

# The Master's Notes

## April 2015

### Lutheran Church of The Master

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*a Reconciling in Christ congregation*

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Maundy Thursday** - Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Soup Supper at 7:00 and Service at 7:30 p.m.  
at Westwood Hills Congregational Church  
1989 Westwood Boulevard (at La Grange)

**Good Friday** - Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Noon to 3p.m.  
Tre Ore Service - Featuring musical selections,  
scripture readings and sermon meditations  
on the Seven Last Words of Christ  
at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
1343 Ocean Park Blvd in Santa Monica

**Good Friday** - Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:30 p.m.  
Hymns and Readings

**Festival of Easter** - April 5<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m.  
Choir, Organ, Brass Choir, and Easter Egg Hunt

## FROM THE PASTOR

When I was in seminary, the Wednesday before Easter, the seminary had its own Easter resurrection chapel worship. I liked to affectionately call this service the "Hell Yeah! Christ has Risen!" chapel service. Everything about this chapel service was just a little bit too much. Just a little bit too loud. Just a little bit too excited. "Christ has risen!" "Yeah! He has!" It felt like we should all high five each other instead of passing of the peace. The seminary seemed to be out-of-its-mind drunk on Easter.

We are people of the resurrection. Jesus Christ alive in us resurrects us from humdrum lives of holding ourselves back because of fear of failure or criticism.

Jesus Christ alive in us restores us to lives of passion. We've got the immense, powerful, limitless love of God for the whole world crammed into little old us by the Holy Spirit. We are people bursting at the seams with love. This Easter is the time for you to overflow with the joy of God's love. Come and experience God's love in worship. Go and experience God's love through doing acts of kindness. Be still and experience God's love in a rejuvenating moment filled with peace.

You are resurrection people. You are risen, indeed, and bound for joy eternal. Alleluia.

*Ioan Ittu, Pastor*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

For those of you following the arsonist story here is the latest; there was another arson incident at a business near the church, this incident was captured on their video system with an unobstructed view. The police made an arrest and it is the same person we recorded on our video system. While all suspects are innocent until proven guilty, the video evidence against this person seems overwhelming. We have also learned he's been arrested before for arson.

This disturbed homeless man has been a guest at the church during the Sunday lunches. Some of you may know him.

As I've said before, we are very lucky the burning dumpster didn't catch the parish house on fire. We've improved the church's security by adding additional cameras in the alleyway and relocating the dumpster away from the building.

Before this person was arrested, he was confronted by the police and questioned about our dumpster fire. He  
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denied knowing anything about this. I was worried that this might provoke him, so I was keeping an eye on the church using the remote viewing feature of our security system. I wasn't able to maintain uninterrupted monitoring of the church from home due to problems with Internet speed, Joshua has encountered the same issue. We're working on finding an internet provider with faster upload speeds.

If you haven't noticed Joshua and Sara have been patching and painting the parish house back room where we keep the washer and dryer. It already looks much better than before and I wanted to thank them.

Barbara Browning has been leading the Six Year Plan which includes many committees including charitable giving, property improvements and the visibility committee. If you are not already involved with one of these committees, you are invited to join.

*Kevin Grant, President*

## **FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC**

LCM is fortunate to have a large group of very talented section leaders. Their presence supports the work of the choir and the solos they sing enhance our worship services each Sunday. Some of the singers have been with the church for many years (Tina - 19 years, Alexis - 11 years) while others have been with us for a few years and then have moved on to other opportunities after their time at UCLA. This month we're sad to say goodbye to Terrence Jegaraj who is leaving the area in late April. He's been a spirited and strong leader in the bass section and a soloist whose work is always personal and moving. It's our good fortune that former section leader Daniel Cheng is back in Southern California and will be taking Terrence's place.

**Terrence** will be joining the Caravan Stage Company for its 2015 tour performing an original experimental theater piece. The Caravan is a theater co-op that lives and performs on a 90 ft. tall ship. The ship is currently docked in Brooklyn, and Terrence will be living and rehearsing there from the end of April 'til mid-June. After the show opens in Brooklyn, the ship will set sail up the Hudson to Canada. They will then continue down the east coast to Jacksonville, Florida, where the tour concludes at the end of October.

Some of our other current and former section leaders have spring and summer plans:

**Griffith** writes: "I'm producing and writing music for myself and others out of my studio in West Los Angeles. I am also teaching singing at the Lee Strasberg Institute and at the National Children's Choir. Things are incredibly busy for me and I'm very happy and fortunate!"

**Daniel** notes: "This summer will mark my 6th summer as Associate Program Manager/Instructor/performer at Musica nelle Marche LLC (9th summer overall), the one-month long summer music and language program in Urbino, Italy. Besides that, I'm just happy to be back home in Southern California after a year in Chicago!"

**Ryan** writes: "I was away last month to sing two roles in Poulenc's *The Breasts of Tiresias* with Brava! Opera Theater in Ashland, OR. In late March I sang at a dinner for the American Educators of Italian Origin United, whose vocal competition I recently won. I'll be singing the role of Musikmeister in Pacific Opera Project's upcoming production of Richard Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*, and then I'll be spending the summer at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara and singing the baritone solo for their performance of Beethoven's Symphony #9. Next February, I'll be moving to Portland, OR to be one of Portland Opera's resident artists."

**Alexis** says: "I am covering the role of Lyubasha (the scorned mistress) and singing the role of Dunyasha in Independent Opera Company's *The Tsar's Bride*, performed in Russian. Performances will be this July."

When I asked **Sergey** how he's doing with his post-graduate work at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music I told him that we still think of him frequently (generally positively!!) and this was his response:

"I am super busy, going from one show to the next (unfortunately, not really making a living from it yet), but nonetheless really enjoying it! Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park* was so fun and I learned so much. I have pictures on my new website!  
[www.sergeykhalikulov.com](http://www.sergeykhalikulov.com)

Now it's *Elixir of Love* at SFCM! and next will be *Albert Herring* at SFCM, and in the summer *My Fair Lady* with a company called Broadway by the Bay! All that info is on my website! I am also singing a Sondheim concert in Thousand Oaks on April 11th!

Tell everyone who had positive things to say, I say hi!!!!!! Everyone else....they get a slightly less excited hi!"

**Tina** shares: "My interesting news is that in July Tootsie and I will be celebrating five years of providing animal assisted therapy to hospitals and assisted living facilities. We even received a commendation from St. Vincent Medical Center for volunteering over one hundred hours at the hospital. "

**Katie** has been interviewing at Graduate schools over the past few months and will soon make a decision on a school to begin her Masters of Music degree in Vocal Performance.

*David York, Minister of Music*

## WORK DAY AT LCM

On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will have a workday here at LCM for everyone to come together and help with all the things we do to get the church ready for Easter. Such tasks include ironing the linens, making the bulletins, polishing the silver that is used for Communion, dyeing of the many Easter eggs that will be hidden for the children to find, filling the pews with envelopes and sharpening the pencils. A light breakfast will be provided to give everyone energy. Mark your calendars to join us!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

In March, we received a total of \$16,662.57 in offerings. This brings our year-to-date total to \$39,258.68, or 25.33% of our 2015 giving goal of \$155,000. Thank you!!!

Also in March we received \$525.00 towards Lent. Our year-to-date donations for Lent are now \$1,257.00, which is above our goal of \$1,000. This money will all be given to Habitat for Humanity.

God bless,

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

## LCM IS 75 YEARS OLD IN 2015!

This is a year of celebrations for Lutheran Church of The Master. Each month we are celebrating a part of the history of LCM and celebrating accomplishments made throughout the 75 years.

Our third decade, the 1960's, will be celebrated on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Again there will be special photos creatively displayed by Katherine Hunt. At coffee hour we will host a potluck lunch, so be ready to bring a special treat popular in the 1960's. Just check the Internet - lots of good recipes.

Mark the date!

April 19<sup>th</sup> at Lutheran Church of The Master

## DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS



The April - June edition of the Christ In Our Home devotional booklet is available in the parish house at the front entrance. The Large print edition is also available in the parish house. Be sure to take your copy!

## FLOWER CHART



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| April 5  | Open |
| April 12 | Open |
| April 19 | Open |
| April 26 | Open |

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 \$20 for a single vase and \$40 for both vases.** When paying for the flowers, please include the payment in your offering envelope and make sure to write "flowers" on the envelope.

## DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

The church is planning a outing to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the California Science Center. For the first time in Los Angeles—The California Science Center in cooperation with the Israel Antiquities Authority is proud to present the largest Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition ever mounted outside of Israel. Through multimedia exhibits, guests will explore the science and technology used to date these ancient manuscripts, decipher them, and preserve them for future generations.

(Additionally, you have the opportunity that day to see the National Geographic film Jerusalem 3D in IMAX at that California Science Center. Jerusalem 3D shows at 4:30 p.m. for \$8.25.)

Exhibit tickets are \$21.00. We are meeting at the church at 12:30 p.m. to carpool for a 2:00 p.m. exhibit entry. If you are interested in attending please contact the church office or Pastor ahead of time by email. Reservations are needed for the exhibit so please contact the church about your attendance by Tuesday April 7th.

## COME TO OUR CRAFT DAY

We will meet on April 18<sup>th</sup> to knit or paint or do any other crafts you may like to do. This is a time to come together and enjoy each other's company while doing crafts we love. Come to the Parish House at 11:00 a.m.



- a light lunch will be served. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Barbara Browning at (310) 393-6844.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** **FOR LA PRIDE** **JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup>**

Lutherans Concerned is looking for volunteers from RIC congregations to help us make a splash at L.A. Pride, June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to set up and tear down booths, staff the booths, march in the parade at L.A. Pride. This is a great opportunity to have a lot of fun and spread the word about Welcoming Churches in the area. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Pastor Caleb Crainer at pastor@standrews-wla.org or contact the church office by email. (If you are super excited to volunteer there is also Long Beach Pride May 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, and OC Pride on August 1<sup>st</sup>.)

## **COME TO OUR MEETINGS**

All Council, Budget and Finance, and other Committee meetings are open meetings. Anyone may attend the meetings to observe the proceedings as a guest and is welcome to request voice from the chair. The Council is posting the Council meeting agenda, minutes, and reports in the Parish House for your information. If you have any questions about the meetings or materials, please consult with Kevin or Pastor. Our next Council & Budget and Finance meeting will be on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**



**We keep in prayer:** Arash; Ardavan; David Arriola; Gina Beretta; Barbara Bombach; Francoise Campoverde; Emma Lou Candow; Carol Clarke; Andrew Crean; Faye Daroeian; Debbie Delmonte; Terri Duggan; Robert Duvall; Jane Fan and Alex Lin and family; Karen Friedman; John Hunt; Lois Jackson; Ted and Lynne Jackson; LCpl. Adam Johnson; Betty Johnson; Alex Kasirer; Irwin Keyes; Lydia Kisha; Deborah Kovac; Elizabeth Kovac; Jonathan Kovac; Amy Manning; Gisela Marx; Mohsen; Susan Mortarelli; Steve Newberry; Joe Orue; Harley Rockoff; Millie Rojas; Rosamelida Sandoval; John Savage; Brian Sedlak; Douglas Sedlak; Kathie Shinholster; Hilary Smith; Helena Stark; Kent Weed; William White; Ann Wright; The plight of the Syrian people; Members of our AA Groups

Names may be added to the prayer list by filling out a prayer card in the pew racks or by contacting the office by email.  
Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months.

## **ART BY JOHN JOHNSON** **FOR SALE**

John Johnson is selling his "YES" paintings, which are images of the sun with human shapes forming the rays. They are acrylic painted on a 12-sided canvas, available in various colors and \$150. Talk to John if you are interested.

## **TO CONTACT PASTOR ITTU**

To meet with Pastor, contact him directly at his church e-mail address: iittu@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org. You may also call the church office - Pastor has his own church voice mail - to leave him a private message just call (310) 473-1055 and after the outgoing message begins, press 2 and the # key.

## **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

You can study the Bible every Sunday morning! We Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House and study each week's lessons in advance of the service with Pastor Ittu. Our study of the Bible is in keeping with our Synod's commitment to the ELCA initiative "Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible." Come, grab a donut and a cup of coffee, and experience the power of scripture!

## **COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC**



We are pleased to continue to host the Khosravi-Malakouti Community Law Clinic on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every Month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House

Attorneys John Khosravi and Parviz Malakouti are available to answer your questions regarding your legal problems. Each clinic participant will receive a private 15-minute session to ask questions about a wide variety of civil legal matters. Criminal law issues will not be addressed at the clinic. The service is completely free of charge to participants. Languages spoken include English, Spanish, Persian, and French. Parviz Malakouti is a California licensed attorney and a graduate of UCLA and the University of Miami School of Law. John Khosravi is a California licensed attorney and a graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School.

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

| <b>EVERY SUNDAY</b><br><br>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.<br>Choir Warm-up 10:28 a.m.<br>Worship 11:00 a.m. | <h2 style="text-align: center;">APRIL 2015 CALENDAR</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to CALENDAR at <a href="http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org">http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org</a> for updates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b></p> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>5</b><br><br>Festival of Easter<br>Worship<br>and Easter egg Hunt                                | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>7</b><br><br>AA St. John's Alumni<br>7:30 p.m. Parish House  | <b>8</b><br><br>AA Step Study<br>7:00 p.m. Sanctuary                                                                                      | <b>9</b><br><br>No Choir Rehearsal                                                                  | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>11</b><br>Council/Budget and<br>Finance Meeting<br>9:00 a.m.<br><br>Dead Sea Scrolls<br>12:30 p.m. |                                                                                     |
| <b>12</b>                                                                                           | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>14</b><br><br>AA St. John's Alumni<br>7:30 p.m. Parish House | <b>15</b><br>Community Law Clinic<br>6:30 p.m. Parish House<br><br>AA Step Study<br>7:00 p.m. Sanctuary                                   | <b>16</b><br><br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 p.m.                                                       | <b>17</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>18</b><br>Craft Day<br>11:00 a.m.                                                                  |                                                                                     |
| <b>19</b><br>LCM's 75th Anniversary<br>1960's Celebration                                           | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>21</b><br><br>AA St. John's Alumni<br>7:30 p.m. Parish House | <b>22</b><br>LA Metro<br>Spring Conference Assembly<br>Community Lutheran Church<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>AA Step Study<br>7:00 p.m. Sanctuary | <b>23</b><br><br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 p.m.                                                       | <b>24</b><br><br>Masters Notes<br>articles<br>due in office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>25</b>                                                                                             |                                                                                     |
| <b>26</b>                                                                                           | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>28</b><br><br>AA St. John's Alumni<br>7:30 p.m. Parish House | <b>29</b><br><br>AA Step Study<br>7:00 p.m. Sanctuary                                                                                     | <b>30</b><br><br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30 p.m.                                                       | <b>April Birthdays</b><br>Nancy Ruczynski – April 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Hazel Wetts – April 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Eric Ormsby – April 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Deborah Kovac – April 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Barbara Foss – April 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Maria Gustafsson Grant – April 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Charlene MacKenzie – April 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Dave Shelton – April 26 <sup>th</sup><br>Robin Nickel – April 30 <sup>th</sup> |                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

## APRIL 2015 SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

| <b>USHERS</b>          | <b>ACOLYTE</b>  | <b>READERS</b>                                                       | <b>ASSISTANT</b>   | <b>COUNTERS</b>        |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>April 5</b>         | <b>April 5</b>  | <b>April 5</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b>                               | <b>April 5</b>     | <b>April 5</b>         |
| Maria Gustafsson Grant | Jeremy Nickel   | Deborah Kovac<br>Isaiah 60:1-6<br><b>and</b><br>Ephesians 3:1-12     | Yalda Riahi        | Barbara Browning       |
| Julie Johnson          |                 |                                                                      |                    | Ronald Nickel          |
|                        |                 |                                                                      |                    |                        |
| <b>April 12</b>        | <b>April 12</b> | <b>April 12</b><br><b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>                    | <b>April 12</b>    | <b>April 12</b>        |
| Fred Ascher            | Jeremy Nickel   | Fred Ascher<br>Acts 4:32-35<br><b>and</b><br>1 John 1:1-2:2          | Deborah Kovac      | Sara McGah             |
| Carlos Valera          |                 |                                                                      |                    | Joshua Nickel          |
|                        |                 |                                                                      |                    |                        |
| <b>April 19</b>        | <b>April 19</b> | <b>April 19</b><br><b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>                     | <b>April 19</b>    | <b>April 19</b>        |
| Kevin Grant            | Jeremy Nickel   | Maria Gustafsson Grant<br>Acts 3:12-19<br><b>and</b><br>1 John 3:1-7 | Emily Jackson-Yano | Maria Gustafsson Grant |
| Bryan Yamasaki         |                 |                                                                      |                    | Barbara Browning       |
|                        |                 |                                                                      |                    |                        |
| <b>April 26</b>        | <b>April 26</b> | <b>April 26</b><br><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>                    | <b>April 26</b>    | <b>April 26</b>        |
| Fred Ascher            | Jeremy Nickel   | John Johnson<br>Acts 4:5-12<br><b>and</b><br>1 John 3:16-24          | Tom Jacobson       | Emily Jackson-Yano     |
| Manny Cabacungan       |                 |                                                                      |                    | Tom Jacobson           |
|                        |                 |                                                                      |                    |                        |