Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to seeing many of you at St. Margaret's Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Rd., Annapolis, on February 6. The church is presenting Michael Britt in a performance featuring his organ accompaniment of a silent movie. This will be a planned, sketched-out improvisation on the part of the performer. This is a very entertaining way to hear the many sounds and moods of the organ. Come, bring friends and family, enjoy, and stay for refreshments after.

For many church musicians, now is the time to make plans to attend professional conferences this coming summer. Many of our denominations hold conferences where you can learn about new music and recharge your batteries. The AGO also has some events for you consider. The AGO National Convention will be held July 3-7 in Seattle! See https://agoseattle2022.com/ for more information and to register. I will be there, making it part of a longer visit to the Pacific Northwest. For something close to home, consider The Hymn Society's Conference, to be held July 17-21 in Washington D.C. (https://thehymnsociety.org/). I encourage you to find a way to gain new knowledge and inspiration as you work to bring meaningful music to your congregation.

Closer to home, I invite you to take a look at the Pipe Organ Encounter Plus being offered by the Lehigh Valley AGO Chapter in Pennsylvania. Read the details here: https://www.lvago.org/poe/index.html. The Pipe Organ Encounter Plus is a week-long program for people age 19 and over who wish to learn about the organ or want to improve their organ skills. AGO membership is not required, so please share this information with others. Scholarships are available.

I will send you information soon about our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, which will take place at the USNA Chapel on Monday May 9 at 5:00. Please be thinking of ways you can encourage piano students age 11 – 18 to attend.

With warm regards,
Betsy Lord, Dean
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UPCOMING CONCERTS

***Bring your VACCINATION CARD (paper or a picture on your phone) and a FACEMASK to any concert in the next few months.
February 6, 2022, 4:00 PM, Michael Britt will be accompanying a silent movie at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Rd., Annapolis. Our chapter is providing light refreshments following the concert.

February 27, 2022, 3:00 PM: "An Afternoon with Thomas Keesecker, composer/pianist/storyteller," St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, 1120 Spa Road, Annapolis. Tom will perform music from his best-selling piano collections in an hour-long program of piano music, congregational song, and poetry. He has shared his Celtic and Jazz influenced piano stylings of well-known hymns across the country. CDs of his music will be available for purchase at the performance.

February 27, 2022, 3:00 PM: Organ Concert by Lukas Hasler, Shrine of the Little Flower RC Church, 3500 Belair Rd., Baltimore. Presented by the Baltimore Chapter of the AGO. The organ is a 3-manual, 41-rank instrument built by Casavant Freres Ltd. See attached flyer.

March 27, 2022, 4:00 PM: Annapolis Chapter Members’ Recital, St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, 1120 Spa Rd., Annapolis. Several chapter members will perform on the church’s 3-manual, 37-rank Moller pipe organ.

April 8, 7:00 PM: Spring Organ Recital by Monte Maxwell, United States Naval Academy Chapel. Come experience the incredible power and sound of one of the finest organs in the world.

JOB LISTING

Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church on the Broadneck Peninsula outside of Annapolis, MD is seeking a part-time Director of Music to begin June 1, 2022. The Director of Music will oversee and direct the overall music program which includes but is not limited to providing weekly organ/piano accompaniment for scheduled church services (as well as special services), the direction and accompaniment of adult/youth choirs, support of other music groups, and worship planning with the pastor. A complete posting can be found at the church's website, www.gloriadei.org, under the heading Work With Us. Inquiries and resumes may be directed to the church office via email (gdlutheranchurch@gmail.com) or phone (410.544.3799).

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