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## *A Restoration Project: Trinity English Lutheran Church is Again Making Beautiful Music with the Aeolian-Skinner Organ*

October 26, a mild autumn evening, was filled with beautiful music and lively conversation for Program attendees sitting under the organ chests and pipes of Trinity English. Pictured at the console, Mr. Robert Hobby, Director of Music, spoke passionately about the philosophy and process of the organ restoration, capital funding, the rededication, and more!

Having only the necessary maintenance over the past 60 years, the time for a full restoration had come. After considerable research, an Ohio company was awarded the job. It took an 8 man crew 2 1/2 weeks to dismantle the entire organ (5,000 pipes plus the console) and three semi-trucks to ground ship it to the factory.

After approximately 3 months of restoration and a period of re-installation, 5 1/2 weeks were spent conducting tonal regulation of the pipework to prepare the organ for its debut on October 17.

Not only did Mr. Hobby discuss the approach to supervising this project, he shared his experiences about requesting and gaining approval on a budget increase and spoke about challenges and successes surrounding coordination of other church projects that were most appropriately done during the time the organ was out of the church.

The experience sounded a bit different from a typical information technology project or bringing a new product to market in a corporate environment, but Mr. Hobby employed project management techniques that certainly helped ensure success.

And while he was part of a significant event in the church's history,

knowing that current and future generations of parishioners will be able to continue to enjoy the organ brings him the most joy and satisfaction.

