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## January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It feels like December flew by in a flash.

I'd like to bring your attention to our next chapter event, "Kids 'n Pipes + Orgelkids." For this event, we are welcoming piano students from the Sarasota Music Conservatory who are curious about organ. See the flyer below for more information.

The event is on Saturday, January 25, and begins at 1:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota. It will end by about 5pm.

As part of the event, we hope to offer a couple free organ lessons to those students who have an interest in diving deeper into organ playing. If this would be something you'd be willing to donate (to one student or many--your choice), please let me know!

Additionally, the 30th Annual Choir Festival run by Jane Hunder is happening and there is a poster below with the info. You only have a few days left to sign up so don't delay!!

I look forward to seeing you all on the 25th.

-Sam Nelson, Dean

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025**

**1:30 - 5 PM**

## **KIDS 'N PIPES + ORGELKIDS**

**First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota**

- Organ Console + Pipe Chambers
- Reception/Social
- Orgelkids Kit Build
- Brief Concert: Pipe Organ + Orgelkids Duet

*Don't miss this truly unique experience! We will provide an opportunity for local piano students from the Sarasota Music Conservatory to explore and play the pipe organ. For many, it may be their first time at the organ console and seeing the pipe chambers. Watch them assemble a "mini" pipe organ (Orgelkids kit) and learn the basics of pipe organ construction. For the finale, be treated to a commissioned work (composed by our own John Behnke) for pipe organ and the Orgelkids kit organ. Thanks to our friends in the SW Florida AGO chapter for making the Orgelkids kit available to us and helping with this event!*

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30th Annual  
**CHOIR**  
**Festival**

March

Sunday | **2** | 2025

4:00 pm

**Church of the Palms**

Rehearsals:

February 11, 18, and 25, 7:00 - 9:00

Dress rehearsal:

March 1, 9:30 - 11:30

**Sign up by Jan. 10, 2025**

**Register at [HunderJane@gmail.com](mailto:HunderJane@gmail.com)**

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