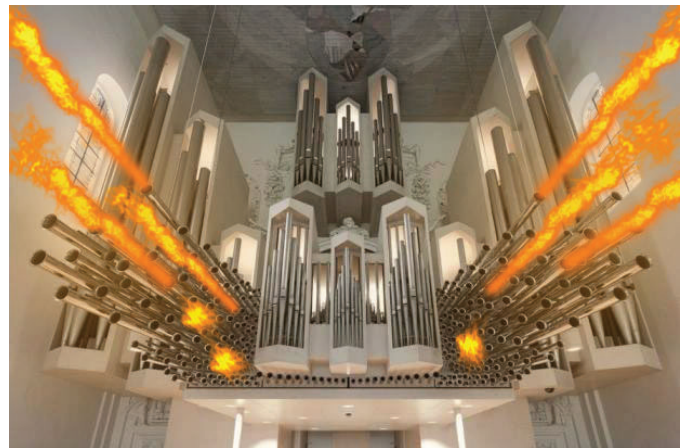
Organ for Sale

Alice Luetzel, long-time former LVAGO member is offering her home organ for sale:

**Rodgers Essex Model 645
2 manual, full pedal board
Asking \$600**

For further information,
please contact Alice at 610-399-6242.

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This is what happens when UGI services the pipe organ in your church. Pictured is the 1969, V/87 Klais in the cathedral in Wurzburg, Germany.

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Placement Service

See the Placement page on www.lvago.org, for information and the, Placement Service Information Sheet.

Newsletter Deadline

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Thursday, September 21, 2017