



PIPE ORGAN PROJECT

Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LAGRANGE
2017-2020



Past Glory

Introducing Emmanuel Episcopal Church's Pipe Organ Project

The organ at Emmanuel Episcopal is an exquisite gem! Let's keep it! Installed in 1970, and valued at \$1.1 million, it is time for a thorough cleaning, re-leathering, and console renovation. To accomplish this, Emmanuel seeks to raise \$450,000 in pledges covering a three-year period as well as one-time gifts.

3 Stages, 3 Years

Unfortunately, during the era this organ was built, organ pipes were made using a low quality zinc alloy. This has led to some collapsing pipework. These pipes need to be removed and repaired because they limit the kinds of sounds that could be played on this organ. About 20% of the stops are non-functional as the condition of the pipes continues to degrade. After soliciting proposals, it was decided the builders of Casavant Frères along with restoration experts, JL Weiler Inc., of Chicago, should carry out this important work. It will take place in three stages, and require approximately three years to complete.

Phase 1 \$300K. Renovate Swell and Pedal Divisions, refurbish Façade, remove and upgrade Console to solid state controls (Summer 2018)

Phase 2 \$150K. Refurbish Great and Positiv Divisions, rework Pedal Posaune 16 ft, Tonal Work (fixing bent/damaged pipes) on site. (Summer 2019)

Phase 3 \$150K. (Optional) Add proposed new Antiphonal Division, add new woodwork (Early 2020)

About Emmanuel's Organ

Emmanuel's Organ, Opus 3062 of Casavant Frères, was designed by famed Lawrence Phelps, the mid-century tonal designer who established the Organ Reform movement in America. Opus 3062 is an unaltered example of Mr. Phelps' artistry and deserving of a proper renovation. Organists say, "the most important stop on an organ is the room in which the instrument is played". Beyond it's physical beauty, Emmanuel's acoustics attract many performing artists to LaGrange. Emmanuel's organ was designed specifically for this space. The result is one of a kind in the Western Suburbs.

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- Visit www.emmanuel-lagrange.org for more information and to sign up for progress emails
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- Please attend our fundraising events
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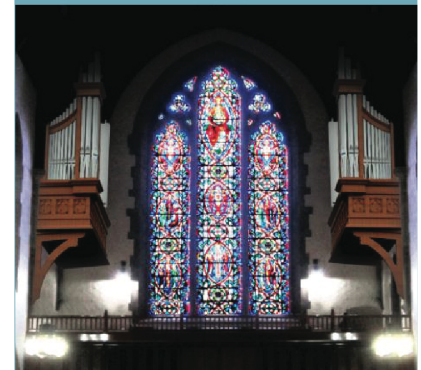
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- Pledge cards may be found in the pews or on the tables by the doors
- We accept Paypal - visit www.emmanuel-lagrange.org
- We accept credit cards - call the church secretary at 708-352-1275
- We accept checks - send to: Emmanuel Episcopal Church
203 South Kensington Avenue, La Grange, Illinois 60525



Present Condition

Examples of damage to pipes and pipe chamber



Future Magnificence

Casavant's rendering of the proposed Antiphonal division



Benefactor Opportunities