

Marilyn Schempp holds a B.A. in Vocal and Instrumental Music from Augustana University in Sioux Falls and a Master's of Music in Organ Performance from the University of South Dakota. For over 40 years Marilyn has taught piano privately. She also teaches organ and beginning class piano at Augustana University and is the chapel organist. Marilyn is the organist at Hope Lutheran in Sioux Falls and is an active member of the American Guild of Organists where she has served as Dean of the South Dakota Chapter, Director of the SD Chapter's Organ Academy, and as a committee member and director of seven Pipe Organ Encounter Camps for her chapter. From 2012-2018, Marilyn was elected as the Regional Councilor for the North Central Region of the American Guild of Organists—an eight state region. She is also active in the Music Teacher's National Association where she has been the state competition chair for 10 years. In the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians she was the secretary/treasurer of Region 3 for 2 years and served on two of the regional convention committees. As a performer, Marilyn has played solo organ recitals, oboe with the Sioux Falls Municipal Band, and oboe, piano, harpsichord and organ with the South Dakota Symphony. She also accompanies high school and college students in competitions, juries, and recitals and has accompanied the South Dakota Honor's Choir and All-State Chorus. Marilyn and her husband, Mark, have two grown children and 5 grandchildren.