

# *The Stopt Diapason*

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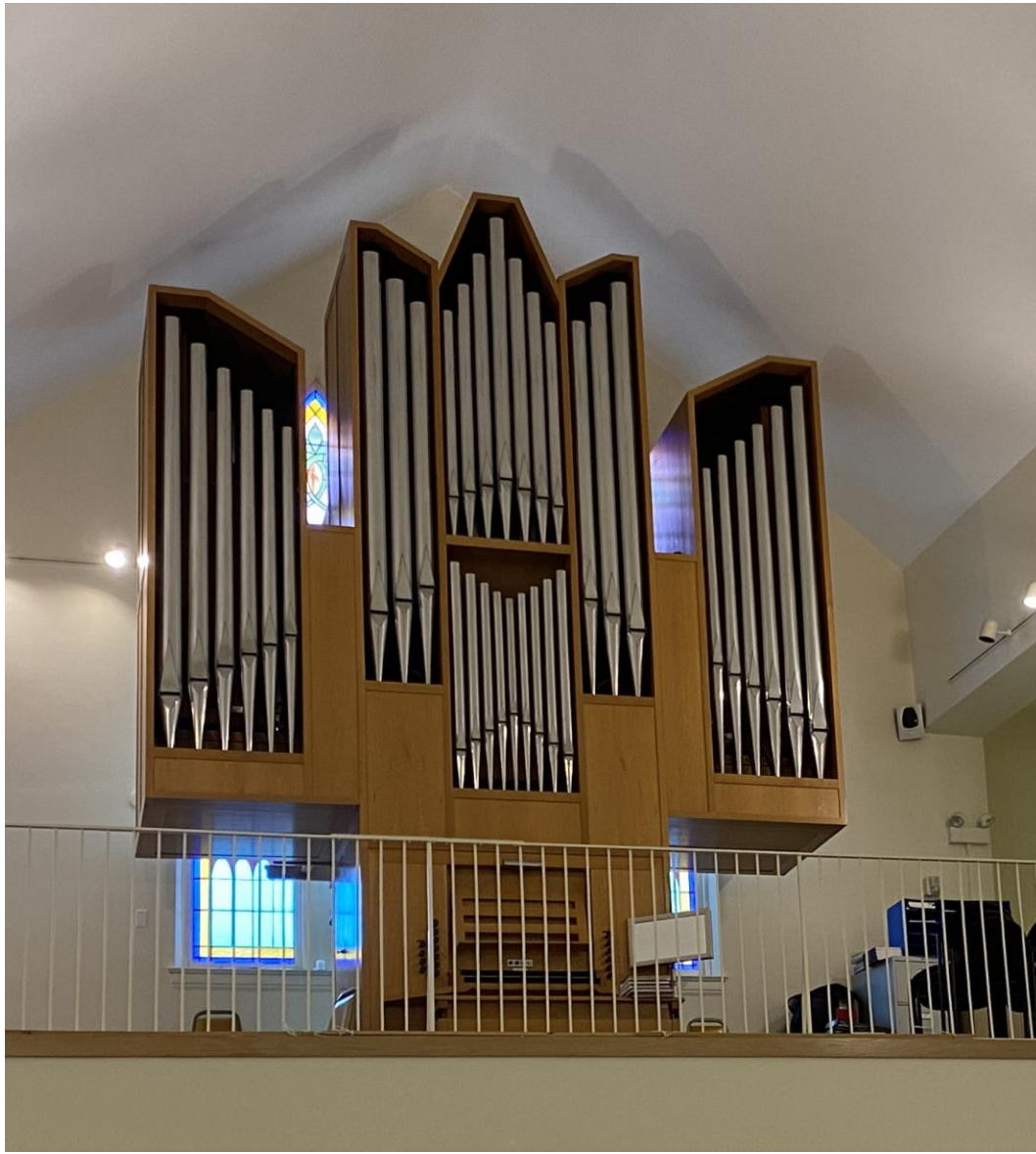
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ABOVE: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Evanston, IL

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More information can be found on page 5 of this edition of *The Stopt Diapason*.

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## **From the President:**

Dear Chicago-Midwest OHS Members:

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Gratefully yours,  
Derek E. Nickels  
Chicago-Midwest Chapter OHS

### **CHICAGO-MIDWEST CHAPTER HONORARY MEMBERS**

David McCain  
Stephen J. Schnurr, Jr.  
Julie Stephens\*

*\*deceased*

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## CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2024-2025

**Sunday, June 8, 3:00 p.m.**, Member's Recital by Christine Kraemer at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Evanston.  
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## CALENDAR OF AREA EVENTS FOR 2024-2025

*Please notify Derek Nickels of events to be listed at [denickels@holyscomforter.org](mailto:denickels@holyscomforter.org).*

- Friday, May 30, 12:10 p.m.** Concerts at Fourth Church presents Douglas Cleveland, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL
- Sunday, June 1, 3:00 p.m.** Music Institute of Chicago Chorale presents Faure's Requiem and Rheinberger's Mass, Daniel Wallenberg, conductor, and Brian Schoettler, organist, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL
- Wednesday, June 4, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Andrew Schaeffer, First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin Street, Appleton, WI
- Saturday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.** Apollo Chorus and David Jonies, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL
- Wednesday, June 11, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Daniel Schwandt, Lawrence Memorial Chapel, 510 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI
- Sunday, June 15, 3:00 p.m.** Loyola University Chicago presents Bradley Hunter Welch, Madonna della Strada Chapel, 1032 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL
- Wednesday, June 18, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Stephen Schnurr, Trinity Lutheran Church, 804 Grignon Street, Kaukauna, WI
- Friday, June 20, 12:10 p.m.** Concerts at Fourth Church presents Viktoria Shorokhova, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL
- Monday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.** A Gift of Music Series presents Hyea Young Cho, Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson Street, Evanston, IL
- Wednesday, June 25, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Derek Nickels, Faith Lutheran Church, 601 E. Glendale Avenue, Appleton, WI
- Friday, June 27, 12:10 p.m.** Concerts at Fourth Church presents Michael Rees, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL
- Wednesday, July 2, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Rowen Erickson, All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 N. Drew Street, Appleton, WI
- Wednesday, July 9, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Benjamin Stone, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 N. Commercial Street, Neenah, WI
- Wednesday, July 16, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Ethan Mellema, Zion Lutheran Church, 912 N. Oneida Street, Appleton, WI
- Wednesday, July 23, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Jeffrey Verkuilen, FAGO, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 724 E. South River Street, Appleton, WI
- Friday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.** Fox Valley AGO presents Bach and Beyond, Marmion Abbey, 850 Butterfield Road, Aurora, IL
- Wednesday, July 30, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Paul Weber, First English Lutheran Church, 326 E. North Street, Appleton, WI
- Wednesday, August 6, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Colin Welford, First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Church Street, Neenah, WI
- Wednesday, August 13, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Erich Knapp, First English Lutheran Church, 326 E. North Street, Appleton, WI
- Wednesday, August 20, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Devin Atteln, CAGO, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 528 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Menasha, WI
- Wednesday, August 27, 12:15 p.m.** 2025 Lunchtime Organ Recital Series presents Jared Stellmacher, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 803 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI

# CHICAGO-MIDWEST OHS DONORS LIST 2024-2025

(as of April 15, 2025)

## **Guarantors (\$100+)**

Rev. George Hull  
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Rev. Thomas Lijewski  
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**CHICAGO-MIDWEST CHAPTER OF THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS A MEMBER'S RECITAL  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, EVANSTON, IL  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025, 3:00 P.M.**

**A PREVIEW**

The Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society is happy to be able to present its final event of the 2024-2025 program year with a Member's Recital by chapter Board member Christine Kraemer at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 616 Lake Street, Evanston, IL.

The congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church was founded in 1888 by Swedish immigrants, ten families and 23 individuals. The present church sanctuary was designed by architect Henry Koll, built on the corner of Sherman Avenue and Lake Street in 1898, and dedicated in 1899. The first pipe organ was purchased and installed in 1905, at a cost of about \$2,500, to replace the reed organ used previously. The organ and the choir were located in the front right of the sanctuary. The stained glass windows, obtained from a company in Indiana, date from about 1905. The present church bell was dedicated in 1910. In 1933 the English language began to be used almost exclusively in services and classes. In 1943 a new organ and chimes were dedicated. In 1957-58 the choir and the organ console were relocated to the balcony. A remodeling of the narthex and the balcony was completed just before Easter 1979. In 1981 a new tracker pipe organ, manufactured by the August Laukhuff Company of West Germany, was installed and voiced by Evanston organ builder Kurt Roderer.

GREAT (Manual I)		POSITIV (Manual II)		PEDAL	
8'	Principal	8'	Holz Gedeckt	16'	Subbass
8'	Met. Gedeckt	4'	Spitzfloete	8'	Flachfloete
4'	Octave	2'	Principal	4'	Choralbass
4'	Rohrfloete	II	Sesquialtera TC	16'	Fagott
2'	Kl. Octave	1-1/3'	Larigot	COUPLERS I-P, II-P, II-I	
IV	Mixture		Tremolo		
8'	Trompet		Zimbelstern		

**-PROGRAM-**

"Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"	Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
Ciacona in E minor, BuxWV 160	Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Variations on <i>Tempus Adest Floridum</i>	Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)
Le Jardin Suspendu	Jehan Alain (1911-1940)
"Let Us Break Bread Together"	J. Roland Braithwaite (1927-2014)
Adagio non troppo (from <i>Sonata No. 5</i> )	Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Fantasia super <i>Komm, heiliger Geist</i> , BWV 651a	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Christine Marshall Kraemer** is currently organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Evanston. Previously she has served as organist or organist and choir director at other Chicago area churches, including Lincoln Park Presbyterian in Chicago, Gloria Dei Lutheran in Northbrook, and St. Luke's Episcopal in Evanston. Christine holds three degrees from Northwestern University's School of Music, DM and MM in Church Music and Organ and Bachelor of Music Education. Her organ teachers at NU were Richard Enright and Wolfgang Rubsam. Christine is a former treasurer and board member of the North Shore Chapter AGO and is presently on the board of the Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society. She taught Survey of German Organ Literature at NU from 1990-2004 and was a featured organ soloist for Bach Week in Evanston at St. Luke's from 1987-2003.



ABOVE: Exterior and interior views of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Evanston, IL.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**Karel Paukert**, a 51-year resident of University Heights, OH, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2025, at the age of 90. Karel was born in Skuteč in the Czech Republic, where he fell in love with music, particularly oboe and organ, eventually leaving home at age 15 to pursue a career in music. Following organ studies in Prague and mandatory multi-year service in the Czech Army in the late 1950s, he traveled to Reykjavik and became the principal oboist in the Iceland Symphony Orchestra. Following this, he was given the opportunity to record organ music at the Cathedral of Oslo on the way back to Prague. He subsequently hitchhiked to Norway's west coast and worked on a fishing boat, making the fateful decision to not return to his home country. Over the course of several months, Karel journeyed to Belgium (including a stint in a Danish jail over visa issues) to meet a musical mentor who would help him defect to the U.S. in 1965. Karel's first job in the States came as a teaching assistant at Washington University in St. Louis, where he would meet a talented Japanese soprano, Noriko Fujii, who had come to America to study voice on a Fulbright. They would fall in love and marry in 1966, moving to Evanston, IL, when Karel was hired as an organ professor at Northwestern. He served as Organist-Choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston from 1968-1974. He also founded Evanston's Bach Week Festival in 1974. He worked at the university until 1974, having two of three children, Karel Jr. (Kajo) and Cathy in Chicago. The Paukert family moved to Ohio that same year, after Karel was appointed chief curator of the musical arts department at the Cleveland Museum of Art, where he would become renowned for playing over 800 concerts, as well as his avant-garde music programming. A third child, Chris, followed in 1976, the same year Karel started teaching at the Cleveland Institute of Music. From 1979 to 2023, he served as the Organist and Music Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights, OH. He would retire from the Museum in 2003, continuing his church work until his passing. In his free time, he concertized annually around the world and made recordings with Azica Records. In 1995, Karel was awarded a Special Citation for Distinguished Services to the Arts by the Cleveland Arts Prize. In 2003, Karel received an honorary doctorate from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and in 2022, he was awarded a national arts prize by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, as well as an honorary doctorate from Prague's Academy of Performing Arts. Karel is survived by his loving wife, Noriko, his children, Kajo (Christine), Cathy (Barry), Chris (Robin) and seven grandchildren: Nate, Sydney, Teddy, Marley, Morgan, Anastasia, and Zoe. A service in celebration of Karel's life will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11:00am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH, followed by a reception.