The Prelude - April 2019

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

A message from our dean...

Spring has sprung, and the orange traffic cones are blossoming all over northwest Ohio! I hope you are all ready for Easter! For those of you in charge of planning liturgies and celebrations, may you find peace and calm and be assured that your music will touch many. For those of you who aren't, consider offering to help your music director. I'm sure he/she would appreciate help with programs, planning, rehearsals, page turning, adding an extra voice to the choir or in some way they may need. Or, perhaps you can provide music for that church who doesn't have an organist but wants to hear their instrument at this special occasion. Use your gift of music in some way. Don't hide your light under a basket!

With spring also comes our Executive Committee election. We elect three people each year to serve a three year term. Executive Committee members help in planning the year's programs and in presenting events to the membership. They bring a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences and wisdom to our chapter. We also need to officially elect replacements for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer to replace resignations. I would like to thank everyone on the committee and our officers for being such a huge help to me in my first year as Dean. There has definitely been some challenges, but people have stepped up in every instance to provide help and to fill the gap. We truly have some outstanding people serving our chapter! We have several people who have graciously offered to be on the ballot this year in hopes of serving you. They represent diversity in age and experience that will benefit our members and each would be a great representative. Take the time to peruse your Chapter Directory to find out a little about them if you don't know them. You may send in your votes by either email or snail mail by the end of this month. Please take the time to vote. I think last year we had a very low number of ballots turned in. Remember, elections have consequences! This is your chapter and it only takes a few moments to make your voice part of what happens.

We will not have an event in April but will have two in May. First, on Saturday, May 4, we have been invited by the Ann Arbor Chapter to take part in an Organ Crawl in the Detroit and Monroe area. There will be four organs featured and the chapter has graciously offered to provide lunch for us! There are more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hopefully we can have a good turnout. These events are always a good way to see some organs you may not be familiar with and to enjoy fellowship with others.

Then, on Friday, May 17, we will close out the program year with our Annual Banquet at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maumee. We will have great food provided by La Fiesta Restaurant, and we will be installing our new Executive

Committee members. Please RSVP for this event. Information is a few pages over.

Hope to see you there!

-Dennis Johns, Dean

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Davis, Secretary.

WEBSITE

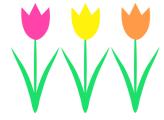
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Spring Chapter Event — Detroit and Monroe Organ Crawl!

Dear Toledo AGO Members,

Join the Ann Arbor Chapter of the AGO on Saturday, May 4 as we take a tour of historic organs in Detroit and Monroe, MI! The schedule is as follows:

- 9:30 AM-- Historic Trinity, 1345 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207
 - o EM Skinner Op. 808, 1929
- 11:00 AM-- Ste Anne de Detroit Catholic Church, 1000 St. Anne Street, Detroit 48216
 - George Kilgen and Sons, 1899
 - o Granville Wood and Son, 1887. Rebuilt by Casavant in 1940 as Opus 1662
- 12:00 Noon-- Lunch at Armandos Mexican Restaurant, 4242 Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI 48209
- 1:30 PM-- IHM Motherhouse, 610 West Elm Avenue, Monroe 48162
 - o Casavant Op. 1642, 1940
- 2:30 PM-- Lutheran Home, 1236 South Monroe Street, Monroe 48161
 - o JW Walker and Sons, 1992



Lunch will be provided by the Ann Arbor Chapter! Members from neighboring chapters are welcome to join us. Please RSVP no later than April 20 so we can have an accurate count for food. Please use the online form at www.annarborago.org/detroit-organ-crawl to sign up for this exciting event!

TOLEDO AGO CHAPTER ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET



Friday, May 17, 2019 6:00 p.m.

at

St. Joseph Catholic Church 104 W. Broadway St. Maumee, Ohio



A MEXICAN FIESTA!

Dinner provided by La Fiesta Restaurant Cost: \$12.00

Please RSVP to Dennis Johns at: dennisjohns@att.net 419-344-6905

AGO Toledo Chapter

Official Ballot for Executive Committee Spring 2019

Executive Committee Class of 20 Dan Boyle	19-2021 (3-Year Term) vote for up to three.
Neil Kraft	
Chris Nejvara	
Secretary—finish remaining year Paul Monachino	of two-year term (2018-2020)
Treasurer—finish remaining year Pam Davis	of two-year term (2018-2020)
Simply email Melissa Davis, secretary for the election.	, at fgkmusicstudio@gmail.com indicating your votes
If you do not have email, you may fill Melissa Davis 6425 TR 246 Findlay, Ohio 45840	out this ballot and mail to

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Dan Miller, organist,

will play the new RODGERS Infinity 484, 4-manual organ that incorporates 27 ranks of Schantz pipe work.

The Federated Church 76 Bell St. Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

On Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Dan Miller will lead a workshop for organists at the Federated Church on worship music for the organ, which will include some of his own arrangements. (Organ music display by CLIFF HILL MUSIC.) There is no charge to attending organists for this workshop. We just need to know if you're coming. Please contact...

Marcia Snavely, Organist at The Federated Church <u>marciasnavely1@aol.com</u> cell: (440) 570-6694

or

David Powers, T.S. Good Church Organ Co. dpowers@tsgood.com cell: (440) 823-9268

Job Posting...

First St. John Lutheran Church of Toledo, Ohio, is seeking a flexible and accomplished **organist/accompanist** to join our Music and Worship Team. Qualifications include being proficient at piano and organ with ability to play both contemporary and traditional hymns, anthems, and other liturgy, in addition to accompanying the choirs.

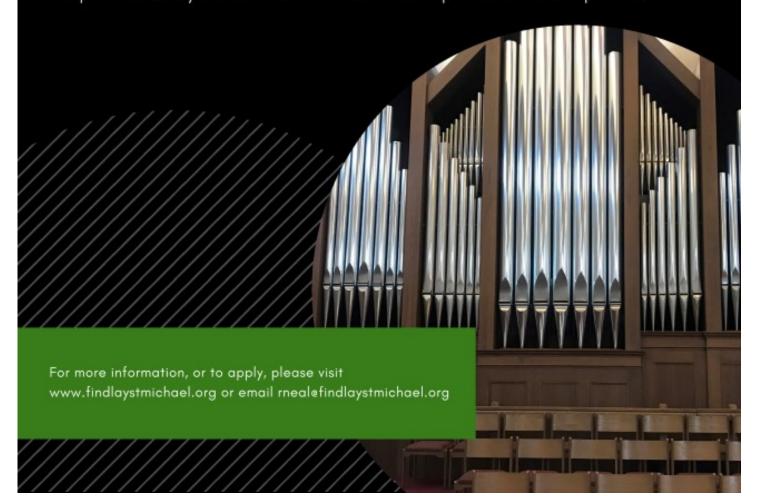
Responsibilities would include playing at all regularly scheduled worship services on Sunday and weekly services for Lent, Holy Week, Advent, and Christmas. There are two services (7:45am and 10:15am) September through May, and one service (9:00am) during the months June through August. Availability to accompany chancel choir rehearsal during the week and on Sundays and assist the Praise Team on piano during Celebratory services is also desired. Salary is competitive and negotiable.

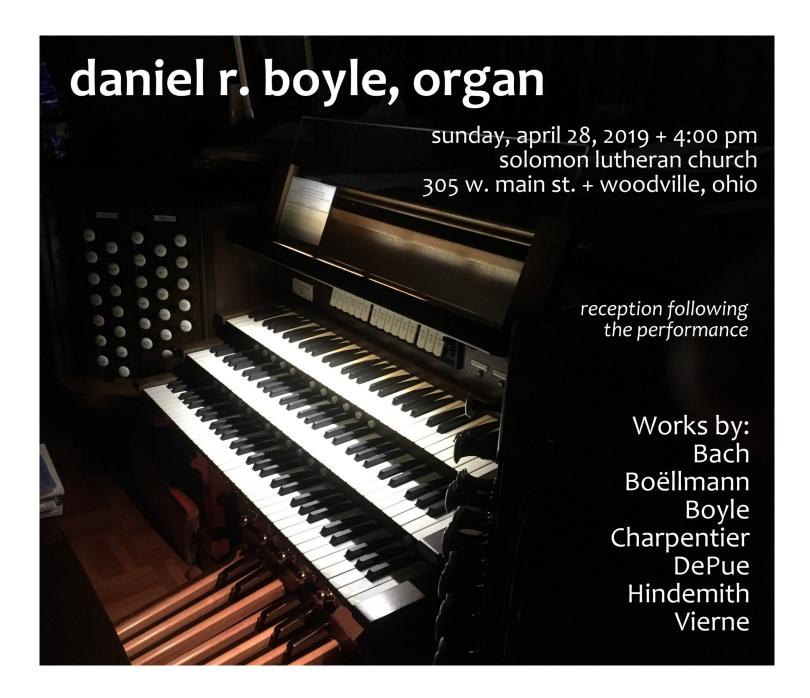
Please send a cover letter and resume to Pastor Rayl at his email: pastor1@firststjohn.com; or, Annette Slater, Director of Music, First St. John Lutheran Church, 2471 Seaman St. Toledo, Ohio 43605. You may contact Pastor Rayl at 567-395-0143, or the Director of Music, Annette Slater, at 419-262-0880. Visit our website to learn more about our church! www.firststjohn.com

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, a large, vibrant Catholic parish in Findlay, Ohio, is seeking a full-time Assistant Director of Music. We seek a dynamic musician who is a practicing Catholic that understands the importance of music in the life of the parish. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: serving as a musician for weekday, weekend and school Masses, as well as the staff accompanist for parish choirs. St. Michael Parish has multiple instruments including a Rodgers Trillium Hybrid Organ, a Baldwin grand piano and a Yamaha baby grand. Applicant should be proficient in piano, organ, voice and conducting and hold a Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience. Salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications and experience





2018-2019 Toledo AGO Chapter Events

Organ Recital - Mitchell Miller

Sunday, September 2, 4:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Bowling Green Potluck for AGO members following recital

Organ Recital -Aaron David Miller

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 p.m. Monroe Street United Methodist Church

Annual Scholarship Auditions

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m. Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

CHANGED EVENT:

Organ Recital—Tom Curry and Neil Kraft

Sunday, November 11, 3:00 p.m. IHM Motherhouse Chapel 610 W. Elm Ave. in Monroe, MI Patriotic and four-hand organ music

12th Night Celebration

Friday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. St. Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg Members' organ recital of favorite Advent and Christmas pieces

All-Bach Concert

CHANGED DATE : Sunday, February 17, CHANGED TIME: 3:00 p.m.

St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church A concert featuring Bach's great organ works

Annual Student Recital

CHANGED DATE: Sunday, March 17, 3:00 p.m. Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

April Event—Organ Crawl

CHANGED DATE: Saturday, May 4
Organ Crawl in Detroit and Monroe, Michigan

Toledo AGO Spring Banquet

Friday, May 17, 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee A Mexican Fiesta!



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