

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

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a Reconciling in Christ congregation

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Thoughts from Pastor Peg



Dear Friends in Christ,
I reflect with you here on three LCM related moments on my recent calendar.

First up was LCM choir member, David Childs, singing on his concluding Sunday as a regular singer among us. David has made a vocational decision to begin the preparation required to serve as a Cantor within his Jewish faith. We sent him off with our blessings mid-June. (He will return Sunday, August 12th as a summer musician and will sing a Mendelsohn piece based on 1st Kings.) As you may know, I serve on the ELCA Consultative Panel for Lutheran/Jewish Relations. David and I have enjoyed a good number of conversations following worship on what it means for each of us to delight in each other's work and perspectives.

On August 12th when David is with us as a summer singer LCM will present him a copy of The Jewish Annotated New Testament as a token of our esteem and of my encouragement for David to continue to engage in inter-religious conversations. All of the annotations in this rich resource are written by Jewish scholars. It is intended to be used by Christians and Jews alike in helping us deepen respectful dialogue. I remain grateful for the opportunities David's time at LCM has given for us to share in this dialogue together. I hope you can all be in worship on August 12th.

Secondly, during lunch after worship on a recent Sunday, I asked newly baptized Amin Shafiei to teach us

how to say "God loves you" in Persian. I videotaped him teaching Jon Barrett who repeated back with his lovely English accent. It was a rich time, peppered with laughter as we each tried our hand at this beautiful language. I have been also practicing "welcome" which we have written in our bulletins in Arabic, Spanish, Persian and English – to reflect the communities around us. How blessed LCM is to be located in such a multi-lingual, multi-cultured place. Christ draws us together through water and word, bread and wine.

Third on my calendar was seeing Tar, one of the plays in Tom Jacobson's Bimini Trilogy. Kudos to Tom for this smartly written provocative play that deals, among other issues, with racism in the 1930s which is also critically timely today. Using humor and wit, Tom weaves historical fact with fresh insight. It takes care and skill to craft characters with whom audiences can connect and empathize, and Tom does this masterfully, drawing the audience in to each intense dilemma.

One image that will stay with me is how the African American character cleverly reverses the horrors of racism to entice the white man who fell into the Tar Pits to not quickly wash away his instantly acquired blackness. Why wash it off when you'd have much shorter lines at the Colored drinking fountains? etc. The audience groaningly laughs at the depths of such a twist. Tar makes you think, an important quality for a play in my book. Thanks to Tom for his wise gifted writing.

And Happy July to you as we savor the green Pentecost season of growth in Christ's love! New members unite with LCM on Sunday July 15th at 11:00 a.m. Please be present to welcome them.

+Pastor Peg

From the President



Highlights of June 9th Council Meeting:

- The LAPD Trespass Arrest Authorization document was renewed.
- Emily Jackson-Yano's Financial Secretary's Report and Designated Reports were reviewed and approved.
- Average attendance for May was 53.5 people.
- Kenneth Roehrs presented the Treasurer's Report for May and reviewed the account balances as of May 31st.
- We are working to build a restroom in narthex, the committee members are: Joshua Nickel, Ron Nickel, Emily Jackson-Yano, Sara McGah and Kenneth Roehrs.
- Steve Weiss reported that the UCLA Chapel is as closing, but will remain under the ministry of Winnetka Lutheran Church. We will be inviting UCLA students to LCM. Steve will be putting an advert in the Daily Bruin.
- Three banners, at a cost of \$150.00, have been ordered to place out in front of the church to advertise our events.
- Steve Weiss and Barbara Browning attended the Homeless Coalition meeting at St. Monica's in Santa Monica on June 6th. The homeless numbers have decreased in LA over the last year partially due to the increase in housing for veteran. The resources in LA are limited, but Ballot Measure H is providing some financial support.
- David York will be on vacation for 4 Sundays in July. Leah Chang will be our organist those Sundays.
- Game Night – July 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- Movie Night – September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. – Rick Steeves – Tour of Iran
- Steve Weiss and John Johnson will follow-up on details for a Craft Day for August 4th at 10:30 a.m. John August Swanson, artist, will bring his art and John Johnson will demonstrate his weaving technique of painting
- Joshua Nickel will follow up with Sara about getting more information on the project involving homeless individuals sleeping in their cars in the parking lot.
- July 1 Stewardship meeting.

Kevin Grant, President

From the Minister of Music

During the summer months we are fortunate to have soloists from the LCM choir add their voices and instruments to worship.

7/1- Bret Noel, baritone; French horn

7/8- DeJuan Ruffin, baritone

7/15- Emily Rosenberg, soprano

7/22- Tina Appel, soprano; flute

7/29- Thomas Hollow, tenor

David York, Minister of Music

Weicheng Zhao - Director of Music - All Saints-Pasadena

After a nine-month national search, Weicheng Zhao, currently All Saints Church's Organist/Associate Choirmaster, has been called to be All Saints Church's next Director of Music. He will begin his new post on August 1st, 2018. Weicheng recently received his D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts) from the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California and is an internationally renowned musician. The search process involved reviewing more than 80 applicants and interviewing some tremendously talented musicians. Lutheran Church of The Master treasures our relationship with Weicheng and Fang - David York was one of Weicheng's mentors in his beginning church work. LCM congratulates Weicheng on his success and wishes blessings on his continued career.

Call Committee Update

Thank you for your prayers and participation in the Call Process.

The pastoral candidate recommended by the Call Committee did not receive a 2/3 majority vote at the Congregational Meeting on June 10th. The next step in the Call Process is for the Call Committee to interview Pastor Peg. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Browning, Tom Jacobson or Deborah Kovac.

Financial Update

Happy Summer everyone!

In June you donated **\$6,495.00** to the General Fund. This brings the year to date total to **\$48,315.59**, or **43.92%** of our 2018 goal of **\$110,000**.

In addition, donations for our Memory Outreach Project is now at **\$1,450.00**.

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

Game Night - Saturday, July 28th



On July 28th, LCM will have another Game Night in the Parish House. The night will start at 5:30 p.m. and will include dinner. For those who have never been to a game night, this is a time that we all get together and play board games, have a good time laughing, and just enjoy each other's company. So please put this date on your calendar and plan on coming out for good food, good friends and good fun.

Craft Day Double Feature August 4th

A special Craft Day will occur on August 4th. Famous local artist John August Swanson will be our special guest. See his work at <http://johnaugustswanson.com>. Plus our own John Johnson will be demonstrating his unique technique weaving 2 paintings into 1. As usual the fun begins at 11:00 a.m. and a light lunch will be provided.



Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium Saturday August 25th, 6:10 p.m.



Invite your family and friends to join us for a wonderful night of baseball fun as we join other churches in our synod at Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium. This is a great event which doubles as a fundraising effort to benefit Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Southern California! A donation to LSS is included in the price. The cost for each ticket starts at \$33.00 plus a service fee. If you are interested in going to the game, notify the church office or talk with Joshua Nickel for more information. The more who go, the better the ticket price.

Flower Chart



July 1	Charles Peruchini
July 8	Open
July 15	Open
July 22	Open
July 29	Robert Richards

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. Note: the cost in 2018 is \$15 for a single vase and \$30 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.

Devotional Booklets

The July - September edition of the Christ In Our Home devotional booklet is available in the Narthex and in the Parish House. The large-print edition is also available. Be sure to take your copy!

New Restroom Committee

Lutheran Church of The Master is embarking on a project to add a new restroom in the narthex that is easily accessible to all of our parishioners every Sunday. The first step in this process is to determine what exactly our needs are. In order to do that, we will be forming a new ad-hoc committee that will be tasked with the planning, design, and oversee construction of the new restroom. If you would like to join the committee you can talk with Joshua. Our first meeting date will be announced shortly.

Free Community Law Clinic



Attorney Parviz Malakouti continues to host the Community Law Clinic to provide free legal consultations to individuals, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **The next clinic will be on July 18th.**

Helping the Homeless



John Johnson, our office manager, continues to hand out lunches, hygiene kits and limited items of clothing to the homeless. If you would like to contribute food, we can use individual packaged items such as easy-open cans of tuna, meat, fruit, pudding, cheese and crackers, energy/protein bars, juices and small bottles of water. If you would like to contribute to the hygiene kits, we need travel-size tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes and gallon-size resealable plastic bags. Desired clothing items include new socks, underwear and t-shirts. Thank you for being a part of our ministry to the homeless.

Invitation to Explore Scripture



Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the parish house as we preview and discuss one of the scripture passages we'll hear during that day's worship. Leah Chang continues to facilitate; all participants continue as teachers. Added incentives? You can enjoy a donut and a cup of coffee, lemonade, or tea! Hope to see you there!

Simply Giving

You may wish to consider making your contributions online. Contributions may be made to Lutheran Church of The Master with the secure Electronic Giving service of Vanco Services and Thrivent for Lutherans, using the Simply Giving link on the church website:

lutheran.churchofthemaster.org Click on the Give Online tab.

There is no cost to you for this program. You may donate to the church either in one-time contributions or in an ongoing arrangement for regular offerings. You may have your offerings debited directly from your checking or savings account or from your credit card - you manage the donation frequency and the donation amount for each fund you wish to support. Register by clicking on the Give Online tab to communicate directly and securely with Vanco Services. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office (310) 473-1055.

Master's Notes by Email

Do you want to help the environment by saving paper? If you do not already do so, you can still sign up to have your Master's Notes delivered to you through your email? If you would like to be added to the list, contact us at mastersnotes@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org.

Large-Print Bulletins

Did you know that the worship bulletins are available in large-print format on Sunday mornings? Thanks to John Johnson, who instigated the idea, the large-print bulletins also include the hymns to be sung from the red book. Be sure to ask the ushers for a copy.

Fellowship Brunch



Are you interested in contributing something to our weekly fellowship brunch such as sandwiches, pizza, dessert, or anything of your liking? If so, please contact Barbara at (310) 393-6844.

Our Prayer List



We keep in prayer: Tony Avila, David Arriola, Laura Bay, Karen Beatty, Gina Beretta, Melissa Bomes, Linda Burch, Yuby Calderon, Francoise Campoverde, Jane Catchpole, Sonia Casas, Victoria and J. W. Chavier Sr., Andrew Crean, Edita Cabacungan Donnelly and family, Ernie Durston, Sara Ehrman, Sandy Elliot, Bensiyon Eyice, Mohamad Fatemeh, Kevin Field, Emmett Fisher, The Gunderson Family, Dumitra Ittu, Bryan Jackson, Ted and Lynne Jackson, Tom and Lois Jackson, Daryl Johnson, Malinda Jones, Mary Kay, Rossen Kirilov, Elizabeth Kovac, Jonathan Kovac, Peter Lewis, Dagny Lund, Charlene MacKenzie, Ma, Jeff, Lester Mahaffay, Jean Medina, Frank Nakamura, Kaitlyn Nickel, Bobby Orue, the family of Kim Popov, Meghan Reul, Harley Rockoff, Tim Rutherford, Rosamelida Sandoval, Hilary Smith, the family and friends of Michele Smith, Alireza Soulati, Peter Stackhouse, Huiling Sun, Polina Tashlitskaya, Sophie Umhofer, John Warren, Kent Weed, Shawn Willcuts, Mary Ann Wright, Hideto Yano, the plight of the Syrian people and refugees and immigrants everywhere, all who share the Holy Land, and 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.

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Every Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 12:15 p.m.	<h2 style="margin: 0;">July 2018 Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: 0.9em;">Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: 0.8em; text-align: center;">Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>						
1	2	3 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	4 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	5 Choir Rehearsal Resumes in September	6	7	
8	9	10 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	11 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	12	13	14 Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. Parish House	
15 New Members Sunday	16	17 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	18 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	19	20	21 Craft Day 11:00 a.m.	
22	23	24 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	25 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	26 Masters Notes articles due in office.	27	28 Game Night 5:30 p.m.	
29	30	31 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House			July Birthdays Bryan Yamasaki – July 8 th Tina Appel - July 10 th Chris Ah San – July 11 th Greg Sliskovich – July 19 th Charles Bialek – July 24 th Rev. Ioan Ittu - July 30 th Alex Fan - July 30 th Katherine Hunt - July 31 st		

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July 2018 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

USHERS	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
July 1	July 1 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	July 1	July 1
Carlos Valera	Charles Peruchini Lamentations 3:22-33 and 2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Emily Jackson-Yano	Joshua Nickel
Steve Weiss			Millie Rojas
July 8	July 8 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	July 8	July 8
Kevin Grant	Barbara Browning Ezekiel 2:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Maria Gustafsson Grant			Maria Gustafsson Grant
July 15	July 15 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Affirmation of Baptism	July 15	July 15
Julie Johnson	Deborah Kovac Amos 7:7-15 and Ephesians 1:3-14	Emily Jackson-Yano	Emily Jackson-Yano
Carlos Valera			Steve Weiss
July 22	July 22 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost	July 22	July 22
Fred Ascher	Fred Ascher Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Ephesians 2:11-22	Maria Gustafsson Grant	Joshua Nickel
Steve Weiss			Millie Rojas
July 29	July 29 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	July 29	July 29
Leah Chang	Millie Rojas 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Ephesians 3:14-21	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Charlotte Johnson			Steve Weiss