

Dr. Chad Winterfeldt
Cantor of Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College
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Education/Principal Teachers

- D.M.A. in Organ Performance August 2004
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Organ and harpsichord studies with George Ritchie and Quentin Faulkner
Doctoral Document
“A Pitch-class Set Theory Analysis of Three Works by Pamela Decker”
- M.M. in Organ Performance May 1995
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Organ studies with Thomas Murray and Charles Krigbaum
Improvisation studies with Gerre Hancock
- B.M. in Organ Performance, *Summa cum laude* May 1993
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota
Organ studies with Peter Nygaard
- Studies toward D.M.A. in Organ Performance Fall 1995 – Spring 1999
Rice University, Houston, Texas
Organ studies with Clyde Holloway

Distinctions

- Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, Gustavus Adolphus College, 2015
UNL Humanities Center Award for Graduate Research or Creative Activity, 2002
Eva V. Stroud Christensen Memorial Award, University of Nebraska, 2002
Othmer Graduate Fellowship, University of Nebraska, 2000 – 2003
Arthur Smith Memorial Award, Rice University, 1995
Julia R. Sherman Prize for excellence in organ playing, Yale University, 1995
Charles Ives Prize for an outstanding organ major, Yale University, 1994

Academic Employment and Church Experience

Cantor of Christ Chapel

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minnesota Aug. 2014 – present
Full Time (10.5-month contract). Plan and coordinate music in Christ Chapel; lead and/or supervise daily worship at organ and piano; teach organ studio; direct 3-4 handbell choirs; serve on planning committee for Christmas in Christ Chapel; teach courses in music theory, liturgy, and/or music history; collaborate with choirs, bands, orchestras, and brass ensembles; arrange or compose music for worship, choirs, and brass ensembles; supervise maintenance of organs on campus; serve on search, planning, music department, and other committees. Contact: Rev. Dr. Grady St. Dennis, Associate Vice President of Mission and Executive Chaplain stdennis@gustavus.edu; also Dr. Scott Moore, Music Department chair smoore@gustavus.edu; also Maggie Falenschek, Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life (Wartburg College), maggie.falenschek@wartburg.edu

Director of Music

Grace University Lutheran Church (ELCA), Minneapolis, Minnesota April 2022 – present
Part time. Lead Sunday worship at organ and piano; direct the Adult Choir; plan worship collaboratively with pastors, staff, and congregational leaders. Contact: Rev. Justin Lind-Ayres, pastorjustin@graceattheu.org

College Organist

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minnesota Aug. 2013 – Aug. 2014
Part time. Work with Chaplains Office staff to curate and lead worship services in Christ Chapel. Assist Interim Chapel Musician. Serve as organist for academic celebrations in Christ Chapel. Contact: Rev. Dr. Brian Konkol, President, Valparaiso University, brian.konkol@valpo.edu

Assistant Organist at Christ Chapel

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minnesota Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2013
Part time. Assist Cantor of Christ Chapel by leading worship for 2 weekly Daily Sabbath services. Serve as organist for academic celebrations in Christ Chapel. Contact: Dr. David Fienen, Cantor of Christ Chapel emeritus, dfienen46@gmail.com

Director of Handbells

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minnesota Feb. 2006 – Aug. 2014
Part time. Direct 2 – 3 handbell ensembles. Present weekly performances during Morning Praise. Serve on Christmas in Christ Chapel planning team. Contact: Dr. David Fienen, dfienen46@gmail.com

Director of Music

First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Saint Peter, Minnesota Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2014
Full Time. Plan and coordinate music for worship services; direct the Adult Choir, direct the Children's Choirs, direct handbell choir, arrange instrumental music for soloists and ensembles; create liturgical music and hymns; coordinate Music for Missions concert series; collaborate with First Players theater group; oversee worship and music budget; maintain pianos, organs, and handbells; serve on Worship and Arts committee. Contact: Rev. Alan Bray, Senior Pastor (retired), acbray@gmail.com

Minister of Music

All Saints Lutheran Church (ELCA), Lincoln, Nebraska Sept. 2002 – Aug. 2004
Part time. Plan, coordinate, and lead music for worship services; direct the Adult Choir; other administrative duties. Contact: Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson, choir member drheid@windstream.net

Interim Music Director

First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Lincoln, Nebraska May 2001 – Aug. 2001
Part time. Plan, coordinate, and lead music for worship services during summer sabbatical of music director. Contact: Masako Bacon, current Music Director and colleague at University of Nebraska, Lincoln masako_tim@hotmail.com

Associate Organist and Assistant Choir Director

Christ the King Lutheran Church (ELCA), Houston Texas Jan. 1998 – July 2000
Part time. Lead worship at organ and piano for two services each week. Assist with adult choir as section leader and accompanist. Play most funerals and weddings. Contact: Rev. Dr. Robert G. Moore, Senior Pastor (Emeritus) rgmoore.moore@gmail.com

Music Director

Aug. 1995 – Nov. 1998

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Houston, Texas

Part time. Plan, coordinate, and lead music for worship services; direct the Adult Choir; direct handbell choir; other administrative duties. Contact: Rev. Kris Franke Hill, Pastor krishill22@hotmail.com

Music Director

Aug. 1994 – June 1995

Bethesda Lutheran Church (ELCA), New Haven, Connecticut

Part time. Plan, coordinate, and lead music for worship services; direct the Adult Choir; other administrative duties.

Organist

Jan. 1991 – July 1993

Dilworth Lutheran Church (ELCA), Dilworth, Minnesota

Part time. Lead music for worship services twice monthly, in alternation with additional organist. Play for funerals and weddings.

Academic Teaching Experience

Cantor of Christ Chapel

2014 - present

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Organ, Music History and Theory

2012 - present

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Handbells

2006 - present

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota

Lecturer and Curriculum team member

The Center for Worship and Music Studies, St. Paul, Minnesota

2015 – 2017

Teaching Assistant in Music Theory

2000 - 2003

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Teaching Assistant in Organ

2000 - 2003

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Adjunct Professor of Organ, Music History

2001 - 2002

Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska

Teaching Assistant in Music History

1997 - 1998

Rice University, Houston, Texas

Teaching Assistant in Organ

1994 - 1995

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Recitals/Performances/Significant Worship Services

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minn.

STAGO solo recital

June 2, 2026

Inauguration of John C. Volin, 18th President of Gustavus

solo, quintet, choir

Apr 17, 2026

Let the Pipes Sing! Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato

solo and brass quintet

Apr 11, 2026

Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College

solo organ recital

Jan 30, 2026

Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse, Wisc.

solo organ recital

Nov. 16, 2025

National Lutheran Choir concert "Lead Me Home"

organ accompanist

Oct. 30, 2025

Nobel Conference 62 "Sugar: Bringing Sweetness to Life", Gustavus

organ preludes

Oct. 7 – 8, 2025

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Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minn.	STAGO solo recital	June 17, 2025
Voces8 concert with Gustavus Choir	organ accompanist	Mar 29, 2025
Bach Birthday Bash, Gustavus Adolphus College	solo organ/harpsichord	Mar 21, 2025
Rutter <i>Gloria</i> with Choir of Christ Chapel	organ accompanist	Feb 20, 2025
Nobel Conference 61 "Sleep Unraveled," Christ Chapel, Gustavus	organ preludes	Oct. 1 – 2, 2024
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota	organ rededication	Sept. 29, 2024
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato Minn.	STAGO solo recital	June 18, 2024
Choral Showcase, Christ Chapel, Gustavus	organ accompanist	May 4, 2024
Durufié Requiem with the Gustavus Choir	organ accompanist	April 26, 2024
Lucia Singers and Choir of Christ Chapel Concert	organ accompanist	April 7, 2024
First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minn.	solo organ recital	February 11, 2024
Baumgartner Memorial Concert	collaborative recital	Sept. 23, 2023
St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn.	solo organ recital	July 12, 2023
Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minn.	STAGO solo recital	June 27, 2023
Gustavus Wind Symphony Concert	organ accompanist	May 13, 2023
Performance Tour of Spain, France & Italy with Gustavus Choir	organ solo/accompanist	Jan-Feb, 2023
Celebration of Well-Tempered Clavier, Gustavus Adolphus College	solo organ/harpsichord	Nov. 14, 2022
Family Weekend Showcase Concert, Gustavus Adolphus College	organ accompanist	October 2, 2022
Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Mankato, Minn.	STAGO solo recital	June 28, 2022
Choral Showcase, Gustavus	organ accompanist	May 7, 2022
Spring Choral Concert, Lucia Singers and Choir of Christ Chapel	organ accompanist	April 3, 2022
Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 "Organ" with Gustavus Symphony	soloist with orchestra	March 11, 2022
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	October 15, 2021
Family Weekend Showcase Concert, Gustavus Adolphus College	organ accompanist	October 10, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	June 15, 2021
Gustavus Wind Symphony Concert	organ accompanist	April 18, 2021
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	STAGO recital (online)	July 21, 2020
Funeral Service for Bishop Herbert Chilstrom, Christ Chapel	worship leader	Feb. 15, 2020
Christ Church, Minneapolis	solo recital	Jan 19, 2020
Schlosskirche, Wittenberg, Germany	Renaissance Fest recital	November 1, 2019
Schlosskirche, Wittenberg, Germany	Hymnfestival, solo organ	October 31, 2019
Schlosskirche, Wittenberg, Germany	Reformation recital	October 30, 2019
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	October 13, 2019
Nobel Concert, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	soloist, piano	Sept 24, 2019
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	June 11, 2019
Musical Capitals of Europe Choir Tour with Gustavus Choir	organ accompanist	Jan – Feb 2019
Thomaskirche, Leipzig, Germany	noontime solo recital	February 1, 2019
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	July 10, 2018
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	March 11, 2018
Bach's Lunch Concert, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa	solo recital	Feb. 9, 2018
Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm, Minnesota	solo recital	Nov. 19, 2017
Installation of Brian Konkol, Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University	soloist	Nov. 7, 2017
Reformation Organ Concert, Christ Chapel, Gustavus	soloist	Oct. 31, 2017
Reformation Vespers with the Choir of Christ Chapel	organ accompanist	Oct. 29, 2017
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Falls Church, Virginia	solo recital/hymnfest	Oct. 21, 2017
53 Nobel Conference Concert, Gustavus (Bach <i>Musical Offering</i>)	harpsichordist	Oct. 3, 2017
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	June 13, 2017
Reformation 500 Organ Vespers, First Lutheran, St. Peter, Minn.	soloist	June 4, 2017
Choral Showcase, Christ Chapel	organ accompanist	May 6, 2017
Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert	organ accompanist	April 10, 2017
A Reformation Vespers with the Gustavus Choir	soloist, worship leader	March 19, 2017
Vespers, Twin Cities American Guild of Organists	soloist, worship leader	Sept. 25, 2016
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota	solo recital	August 31, 2016
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin	solo recital	June 12, 2016
Southwest Minnesota Synod (ELCA) Assembly	worship leader	June 10 2016

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A Choral Mosaic, Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College	organ accompanist	May 7, 2016
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College	faculty recital	April 8, 2016
Gustavus Wind Orchestra CBDNA conference concert	organ accompanist	Feb. 27, 2016
First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	Feb. 12, 2016
Como Park Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota	solo recital	Jan. 24, 2016
Gala Organ Recital, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.	STAGO members' recital	Oct. 10, 2015
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	June 9, 2015
Gustavus Honor Band Concert, Gustavus Adolphus College	organ accompanist	Nov. 3, 2014
Family Weekend Concert, Gustavus Adolphus College	organ accompanist	Oct. 12, 2014
Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota (<i>Brandenburg 5</i>)	chamber concert	Oct. 2, 2014
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	Sept. 14, 2014
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota	solo recital	July 2, 2014
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	June 10, 2014
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	April 18, 2014
Saint Peter Chorale Society, Fauré <i>Requiem</i>	organ accompanist	Mar. 9/16, 2014
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	Nov. 2, 2013
Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	June 11, 2013
Concert: The Gustavus Choir, Christ Chapel	organ accompanist	May 12, 2013
Gustavus Oratorio Festival, St. Peter, Minnesota	organ accompanist	April 16, 2013
Bach's Birthday Bash, Saint Paul, Minnesota	TCAGO members' recital	March 16, 2013
Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	June 19, 2012
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	joint recital	April 6, 2012
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	Feb. 12, 2012
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Mankato, Minn.	STAGO members' recital	Jan. 22, 2012
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	Oct. 16, 2011
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota	solo recital	June 7, 2011
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	April 22, 2011
Church of Ss. Peter and Paul, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	March 25, 2011
Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota	solo recital	Oct. 10, 2010
Nobel Conference Concert (Messiaen <i>Le Banquet Celeste</i>)	chamber concert	Oct. 5, 2010
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	Sept. 17, 2010
Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota	solo recital	July 30, 2010
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota	solo recital	July 21, 2010
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	April 2, 2010
Saint Peter Chorale Society, Prelude (Mendelssohn <i>Sonata 6</i>)	New Ulm and St. Peter	March 6/7 2010
Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	Feb. 20, 2010
Church of St. Louis, King of France, Saint Paul, Minnesota	solo recital	Nov. 24, 2009
St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minnesota	solo recital	Nov. 12, 2009
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	May 24, 2009
Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	May 3, 2009
Church of St. Louis, King of France, Saint Paul, Minnesota	solo recital	March 17, 2009
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota	faculty recital	Feb. 13, 2009
Christmas in Christ Chapel, 2008, (Messiaen, <i>Le Vierge et l'Enfant</i>)	organ soloist	December 2008
Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, Minnesota	TCAGO members recital	Nov. 29, 2008
Church of Ss. Peter and Paul, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	July 8, 2008
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota	solo recital	July 2, 2008
Concert: Choir of Christ Chapel, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo/accompanist	April 25, 2008
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	Chamber music recital	Nov. 4, 2007
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.	faculty recital	Sept. 22, 2007
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, Minnesota	solo recital	June 27, 2007
Church of Ss. Peter and Paul, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	March 25, 2007
First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	March 18, 2007
Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.	faculty recital	Oct. 28, 2006
First Lutheran Church, Winthrop, Minnesota	organ rededication	Sept. 17, 2006
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	solo recital	June 14, 2005

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First Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, Minnesota	solo recital	June 4, 2005
St. Mark's on the Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska	solo recital	May 19, 2005
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota	STAGO members' recital	January 23, 2005
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota	solo recital	July 16, 2003
St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska	DMA solo recital	April 29, 2003
Fauré Requiem, UNL, Brandon Dean, conductor)	orchestral performance	March 9, 2003
Wenzelskirche, Naumburg, Germany	solo recital	August 16, 2002
Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, Minnesota	solo recital	June 14, 2002
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas	lecture recital	May 23, 2002
Cornerstone, University of Nebraska, Lincoln	DMA lecture recital	April 9, 2002
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota	solo recital	April 1, 2002
Zion Lutheran Church, Imperial, Nebraska	solo recital	March 10, 2002
Saint Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Hastings, Nebraska	solo recital	March 6, 2002
Cornerstone, University of Nebraska, Lincoln	DMA solo recital	Nov. 30, 2001
Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska	faculty recital	Nov. 13, 2001
<i>Bach in Lincoln</i> , First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska	solo/chamber recital	October 28, 2001
First Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska	solo recital	July 29, 2001
St. Mark's on the Campus, Lincoln, Nebraska	concerto recital	April 29, 2001
Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska	faculty recital	April 27, 2001
University of Nebraska, Lincoln	DMA solo recital	March 23, 2001
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas	solo recital	June 4, 2000
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas	Bach Vespers	Feb. 13, 2000
Zion Lutheran Church, Brainerd, Minnesota	solo recital	July 27, 1999
Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota	solo recital	July 25, 1999
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota	solo recital	July 20, 1999
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas	Bach Vespers	Nov. 29, 1998
Rice Memorial Chapel, Houston, Texas	solo recital	May 3, 1997
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas	Bach Vespers	Feb. 18, 1996
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut	M.M solo recital	April 2, 1995
Center Church on the Green, New Haven, Connecticut	solo recital	March 5, 1995
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut	solo recital	Nov. 18, 1994
Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota	solo recital	May 25, 1994
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut	solo recital	Feb. 18, 1994
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut	solo recital	Dec. 12, 1994
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota	B.M. solo recital	Jan. 16, 1993

Professional Service

Southern Minnesota representative, Area 7, Handbell Musicians of America	2021 - 2024
Public Relations Officer, Sioux Trails Chapter, American Guild of Organists	2020 - 2024
Artistic Director, Christmas in Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College	2017, 2022, 2025
Dean, Sioux Trails Chapter, American Guild of Organists	2016 – 2020
District Convener, Minnesota, American Guild of Organists	2013 – 2019
Dean, Sioux Trails Chapter, American Guild of Organists	2008 – 2012
Secretary/Treasurer, Region 3, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians	2008 - 2010
Sub-Dean, Sioux Trails Chapter, American Guild of Organists	2006 – 2008

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