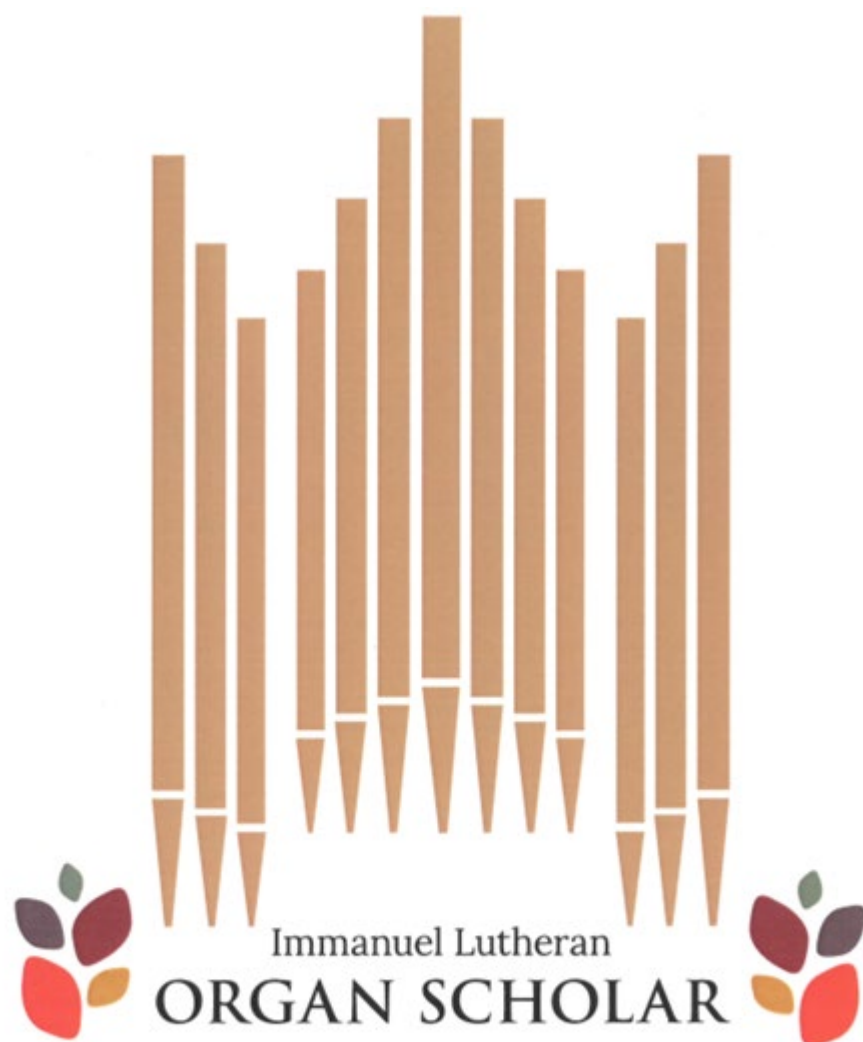




Áron Sipos

McGill University

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 3:00 pm

THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC OUTREACH ENDOWMENT ORGAN AWARD

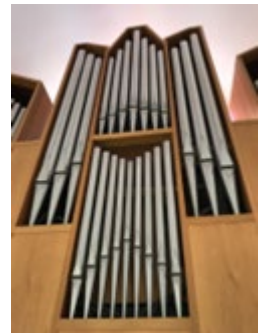
The annual Immanuel Lutheran Organ Scholar Award is funded through the Immanuel Lutheran Church Music Outreach Endowment Fund. The award, consisting of a cash gift of \$3,500, a medallion, and an opportunity to perform a full concert, is given to a student in an organ or church music degree program in an accredited school who has been nominated by the organ or church music faculty. The purpose of the award is to encourage careers in organ and church music.

On the 20th anniversary of the program in 2022, we were pleased to announce the expansion of awards for two recipients per year – one Undergraduate and one Graduate.

Brochures about the Music Outreach Endowment Fund will be available at the reception following the performance.

Previous Immanuel Organ Scholar Award recipients:

2002	Ross Updegraff	2017	Hannah Koby
2003	Brian Wentzel	2018	Andrew Barbour
2004	Joy-Leilani Garbutt	2019	Josh Ring
2005	Nathan LeMahieu	2020	Dale Nickell
2006	Laura Zimmer	2021	Matthew Wachtman
2007	Emily Woock	2022	Katherine Joliff—Undergraduate
2008	Paula Maust	2022	Sol Rizzato—Graduate
2009	Jonathan D. Rudy	2023	JoEllen West—Undergraduate
2010	Justin Knabach	2023	Kelsey Berg—Graduate
2011	Kipp Cortez	2024	Trevor Good—Undergraduate
2012	Matthew Gerhardt	2024	Hansol Kim—Graduate
2013	Priscilla Weaver	2025	David Devine—Undergraduate
2014	David Lim	2025	Katie Gunn—Graduate
2015	Kevin Vaughn	2026	Áron Sipos – Undergraduate
2016	Nicole Simental	2026	Gege Bi – Graduate



For more information on the Organ Scholar Program and bios of the winners, scan the QR code.



Organ Graduate Student Award Program

Áron Sipos, Organ

Greeting	Pr. Mark Sloss
Congregational Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG	Hymnal 504
Sinfonia in D major, BWV 29 (transcription Dupré)	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Vater Unser im Himmelreich, IGB 24	Georg Böhm (1661-1733)
Passacaglia in E minor, Op. 132	Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Gesänge der Frühe, Op. 133 (transcription Sipos)	Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
Concerto in A minor after Vivaldi, BWV 593	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
12 Short Pieces, Op. 112	Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)
<i>Chant</i>	
<i>Matinal</i>	
<i>Chant Marial</i>	
<i>Chant</i>	
<i>Minimal</i>	
<i>Chant</i>	
<i>Pastoral</i>	
Concert Etude on "Salve Regina"	Raffaele Manari (1887-1933)
Presentation of the Award	Immanuel Lutheran Church

Please join us for a champagne & dessert reception in Fellowship Hall
immediately following the program.

About the Award Recipient

Originally from Budapest, Hungary, **Áron Sipos** is an organist based in Montréal, Québec. He is entering the final year of his undergraduate degree in organ performance at McGill University, where he studies with Dr. Isabelle Demers. Áron is the first-prize winner of the 2026 Evanston International Organ Scholar Competition and was a finalist at the 2025 Northern Ireland International Organ Competition.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Godfrey Hewitt Scholarship and the Donald and Helen Mackey Memorial Award. A frequent recitalist, Áron finds immense creative fulfillment in creating and premiering transcriptions of previously unarranged repertoire for the organ. As a collaborator, he has accompanied the McGill choirs under Jean-Sébastien Vallée and performed as a soloist with the McGill Baroque Orchestra. He currently serves as the organ scholar at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Beyond the bench, he maintains a deep interest in history, mathematics, and philosophy.



Upcoming Events at Immanuel....



Organ Scholar Recital

Gege Bi

2026 Graduate Student Award Recipient

Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY

Saturday, November 21, 2026, 3:00 pm

Gege Bi, under the supervision of Professor David Higgs, is currently a master student majoring in organ performance at the Eastman School of music. Born in a musical family, she learned to play the piano at the age of four and started to perform on the stage regularly at the age of five. Thanks to her hard work and her parents' cultivation, she was enrolled as a bachelor student at the Central Conservatory of Music, where she studied organ playing with Professor Yuan Shen. During her undergraduate study, she felt in love with the organ and realized that it is her lifetime mission to introduce this fantastic instrument to more people in China. So, she took every opportunity to demonstrate the organ: not only in concerts, but also in new media such as a nationwide renowned TV program "Walk of Fame" and self-media.

After her graduation in 2014, she took an unusual career path by venturing into entrepreneurship to fulfill her mission. She established an organ-themed concept store, which flourished into seven branch stores. She also organized several organ-themed road trips across China, where she played the organ music in resorts with beautiful landscapes as backgrounds and explored the thrill of extreme sports, such as skiing, diving, surfing, and skydiving. The combination of music and sports attracted tens of thousands of people in her self-media. To reach a higher lever in promoting the organ, she made again an atypical decision to return to conservatory and started her master study in the fall of 2024. She never stops surprising people and she is excited in doing so also at Eastman.



Indoor Farmers' Market

Immanuel Lutheran is excited to host the winter version of the Evanston Farmer's Market again in 2026-27:

2026

December 5, December 19

2027

January 2, January 16, January 30

February 13, February 27, March 13

We welcome you to participate in this community event! Immanuel's marketplace focuses on farmers, emphasizing the sale of locally grown greens, vegetables, fish, eggs, meats, cheeses, and dry goods. This helps producers create a revenue stream in an otherwise bleak season.

Most importantly, this market has Christ and community at the center. All the money gathered by the church from the kitchen, pantry, and vendor space donations is given to hunger-based organizations. More than \$30,000 has been given over the last three years to organizations such as:

- Evanston Community Fridges
- Hillside Food Pantry
- Soup-at-Six
- Curt's Cafe
- YWCA Women's Shelter
- Evanston's Interfaith Action
- Lutheran World Hunger

Your purchases at the market bring the vendors back each week, which allows for the distribution of gifts. Shopping here actively benefits Evanston!

Free postcards and free stamps are available to shoppers who want to exercise their civic voice. The cards highlight the Priorities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's Advocacy Office, but they are of importance to many:

- educating our children
- protecting the earth
- providing hospitality to neighbors and migrants
- eliminating gender-based violence
- access to affordable healthcare
- sentencing reform
- opportunities for family farms and small businesses
- addressing poverty, hunger and homelessness

Conversation around the table has been positive and hopeful with many planning to host postcard parties of their own. To date, over 1,200 cards have been mailed to key leaders in Washington and Springfield. The farmers' market, feeding the hungry, and postcard advocacy all fit into Immanuel's "Faith that Feeds" focus. Come for veggies! Come for postcards!

Celebrate the Holidays at Immanuel



Advent Holden Evening Prayers

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

December 2, 9, 16, 2026

Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 2026, 9:00 pm



2027 Concerts at Immanuel



KAIA String Quartet – Saturday, April 3, 2027

3:00 pm

From the tango of the Rio de la Plata to the string quartets of Silvestre Revueitas, the Chicago-based KAIA String Quartet is an ensemble devoted to promoting the rich and colorful music of Latin America.

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.
We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We are also a member congregation of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches.

We believe that God works in and through all of us, and so we invite you to join us in worshiping God and in doing the work God is calling us to do together in our communities and in our world.

Visit our website at www.immanuelevanston.org by scanning the QR code and “like” us on Facebook.

The Rev. Mark Sloss, Pastor

Ms. Patricia Radosavljevic, Principal Organist; Mr. Greg Hummel, Organist Emeritus;

Ms. Laurie Stivers, Associate Organist

Mr. James Morehead, Music Director

