

# The Greater Columbia Organist

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Greetings to our chapter members! Spring may not be officially over, but in Columbia, as one of my friends told me Sunday; "we had a spring this year, but it's gone!" The temperatures are climbing, and I hope that you all are winding down and seeking new rhythms this summer. Perhaps a beach vacation or a trip abroad; more laid-back repertoire for yourselves or your choirs, or maybe summer is when you work on new music or tackle a new technique. In any case, whatever you do, make sure you take time for YOU, to care for yourself, and come back in the fall refreshed and invigorated. Church musicians give on so many levels, physical, spiritual, emotional; it is important to replenish all three!



Serving as dean has been an amazing experience. I've been a member of AGO since 1995, at age 16, when my organ teacher wisely signed me up as a student member when I began organ as a high schooler. The longer I stay in this profession, the more convinced I am that the future of the organ depends on connecting young people to the instrument. In parting, let me encourage you to show children and students the organ at every opportunity. It has been a privilege meeting more of our colleagues in this chapter, your faithfulness to your posts and parishes, and witnessing the camaraderie I see whenever we get together. I'm confident in our chapter leadership, in our members, and I look forward to continuing to serve on our board.

All the best,  
Lenora M. Jeffcoat, FRCO



# *Dedication Concert*

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Scholarship money is available for any organ student taking lessons from a current Greater Columbia AGO Chapter member. PLEASE ENCOURAGE any prospective organ students or current organ students to apply! This is available to ANYONE taking lessons, youth or adult, at any skill level.

Applications are available at [www.ColumbiaAGO.org](http://www.ColumbiaAGO.org).

### Program Planning for the 2025-26 Year

Our Executive Board will soon begin planning programs for the 2025-26 program year. If you have suggestions for consideration, please contact a member of the Executive Board, or send the information to Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) by **June 5**.



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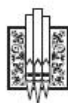
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## Newsletter Deadline

*The 20<sup>th</sup> of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.*



6/04	William Douglas
6/05	Lenora Jeffcoat
6/06	Hamilton Stoddard
6/08	William Bullock
6/08	Jeffry Caswell
6/11	Al Murrell
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# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## **\*\* NEW LISTING OR CHANGES**

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com)) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

### **CAMDEN**

***Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church***, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC, seeks a part-time organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (9:00 a.m.) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, plus seasonal services. There is potential to add accompanying services for the 11:15 contemporary service. For additional information please e-mail Patty Bellus at [lsumc.net](mailto:lsumc.net) or see our website, <https://lsumc.net/about-us/employment>. Organ specifications may be found here:

<https://www.columbiaaqo.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/LYTTLETONUMCSumter.pdf>.

### **CHESTER**

***Presbyterian Church*** in Chester - Interim organist or substitute organist. Magnificent organ, 1976 Austin with the console rebuilt two years ago. It is a two manual 36 rank instrument. There is also a 1938 Steinway Grand Piano in the worship space. Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Doxology, Gloria Patri, and three hymns are required for each service. Interested persons should send their resume or background information to [maestrocto@gmail.com](mailto:maestrocto@gmail.com).

### **COLUMBIA**

***Holy Trinity Lutheran Church***, 2200 Lee St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short-term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at [Rev.Burger@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Burger@gmail.com)

***Incarnation Lutheran Church***, 3005 Devine Street, Columbia 29205 is seeking to hire a music director/organist.

Incarnation initially advertised for one person for all jobs.

The organist position has been filled.

Choir Director Part-time 10 hours per week

He/She will be responsible for directing the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir, and supporting the Children's Choir, as well as auditioning and managing paid singers. Contact [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com) to schedule an interview. Please see the full job description on our website at <https://www.incarnationlutheran.com>

***St. Luke Lutheran Church***, 1127 Olympia Ave., Columbia, SC 29201. St. Luke Lutheran Church (Olympia) is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse, direct and accompany the adult choir on piano and/or organ and to coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. Special services. Extra pay for weddings and funerals and the pianist/organist has first right of refusal. Please send resumes and contact information to St Luke Lutheran Church at 1127 Olympia Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201, or e-mail to [carenhazelwood@bellsouth.net](mailto:carenhazelwood@bellsouth.net).



**\*\* St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 1715 Bull Street in downtown Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministry which includes being the organist/choir accompanist and choir director. The organ which was completely renovated in 2018 is a 3 manual, 24 rank Moeller organ. We have two traditional Sunday services, 8:15 and 10:30 am, Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, special services, weddings and funerals. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated excellence in organ performance, accompanying skills and directing. Choir members are experienced musicians and 6 – 8 choral scholars, mostly music students from USC, assist the choir with singing. Salary commensurate with experience. Please contact Pat Itter at 803.603.3994 or [itter94@bellsouth.net](mailto:itter94@bellsouth.net).

#### **GILBERT**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 246 St. Paul's Church Rd., Gilbert, SC 29054 is seeking a Music Director for its Sunday worship services. The applicant may interview for the entire position (Organist/Pianist/Choir Director/Handbell Director) or for a single or any combination of these positions depending on their skill levels. The Music Director leads and directs the choir / praise band (when applicable) during worship. Also, is responsible for scheduling choir / praise band (when applicable) and handbell rehearsals, selecting appropriate music and managing annual music budgets. Music should be appropriate for use in the Lutheran service and follow the theme or the lessons appointed for the day. Hymns/Songs from the ELW and the Worship & Praise book should be used. Music selections shall be made in consultation with the Pastor whenever possible. Special programs are normally presented seasonally, i.e. Christmas Cantata/Children's Christmas Program, Easter, Community Thanksgiving services when held at St. Paul's, Lenten services and following special Lutheran celebration Sundays throughout the year. Compensation for this position is negotiable based on experience and merit. For more information and complete job description or to apply, contact Janet Boyd at [boyd5janet@gmail.com](mailto:boyd5janet@gmail.com) or 803-634-0018.

#### **HARTSVILLE**

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, Hartsville, SC, is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, Wednesday night choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Salary is \$300 per week (negotiable) and extra for additional services. The Organist gets two days paid vacation plus sick leave. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The Organist reports to the Music Director and the Rector. If interested in the position, please send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at 103 Campus Dr. Hartsville, SC 29550 or via email at [stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com).

#### **IRMO**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, in Irmo, SC, is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Please send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10000 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail [bethlehemplutheranirmo@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemplutheranirmo@gmail.com).

#### **NEWBERRY**

**\*\*St. Luke's Episcopal Church** in Newberry, SC, seeks a part-time organist. Duties include one Sunday service (10:30am), special services such as Christmas Eve and Holy Week services, and weddings/funerals (extra compensation) depending on the successful candidate's availability. The choir sings one anthem a month and rehearses before/after the Sunday service. There is currently no weeknight choir rehearsal. The congregation is appreciative of the organ and music, and regularly stays to listen to the postlude. Pay is \$200 per service, negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. The organ is a 1996 Schantz pipe organ (<https://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/stLukeNewberry.pdf>). Resumes can be sent to Wayne Steffen at [tomfever.ws@gmail.com](mailto:tomfever.ws@gmail.com).



## **ORANGEBURG**

***First Baptist Church of Orangeburg*** is seeking a part-time organist to provide service music for Sunday worship, as well as special occasions throughout the year. Regular duties include accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsal (7:00 pm) and playing for Sunday worship services (11:00 a.m.). The organ is a Moller, 3-manual: swell; great; choir, with 31 ranks from the original installation. The pedal board was built to AGO standard. The organ was installed in 1968 and rebuilt by Schlueter Pipe Organ Company of Lithonia, Georgia in 2007, with additional Walker digital stops added. Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, SC 29116 or emailed to [jane@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:jane@fbcorangeburg.org).

## **ROCK HILL**

***Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed***, 2132 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill SC. Director of Music The link below will take those interested to the specifics on how to apply, the specifications of our pipe organ, and the new job description with salary included. <https://ebenezerarp.org/>

## **WEST COLUMBIA**

***\*\*St. David Lutheran Church*** in West Columbia, SC is seeking an organist and handbell choir director. We are a vibrant congregation with a history of excellence in music leadership and look to continue the tradition with a new organist following the retirement of our long-time organist and Director of Music. We are a liturgical congregation and use music from a wide variety of sources to enhance worship. Responsibilities for this part-time position include playing organ and piano for the 10:30am worship service, midweek services during Advent & Lent, as well as weddings and funerals (with additional compensation). accompanying the choir in worship and during rehearsal, and directing our handbell choir. For more information or to apply, please reach out to Pastor Greg Brown at [pastor.greg@stdavid.net](mailto:pastor.greg@stdavid.net) or 803-356-3035.

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