

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARION, OHIO

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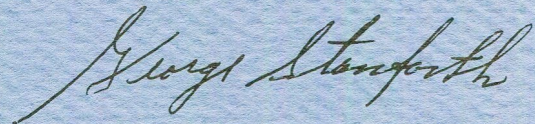
Organ Dedication
and
Sanctuary Rededication

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION

The psalmist wrote, "Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Many people throughout time have expressed themselves in this manner, and the instrument of their choice helped them in the expression of their worship.

Today, we are no different. We, too, need tools to aid us in expressing our worship. Therefore, we rededicate our sanctuary which has been totally renovated, dedicate various new ecclesiastical items and our new Casavant organ. In our dedication and consecration of this Casavant Organ to our Lord, let us be mindful that this organ is an instrument, yes, a very beautiful instrument, by which we, God's people, can express ourselves. Through music and song we give thanks to our living God for our redemption and salvation.

It is our hope that this Casavant Organ will lead this congregation in making a joyful noise unto the Lord, now and for future generations.



George Stanforth

We would like to extend a special welcome to those visitors who are with us today. We are thankful you are with us for this special day of celebration and we hope that you will join us again; you are always welcome.

Pastors

J. Weston Jones
Robert S. Carlson
Arnold G. Wulff
M. E. Hollensen, D.D.-Pastor Emeritus

Organists

Allan Lust
Sandra Becker – Assistant

Organ History of Emanuel Lutheran Church

The first organ at Emanuel Lutheran Church was presented to the Church in 1918 by the Ladies' Society at a cost of \$3,250. The M. P. Moeller Company of Hagerstown, Maryland, constructed the organ of 16 ranks under the specifications which were prepared by Prof. F. C. Mayer, who was instructor of organ in the Normal School at Woodville, Ohio. The action was Moeller's patent tubular-pneumatic throughout with console detached. The wind for the action and pipes was furnished by a Kinetic Electric Organ Blower. The two-manual console occupied the space to the left of the chancel.

Forty years later the organ was renovated by the Moeller Company, making the action electro-pneumatic. The felts and leathers were replaced and 7 ranks were added. A new three-manual console was located to the right of the chancel. A Choeur organ was added to enhance the sound of the organ going into the wing. This organ was dedicated in 1958.

This Moeller organ has been purchased by Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Medina, Ohio. Removal from our church and rebuilding of the organ is being done by Carl W. Emerson, a pipe organ builder of Cleveland, Ohio.

The organ being dedicated today is Casavant Opus 3688. It has 3 manuals, 34 stops, 50 ranks, and 2,900 pipes which includes the antiphonal organ, placed on the balcony rail. The Deagan chimes from our Moeller organ have been restored and are now a part of this new instrument. The moveable console has been placed to the left of the chancel. Cost of the organ is \$356,820. Renovation of the sanctuary including stripping and refinishing the pews, refinishing woodwork and ceiling, new chancel hardwood floors, interior painting and gold leaf, new aisle carpets, new chancel lighting and a new sound system places the total project at nearly \$500,000.

Organ Committee Background

At the request of our Church Council, an Organ Committee was formed on May 26, 1987. The committee was made up of any persons wishing to serve.

Twenty-one people have taken an active part on this committee, chaired by John Walker. Its purpose was to investigate and interview a variety of organ companies and to present a plan and recommendation to our church council.

This group contained a wide array of people including six organists, two engineers, an architect, educators, business people, etc. So, our search for the right organ for our church was conducted by a well-rounded group, which investigated and surveyed our options with many ideas and a wide expanse of knowledge.

Nineteen organ companies were contacted and fifteen gave us a presentation. This committee traveled at their own expense to tour organ companies and to hear organ recitals and to visit a wide expanse of organs in Ohio; Indiana; Michigan; Pennsylvania; and Quebec, Canada.

The Organ Committee, using a comprehensive evaluation sheet, determined that the Casavant Organ Company would best fulfill our present and future needs of a pipe organ for our church.

The design and building process of our organ has been continuing at Casavant's factory for the past year and a half, where it was built, completely assembled, and voiced. Then it was disassembled, carefully packed, and shipped here. The entire organ has been reassembled, installed in our church, and then revoiced so that each pipe has the correct pitch.

Our church family can be very proud of the quality craftsmanship that has gone into our organ and its superior tonal qualities.

This truly is an instrument that will gloriously praise God for many years to come.

Committees

Organ Committee

John Walker – Chairperson
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Sandra Becker
Jack Bull
Harold Denzer, Jr.
Linda Dietrich
Carolyn Fox
James Gast
Allan Geyer
Marcia Geyer
Pastor J. Weston Jones
Allan Lust
Burke Ries
Thomas Schifer
George Stanforth
Richard Straub
Wanda Straub
Vivian Unroe
Pastor Arnold Wulff
James Zarzyczny

Dedication Booklet Committee

Wanda Straub – Chairperson
James Anderson
Marcia Geyer
Gail Helwig
James Helwig
Ruthann Hinaman

Reception/Food Committee

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Deb Bradshaw
Vicki Danner
Mary Louisa Rimbach
Vivian Unroe

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George Stanforth

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Franklin Cornelius
Weston Lambert

Organ Dedication Committee

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Marcia Geyer – Co-Chairperson
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Allan Geyer – Chairperson
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Vivian Unroe

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Paul Weigler – Co-Chairperson
Pastor J. Weston Jones
Rex Parrott
George Rutherford
Wanda Straub
Diane Wheeler

Dedication Booklet Financial Committee

Burke Ries – Chairperson
James Anderson

Organ and Renovation Historian

Marcia Geyer