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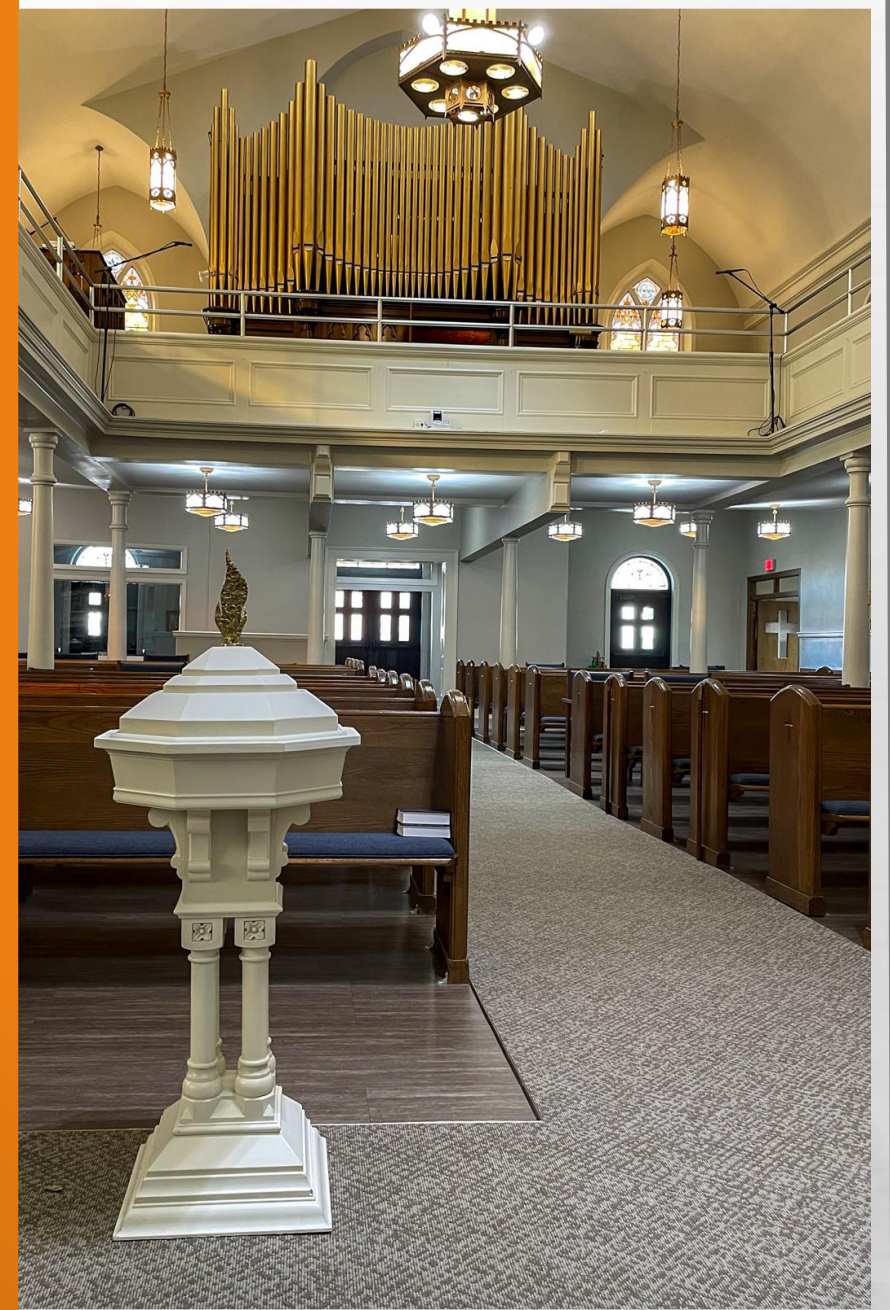


# THE PIPE ORGAN OF FIRST GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – MANITOWOC, WI



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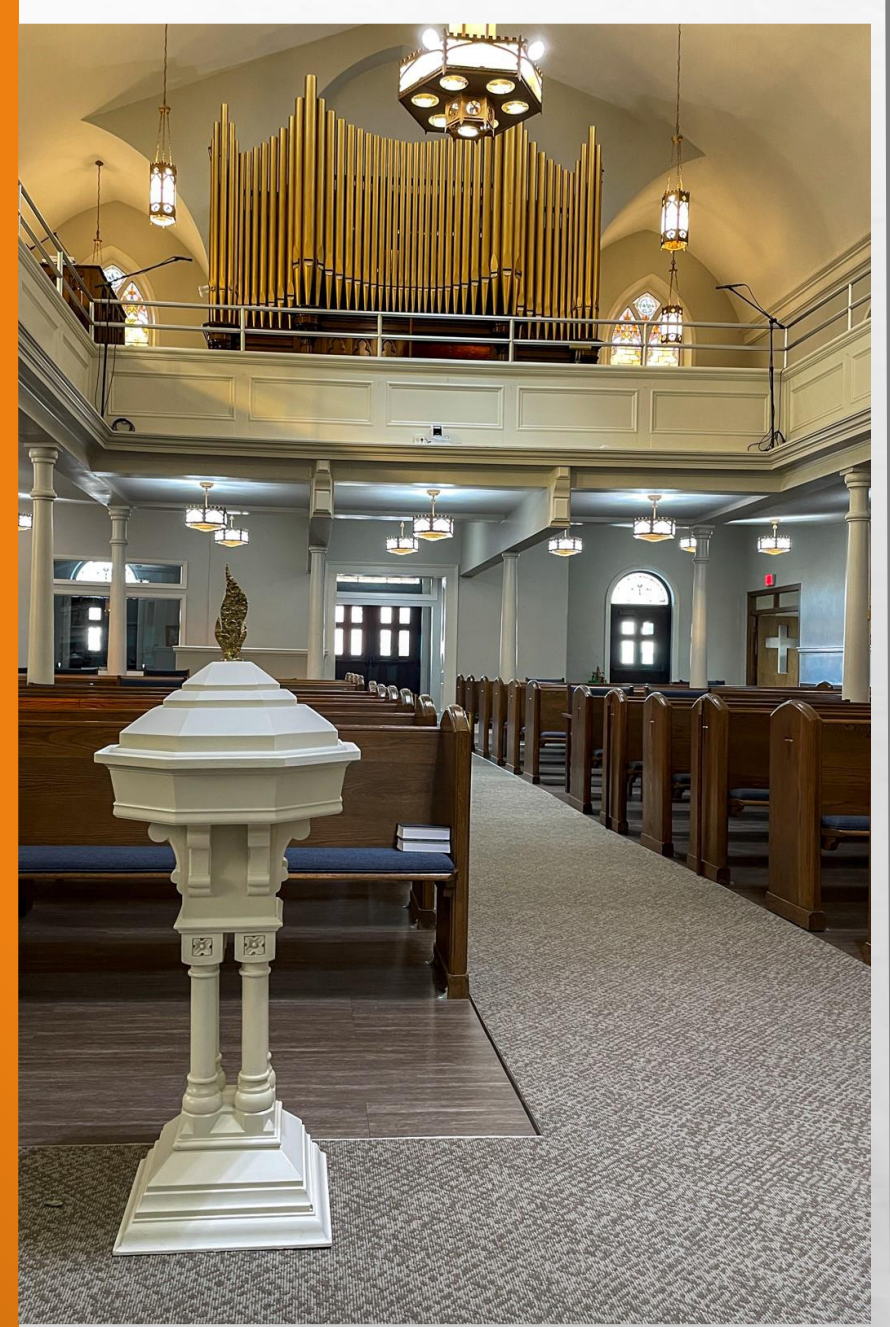
**THE 1919 TELLERS-KENT PIPE ORGAN AT FIRST GERMAN IS AN INTERESTING AND HISTORIC EXAMPLE OF EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN ORGAN BUILDING.**





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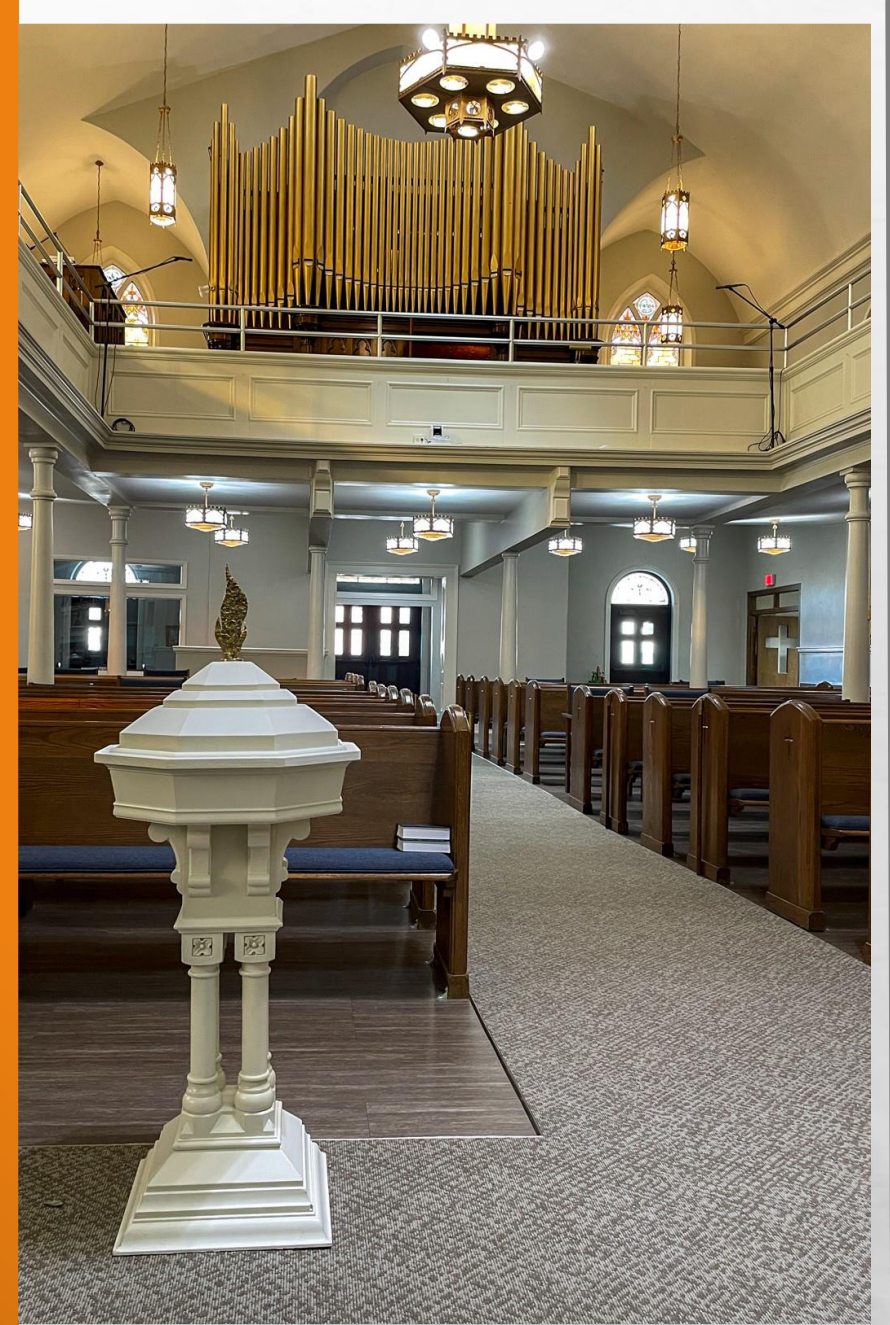
**THOUGH THE INSTRUMENT WAS REBUILT AND SOMEWHAT ALTERED IN THE 1970'S, THE CORE OF THE INSTRUMENT IS INTACT AND WITH CAREFUL AND THOUGHTFUL REFURBISHMENT, WILL LIVE ON AS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF ITS TIME.**





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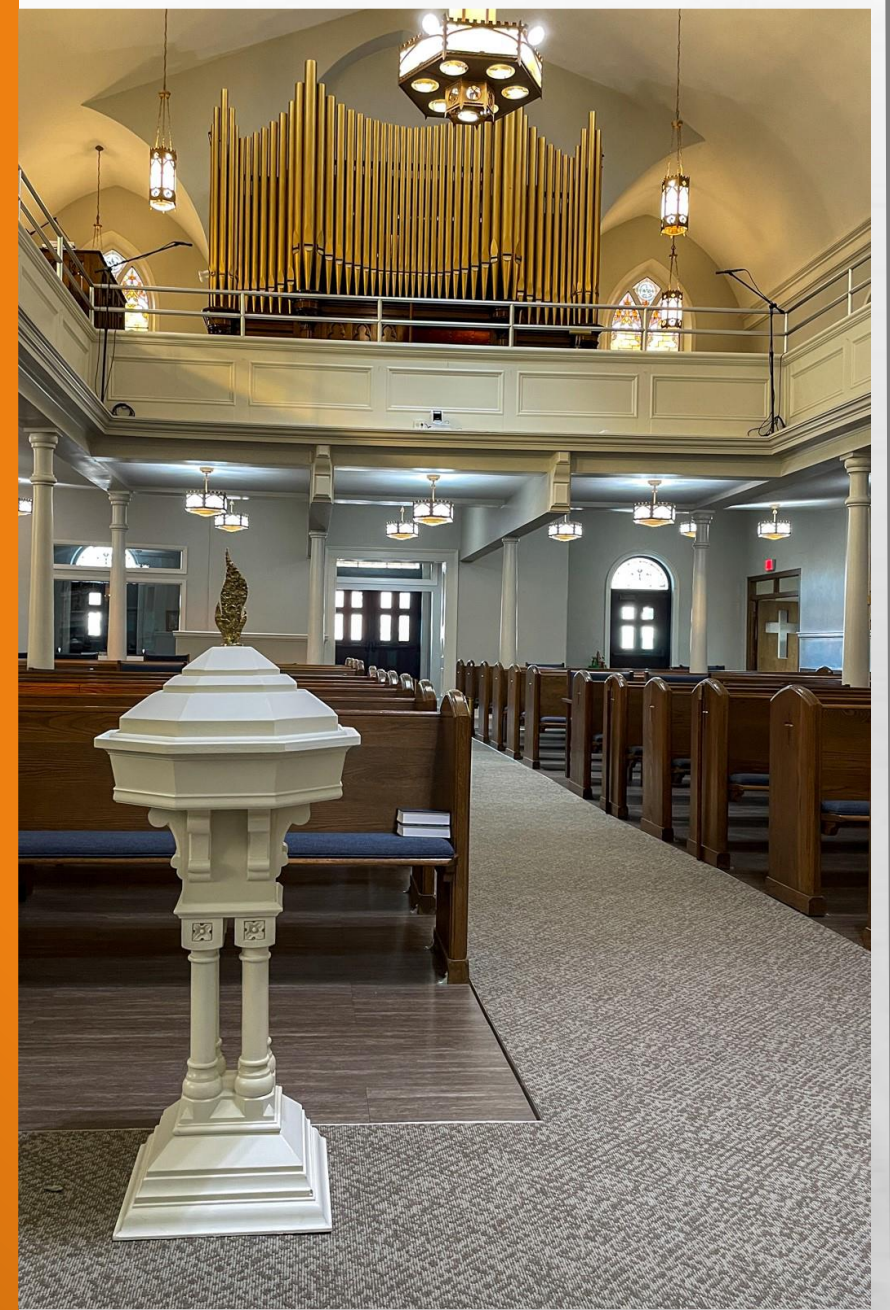
**THE PROPOSED REBUILD WILL INCLUDE UPDATES AND A FEW ADDITIONS. THESE ARE IN COMPLETE HARMONY WITH THE INSTRUMENT'S ORIGINAL VOICE, WILL ENSURE THAT IT WILL CAPABLY LEAD LUTHERAN WORSHIP AT FIRST GERMAN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**





# THE CURRENT ORGAN

- **22 RANKS OF PIPES**
- **THE CURRENT PIPES ARE VALUED AT \$600,000.**







**INSIDE THE FG ORGAN**





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# PROBLEMS

- **The original organ mechanism: windchests, reservoirs, and winding - is at the point needing replacement.**



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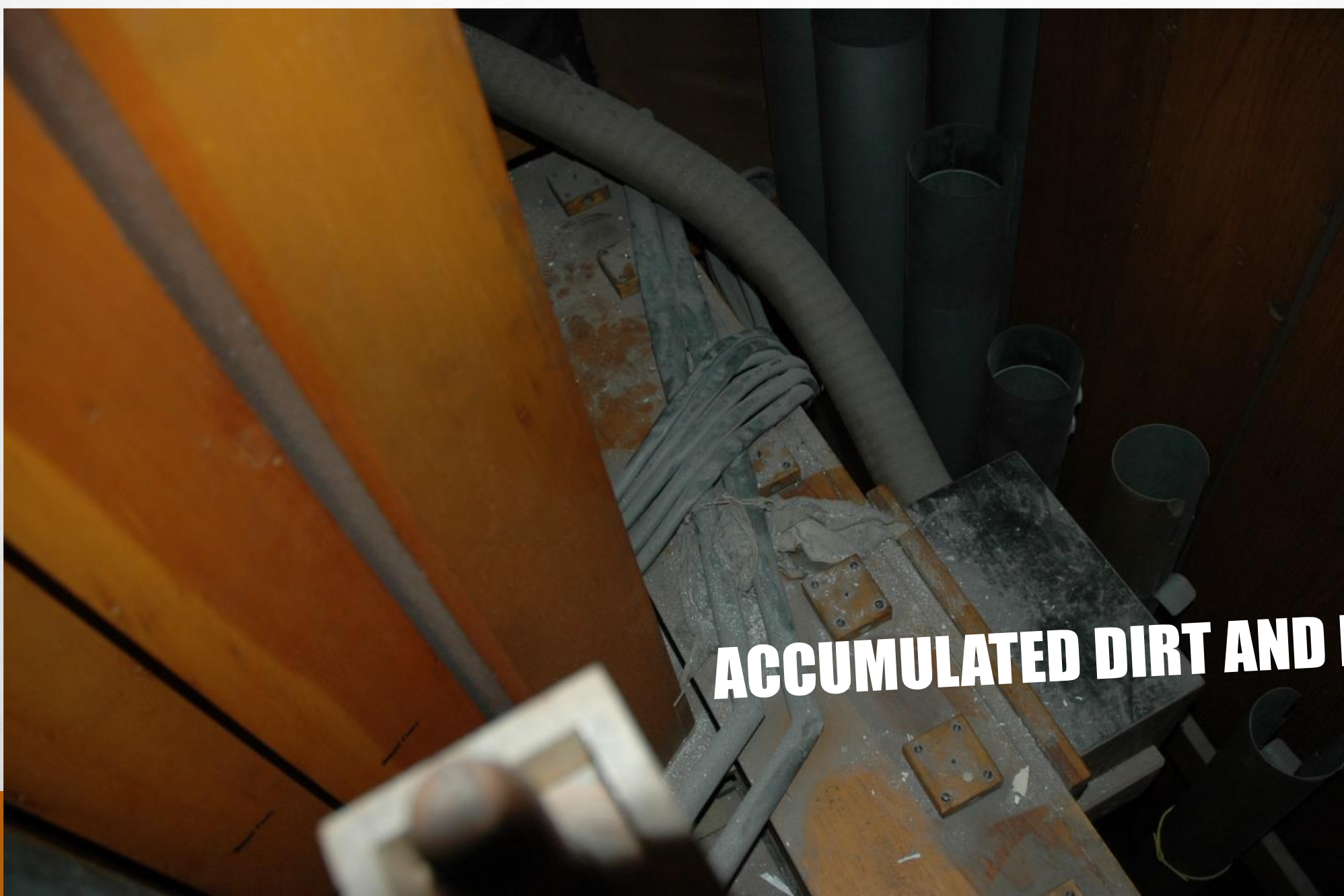
- **The age of the mechanism (103 years), the design of the windchests (ventil), and some of the choices made during the restoration in the 1970's really point everything in this direction.**





**STAPLED POLYLON AND SILICONED  
TUBING WITH STRIPPED OUT SCREW  
HOLES**





**ACCUMULATED DIRT AND DEBRIS**





**GOOD PIPEWORK WITH  
ACCUMULATED DUST**





**AGING CONCUSSION BELLOW AND  
PNEUMATIC CHESTS**



# PROBLEMS CONTINUED

- **Cyphers**
- **Notes not speaking or missing**
- **Tuning Issues**
- **Pedal Issues**
- **Electronic Issues**
- **Mr. Wendt had two reputable service companies out of Milwaukee evaluate the organ**



# FIRST GERMAN ORGAN COMMITTEE

## • Mr. Joel Ungemach

- FG Organist & MLHS Fine Arts Director



## • Pastor Mark Zarling

- FG Member, Former Organist, President Emeritus Martin Luther College



## • Mrs. Jennifer Knutson

- FG Pianist & Organist, FG School Music Teacher & Coordinator





# THE COMMITTEE PROCESS

- **Began meeting in person, by zoom, and by email last August.**
- **Reviewed the history of the First German organ.**





# THE COMMITTEE PROCE

- **Contacted four high quality companies that work with congregations on refurbishing or rebuilding pipe organs.**





# THE COMMITTEE PROCESS

- **Three companies came to visit and gave proposals:**
  - **John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ Builders from Champaign, Illinois**
  - **Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders from Bellwood, Illinois**
  - **The Schantz Organ Company from Orrville, Ohio**





# PROPOSAL

- **The FG Organ Committee unanimously recommends to go with the proposal from The Schantz Organ Company.**
  - **Refurbish the organ so that the instrument is in “like-new” condition.**
  - **The core of the instrument is intact and with careful and thoughtful refurbishment, will live on as a historical instrument and wonderful example of its time.**



# **PROPOSAL CONTINUED**

- **Slight pipe additions are being proposed.**
  - **Complete harmony with the instrument's original voice**
- **Organ will be completely removed**
- **New windchests**
- **New blower**
- **New swell shades and engine**
- **All pipework will be cleaned, repaired, dents removed, and repainted/re-lacquered per the original design.**

# PROPOSAL CONTINUED

- **All new tuning sleeves**
- **Everything will be completely tested at their shop to ensure the highest quality**
- **Façade will be restored and the façade pipes will be restored and repainted.**
- **Console shell will be stripped, repaired, and refinished.**



# PROPOSAL CONTINUED

- **Peterson Electro-Musical combination system**
  - **Multiple locking memories**
  - **MIDI integration with record and playback**
  - **Automatic pedal coupler so that piano players can use the organ without using their feet!**

# **COST**

- **Cost of the project is approximately \$560,000.**
- **Contract with 10% down payment to hold a spot with Schantz**
- **Payments would be due when they retrieve the existing pipework**
- **Thank Offering for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Sanctuary?**
- **Two \$20,000 gifts have been verbally offered to begin the project.**
- **Currently the company is 18 months to 2 years out on projects.**
- **If approved at July voter's meeting, work would commence in late 2023 or early 2024.**





**149 Years of building and servicing pipe organs!**

**Turn-key proposal**

- **Schantz has a strength in restoring historic organs in historic churches and historic homes across the upper Midwest**
- **Schantz designed and installed the pipe organ at Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ.**



- **Their entire plan is in keeping with the historic integrity of the instrument and then adding to the sound of the instrument.**
- **They did an incredible amount of research, listened to our thoughts, and would work hard to keep our musical heritage with their proposal.**



# QUESTIONS?

- **ORGAN PROJECT Q & A SECTION WILL BE PLACED ON THE FG WEBSITE**

- **MONTHLY ARTICLE IN OUR BULLETINS OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS:**

- **IS THIS A RENOVATION OR A NEW ORGAN**
- **WHY A NEW ORGAN?**
- **THE BLESSINGS OF A NEW/RENOVATED ORGAN**
- **UNIQUE DESIGN AND CONCEPT OF THE FIRST GERMAN ORGAN**
- **THE CHALLENGES**
- **THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROJECT TO OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE CONGREGATION**

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