

## Don't Miss Out: Free Dinner for Members!

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## March 2025 Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

Belated March greetings! Last week I was playing *The Planets* with the Sarasota Orchestra and due to the extra rehearsal time, some things fell off the desk. While I have played plenty of digital organs in my career, I had never played a digital choir (used at the end of *Neptune*). I must say their intonation was perfect and they didn't even have to warm up.

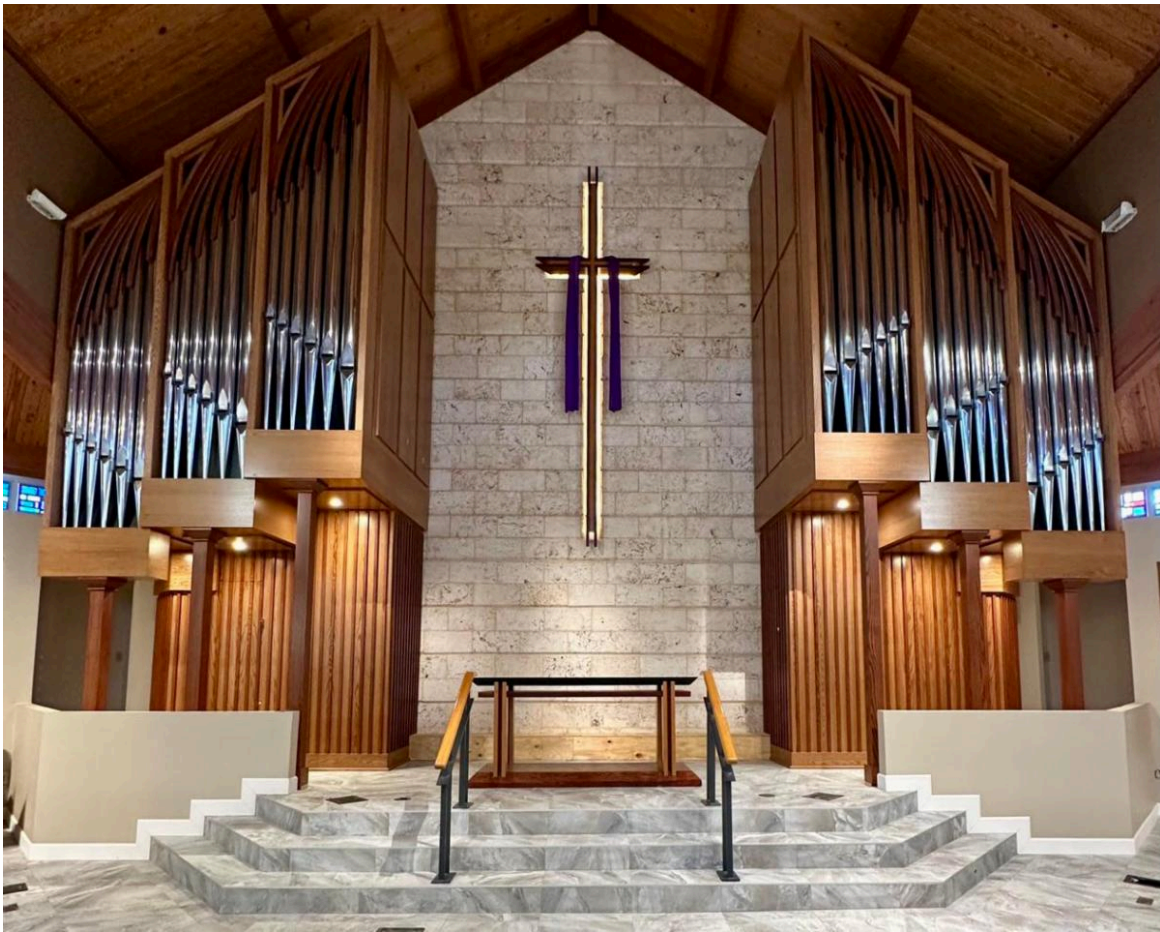
Thank you to those who came out to hear James Kennerley at Christ Church Bradenton last month. We again had very low member turnout despite offering everyone free tickets, but there was still a decent crowd for a Monday night organ concert given by a rising star in the concert organist world. See below for some photos from the concert. Many thanks again to Mike Brady, Rector of Christ Church (and our newest chapter member!) and all of the folks at Christ Church who made this event possible!

Please consider attending an organ concert given by our own John Behnke in celebration of his new ministry at Lakeside Lutheran Church, March 30, at 3 p.m. See below for a poster with all of the details.

I am pleased to let you all know that the new pipe organ at St. Armand's Key Lutheran has been totally installed and tonal finishing is happening this week and next. Since they are right on schedule and we aren't expecting any hurricanes before May, we will be having our Annual Meeting at St. Armand's. The evening will begin with the meeting and a dinner. It will be followed by a member recital on the new Schantz pipe organ. This year, the meal will be FREE to members and their spouses in an effort to get more members to attend. Please see below for details and to sign up.

Make sure to check out the [calendar page](#) of our website to see all the upcoming concerts and Lenten offerings in our area. Be well!

-Sam Nelson, Dean



## AGO Annual Banquet

### LOCATION

St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church (40 N Adams Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236)

### DATE AND TIME

05/12/25 6:00pm - 05/12/25 8:00pm US/Eastern

Join us for our Annual Banquet at St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church. FREE to members and spouses.

I'll Be There!

I Can't Make It

# Organ Concert

## Dr. John A. Behnke



**Sunday, March 30, 3 pm.**  
**Lakeside Lutheran Church,**  
**2401 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL.**

A Concert by Dr. John A. Behnke, the new Minister of Traditional Music.  
Come hear some great organ music and  
get to know our new Minister.

A freewill offering will be taken so we can fund future  
sacred music concerts at Lakeside Lutheran.

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