

Organ-Making Family Has An Impressive Legacy

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HACKENSACK, N.J. — A northern New Jersey family who has been building pipe organs for four generations showed off two of their masterworks in Manhattan last month.

The Peragallo family — who are to organ-making what the Barrymores are to acting — led a group of 40 organists from across the country on a two-stop "organ crawl."

They demonstrated the massive organ at St. Patrick's Cathedral that the family refurbished in 1993 and the newly rebuilt organ at St. Francis Xavier Church.

The latter organ was rebuilt about two years ago after a case-ment fell on the church's old organ, destroying the console.

"Which I think was a blessing in disguise, because they were able to collect the insurance to begin this project," said John Peragallo III, a third-generation member of the company.

Peragallo, 53, is both an engineer and a classically trained musician who serves as organist and music director at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Wayne, N.J. He played a selection of music at St. Francis Xavier.

"It's really an organist's dream to work in a setting like this," he said. "We're very proud of this organ because it includes the accumulated knowledge of four generations."

It's also the 700th organ the family has worked on since 1918.

The family also does maintenance and repairs of organs, some of which are nearly as old as the company.

For example, not long ago, John Peragallo IV was working on the restoration of a pipe organ that had been installed by his great-grandfather, John Peragallo Sr., sometime in the 1920s.

While handling the pipes, a thought occurred to the 25-year-old Peragallo, who has a degree in architecture.

"The last person to put his hands on that was my great-grandfather," he said in the woodworking shop of the family's Paterson plant. "There are a lot of cool moments like that."

The Peragallo Pipe Organ Co. was founded in 1918 and still oc-

cupies a factory space near where John Peragallo Sr. settled in the 300 block of Buffalo Avenue.

According to family lore, the senior Peragallo decided as a young man that he did not want to join his family's restaurant business. Instead he apprenticed with Ernest Skinner, a legendary American organ builder, and later went to work for another organ company.

Peragallo was part of a crew installing a pipe organ in a theater in Butte, Mont., when a telegram arrived informing him that the company had gone bust. After they finished installing the organ in Butte, Peragallo took a train back east to New Jersey, where he founded what became The Peragallo Pipe Organ Co. They've been at it ever since.

They work out of a building that doubles as an archive of the family's history.

On the creaky wooden stairwell leading up to a second-floor office, the blue work shirt that belonged to the late John Peragallo Jr. still hangs on the wall.

In another room, where the organ's electronic components are tested, a technician has handwritten in pencil the locations of organs the company has manufactured since 2002.

They can be found in churches, movie theaters, colleges and even an Atlanta man's home.

Last week, the family completed the installation of their latest organ at a church in Williamsburg, Va., then came home in time for John Peragallo III to lead the Fourth of July tour for members of the American Guild of Organists, who were meeting in Morristown, N.J.

During the tour, he let some of the visiting organists try out the imported German rosewood and maple keyboard on the St. Francis Xavier organ.

"This is one of the best organs I've ever played on," said Rich Gress of Newmarket, N.H., who played in his socks so as not to get the pedals dirty. "It was very humbling, too," he added.

Gregory S. Scmie, artistic director of the Assisi Performing Arts Center in Summit, said he's known the Peragallos for the last 33 years. "They make things easy," he said. "They're professional in what-

ever they do."

Searching For The Perfect Family

BY REV. LANCE LINDGREN
Yangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill

Whenever I go into Yankton during these hot summer days, I see lots of people, primarily kids, at the swimming pool. Seeing and hearing the kids' excitement reminds me of my days growing up in Yankton. Besides going to the pool just a couple blocks from home, I remember what fun it was to race down the street on my bike, baseball glove hooked to my handlebars, all excited to play baseball at the corner vacant lot at 15th and Pine, which was converted into a baseball diamond.

Before our coach would get there to begin the game, there was, of course, the usual mischief of picking apples from the tree branches that over-hung out of the neighbor's yard into the alley next to the ball park. I remember too, how my dad would get my brother and me out in the back yard to practice our baseball techniques. While he experienced some problems in his life; it was those times with the baseball, the glove, and the bat, that Dad really tried to "raise" my brother and me, not

just "take care" of us.

To "raise" a child, or to just "take care" of a child is critical issue for the family in the maze of contemporary culture. Much has been printed by both religious and secular book publishers, giving guidance for successful parenting. They attempt to address the issue of the family's need for direction in an age that has diminished and even demeaned the values of the traditional family. It's been a desperate and confusing time for the American family for a number of decades.

Now, there might be some so-called perfect families around - everything is just so, physically, socially, and spiritually in the happy home. Children seldom disobey their parents. They thank them for disciplining them for the smallest infraction. The children are being perfectly groomed to become future surgeons, lawyers, or corporate executives. But, you know, I certainly haven't found such a

family! Have you? I know, my parent's family was nothing like that, and neither was my wife's and mine when our children were at home! One thing is for sure, though, each individual family is unique, and no set of specific guidelines is suitable for every family.

Now, as a clergyman, I know the Bible does provide some worthy specifics. For example, the Old Testament Book of Proverbs is often called the "Book on Family Life." Here God gives instruction on how we are to honor our parents, heeding their instruction; even how to care for them when they are old. Then too, if one is looking for specifics suited to each individual behavioral issue, the Bible will not meet the expectation. Nothing is said on how to deal with a daughter who ignores her curfew, who sneaks into the house with her clothes in disarray, and who responds with defiance to her parents' pleas. Nor,

is anything said on how to deal with the son experimenting with drugs during the high school lunch hour. And so, because of this lack of specificity, some people scorn the Bible as being a relic of the primitive past.

Some claim the verses of God's Word have no more to tell us than the hieroglyphs found in the archeological digs in Egypt. But, perhaps, what needs to be understood, is that the Bible is not a time-bound book of rules; rather, it deals with principles and values that guide our practical decisions in everyday living. It establishes the authority structure that governs our hearts. And so, perhaps too, it's time again for the "shema" of ancient Israel to be heard and practiced again: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:4, 5)



REFLECTIONS

RELIGIOUS HAPPENINGS

St. Peter's Lutheran Celebrates 125th Anniv.

Now air conditioned Clayton, St. Peter's Lutheran Church to celebrate their 125th Anniversary on Aug. 14, with a 10 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to hear Former Pastor Dennis Angland, Rev. Terrell Huber, Rev. Anthony Ahrendt, Bible translator, Rev. Terry Borchard and Rev. Dale Sattgast. Please join us for this event! A catered meal will be served at noon. RSVP by Aug. 5 to 605-387-5242 or 605-661-2962 or email arleneb@goldenwest.net for more information.

Taber FCSLA Pot Luck To Be Held Sunday

The F.C.S.L.A. WO93/Catholic Workman annual pot luck picnic will be held on Aug. 7, 2011 at noon in Sokol Park. In case of inclement weather we will move into Beseda Hall in Taber. Branch WO93 will furnish hot dogs and refreshments.

United Methodist Church VBS Kicks Off Sunday

Children ages 3 through 5th Graders are invited to "Panda Mania-Where God is Wild About You" Vacation Bible School at the 1st United Methodist Church, Yankton, located on the corner of 11th and Cedar, Aug. 8-11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. VBS will start with a light meal at 6 p.m. for the whole family followed by a fun time of music, Bible stories, crafts and games. Come meet the members of the bamboo forest-Fez, Amanda, Boomer, Pogo, and Lulu! To pre-register or for more information contact the church office at 665-2991. All denominations are welcome!

Bergen Lutheran Ice Cream Social Set

The Bergen Lutheran Church, rural Meckling, is holding their annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, Aug. 16th serving from 5-7 p.m. The church is located on Timber Road and Bergen Ave. They will be serving tavern, hotdogs, homemade pies, ice cream, and beverages. Guests are encouraged to give a free-will donation. Matching Funds provided by Clay Co Thrivent Financial.

Lutheran Bike For Life Pedals Off Sept. 10

ARMOUR — It's time to start training as Saturday, Sept. 10, is the official date for the annual Lutherans For Life Bike for Life. Leaving from Armour, starting at 7 a.m.

If you would like to participate, contact Rev. Nabil Nour at Redeemer Lutheran Church, P. O. Box, 158, Armour, SD 57313-0158. For more information call (605) 724-2489, (605) 724-2722 or email redeemarmour@uniteltd.com.

Calvary Kids Open House This Sunday

Calvary Kids Preschool, located at 2407 Broadway, will host an Open House on Sunday, Aug. 7 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome as this will be a great opportunity for you to visit the classroom, meet the teacher, and get additional information about the school.

Calvary Kids Preschool offers a quality education for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and Junior Kindergarten in a caring Christian environment. For additional information, contact Laura Kotalik at (605) 665-5594 or check us out on the web at www.calvarykidspreschool.com

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life	Baptist	Catholic	Charismatic	Christian	Church of Christ	Church of Jesus Christ	Episcopal	Evangelical	Lutheran	Non-Denominational	Presbyterian	Reformed	Seventh-Day	United Church	United Methodist
ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES , 517 Burleigh, Lawrence and Barbara Hladky, pastors, 665-0889. SAT 7pm Praise and worship celebration, SUN. 10am Worship. WED. 7pm Worship. Teens prayer daily 10am.	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH , 2407 Broadway, Yankton. (605)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Laura Kotalik. www.cbchurch.com SAT-URDAY August 6 9:00 AM Children's Ministry Fair & Training SUNDAY August 7 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time 9:00 AM Adult ENCORE Community 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Service (Communion) Message: "A Spiritual Intervention" 10:45 AM Sunday School for all ages 2:00 PM Pre-school Open House MONDAY August 8 9:00 AM Ladies SHOP (prayer time) 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 TUESDAY August 9 7:00 PM Dorcas' Hands Work Day WEDNESDAY August 10 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 6:00 PM Intercessory Prayer 6:15 PM TORCH Praise & Worship 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study THURSDAY August 11 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Cruisin' 24/7 FRIDAY August 12 4:00 PM Senior Connection.	ST. AGNES PARISH: SIGEL , rural Utica. SUN. 9am Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH , Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz SUN. Mass: 10:30am; TUE. Mass: 8am; THUR. Mass: 7pm. Confessions: THUR. 6:30-6:55pm. ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH , 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Ken Luf, 664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT. 5pm. SUN. 8:30am&10:30am. ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH , Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN. 8:30am Mass. ST. BONIFACE CHURCH , rural Freeman. Mass on Sundays at 9am.. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318. ST. COLUMBA CHURCH , rural Irene. Mass on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. or call Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. (605)583-4318. ST. GEORGE CHURCH , Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappily. Saturdays at 7pm or call (605)583-4318. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC , Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN. 10:30am Mass. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC , Lesterville. SUN. 10:30am Mass. ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH , Constance, Neb., Fr. David Fulton, pastor. SAT. Mass: 7:30pm. ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC , Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN. 8:30am Mass. ST. ROSE OF LIMA , Crofton, Neb. Fr. Michael Schmitz. SAT. Mass: 8:00am & 5:30pm. SUN. Mass: 8:30am. WED/FR. Masses: 8:15am. Confessions: WED. 11am-11:30am, SAT. 5-5:20pm. ST. WENCESLAUS , Tabor, (605)463-2336. Rev. Joseph Puthenkulathil, SAT. 7pm Mass. SUN. 8:30am Mass. THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE , 6-mi. W. Yankton, Hwy.52. Masses: Monday 8:30 through October. Masses Saturday 9:00 every Saturday. Rosary Sunday 4:00. Rosary 4:00. Open 7 days a week for prayer. thehouseofmaryshrine.org	YAHWEH-SHALOM CHARISMATIC , St. Benedict Catholic Church. MON. 7:30pm prayer meeting CHRISTIAN KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH , 19th & Burleigh, 665-6317. Joseph Mason, Pastor. 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am. Wed.-6pm-Kids games; 7pm Kids for Christ & Adult Bible Study. CHURCH OF CHRIST , 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN. 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS , 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Randy Campbell, (605)565-2016. Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.	GAYVILLE-BERGEN LUTHERAN Pastor Ralph Egbert. (605)267-4342 (church) Sunday Worship: GLC 9am; Sunday School 10:15am; Bergen Worship 10:30am; Sunday School 9:15am. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH , AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. (605)935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. firsthope@santel.net OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN , rural Irene. 263-3724. SUN. 9am Worship. OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN , LCMC/NALC, Menno. Interim Pastor Leon Schulz. SUN. Worship. 8:30am with potluck brunch to follow. Questions call (605)387-5256 OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN , LCMs, 12th and Elm, Springfield, Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. SUN. 8am Worship. 9am SS. THUR. 7pm Adult Bible study. PRINCE OF PEACE , Wisconsin Synod, 201 East 25th St., Pastor Werre, 665-4793. Sat. 6pm Worship. South Dakota Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, MAIN STREET LIVING television program, 10a.m. (CST) on KDLT-NBC; and 11a.m. (CST) on KAUN-PAX; and 10a.m. (MST) on KKRA-PAX. St. John Lutheran Church , Tyndall. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service: 10:00am (605)589-3195. www.StJohnsTyndallCMS.org ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), 1009 Jackson, David Gunderson, Pastor. SUN. 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30am Worship. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH , 403 Broadway, Yankton, 665-7415. Worship Saturday worship-5:30 p.m. Sunday worship- 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship-9:30 a.m. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH , Hartington/Crofton, NE, Justin Wiese, interum pastor; (402)254-6606. SUN. 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton). TRONDHJEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (AFLC), rural Volin. 263-3841. SUN. 9:15am; 10:30am Worship.	FAITH ALIVE, 501 Cedar St. , Yankton. 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN: 10am service. WED. 7pm Care-Cells "Small Groups For Building Relationships" Various Locations. GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER , 901 E 11th St. Yankton. Gail Ryken, pastor, 665-2369. SUN. 10am Service. WED. 6pm Prayer. GC School, call (605)665-1988. PEACE PRESBYTERIAN (PC/USA) , 206 E. 31st. 665-0448. Rev. Dr. Nelson Stone & Rev. Marilyn Stone. Sun-10am worship. Coffee to follow. SS for kids 10:30am. Aired at 8pm Fri. on Ch. 3 & 98. SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST , 722 Locust St., Yankton, 665-1032. SAT. 9:30am Sabbath School, 11am Worship. 665-4496, 665-4881. Pastor George Shaver Home phone (605)369-5496.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST , Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson Pastor. 665-2991. Sunday, Contemporary Worship 9:00; Trad. 10:30. Childcare 8:45-11:45. 8:30 UM Hour, KYNT. GAYVILLE-VOLIN UNITED METH-ODIST , Brook McBride, pastor. 624-2179. 9am Worship Service. 10:00am Sunday School. VERMILLION FIRST UNITED METHODIST , 16 N. Dakota, 624-2179. SUN. 10:30am Worship service. WAKONDA, IRENE, VIBORG, UNITED METHODIST , Pastor Mark Gronseth. SUN. 8:30am Worship at Wakonda; 9:45am Worship at Irene; 11am Worship at Viborg. KYNT 1450 AM Radio KYNT 1450 AM Radio SAT. 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live." SUN. 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News." 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church WNAX 570 AM Radio WNAX 570 AM Radio . Lutheran Shows-6:30am, 8am, 11am. Wings of Healing-7:30am. Words of Hope 8:30am. Prov. Ref. Church-8:45am. Voice of Prop.-9:30am. Hr. of Hope 10am.ChristianCruaders-10:30am. MIX 106 FM Radio CLASSIC HITS 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN.-THUR. 10:05PM "Family Radio Rosary" with Bishop Robert Carlson. ESPN Radio 1570 ESPN RADIO 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship. Knology KNOLOGY. MON. 6:30pm St. John's Lutheran; 7:30pm Calvary Baptist. TUE. 6:30pm Trinity Lutheran. WED. 6:30pm Antioch Baptist; 7:30pm Grace Bible. THUR. 8pm Assembly of God. FRI. 7pm United Church of Christ; 8pm Peace Presbyterian.									

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