

Lehigh Valley Chapter

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## May Event

### Annual Young Artist's Recital, Banquet & Meeting

Emily Amos, organ

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 4:00 pm.  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 81 N Main Street, Pennsburg, PA

Banquest RSVP form is on page 4  
Join us for a wonderful recital by a rising young artist, some fine  
fellowship and food, and an important election

## Emily Amos

Emily Dawn Amos is a young organist whose passion for music has taken her across the nation and beyond. She started studying organ at the age of eight, and at nine years old was the youngest ever admitted into a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE). Since then, she has attended a total of twenty summer intensives, including the Curtis/Wanamaker Organ Institute, the Oberlin Organ Academy, the Eastman Summer Organ Academy, the Baylor Organ Summer Institute, and the Jacobs School of Music Organ Academy. Emily was the assistant organist at both St. Rita Catholic Church in Alexandria, Louisiana and at St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City, Michigan. She is now the organ scholar at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. She has participated in masterclasses with professors such as James David Christie, Daniel Roth, Alan Morrison, and Johann Vexo. In her travels, Emily has had the opportunity to play organs such as Longwood Gardens, St. Bartholomew's and St. Patrick's in New York, King's Chapel in Boston, Verizon Hall in Philadelphia, and is an assistant organist at the Wanamaker Grand Court at Macy's. Emily participated in and won the 2015 and 2016 Young Artists Competition on NPR (Red River Radio). She also won third place, audience prize, and the hymn prize at the 2018 Albert



Schweitzer Organ Festival and second place at the AGO Quimby Regional Competition (Grand Rapids Chapter). Emily studied with Mr. Scott Dettra as her primary organ teacher from 2015-2017, attended the Interlochen Arts Academy from 2017-2019, and is currently attending the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she studies with Alan Morrison. At Curtis, Emily holds the Stephanie Yen-Mun Liem Azar Fellowship.

## Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee (Ben Becker, Michael Krentz and Linda Maule) presents the following slate of chapter officers and executive board for election at our **Annual Banquet and Business Meeting** on Sunday, May 15th. Emily Amos, student at Curtis, will present an organ recital at 4 PM; the Banquet and Meeting will follow. This year's final chapter event is at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 81 N Main Street, Pennsburg, PA (host: Judy Love).

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**Class of 2024** - Susan Frickert

**Class of 2024** - Luke DiGiacinto

**Class of 2025** - Michael Fister

**Class of 2025** - Bob Riday (serving a 2nd 3-year term)

**Class of 2022** - Linda Maule (retiring)

**Class of 2022** - Bob Riday

## March Bach Marathon

This year's annual Bach Marathon was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Allentown on Sunday afternoon, March 20. Indeed, the event was a double celebration, commemorating the 337th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, as well as rejoicing that it was our first in-person event since the pandemic began two years ago. With about forty people in attendance, it was a wonderful afternoon of sharing not only the works of J. S. Bach, but also composi-

tions from composers who were contemporaries of Bach or influenced by his music. Dodd Lamberton opened the program with the familiar "St. Anne" Fugue in E-flat from the Clavier-Übung III, and Luke DiGiacinto performed several Bach chorale preludes as well as works by Buxtehude, Kittel, and Mendelssohn. Works based on the B-A-C-H theme by both Robert Schumann and the twentieth century Czech composer Miloš Sokola were played by Stephen Williams. The marathon concluded with Tom Dressler performing movements from a Rheinberger sonata. Dean Eric Gombert also shared information about our chapter's upcoming Pipe Organ Encounter-Plus event to be held on the campus of Muhlenberg College and at churches in the Allentown/Bethlehem area from June 12-17, 2022. The event was coordinated by chapter member Lou Carol Fix, and host musician was Tom Dressler.

## St. Mark's Pipe Organ

The pipe organ at St. Marks, Patrick Murphy and Associates Opus 36, consists of 2 manuals and 22 stops. The pipework includes five stops from the former Moller as well as some colorful strings and reeds by Aeolian-Skinner. More information may be found at the Patrick Murphy [website](#).





## POE Plus Ready For Take Off!

Your LVAGO Chapter was all ready to present its POE+ (Pipe Organ Encounter Plus) in June of 2020. You all know what happened! Fortunately, it is now two years later, and our world has fairly successfully navigated through to what we hope is the light of the end of the Covid tunnel. We will be presenting our week-long event from June 12–17.

The purpose of a POE+ is to provide an opportunity for adult musicians who have attained intermediate playing level on the keyboard, a chance to learn about the organ. Previous experience playing the organ is not necessary. Our guests will be housed at Muhlenberg College, will have a daily lesson with renowned teachers, daily practice time, workshops, faculty recitals, time to share new and old experiences with new friends! Guests will play and hear many excellent organs, both pipe and digital in various locations around the Lehigh Valley.

The POE+ Committee has met tirelessly over the past two plus years to hone away at program details. After many virtual meetings, we were able to have a face to face, sit at the same table meeting last month. Wow!

We have about fifteen enrolled guests. The committee has worked hard to pair guests with the most appropriate teacher for their skill level and interest. We look forward to welcoming our guests and developing new connections as well as hopefully inspiring our new friends to continue playing the organ after we part at the end of our event. Evening concerts are open to the public and are listed at our website [www.lvago.org/poe](http://www.lvago.org/poe).

## Event Calendar

**Sunday, May 15, 4:00 p.m. Annual Young Artist’s Recital, Banquet & Meeting.** St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Pennsburg.

**Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital I, POE+,** Egner Memorial Chapel, Muhlenberg College, Allentown

**Monday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital II, POE+,** Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

**Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. Hymn Festival with Mark Laubach,** POE+, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Allentown

**Thursday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. Concert—Allentown Band with Organ, POE+,** Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown

**Friday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. Student Recital I, POE+,** Egner Memorial Chapel, Muhlenberg College, Allentown

**Friday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. Student Recital II, POE+,** First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

## Upcoming Concerts

**Sunday, May 22, 3 :00 p.m. Stephen Williams,** organ, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Allentown

**Tuesday, June 14, 12:10 p.m. Bach at Noon,** St. John’s Lutheran Church, Allentown

## Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; [sfbueker@rcn.com](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com).

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Stephen Williams	Mon–Fri	610 737-5196
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## RSVP FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET SUNDAY, MAY 15

following the Young Artist's Recital and featuring an

### Italian buffet from Tosco's

Garden salad Chicken Piccata Meatballs  
Baked Ziti Vegetable Lasagna  
Grilled mixed vegetables  
Assorted desserts

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$25 per person.

Please make checks payable to "LVAGO"

Respond by Tuesday, May 10, to:

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Checks may be mailed or brought to the dinner

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