

# The Bellows

Greater Lansing Chapter-AGO

9/1/2015

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## *FROM THE DEAN...*

*“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”*

*Winston Churchill*

Summer is not quite over, but the weather sure feels like autumn. I am thankful for this gorgeous weather as I write this letter in the shadow of Mt. Marcy (highest mountain peak in New York) in the Adirondacks. I am fortunate that my brother retired to God’s country and also to my undergraduate stomping grounds where we are able to take in and participate in many of the musical offerings at the Crane School of Music (SUNY Potsdam). There is something about being removed from our everyday environment that gives one a fresh perspective on all of the problem-solving and stressful events that smother us each day.

Many thanks to two Board members who have retired this year – Cecelia Costigan and Stephanie Gewirtz. Their faithfulness and creative input into our Guild’s activities is greatly appreciated. Please welcome John Horak, Director of Music at Our Savior Lutheran Church, as a new Board member. We are blessed with his talent and perspective and thank his church for sponsoring one of our Guild events this season.

## ***Greater Lansing Chapter – American Guild of Organists***

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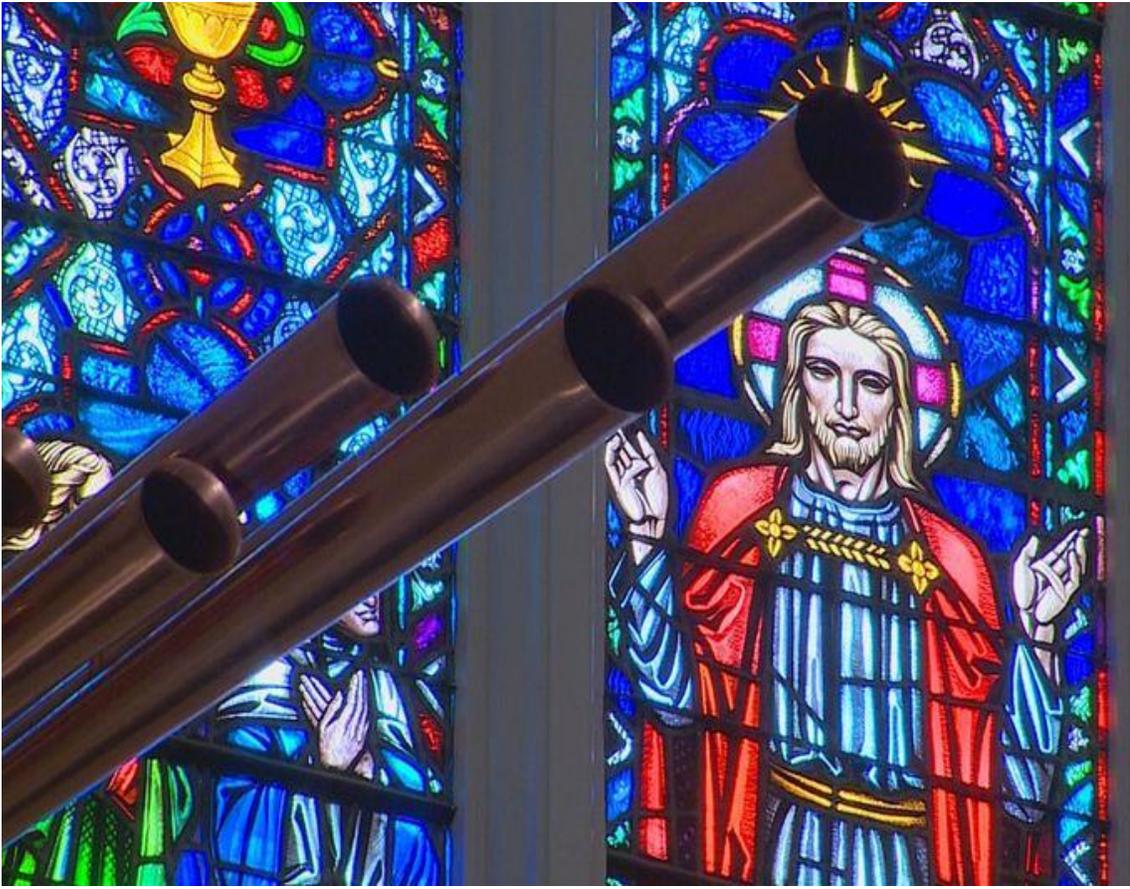
Bill Pomeroy

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Five Guild members attended the Indianapolis Regional Convention this summer –



Bob Miller, Bill Holda, Roger Matthies, Bill Pomeroy and Michael Dulac. We look forward to newsletter articles from these folks regarding their experiences. Congratulations are in order to our secretary, Susanne Hoekzema, for

successfully completing the CAGO examination this summer.

Her diligence is inspiring.

Karl Bruhn, our Great Lakes Regional Councilor, and I have been busy planning the yearly Deans' meeting which will be held in Lansing in September. The work is similar to organizing an organ crawl but the challenge was securing venues on a home football game weekend! Our meeting will be at St. Thomas Aquinas and lunch will follow at Coral Gables. The meetings are edifying and it is a joy to meet other Michigan Deans and officers. As I did last year, I will enumerate the many projects, topics and controversies in our October newsletter.

Ed Corey, currently convalescing from hip surgery, has been working hard on membership. At present we have 36 paid members. Our grace-period is over on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, we will have a catered dinner, installation of officers and a retirement tribute to Steve Lange. I would love to see all of you there – the food will be fabulous and there will be a special guest. See Mary Black's note on the reservation deadline.

Our October event promises to be quite exciting. The minister from Edgewood United Church in East Lansing went to school with Don Saliers, our current Chaplain of the National AGO. He was invited to do a weekend conference wearing both his organist and clerical hats. You will receive an email flyer and a hard copy of the weekend events at the dinner in September. Originally, our Guild was to take part in the planning of this event but I was told today that Don masterminded the entire event with our Guild being cordially invited to attend all of the activities as he is anxious to meet and talk with all of our Guild members.

You are most welcome to bring your friends and family.

Following is a list of our 2015 – 2016 programs. Some details are incomplete at this time but will be forthcoming in the month of September.

September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Dinner, installation of officers and a tribute to the retirement of Steve Lange. Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lansing, 6:30 pm
October 9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Don Saliers, National AGO Chaplain, weekend events at Edgewood United Church, East Lansing
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Historic Buildings/Heroic Instruments – Organ Crawl, Downtown Lansing 2:30 pm
December	Holiday Party – TBA – home of Bob Miller
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Brunch – Tavern 109 – Williamston
February	Creative Hymn Playing – Jeffery Walker, TBA, Our Savior Lutheran Church
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Choral Event open to our Guild members and choirs Central United Methodist Church
April	Members' Recital – 3 pm – Trinity Lutheran Church - TBA
May	Banquet and retirement tribute to Cecelia Costigan - TBA

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Sincerely,

*Barbara Hiranpradist*

## Upcoming events –

Guild Dinner, installation of officers and a tribute to the retirement of Steve Lange.

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lansing, 6:30 pm

The dinner is being held at Emanuel First Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 PM. The menu features two entrees, wrapped chicken breast and vegetarian lasagna. (Full menu is given in the newsletter) You do not need to select an entree; there will be enough for each attendee to have both if desired.

The price is \$15 per person, and will be collected at the door. Please park in the church lot in the 1000 block of Seymour Avenue (one block west of Capitol) and use the building entrance by the flagpole.

Please make your reservations to me at [blackma@mail.lib.msu.edu](mailto:blackma@mail.lib.msu.edu) or by phone (517)646-9626 evenings, (517)884-0859 during the day. The deadline is **FRIDAY, September 18.**

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you on September 28.

*Mary Junttonen*

On Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3:30 PM the Gospel Choir from St. Paul's, Flint will give a concert at Christ Episcopal Church in Owosso. The church is located at 120 Goodhue Street.

A free-will offering will be taken (proceeds to go to The Gospel Choir)

A reception will follow the program.

For more information or directions e-mail [Srobinson897@aol.com](mailto:Srobinson897@aol.com)

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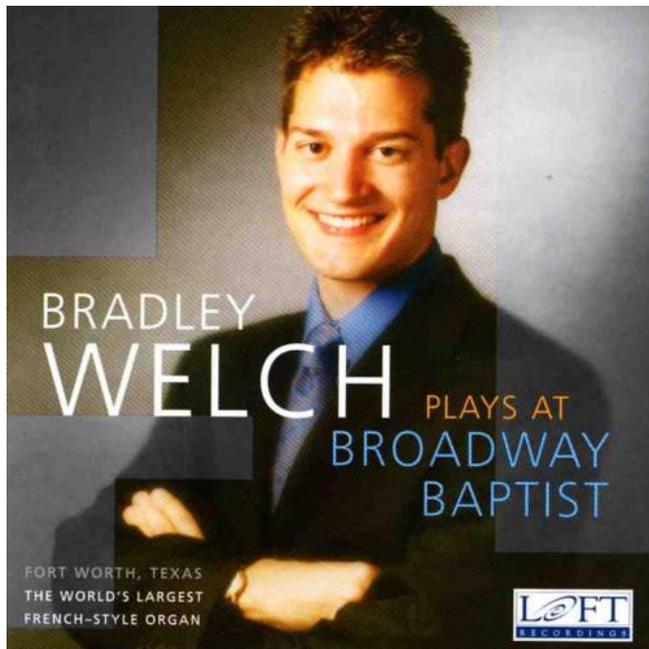
*Sharon Robinson*



We are offering for sale our gently used and well maintained **Samick 5' 8" grand piano SG-172**, Serial number IJBG 0377, in showroom condition. It has a polished black polyurethane finish and a German-style action. An excellent Registered Piano Technician has been looking after it, and has been tweaking it to bring out its best. He has stated that he has a "relationship" with this piano, and has said it is a very nice instrument. We the owners find the bass to be rich and the treble brilliant. Since the treble was a bit too bright for us, our technician softened it a bit. The piano keeps good tune. It was tuned recently. A number of professional pianists have played on it and commented favorably. This piano is available by appointment for you to try before buying. Local pickup only. We recommend that you use a professional piano mover. We are selling because we are downsizing and moving into a small apartment in mid-September 2015. Our asking price is \$6500, but we will consider reasonable offers. Email **Glen or Marcia Anderson** at [glen.d.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:glen.d.anderson@gmail.com) or [hilden.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:hilden.anderson@gmail.com) or phone 517-481-5802.

*CD Review:*

They say Texas likes em big and **BRADLEY WELCH PLAYS AT BROADWAY BAPTIST**



**BAPTIST** in Fort Worth, Texas certainly fits the bill. With two 5 manual consoles and 191 ranks, Opus 3750 (1996) by Casavant Freres is the largest instrument ever produced by this firm. It claims to be the world's largest French style organ. Dr. Welch performs a wide variety of works from John Cook's Fanfare, Virgil Fox's arrangement of Bach's Come Sweet Death, Frederick Swan's arrangement of Amazing Grace and many others. Some may have seen the YouTube dedicatory recital by Dr. Welch of the 5 manual, 160 rank Garland organ also in the city of Fort Worth at the First United

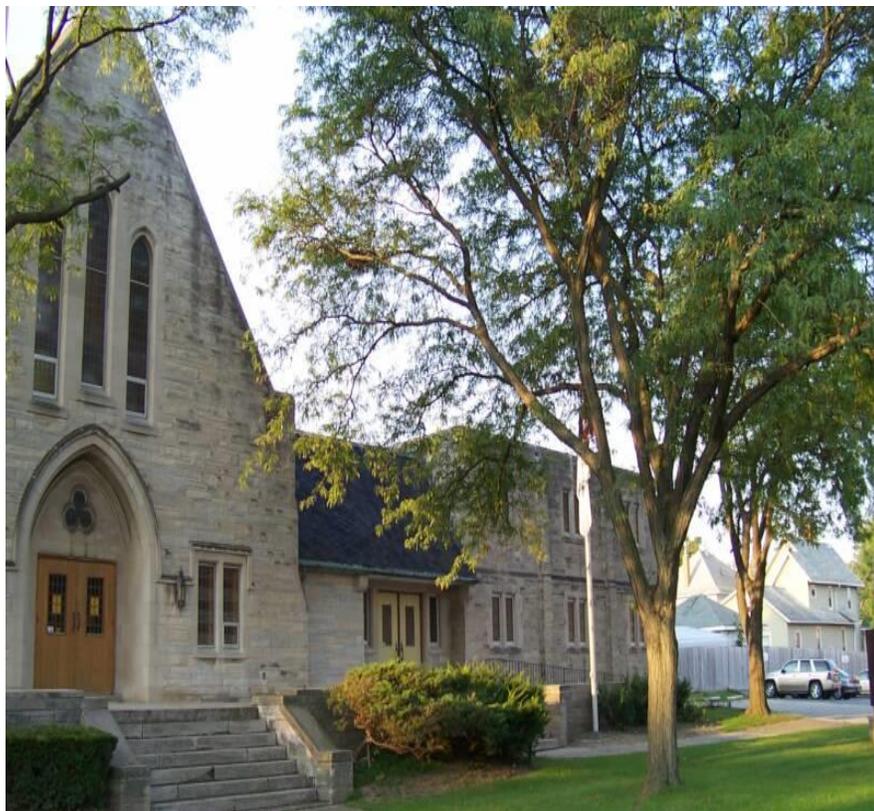
Methodist Church. The artistry of Dr. Welch is breath-taking on the YouTube performance and on this cd. The disc was produced by Loft Recordings and I found my copy on Amazon.

*Ed Corey*



# 2016 MEMBERS' RECITAL

Due to Easter being on March 27, 2016, our annual recital will be held in April



instead of March. We have chosen April 24th to give time to recover from the rigors of Lent and Easter music demands. Also, to ease preparation, we will use a theme of "Music through the Year". That should have all members' able to prepare and participate. Are you preparing a special Fall Festival piece? Or maybe your "big" piece is for Advent/Christmas. Still yet, it might be Lent/ Easter. Anything will work for this theme, so think on

your plans and hurry up and reserve your spot as a performer this year. Sadly, though all members' will have music to offer, the limit of time will not allow all to play.

Contact Susanne

Hoekzema to reserve your performance spot soon!!!! (The recital will be held at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Lansing)

*Susanne Hoekzema*

*...there's always one song that reminds you of a person, place, or time and makes you miss it so much...*

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HEARD;

I have moved to southwest Florida. My father called on Father's Day and said "help!" So, like the dutiful son that I am I threw a few things in the truck and left.

Arriving in front of my father's house, he met me in the street and said, "**You can't**



**park in the street."**

They have been here over 30 years, yea, I remember the parking thing...

**"You can't park in the street,** so you may as well back in **your driveway."**

And points across the street from his.

He bought the house across the street for

Roger and I to live in and help him out... So, I did move. Please email Bellows submissions to: [mr\\_bill41@juno.com](mailto:mr_bill41@juno.com) same deadline as always... I am now the assistant organist at Saint John the Apostle MCC, 4 blocks south of the Edison Estate on McGregor in Fort Myers

Thank you for allowing me to continue for now as editor. I love doing it and a great was to stay connected. Please don't be shy about articles. We all love to read about out colleagues and happenings....

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*Sometimes it's not the **song** that makes you emotional...*

*It's the **people** and **things** that come to your mind when you hear it...*

**Deadline for the GLAC-AGO newsletters is the last Wednesday of each month**

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