

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 has taught organ and class piano at Augustana University and served as the chapel organist from 1984-2023. Marilyn has been the organist and choir director in various churches in Sioux Falls and currently is the organist at Hope Lutheran in Sioux Falls. An active member of the American Guild of Organists, 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 Councillor 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.