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**Dean's Message**

**December, December.**

I pen this greeting at a quite unreasonable hour—almost the middle of the night. Yet the reasonable hours of the days in this season are already spoken for! As is your case as well, I'm sure. If I put an image to the pace of December it would be a gerbil, bedecked with a tiny wreath around its head, running madly around its exercise wheel. I pray each morning that I won't be spun off....

All things being as they are, I simply wish you a blessed, joyful, healthy, safe remainder of this very special month. May you be filled with the Spirit as you give your musical offering to your congregation.

Ann Reed  
Chapter Dean

P.S. — Don't forget the church walk and carol sing on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you out and about and have the opportunity to sing carols together.

**What's Happening in Les Bois  
Land**

**Monday, December 26**

**Church Walk**

**3-5:30 PM**

Downtown Boise (*map on page 2*)

**Christmas Music Sing**

**5:30-6:00 PM**

St. John's Cathedral

775 North 8th Street

**Saturday, January 21st**

**Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza**

**10 AM - 1 PM**

Southminster Presbyterian Church

6500 West Overland Road

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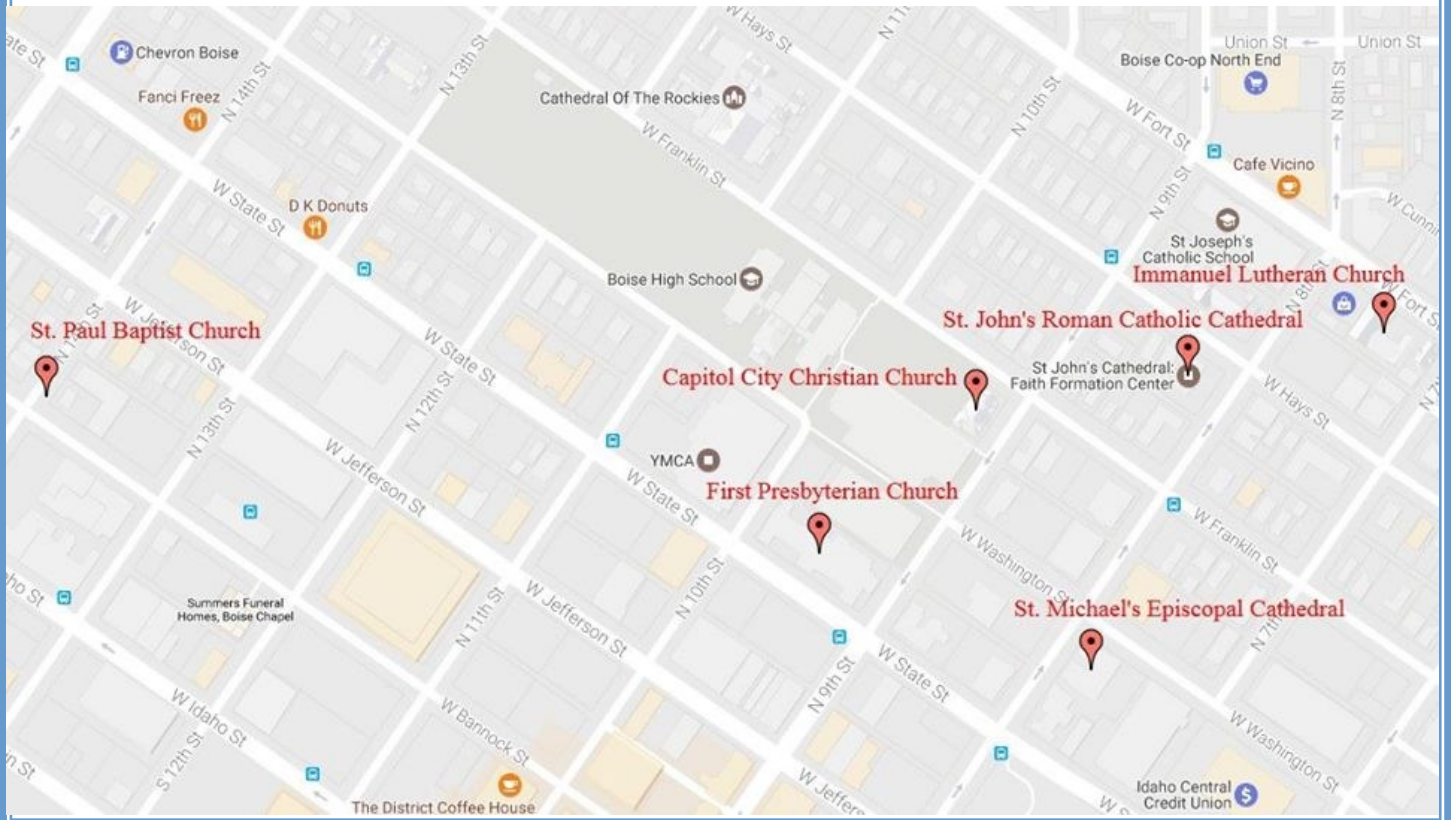


Three-piece Chicken Combo

Next Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17th  
7 PM  
Ann Reed's home

## Map for Church Walk 2016

Share the [Facebook event page](#) with your friends! See complete details on the [Chapter event page](#).



## Coming Events

Monday, December 26th, 3-6 PM — [Church Walk](#)

Tuesday, January 17th, 7 PM — Board meeting; Ann Reed's home, 2800 Leisure Drive, Boise

Saturday, January 21st, 10 AM - 1 PM — [Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza](#); Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 West Overland Road, Boise

June 11-15 — West Regional AGO Convention, Salt Lake City

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## Meet the Board

### Ann Reed

My organ experience began before I knew I was having an organ experience. Mother and her three sisters were serious students of the organ, and collectively played for more than 90 years at various churches. I most certainly internalized the family message that “Tanner women (mother’s maiden name) are fine organists,” and looking back, it seems inevitable that I would eventually join them. This began a few years before I qualified for a mid-life crisis. Instead of going down that gloomy, I-think-I’m-getting-old path, I prepared and played an organ recital, a most stimulating way to spend my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I love learning and growing musically, especially regarding the organ. While my music journey hasn’t included university study (yet—it’s not too late), I’ve had rich opportunity to study with a number of fine organists: Patricia Nelson, David Young, Douglas Bush, Susan Matthews, Michael Boney and most recently, Norma Stevlingson. Each of them have shared their talent and love of the organ and its literature and have helped me develop a bigger vision of my musical capability. I love having the musical light come on *again*. Besides lessons, there have been many workshops, master classes, post-concert discussions and internet discussions in the last 15 years. I trust my organ learning and sharing have many fruitful years ahead.

### Sheryl Hillman, SPC

The 7<sup>th</sup> of 8 children, Sheryl was born in Rexburg, Idaho and was introduced to organ playing during her high school years by her piano teacher, Ruth Barrus. She encouraged Sheryl to attend summer organ camps at the former Ricks College (BYU Idaho) and she continued studying organ for two years at Ricks College with Ruth Barrus and James Drake. She married Michael Hillman and they moved to Boise in 1968 and have 5 children and 16 grandchildren. Since 1970 to the present she has been an organist in her church.

She received a BM degree in piano in 1994 and a MM degree in piano pedagogy in 2004 from BSU. After retiring from a 30 year piano teaching career in 2009, Sheryl has enjoyed focusing on practicing the organ. In the fall of 2011 and 2012 she attended the EROI (Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative) in New York State. After his retirement in 2013, Mike & Sheryl traveled with the Pipedreams tour to Spain. Sheryl holds the Service Playing Certificate and has enjoyed substituting at various local churches.

In addition to the 16 perfect grandchildren, other interests are an obsession with fabric arts such as creating cute dresses for granddaughters, machine embroidery including mastering the software to create designs, and piecing quilts. She entered a quilt in the Boise Basin Quilters’ Guild annual quilt show for the first time this year.

### Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

*Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm*  
Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 W Overland Rd., Boise

*Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* is an excellent program to introduce the organ to youth. Students will learn about the organ through demonstration, explanation, and hands-on playing. Students will be able to look inside the pipe chambers of the organ, and will finish the afternoon with a pizza lunch.

See the [Chapter events page](#) for an information [packet](#) with additional information and the reservation form. Reservation deadline is January 18, 2017, and there is a maximum of 25 students.

This event is sponsored by the Les Bois AGO Chapter. There is no cost to the student.



Kirk Higginson, Norm Walker, Ann Reed, Glenn Poole, and Sheryl Hillman at the AGO Christmas Party

## Young Organists Encouraged to Apply for Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

(Minneapolis, MN) Lutheran Music Program has selected Kenneth Miller to serve as the Regina Holmen Fryxell and Patricia Schad Ledge Chapel Organist at the 2017 Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) from June 25<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup> on the campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Miller currently serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music and Organist and Choirmaster of the Chapel of the Apostles at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

As a member of the artistic faculty, Miller will maintain a private organ studio, teach the Introduction to Pipe Organ elective class, and serve as a member of the LSM worship team. In addition to serving as primary organist for all LSM worship services, Miller will also perform as a soloist and with the LSM Bach Cantata.

Lutheran Summer Music is a four-week residential training and performance program. Each summer, LSM brings together 150+ 8-12 grade band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students from the U.S. and abroad in a supportive, intentional community.

AGO members from the Les Bois Chapter are invited to refer students for the 2017 convening of Lutheran Summer Music Academy. All students using the application code **AGO200** will receive an automatic \$200 tuition discount. Other merit and need-based assistance is available.

For more information, go to [lutheransummermusic.org](http://lutheransummermusic.org) or contact Dietrich Jessen and Kristina Rodel, Admissions Directors at [888.635.6583](tel:888.635.6583) or email at [admissions@lutheransummermusic.org](mailto:admissions@lutheransummermusic.org).