Steven Wente teaches applied organ, music history and church music. In addition, he serves as department chair and coordinator for the graduate music programs. Among his research interests are organ music from the baroque period and the role of music in the liturgy. He also is cantor at First Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church in Chicago, where he shares music leadership with his daughter, Margaret Danilovich.

He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Concordia, River Forest, and the doctor of music degree in organ performance from Northwestern University. His organ teachers have included David J. Wilson, Herbert Gotsch, Robert Lodine, Richard Enright, and Wolfgang Rübsam.

Steven keeps an active schedule as a teacher, workshop leader and organ recitalist. He has taught in the American Guild of Organists Pipe Organ Encounters. He has served on committees for the local American Guild of Organists chapters and was on the national board of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. He has presented at the Institutes on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music and at conferences of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. As an organ recitalist, he has played in numerous locations throughout the United States, including national conferences of the ALCM.

He has written settings of hymns and organ preludes for *Hymnal Supplement 98* (CPH), *Lutheran Service Book*, the *Concordia Hymn Prelude Series*, and the *Concordia Organ Prelude Library*. He has contributed to *Grace Notes* (ALCM), *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, *Key Words in Church Music*, and *Thine the Praise: Essays on Lutheran Church Music in honor of Carl Schalk*. He and his wife Susan have two adult children, both of whom are active as organists for local Lutheran congregations.

Schedule
Saturday, March 14, 2020

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 – 9:10 am Opening Hymn and Introductions
- 9:10-10:25 am *Leading Hymns and Liturgy from the Organ Bench*  
  Dr. Wente will address some very common topics and ask for input from the participants: tempo; registration; reflecting the text; introductions.
- 10:45-11:45 am *Have You Heard This One? Repertoire for Sundays from the (not-too-distant) Past*  
  Dr. Wente will play some “classics” that may or may not be known. It is surprising what literature people know and what they don’t know.
- 11:45-Noon Questions and Wrap-up

Concordia Publishing House and Morning Star Music will have a display of their music!
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