

## SPOKANE CHAPTER AGO NEWSLETTER

September, 2017

Dear AGO friends:

Summer is almost over, along with hopefully the hot weather. And so we have another year to look forward to involving church music and the organ. Your board has been meeting and working diligently to provide programs that will hopefully be of interest.

First off is a concert for organ, other instruments, and choir. Save the date of October 1, 2017, at Messiah Lutheran Church for a program featuring a short mass of Franz Josef Haydn, *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*, with organ, strings and choir; two Mozart church sonatas with a relatively new member of our chapter, David Matney, as organist; organ pieces provided by two members of our chapter; two Antonio Soler keyboard concertos, and a Haydn piano trio. So we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 1, 4:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 4202 N. Belt St., Spokane. This would be a good time to invite and bring a fellow church musician who is not already a member of the AGO.

For the rest of the year we're looking at two organ concerts, one of a former Spokane resident and student of Janet Ahrend, and the other of the MusicFest organ adjudicator. Also a repeat of our popular Christmas Carol Walk. And there are other ideas under consideration including a program to pique the interest of and involve young piano students to receive instruction in organ.

The Lutheran churches in the Spokane area invite us all to celebrate with them the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a hymn festival on Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m., at Central Lutheran Church. A number of our members play in Lutheran churches, and our own Carolyn Payne is spearheading the whole undertaking. This should be a wonderful time to enjoy hearing good hymnody but also doing what for me is second best to playing hymns, and that is singing hymns.

For those who might possibly be interested, I received a call about a full-time organist/choirmaster position available in Seattle. Epiphany Episcopal Church is a growing congregation in the Lake Washington area with 1997 Noack 36 rank and 2016 Pasi 16 rank instruments, a semi-professional adult choir, and a children's choir. For further information, [www.epiphanyseattle.org](http://www.epiphanyseattle.org) or email questions to [mdsearch@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:mdsearch@epiphanyseattle.org).

We have another new member! Edward B. Hurd has transferred from the Omaha Chapter to our Spokane Chapter. The information I have so far is his email address, [ehurd1742@gmail.com](mailto:ehurd1742@gmail.com). Please add him to your membership directory. Welcome, Ed!

If you haven't renewed your membership, right now would be a great time to do so. It makes the job of our treasurer, Marlys Meece, so much easier. She does a great job for us all, but everyone's cooperation in renewing is very helpful. Also make sure all the information National has for you is correct. That makes our own directory that much more accurate.

Hoping to see you on October 1.

Byrl Cinnamon, Dean