

Welcome to our Staff!

Regina Kettering, Lead Organist



When Regina asked her sister for suggestions on what to write as an introduction, the response was: "Tell them you do everything!"

While doing *everything* is certainly not possible, Regina has successfully balanced two careers simultaneously while still finding time to volunteer and stay active in the community. She has backgrounds in structural biology and music.

Regina moved to Pittsburgh to undertake her PhD in x-ray crystallography. It was here that she started playing organ for St. John of the Cross in Dravosburg, poking her way through the pedalboard while drawing from her extensive piano experience. After being hired in 2011 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beaver Falls, she was blessed with the opportunity to start taking organ lessons from Craig Dobbins. While the organist and bell choir director, she wrote handbell music for the CELC bell choir. She is currently an active board member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She edits the newsletter and keeps track of dinner attendance. She has performed at least once a year at the monthly AGO meetings, and has performed at Heinz Memorial Chapel. She looks forward to returning for a solo concert at Heinz Chapel in October.

When not playing organ, she plays French horn in East Winds Symphonic Band and just completed a two-year stint as an auditioned member of Ring Pittsburgh. During the summer, she helps her significant other, John, process, can, or freeze many of the fruits and vegetables grown on their property. She has adjuncted at the University of Pittsburgh, and is currently looking for a permanent position in a biochemical field.

Regina grew up in the Poconos, where she attended and was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Her mother taught piano lessons at home and played services at multiple churches when Regina was a child. Regina started publicly performing piano at 8, and accompanying choirs at the age of 10. While a child, she repaired vintage cars with her father, and continues to work at the vintage races and the local race track when available.

Despite the diversity of interests, the common threads involve large instrumentation and continuing education: organs, crystallography (including particle accelerators), and cars all require intimate knowledge of mechanical processes, and the desire to continue learning throughout life. Regina is excited to share the next chapter with St. Mark's and looks forward to meeting and communing with everyone here.

