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Sioux Trails Calendar:

Sunday, January 22, 3:00pm **Chapter Members' Recital**
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 304 Monroe Ave., North Mankato

STAGO members John Baumann, Chad Fothergill, Cal Leferink, David Porth, Ron Shilling, and Chad Winterfeldt plan a recital that will include several pieces based on the chorale melodies of Johann Crüger. 2012 marks the 350th anniversary of the death of Crüger, who composed several of the most beloved hymn tunes of Christian hymnody, including Herzliebster Jesu, Nun danket alle God, and Jesu, meine Freude.

The instrument at St. Paul's is a recently installed 3 manual Allen. The chapter board chose this venue so that we may hear and explore the variety of stop choices that reflect different historic instruments or time periods. Following the recital, a brief workshop session introducing these stops is planned. This recital is free and open to all.

Sunday, February 12, 3:00pm **Wyatt Smith Organ Recital**
Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, New Ulm

Martin Luther College is pleased to present Wyatt Smith in a guest recital, performing on the 57-rank Schantz organ in the Chapel of the Christ on the college campus in New Ulm. The recital is open to the public at no admission charge.

A native of Rapid City, South Dakota, Wyatt is a student at the University of South Dakota (USD) in Vermillion, where he is pursuing an undergraduate degree in organ performance. He holds the Colleague (CAGO) and Service Playing (SPC) Certificates from the AGO. Wyatt was the winner of the 2011 AGO/ Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (Region VI) held in Des Moines, Iowa, this past summer. As winner of the regional AGO competition, Wyatt will perform a "Rising Stars" solo recital at the July, 2012, national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sunday, February 12, 7:30pm **Dr. Chad Winterfeldt Organ Recital**
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter

Dr. Chad Winterfeldt, STAGO Dean, will present a recital of organ works based upon plainchant melodies. Works to be performed include compositions by J. S. Bach, Nicholas de Grigny, Olivier Messiaen, Gerre Hancock, Heathcote Statham, and Frank Ferko. This recital is free; all are invited. Parking is available in Lot C west of the Chapel or Lot A north of the Jackson Campus Center.

Sunday, March 18, 4:30pm **Student Recital**
Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main, Mankato

Sunday, April 1, 4:00pm **Organ Recital to honor and remember Heinrich Fleischer**
First Lutheran Church, 1114 W. Traverse Road, Saint Peter

Performed on the 100th birthday of Dr. Fleischer, former professor at the University of Minnesota and renowned interpreter of the music of Max Reger. Steve Gentile, Twin Cities organist and one of Fleischer's students, will perform. Admission is free.

Tuesdays, June 12 through August 21 **STAGO Noontime Recitals**
Grace and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches, Mankato

A few dates are still available at each venue. Contact the STAGO Sub-dean or Program chair to save your date!