

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
a Reconciling in Christ congregation

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Craig Shepherd 2000

FROM THE PASTOR

Our church does worship, in a traditional style, very well. Thank you, David! We are also pretty organized. Thank you, Robin and Council! We are also good with money. Thank you Ken, Emily and all the generous people that give to LCM! People comment to me that one of our strengths is welcoming people as they are. You don't have to hide who you are, or explain yourself, or beg for acceptance. Our motley crew will accept you as you are and love you as best we can. Thank you all!!!

As I was thinking about our church's strengths, I thought of a conversation where a pastor friend told me about how different people live out their faith. Different people connect to God in different ways. Therefore churches need to be able to provide multiple ways to grow or deepen one's relationship with God. If you connect to God through thoughtful contemplative worship that brings a sense of peace, then I think we are doing a good job for you. If you connect to God through study and discussion, there are churches that would probably do a better job at meeting your spiritual needs than LCM.

I'm hoping to add compassionate service to those in need as one of our strengths. Perhaps loving your neighbor is your way to deep your faith? I hope this year to experiment with expanding our opportunities for compassionate service. I hope our church can offer more regular opportunities for you to make someone's life in LA a bit better. Got any ideas for service? Know of any problems that need loving people?

Ioan Ittu, Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT



After the Congregational meeting, I was informed that there are six people who want to become members of our church. I take that as good news for 2014. This year we will also start to see improvements happen on the building.

I want to keep that momentum rolling, so this month I want to do something a little different. I would like to hear from the members of the congregation. Not just the regulars that I see at all the Council meetings, but the rest of the members of the church.

If you're reading this now, send me an email: geneticmind@yahoo.com.

Tell me why you come here. Tell me what you like about the church, what you find inspiring. What bothers you, what worries you? What do you like for lunch after the service? What happened at another church that you like better? And then take it one step further and explain how these changes could make this a better church.

I know most new people find us through our website, that's why it was so important to develop something we could update quickly by ourselves. Visitors always comment on the strength of our music program and the quality of our choir, but I want to know what else they are thinking. And I specially want to know what the members of our congregation are thinking.

Kevin Grant, President

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

Robert Ray's GOSPEL MASS
for Jazz Trio with
guest soloist, Griffith Frank
Sunday, February 23



Robert Ray

African-American composer Robert Ray wrote "Gospel Mass" over 30 years ago as an outgrowth of his work as a committee member of the National Office of Black Catholics. The committee was tasked with searching out and creating liturgical music in the Black Gospel tradition to respond to the reforms in the Catholic Church in the mid-1960's. With the Second Vatican Council the Church brought the language of the mass into the vernacular and whole new bodies of music were needed to support these liturgical changes.

The premiere performance of "Gospel Mass" was given by some of Ray's students at the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1979. The composer was surprised when the work caught on and became an important part of the African-American sacred concert repertoire. Since Ray didn't consider himself a trained composer he felt that the success of the Mass was the result of divine inspiration. Created in a short two-week time period Ray has said, "He was working with me. God controls everything I do."

Robert Ray recalls the story behind the "Acclamation"-Hallelujah, Praise the Lord:

"It was written the night before the premiere and taught by rote to the chorus. I came in and taught it that night!"

Using an accompaniment of piano, bass guitar and drums, Ray set the traditional mass text, with some textual insertions, in the musical language of African-American music through a synthesis of jazz, gospel & classical styles. The work may be performed in a concert setting or liturgically, with movements placed throughout the service, as we'll be doing at LCM on the 23rd. We're happy to welcome back our former

tenor section leader Griffith Frank who will serve as soloist.

Please join us for worship on this special music Sunday.

David York, Minister of Music

FINANCIAL UPDATE



In January we received **\$8,251** in donations. This is equivalent to **5.68%** of our 2014 budget goal of **\$145,200**. Thank you for generosity. God bless.

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

FLOWER CHART



February 2	Bettijune Fanning, in memory of Mike and Peggy Harthan's marriage in 1940.
February 9	Open
February 16	Open
February 23	Bettijune Fanning, in memory of Mike Harthan's birthday.

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 (note the price increase for 2014).** When paying for the flowers, please include the payment in your offering envelope and **make sure to write "flowers" on the envelope.**

COME TO OUR CRAFT DAY

We will meet on February 15th 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.

COME TO OUR MEETINGS

Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. Our Council/Finance Meeting will be on February 10th at 6:00 p.m. You are also welcome to join us for dinner at around 5:30 p.m., sponsored by one of the council members. All are welcome!

LGBTQ INTERN PASTOR

The Seminary intern at St. Paul's Lutheran Church will preach at our worship on February 9th. Last year Lutheran Church of The Master helped start an internship for LGBTQ persons seeking to become a pastor, filling a void left by congregations unwilling to take an LGBTQ seminarian as an intern pastor. Last academic year, LCM members generously contributed \$3000 to make this internship possible. This year the LCM Foundation has contributed the same amount.

Becca Seely is the 2013-2014 pastoral intern at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Santa Monica. She hails from St. Louis, MO, though more recently she completed her Master of Divinity at Yale Divinity School in Connecticut and her "Lutheran Year" at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. She is enjoying her internship very much and is grateful for all she is learning about ministry in the Southern California sunshine.

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.

LA MARATHON SUNDAY MARCH 9TH

Lutheran Church of The Master will volunteer at water station 19 in front of the church on that Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Limited accessibility during the Marathon to our property prevents us from having our worship at the regular 11:00 a.m. Sunday time. There will be **no worship that Sunday** and instead will have a day of service in the community by passing out water. There will be an **evening worship service on Saturday night** the 8th at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to help with the Marathon, please sign up with Robin ahead of time by calling or emailing the church office. You can also register through the church website.

Saturday Evening Worship March 8th

Lutheran Church of The Master will have an evening worship service at LCM on Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Our property won't be easily accessible to us on Sunday with the Marathon passing directly in front of church on Santa Monica Blvd. The service will be a simplified evening liturgy meant to help us end our day in thankfulness for all God has done for us that day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Date: Friday, February 14th at 5:30 p.m. - Sunday,
February 16th at 1:00 p.m.

The middle school youth of Lutheran Church of The Master and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church will be going for a winter weekend retreat to the Lutheran camp at El Camino Pines. Confirmation students and their friends are welcome.

The theme for the retreat is: "Jesus tells us a story of two sons. The younger gets sick of home and leaves. The older struggles with jealousy and loyalty to his family. The dad shows compassion for each of his sons, regardless of their decisions. How could this father be so abundant in grace? So, who are you in this story?"

Registration:

Youth \$140, Adults \$90

Contact Pastor Ittu if you are interested in attending.

OUR PRAYER LIST

We keep in prayer: Peggy Anderson; Joe Barillari; Barbara Bombach; Elaine Boyer; Emma Lou Candow; Sam Carter; Carol Clarke; Faye Daroeian; Lorena Durston; Robert Duvall; Robert Eurice; Claudia Esperanza; Jane Fan and Alex Lin and family; Robert Fischman; Marvin Frank; Karen Friedman; Bennie Goings; Leah Hoffmitz; Lois Jackson; Ted and Lynne Jackson; LCpl. Adam Johnson; Betty Johnson; Jason Johnson; Merle Johnson; Pastor Ray Kibler; Jonathan Kovac; Pat Maimone; Gisela Marx; Tonia Murdock; Steve Newberry; Pastor Carlos Paiva; Harley Rockoff; Dr. Alvaro Rojas; Mary Savage; Helena Stark; Millie Ross-Clunis Stephens; Tom Stephens; Maggie Sutcliffe; Corinne Weitzman; Doreen and Gordon Widdop; Frances Willms; Jane Withers; the Syrian people; Members of our AA Groups

Note about the Prayer List:

Lutheran Church of The Master is honored to be able to pray on behalf of you and your loved ones. With other recent minor changes to our worship bulletin, we have decided to start a policy of keeping names on our prayer list for 3 months. On March 2nd many of the names on the current prayer list will arrive at the end of their 3-month period. If you want a name to continue on the prayer list, please feel encouraged to add the name again for another 3-month period. There are prayer cards in the pew. The office can be contacted by email to add a name to the prayer list. The pastor is also available to hear prayer requests, both private and those announced in worship.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

EVERY SUNDAY Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Choir Warm-up 10:28 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	FEBRUARY 2014 CALENDAR Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates. Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.					
February Birthdays						
Jackie Savagee – February 4 th Jeffrey Fichtner – February 6 th Charles Perichini – February 9 th John Dahl – February 12 th Alexis Wesley – February 23 rd						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 4:30-7:30 p.m. Sanctuary		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		Cello Concert - Pierre 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 4:30-7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	Council/Budget and Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.	AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		Craft Day 11:00 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 4:30-7:30 p.m. Sanctuary		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	Masters Notes articles due in office. AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 4:30-7:30 p.m. Sanctuary		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		

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FEBRUARY 2014 SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
February 2	February 2	February 2 Presentation of Our Lord	February 2	February 2
Fariba Kharazmi	Jeremy Nickel	Bryan Yamasaki	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Robin Nickel		Malachi 3:1-4		Ronald Nickel
		and		
		Hebrews 2:14-18		
February 9	February 9	February 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	February 9	February 9
Kevin Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Yalda Riahi	Emily Jackson-Yano	Sara McGah
Bryan Yamasaki		Isaiah 58:1-9a		Joshua Nickel
		and		
		1 Corinthians 2:1-12		
February 16	February 16	February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	February 16	February 16
Maria Gustafsson Grant		Millie Rojas	Tom Jacobson	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Julie Johnson		Deuteronomy 30:15-20		Millie Rojas
		and		
		1 Corinthians 3:1-9		
February 23	February 23	February 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	February 23	February 23
Fariba Kharazmi	Jeremy Nickel	John Johnson	Yalda Riahi	Emily Jackson-Yano
Robin Nickel		Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18		Tom Jacobson
		and		
		1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23		