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Hymn-Playing
MASTERCLASS

Inspire. Lead. Connect.

Elevate your hymn-playing
and lead worship with confidence,
musicianship, and joy!

PLAYABLE
MODEL OF
PIPE ORGAN!

✓ Practical,
hands-on
training

Taught by
Kimberly Bedell

An experienced musician
whose hymn playing is
informed by her background
in choral singing
and conducting.

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

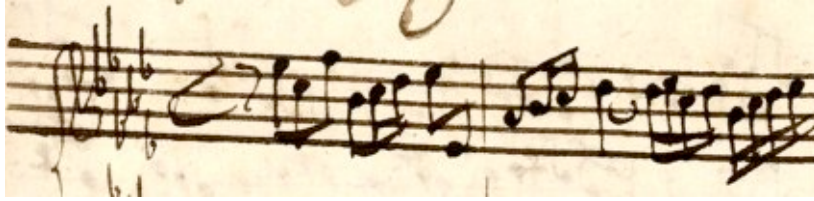
LUNCH
Provided!

SAN MARCOS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

All are welcome!

Poster for Hymn Playing Master Class.

A Note from the Dean



Dear Palomar AGO members,

My September has started with work at Palomar College for another year. I am enjoying working with the students. They have a lot of energy and creativity. They inspire me. I hope I inspire them in return.

I hope you are finding some relief from the heat and humidity we have been having. Please make note of all the upcoming events.

Michael



Dr. Michael Munson

Hymn Playing Master Class and Organ Pipe Demonstration

Save the Date!

On Saturday, September 19, 11:00 am-1:00 pm at San Marcos Lutheran Church, 3419 Grand Ave., San Marcos, CA, we will be having a hymn playing Master Class and demonstration of the inner workings of a pipe organ followed by lunch. The Master Class will open to all organists of any age or experience level. More information will be forthcoming via e-mail, or contact Kimberly Bedell, markkim@me.com. If you find yourself looking for an accessible setting of a hymn suitable for leading congregational singing, here are some suggested resources.

- Any volume of “Easy Hymn Settings” Michael Burkhardt, published by MorningStar. Volumes include Advent/Christmas, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and General (4 sets).
- Any volume of “Easiest Hymns”, published by the Leupold Foundation
- Hymns Made Easy Published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Kimberly Bedell sends a personal invitation:

Dear Palomar AGO Friends and Teachers,

You're invited to a fun, hands-on morning of music, learning, and community! Join us as we explore hymn playing together, connect with fellow church musicians and organists from around the area, and enjoy a relaxed time of sharing ideas. We'll even have a small playable pipe organ for everyone to try, and lunch is on us!

Attendance is free (donations are always appreciated) and everyone is welcome—choir members, guitarists, vocal and instrumental musicians, family, friends, and anyone who enjoys church music. Please RSVP to me by September 14 so we can be sure to have plenty of lunch for everyone.

If you'd like to play in the master class, you'll prepare one hymn of your choice and receive personalized coaching based on your goals, questions, or anything you'd like to improve. Whether you're looking for practical approaches, fresh ideas, or a little extra confidence, this is a supportive place to learn.

The registration fee to play is \$15, and registration is due by September 1. Please include a clear copy of your hymn along with your name, address, email, phone number, and a check payable to Palomar AGO. Mail everything to:

Kimberly Bedell
1043 Eider Way
Oceanside, CA 92057

Palomar Chapter Programs (2026-2027)

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

HYMN-PLAYING MASTER CLASS AND LUNCH

San Marcos Lutheran Church

3419 Grand Ave., San Marcos, CA

Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

HYMNS TRIUMPHANT Concert

United Methodist Church of Vista

490 S. Melrose, Vista, CA

The San Luis Rey Chorale and other singers present a program of favorite hymns accompanied by piano and organ. This is a fund raising event for the Palomar Chapter Organ Scholarship Fund.

January/February 2027 Organ Concert with Dr. Emma Whitten and Students

Precise date and location TBA

March 2027 - Annual Scholarship Concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 845 Chestnut St. Escondido

Precise date and location TBA

April 2027 - Annual Members Recital

Precise date and location TBA

May 2027 - Scholarship Auditions

Precise date and location TBA

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