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TRICKS AND TREATS



- ◆ A variety of musical fun and surprises by chapter members.
- ◆ Begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 1997.
- ◆ At Riverview Place at 5300 12th Street South (S Univ Drive & 52nd Ave) Fargo, ND.
- ◆ Treats and refreshments will follow.
- ◆ Come as yourself, or in costume.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

AN ORGAN-PLUS CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1997

Carolyn Hensrud, organist, will be presenting a concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2, 1997. She will be assisted by Joan Bystol (organ & piano), Lisa Overby and Trudy Eide (vocal soloists), Vern Gessele (handbell soloist), Merrill Piepkorn (narrator, vocal soloist, guitar & harmonica), Tom Raney (trumpet), and Barb Wieland (dance). Something for all! Reception to follow.



October:

28 - Meeting at Riverview Place at 7:00 p.m.

November:

16 - Organ Crawl to smaller churches in Moorhead and surrounding towns. More information in next issue.

December:

7 - Messiah Sing-along at First Presbyterian in Fargo at 7:30 p.m.

13 - Holiday handbell music at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, beginning around noon.

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Pipe Organ News

- In August, a water main break at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo, resulted in major damage to the basement as well as to the organ. The blower and two large reservoirs were heavily damaged from a barrage of water which poured in near the organ blower room. Both reservoirs required new bung gaskets and all-new hinges of leather and rubber cloth. The blower motor which was submerged was taken to a local motor shop to be cooked out and new bearings installed. The organ was down for about four weeks.
- The Johnson Organ Company, Inc. of Fargo has contracted with the Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Parkers Prairie, MN, to build a two-manual, nine rank instrument for April delivery. The organ will be encased in the balcony with the console being placed in the front. The organ will use computerized switching including a 24 level combination action and transposer. Reverend Kirk Lee is pastor and organ committee chairman. (Submitted by Lance Johnson)

AGO member Lance Johnson has recently published his second book called "Memories of Ottertail Lake". The book outlines the history of Otter Tail's north side where Lance's parents had a cottage from 1941-1965. The second half deals with Lance's memories while growing up at the lake and the many interesting characters he encountered. The book is available from the author for \$10.00. His first book on the Fergus Falls Cyclone (Tornado) of 1919 is in its second printing and nearly sold out. The book mentions a number of new pipe organ installations as a result of most churches being destroyed and then replaced.

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Upcoming Events

October:

- ⇒ 24 & 25 - Silent movie night at the Fargo Theatre beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ 26 - Frederick Swann will be presenting a organ recital at Westminster United Church in Winipeg beginning at 8:00 p.m.

November:

- ⇒ 3 - Organ recital presented by members of the Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club at First Lutheran Church in Fargo beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

- ⇒ Michael Olson and other organists will present weekly recitals starting at 12:45 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Fargo.

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Pipedreams

- October 19, 1997: **Friends on Fisks**...European music of the past is recreated in the United States on three instruments built by the profoundly influential American organ designer, the late Charles Brenton Fisk.
- October 26, 1997: **Czech It Out**...a sampler of some exceptional and little-known music by composers from Czechoslovakia.
- November 2, 1997: **From Soup to Notes**...at Church of the Holy Apostles in New York City, meals and music share sanctuary space. Inaugural recitals on a new organ.
- November 9, 1997: **A Tale of Two Cities**... a cautionary contrast of realities facing historic instruments in Hamburg, Germany, and at the University of Pennsylvania's Irvine Auditorium in Philadelphia.
- November 16, 1997: **Shall We Dance?**... a display of surprising rhythmic agility, proving that even the King of Instruments can "get down" on occasion.

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