

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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FROM THE PASTOR

What would Lutheran Church of the Master be like if we grew to have 100 people in worship? This is the question our 5-year planning process needed to discuss. In most churches it takes about 100 church members to cover budgetary spending habits similar to ours. (As always I thank the generous people of Lutheran Church of the Master for being able to do this with our current small bulk.) Do we have enough space for 100 people? In worship? In fellowship? In our lives?

How will your life at Lutheran Church of the Master be different with 100 people? Will you have more friends? Will you have less pastor? Probably. Will there be more hands that make lighter work? Maybe. Will there be new challenges? Definitely.

The biggest and most important change and challenge will be intentionally including. Being cordial to someone one Sunday is not the same as intentionally including. Each of us must consider changing the way we are accustomed to behaving to intentionally include new sensitivities. Would you be willing to open your social circle, who you invite to dinner, invite to your home, who you call when you don't see them in a while, to intentionally include new friends?

The time to establish and practice this intentional inclusion is now. 100 people in worship maybe be 5 years away, but there are new people, new friends, around us now. What can you do to help Lutheran Church of the Master include and welcome more people?

Ioan Ittu, Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Highlights from the May council meeting:

We will be buying a recording module for our sound system in next few weeks. This represents the completion of last year's Memory Month goal.

There is still room on our Five Year planning committees, if you want to help shape the church's future. Contact Pastor Ittu or myself, Kevin Grant.

Kevin Grant, President

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Donations for May, including online giving, were \$9,269.53, bringing us to \$70,343.69 so far this year. This is 43.51% of our goal of \$161,665.00 for 2012. Memory Month donations as of May 27 are \$850.00 – Thank you!

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

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.

Note: Pastor Ittu will be on vacation starting June 25th through July 6th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please leave a message with the church office and we will contact the on-call pastor.

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

June is traditionally a month of celebrations, transitions and a gentle ease into summer mode and this is the case for the music program at Lutheran Church of the Master.

On **June 3rd**, "Trinity Sunday", we'll sing favorite hymns such as "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" and the choir will present music by David Hurd, George Bayley and Jeffrey Rickard. Our musical guest for the morning will be violinist Alex Regalado.

At 4:00pm the LCM choir joins together with other singers to present a service of **Evensong** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in San Pedro. This traditional afternoon service will include readings, sung prayers, choral music and a homily by Pastor Ittu.

The choirs will premiere a musical piece written especially for the occasion.

St. Peter's is a beautiful and interesting building architecturally. While the first St. Peter's church was built in 1883, the current building was constructed in a modern style in 1954. It contains one of the first freestanding altars in an Episcopal church west of the Mississippi. Like many Lutheran churches, the clergy traditionally faced an altar attached to the wall during services. The church sanctuary features lovely stained glass windows, two tracker-action organs and an interesting rood screen or choir screen enclosing the choir area. (Some of our choir members felt like they were in jail last year when we sang there!)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located at 1648 W. 9th St., 90732, in San Pedro. I hope you'll join us!

LCM has long been an advocate for full inclusion of gay and lesbian persons in the life of the church and so on **June 10th**, the weekend of LGBT Pride in West Hollywood, we will present **A Heart to Praise Our God- A Hymn Festival Celebrating Lesbian and Gay Poets and Composers** during our 11:00 worship. The service will be structured around a number of familiar and less familiar hymns and the stories of their poets and composers. Other music of the service will honor the contributions of LGBT composers.

When Katherine Lee Bates visited Colorado's lovely Pike's Peak in 1893 its "spacious skies" and "purple mountain's majesties" moved her to pen the famous

text to "America the Beautiful". We'll hear her story and the fact that that she shared her life for over 25 years with fellow Wellesley College faculty member Katherine Coman.

Did you know that the choir has sung over 70 anthems since September? (That's not including Psalms, service music and solos.) On **June 17th**, the last Sunday of the choir year, we will recognize and thank the choir members and musicians for all they bring to our worship life.

The choir members will choose the choral music of the day. We'll hear their favorites from this past season.

We are very fortunate to have the help of section leaders supporting the work of the choir. I so greatly enjoy working with these fine musicians. Three of our singers are moving on to other phases of their lives and careers:

Griffith Frank began work as tenor section leader in April 2010. He recently graduated from UCLA and he will move to another church job this summer.

Kelci Hahn joined the LCM choir in October 2009. She has just completed her teaching credential at UCLA and this fall will be teaching high school choral music away from the Los Angeles area.

Sergey Khalikulov has been a bass section leader since September 2008. Sergey graduated last year with a music degree from UCLA and this fall he has been accepted into the Master's Degree program at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music where he plans to continue his vocal studies.

We will miss these singers who have become a part of our LCM family. Please join us on the 17th as we thank Griffith, Kelci and Sergey and all of the choir members for service to the church.

We also congratulate Bass Section Leader **Ryan Thorn** on attaining his MM degree from UCLA this month. Ryan will remain in Los Angeles and be with us again next Year.

As we begin our summer worship services on **June 24th**, all of the hymns and service music will be led by the congregation. In addition, each Sunday we will enjoy the musical contributions of vocal soloist or instrumentalist.

David York, Minister of Music

MEMORY MONTH 2012

Memory Month began on Mothers' Day, May 13th and ends on Fathers' Day June 17th. Memory Month provides us with a time to honor and remember those we love. The money given is put toward a special project selected by the Church Council from recommendations given by the congregation. This year the donations will fund the purchase of 4 appropriate chairs for the chancel area. As you may or may not have noticed, we are using an array of chairs for Pastor Ittu, Jeremy, our acolyte, the assistants and readers. Purchasing like chairs, appropriate for the chancel, would add uniformity and beauty to the chancel. This year would have been our founding Pastor Candow's 100th Birthday, so the Council would like to honor the Candow family this year and these chairs would be dedicated to them. Your gifts toward Memory Month would be very much appreciated to make this project a reality.

Thank you for your generosity:

Barbara Browning:
in memory of her parents,
Albert and Elva Browning.

Barbara Browning:
in memory of Lilli and Don Foltz.

Xiujuan (Jane) Fan:
in honor of Pastor Ittu.

Russell Fung:
in memory of the one year I spent in Los Angeles when work was not going so great and LCM provided me love, friendship, and spiritual nourishment to keep me going.

Joan Ittu:
in memory and honor of the previous pastors of LCM

Tom Jacobson:
in memory of his Aunt Candace Corzier
and his father, Eugene Jacobson

Sara McGah:
in memory of her parents, Tom and Russella McGah

Hazel and Wayne Wetts:
in memory of their son, Rick Wetts

Ty Woodward

*Contributions received as of May 20, 2012.
Please notify the office of necessary corrections.*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



You can study the Bible every Sunday morning. We meet at 9:45 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!

JUNE SOCIAL EVENT: HIP-HOP WORSHIP

As part of our continued support of New City Parish, we will attend their monthly Hip-Hop worship on June 22nd. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. – Please join us and bring a friend! Ascension Lutheran Church is located at 5820 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90043

FLOWER CHART



June 3	Open
June 10	Jim and Linda Burch, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, With much love in celebration of Ryan Thorn's graduation (M.M.) from UCLA. We are so grateful to the whole church community for the support and kindness you have extended to our son.
June 17	David York, in honor of the choir
June 24	Emily Jackson-Yano, in honor of Bryan Jackson's High School graduation.

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 paying for the flowers, please include the payment in your offering envelope and **make sure to write "flowers" on the envelope.**

DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT? ... WANT TO LEARN?



We will be meeting on June 16th to knit or learn to knit together. Please come to knit together in 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.

NEW CITY PARISH



New City Parish of Los Angeles needs your help! If you have volunteered before at other places, you know what the feeling is like to know that you are making a difference in people's life and in your community. New City Parish of Los Angeles invites volunteers to serve at their food-distribution sites; as tutors for after-school, as nurses for parish nursing and health fair, or as contributing writers for their newsletter and e-news. To find out more about their needs, please visit their Website at: www.newcityparish.org Click on the Donation and Volunteers link and fill out the form to let them know about your gifts and talents and how you would like to help them out.

COUNCIL AND FINANCE MEETING INFORMATION

All Council and Budget and Finance 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 Congregation 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.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

On Saturday, June 23rd, from 9 a.m. to Noon, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Santa Monica will host a paper and document shredding event at their church. The event is being sponsored by Thrivent and there is no cost to anyone that comes to use the service. St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 958 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact their church office at (310) 451-1346.

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 the church office by Friday at noon or call Barbara at (310) 393-6844.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Peggy Anderson

Dolores Brown (friend of Peggy Anderson)
Julie and Patrick Brown (friends of Peggy Anderson)
Becky and Koa Bruinakool
(family of Barbara Browning)

Emma Lou Candow
Martic Colman (nephew of Mary and John Savage)
Mike Conway
Donna Crean

Diane Eunice (niece of Peggy Anderson)
Marvin Frank (grandfather of Griffith Frank)
Virginia Frank (mother of Griffith Frank)

The family and friends of Tom Fuentes
who was a friend of Pastor Richards
Bennie Goings (cousin of Ramone Muñoz)
Leah Hoffmitz (friend of Tom Jacobson)
Lois Jackson (mother of Emily Jackson-Yano)
LCpl. Adam Johnson, USMC
(brother of Julie Johnson)

Jason Johnson, US Army (cousin of Julie Johnson)
Rosana Johnson (grandmother of Julie Johnson)
Pastor Ray Kibler

The Family and friends of Jonathan Kovac
(brother of Deborah Warren)
Cecille Lanthier (mother of Ray Lanthier)
The family and friends of Lloyd Lockwood
Gisela Marx

Mike Metzger (son of Peggy Anderson)
Janice Newberry (family of Steve Newberry)
Pastor Carlos Paiva

Millie Ross-Clunis Stephens
(friend of Sarah Knickerbocker)
Frances Willms

Hideto Yano (father-in-law of Emily Jackson-Yano)
The plight of the Syrian Peoples
Members of the AA Groups
Our sister congregations in the LA Metro Conference,
especially our neighbors at St. Andrew's Lutheran,
as they call a new pastor.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

EVERY SUNDAY		JUNE 2012 CALENDAR					
Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Choir Warm-up 10:28 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.		Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates. Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.					
June Birthdays 							
3 Evensong at St. Peter's In San Pedro 4:00 p.m.	4 Arte Musica Rehearsal 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	5 Budget and Finance Meeting 7:30 p.m. AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	6 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	7 Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m.	8 June Social Event: Hip Hop Worship at Holy Trinity 7:00 p.m.	9 Men's Bible Breakfast at Mt. Olive 8:00 a.m. Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	
10 Reconciling in Christ Sunday UCLA Senior Recital – Emily Lezin 2:00 p.m. Sanctuary	11	12 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	13 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	14 Choir Rehearsals Resume in September	15	16 Knitting Group 11:00 a.m. Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Jouyssance Concert 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	
17 Father's Day Choir Recognition Sunday	18	19 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	20 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	21 Masters Notes articles due in office.	22 June Social Event: Hip-Hop Worship at Ascension 7:00 p.m.	23 Paper Shredding at St. Paul's 9:00 a.m. Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	
24	25	26 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	27 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	28	29 Opera Rehearsal 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	30 Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	

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JUNE 2012 SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
June 3	June 3	June 3	June 3	June 3
Julie Johnson	Jeremy Nickel	Barbara Browning Isaiah 6:1-8 and Romans 8:12-17	Emily Jackson-Yano	Barbara Browning
Robin Nickel				Ronald Nickel
June 10	June 10	June 10	June 10	June 10
Maria Gustafsson Grant	Jeremy Nickel		Kaitlyn Nickel	Amanda Bialek
Julie Johnson				Maria Gustafsson Grant
June 17	June 17	June 17	June 17	June 17
Maria Gustafsson Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Emily Jackson-Yano Ezekiel 17:22-24 and 2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Deborah Warren	Emily Jackson-Yano
Julie Johnson				Millie Rojas
June 24	June 24	June 24	June 24	June 24
Kevin Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Amanda Bialek Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32 and 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Tom Jacobson	Sara McGah
Bryan Yamasaki				Joshua Nickel