

AGO News – January 31, 2020

Hello, Chapter,

We have lots of news – we'll try to make it concise!

Congratulations to Taylor Giese for a wonderful silent film performance at St. Mark's Lutheran Church last Sunday. The film was “Phantom of the Opera” with Lon Chaney. The event raised about \$2,000 toward the renovation of the organ console.

Organ Academy begins next Saturday, February 8, with our inaugural meeting for the students and parents at Central Lutheran Church at 10:00 am. We have ten students this year: 7 returning and 3 new. Please come and meet them and watch them play, some of them for the first time.

Giving Opportunity: Because our Chapter gives a stipend to the Organ Academy teachers in order to keep the costs for the families low, the Chapter joyfully accepts donations from members to help cover those costs. Each teacher receives \$150/student, hence a cost to the Chapter of \$1500. We do not have to buy books this year, which is a help. But do consider supporting this wonderful project financially – and thank you in advance!

Concert, March 8, 3:00 pm, Central Lutheran Church! Nisha Coulter in charge! People have volunteered very well to play for this concert, which will also include choral music conducted by Sharon Smith. Three of our first Organ Academy students will be playing – you'll be thrilled with their progress. And, of course, plan to bring yummy cookies for the reception.

Get well wishes to Germaine Morgan, who is just recently home from a second surgery.

Heartfelt condolences to our beloved Barbara Rockwood, whose husband Kirke passed away Monday, January 27. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later time. When you send cards, please PRINT in LARGE LETTERS, as Barbara has trouble reading handwriting.

And heartfelt condolences to Joy Reese, whose son Nathan just passed away from cancer. The funeral is this Saturday in Seattle. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Organ for Sale: Hammond RT3, (full pedalboard) with Leslie speaker. Hoping for \$3500, located in a home on Coeur d'Alene Lake. Buyer to remove. Call Kathy Kramer (509) 768-3095.

We hope all of you are doing well, and are enjoying the break from the snow. And we hope to see you next Saturday, February 8, at Central Lutheran!

And then – Happy Valentine's Day!

Carolyn and Janet, Co-Deans