

# The Master's Notes

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### Lutheran Church of The Master

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The Reverend Ioan Ittu, Pastor



#### FROM THE PASTOR

I am honored and excited to be called as your pastor.

My parents are from Romania, that's where I got my name (pronounced: You-Wahn). I grew up in Los Angeles, which is where I got my accent. (My Midwest friends have teased me for throwing in a "totally", "like" and "dude" every so often.) Being back in LA is truly a joyful homecoming.

I came to the church in high school through a very vibrant Lutheran youth ministry. My undergrad was in Biblical Studies, which led me to Seminary. In Seminary I focused my studies in the area of Evangelism and Congregational Mission. My primary ministry experiences have been with homelessness and in the Latino community.

But if you talk to pastors, they'll tell you it wasn't Seminary that made them a pastor. It was their first call. I am excited for a ministry with you that is filled with possibilities. Together we can accomplish much. I can help you become an evangelizing congregation and you can help me become a revitalizing pastor. God has life-giving intentions for us and for those around us. The question we need to continually ask ourselves is: How will we align the community of Lutheran Church of The Master with God's intentions?

I believe ministry is a work done together. Pastor with congregation. Christian along-side Christian. And all of us are really just helping God on what He's up to. My style is to lead through listening, so I look forward to chatting with each of you about life, God, this congregation, your favorite restaurant, the Dodgers, and pretty much anything else.

I expect our ministry together to be both challenging and a lot of fun.

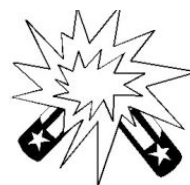
May God bless us all.

Rev. Ioan Ittu

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

A total of \$6,209.50 was donated to the General Fund (including online *Simply Giving* - Give Now donations) during the month of June. Our total giving through June 30 is \$53,301.78, which is 37.60 % of our total budgeted amount of \$141,775.00. (We should be at \$70,887.50, or 50%, at this pint in time - we are \$17,585.72 behind in donations.)

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary



#### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

St. Andrews Lutheran Church will host a celebration of Westside Lutherans - **a pig roast** - this Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. Everyone is invited to follow us to St. Andrew's, 11555 National Blvd., right after our worship service on Sunday.

#### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

You can study the Bible every Sunday morning. We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish house and are studying the lessons we will hear in worship. The ELCA and our Synod have committed to the initiative: **"Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible"** and we are using some of these new resources in our study. Come, grab a donut and a cup of coffee, and experience the power of scripture!

## MEMORY MONTH

Memory Month is technically over, but further contributions will certainly be accepted! As we do every year between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we are offered an opportunity to memorialize our parents and others with gifts toward a project chosen by the Council. The 2010 Memory Month fund has been designated to reimburse the Property Stewardship investment fund for work that has been done to primarily refurbish the exterior of the windows and doors of the Parish House and the sacristy doors of the Sanctuary. This much-needed work had too long been deferred, leaving the windows without glazing and paint and the doors and frames damaged by the termites that were living and eating in the wood. The Council decided the work could be put off no longer and to pay for the work with a loan taken from our Property Stewardship fund. The work has been done over the past few months, but there is more to be done. The total of \$3,800.00 has been received to date, so we have repaid \$2,500.00 to the Property Stewardship fund and will also be able to proceed with more work this year. Thank you to all who were able to support this effort:

Anonymous	
Anonymous	- in honor of David York
Barbara Browning	- in memory of her mother and father, Elva and Albert Browning
Emma Lou Candow	- in memory of loved ones
Bettijune Fanning	- in memory of her family, Mike, Peggy, and Carolyn Harthan
Russell Fung	- in memory of his mother, Maria Fung
Tom Jacobson	- in memory of his father, Eugene Jacobson
Joseph Lee	
Sara McGah	- in memory of her parents, Tom and Russella
The Nickel Family	- in memory of Richard Nickel "Papa"
Pastor Robert Richards	- in memory of Stephen Eddy Richards
Kenneth Roehrs	
Deborah and John Warren	- in memory of John's brother, Bill Warren
Ty Woodward	
Bryan and Nancy Yamasaki	- in memory of Nancy's father, Don Schultz and in memory of Bryan's father, Hiromi Yamasaki
David York	- in honor of Sara McGah

*Contributions received as of June 27, 2010.  
Please notify the office of necessary corrections.*

## WORSHIP-ART-MUSIC NEWS

We are pleased to announce that David York has decided to remain as Interim Organist/Choirmaster here at Lutheran Church of The Master, rather than continuing at St. John's. We look forward to his return in August from his vacation. Meanwhile Galina Barskaya is "driving" the organ and piano for worship, and we thank her for the great music. We also thank Nancy Ruczynski for her good and faithful work in cooperation with David, and

directing the choir and playing on Sundays.

## FLOWER CHART

July 4	The congregation, in honor of Pastor Ioan Iltu's first Sunday as a new Pastor.
July 11	Amanda Bialek, in honor of her parents.
July 18	Open
July 25	Open

## FLOWERS

There are still Sundays open for flower donations. Please consider donating the altar flowers for worship. If you wish to memorialize someone or an event, please note that with your name on the flower chart. Just a reminder that the cost is \$15 for a single vase and \$30 for both vases. When donating for flowers, please note "flowers" on your offering envelope.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

**Peggy Anderson, Bill Ashton** (cousin of Emily Jackson-Yano), **Bryanna** (friend of the Knickerbockers), **Dolores Brown** (friend of Peggy Anderson), **Julie and Patrick Brown** (friends of Peggy Anderson), **Lois Bykiewiez** (sister of Peggy Anderson), **Judith Cowie** (aunt of Charles Peruchini), **Donna Crean, Bettijune Fanning, Marilyn Feiman** (sister-in-law of Charles Peruchini), **Marlys Gunderson** (mother of John and Paul Gunderson), **Pastor Nancy Hamm** (Christ Lutheran Church, Downey), **Chris Jackson** (nephew of Emily Jackson-Yano), **Lois Jackson** (mother of Emily Jackson-Yano), **Maxine Jacobson** (mother of Tom Jacobson), **Pastor Ray Kibler, Jonathan Kovac** (brother of Deborah Warren), The Lawrence Family (friends of Robin Nickel), **Pastor Gary & Madeleine Marshall, Gisela Marx, Derick Metzger** (family of Peggy Anderson), **Janice Newberry** (family of Steve Newberry), **Marty Oliver** (friend of Kaitlyn Nickel), **Grace Rogoff** (granddaughter of Charles Peruchini), **Millie Rojas, Eddi Rytherager** (friend of the Nickel family), **Lori Splinter** (Vice President of the Synod), **Polina Tashlitskaya** (friend of the Knickerbockers), **Rick Wetts** (son of Hazel and Wayne Wetts), **Frances Willms, Mary Ann Wright** (sister of Millie Rojas), **Members of the AA Groups, and All Churches in the LA Metro Conferences**