

A Compendium of
Organs & Organists
for
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Appleton, WI
1889-2014
1889-1890

*Marshall-Odenbrett two manual organ purchased from
St. John Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, WI.*

John W. Walter: May 1890 – December 31, 1893

Carl G. Seeger: January 1, 1894 – August 17, 1895

Emil C. Mroch – August 18, 1895 – March 10, 1901

1903

*John H. Sole Company of Freemont, Ohio, designs
and builds the organ for the new Zion Lutheran Church building.*

Professor J.F. Hunziker: January 1, 1902-October 31, 1904
Professor Hunziker played the organ on its dedication: July 12, 1903

Charles Huesemann: November 1, 1904 – July 1906

1906

*Hann-Wangerin-Weickhardt Company of Milwaukee is contracted
to “thoroughly repair the organ for \$792.00. The Sole Company
defaulted in its promise to “investigate” problems and repair them.”*

Henry A. Dipman: August 1906 – February 16, 1913

Edward B. Pollnow: September 2, 1913 – October 3, 1920

Paul F. Doepping: January 1, 1920 – April 7, 1923

Dorothy Theimer: August 1923 – June 1, 1928

Frances Theimer (Belling): September 1928 – June 30, 1932

Agnes Truckenbroad: July 1, 1932 – June 30, 1938

Theodora Behrens: September 1, 1938 – February 1941

Rosaline Grosz: September 1, 1941 – June 1942

Frances (Mrs. Norman) Belling: July 1942 – 1946

1945-1946

Harry J. McGraw & Company.

*Extensively replace, reconstruct and enlarge Zion's organ,
replacing console.*

Chimes were added in 1926 at a cost of \$2,000.

Mrs. Elsie Foor: 1946

Donald Andrew Vetter: 1946 – June 14, 1947

Mr. Vetter was the last of the Zion Parish School teachers to serve as organist.

*Following Mr. Vetter, organist students of Mr. La Vahn Maesch at Lawrence College [now
University], serving a year or two.*

Jean Trautman: August 1, 1947-1949

Donald Vollstedt: 1949-1953

John Skidmore: 1953

Mary Lou Robinson: 1954 – July 31, 1955

Daniel Smith: 1955

Donald Tesser: August 7, 1955 – May 21, 1956

No information found for 1956 – 1958

1958

Major mechanical repairs are required on the organ.

Lee Gilbertson: 1959 – 1960

Mrs. John Koopman: 1961

Jean Lewis: June 17, 1962 – June 9, 1963

Edward Rath: September 16, 1963 – August 29, 1964

Lois Beck: 1964 – 1965

Paul Emmons: September 5, 1965 – October 3, 1965

David Richardson: October 10, 1965 – 1966

Maribeth Hartwig: September 4, 1966 – June 13, 1967

No information found for 1967 – August 11, 1968.

*This period ended the use of Lawrence University students.
Zion hires its first Full-Time Music Director.*

James Musolf: August 18, 1968 – August 1, 1969

Patrick Kendall: Serves as Interim – 1969

Mary Kay Easty: September 14, 1969 – December 31, 1972
Director of Music

W. Richard Kerr: January 7, 1973 – June 10, 1973

Gloria Kollath: June 17, 1973 – August 26, 1979
Director of Music

1980

*James C. Taylor & Company contracted for major repairs,
(rebuild) and additions.*

David Lornson: September 2, 1979 – August 31, 1981

Betty Wibracht – September 1, 1981 – April 1884
Interim Music Director

[Betty would also be a substitute organist during the next decade.]

Jon D. Riehle: September 9, 1984 – September 1987
Co-Ordinator of Music

*[John would return as an Interim Organist & Substitute Organist
through out the years form 1992 – 2002]*

Collette Buether: 1987 – 1990
Substitute Organist

Valerie J. Walth: August 1, 1988 – April 1992
Director of Music

Douglas Everson: May 1992 – January 2, 1994
Interim Organist
*[Douglas was a Substitute Organist from 1989 through 1996,
and again in 2001]*

Kimberly “Kim” Andrews: January 3, 1994 – May 23, 1994
Director of Music

1990's

Many corrections and repairs were made by John D. Schwandt to the organ, which was beginning to deteriorate in its functions.

Thomas K. Hamilton: September 18, 1994 – August 15, 1996

Minister of Music

Andrew Birling: September 14, 1996 – March 1, 1999

Director of Music

Paul Weber: April 1999 – June 20, 1999

Interim Organist

Andres Mojica: July 3, 1999 – December 26, 1999

Director of Music Ministries

2000 – 2010

Installation of the Möller Organ purchased from the First Baptist Church, Elmira, New York. Extensive rebuild and refurbishing as it is placed in Zion's Sanctuary at an estimated cost over \$500,000.

Georgene Antos: January 2, 2000 – May 22, 2000

Interim Organist

Dr. Daniel Steinert: May 22, 2000 – May, 2008

Director of Music Ministries

Mary Kay Easty: August 2008 – January 18, 2011

Director of Music

Matthew Walsh: August 2008 – August 2011

Saturday & 8:00 am organist

Elizabeth Mazurak: January 2011 – May 2012

10:30 am organist

[Elizabeth started as supply and then becomes organist for a period]

Bethany Gee: January 2011 – August 2011

Interim Choir Director

Janet Radke: September 2011 – February 2014

Director of Music & Choirs

Alexis VanZalen: July 2012 – 2012
Lawrence Student as Interim Organist

Nathan Brikholz: September 2012 – October 2013
Organist

Matthew Walsh: February 2014 – 2021
Music Minister

John Reihle: December 2021 – present
Director of Music

Oct. 23, 2016

On October 23, 2016, the new pipe organ built by Stephen Russell & Co. of Vermont is dedicated in morning services.

***this list has been researched and compiled by James G. Recker, with recent additions by Matthew Walsh.*