

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

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Sunday, June 4th, 2017 **The Day of Pentecost**

Also known as "Holy Spirit Day"
and the Birthday of the Christian Church!
Pentecost is the 3rd highest festival day
in the Church Year!

11:00 am Festive Holy Communion
Invite friends! Red is the color of the day!
Act 2 -the Holy Spirit blesses us all!

Thoughts from Pastor Peg

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a joy to share in the ecumenical Evensong with LCM & St Peter Episcopal Church in San Pedro. It is good when God's people pray and sing together across denominations. Of course, the music was wonderful and as the preacher I was invited to reflect on a text I have not preached on in all my years of ministry. Two of the readings, Ephesians 5:15-20 and the Magnificat in Luke are in the lectionary, but 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 is not. Try reading it. It's fascinating.

These texts continue to ring in my heart. Since most of you were not able to attend Evensong I share here a synopsis, hoping that thinking on what it means to really be "filled" blesses you too!

These three scriptures invite reflection on what it is to be "filled."

- 2 Chronicles tells of instrumentalists, 120 strong, accompanying a myriad of voices

praising the Lord. The result of which is that all are filled with the glory of the Lord!

- In the Magnificat, Mary sings of the Almighty who fills the hungry with good things.
- Ephesians says be filled with the Spirit as you make melody in your hearts to God.

This being filled is a far cry from being filled with one's self; or with my personal favorite, boysenberry pie, or as Ephesians says, filled with too much wine. To be filled with the glory of the Lord speaks of deep satisfaction, not just curbing or spoiling the appetite.

Being filled with the glory of the Lord is akin to what mothers know in the moments of birthing. There can't possibly be anything else going on in those moments. There's room for nothing more. It's full up! This is the fullness these texts speak of; that we mean when we say my heart is full. To say our hearts are full means full of what transcends us, full of what grate-full is full of.

The ancient author of 2 Chronicles knows the priests are not able to stand in the face of such fullness. Business as usual is interrupted by those who are obedient to pulling out the stops in praise and thanksgiving before the Lord. Heartfelt response to the Lord is, according to 2 Chronicles, what unleashes glory – glory being a palpable sense of God's real presence!

All three of these texts celebrate what overflows from this kind of divine/human dialogue.

- The Almighty fills the hungry with good things and Mary sings her song of praise.
- Hearts are filled with the Spirit as they sing and make melody in their hearts to God.

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- The whole house is filled with the glory of the Lord when Levitical singers and instrumentalists unleash their gifts in praise before the Lord.

The arts at their best, and music as one of them, are avenues for this overflow between the Creator and the created; this exchange between the Giver and the receiver freeing us to be fully who God creates us to be. Art of every kind, serves as an avenue through which the glory of the Lord fills not only this house, but the world. I'm convinced the arts are one of the ways deep healing happens. We all know nation-size healing is urgent in all nations, including our own.

Thank you for your participation in this glory through the ministry of LCM. Your love matters!

+ Pastor Peg

From the Minister of Music

As the Lyre to the Singer

As the lyre to the singer
as one's thought to spoken word,
as the rose to fragrant odor,
So to me is Christ the Lord.
As the mother to the baby,
as the traveler to his guide;
as the lake to streaming rainfall
stands the Savior by my side.

As the forest to the pine tree,
as its song is to the lark,
as the sky to soaring mountain,
as the candle in the dark,
as the meal is to the hungry,
as the water in the well,
as the lover is beloved,
in the love of Christ I dwell.

As the sun to gladdening dayspring,
as the oil is to the flame,
as the fish is to the water,
So to me is his dear name.
Bound to him and by him holden
as the flute and breath accord,
his for now and his forever
is my soul to Christ the Lord.

--Narayan Vaman Tilak (1862-1919); tr. from the
Marathi by Nicol MacNicol, 1922.

Add'l text by Alfred V. Fedak

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On Sunday June 18th, LCM's Choir will sing this beautiful text, which contains a series of metaphors exemplifying themes of the love of Christ, creation and music. The music, by contemporary American composer Alfred Fedak, captures the essence of the text, which was written by the Marathi (Western Indian) poet Narayan Vaman Tilak.



Tilak was born into a high-caste Hindu family south of Bombay in 1862. When he was in his mid-30's he began searching for a universal religion, which led him to read the Bible. He embraced the Christian faith and was baptized in 1895. He insisted that the ceremony be performed by an Indian pastor rather than by a European or American cleric. A biographical dictionary states that Tilak's wife also became Christian, but not without a bitter family struggle. Tilak wrote constantly, mostly poems and hymns. In the 1950's, the Marathi hymnal contained 254 of his hymns, out of a total of 700. Towards the end of his life he gave up his money and possessions and renounced all associations with human religious institutions.

June 18th will be the choir's final Sunday before taking a well-deserved break from weekly worship leadership. During the summer months we'll enjoy the music of our spectacular soloists and instrumentalists. I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to the choir volunteers and section leaders for a wonderful year of liturgical leadership and music making. I also appreciate the contribution of choir volunteers Sara McGah, Joshua Nickel, Barbara Browning and Ken Roehrs as well as the financial contributions of several donors, which allow us to supplement our choir with talented young singers.

Sopranos

Tina Appel
Kelci Hahn
Aubrey Scarr
Rebecca Tomasko

Altos

Madeline Barnicle
Barbara Browning
Sara McGah
Alexis Wesley
Nancy Yamasaki

Tenors

Thomas Hollow
Taj Jegaraj
Joshua Nickel
Robert Richards
Greg Sliskovich

Basses

David Childs
John Johnson
Bret Noel
Kenneth Roehrs

David York, Minister of Music

From the President

Highlights of Church Council Meeting:

- Maria will order a banner for the "Blessing of Animals" which is scheduled for October.
- John Johnson's work title was changed to "Office Manager."
- Emily volunteered to demonstrate to church members how the Vanco Donation website works, and she has already done so.
- The next Game Night is scheduled for June 17th.
- We reviewed the status of the property projects: replacing bad wiring, fuses in the parish house, an additional electrical outlet, a total of seven new circuits in all.
- Painting of the exterior of the church should start in the first part of June and is estimated to take a week and half.
- We received an estimate from the artist who did our stained glass for a Baptismal Font. We will see how much we collect during our memory month drive before we commit.
- The Candle Area project is proceeding.

Kevin Grant, President

Memory Month



Memory Month has been a tradition at Lutheran Church of The Master for many years. It's the time between Mother's Day and Father's Day that we welcome donations from everyone to honor or remember a loved one or special person in their lives. The donations are then used for a special project to enhance our worship or make property improvements. This year's memory month project is to raise \$3000 towards the purchase of a new baptismal font.

We are thankful for Memory Month donations received so far:

In memory of Joe Baldoza
In memory of Elva and Albert Browning
In memory of Mike, Peggy and Carolyn Harthan
In honor of Elizabeth Kovac
In memory of John Kovac
In memory of Stephen Eddy Richards
In memory of Norman and Mae Schultz
In memory of James and Edna York

Contributions received as of May 21st, 2017.
Please notify the office of necessary corrections.

Financial Update

Greetings! In May we donated **\$5,342.00** to the General Fund; this brings our year-to-date total to **\$42,705.26**, or **29.28%** of our 2017 goal of **\$145,875.00**. In addition, we have raised **\$627.00** so far towards our Memory Month project.

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

Blessing of The Animals Save The Date

Save the date
Blessing of the animals
Saturday October 7th, 2017
At Lutheran Church of The Master
Music, fun activities & lunch
Invite friends & bring your critters!



June Fun Event: Game Night



On June 17th, 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.

Flower Chart



June 4	In memory of Johanna Moran Richards
June 11	Open
June 18	Open
June 25	Open

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 2017 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.**

Helping The Homeless



**God's work.
Our hands.**

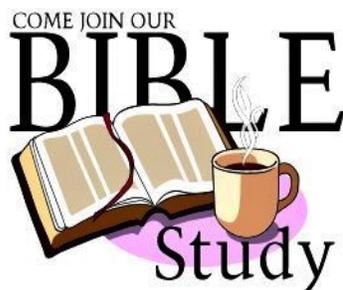
John Johnson, our Administrative Assistant, has been very busy handing out our sack lunches and hygiene kits to the homeless. We are in need of more food items. The sack lunches include individual packaged items, such as easy open cans of meat, fruit, pudding, cheese and crackers, energy/protein bars, juices and small bottles of water. We also include treats such as cookies, nuts and granola bars. Our biggest need at this time is easy-open cans of tuna, vienna sausage or chicken. If you would like to contribute to the hygiene kits, we need wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and combs. Thank you for being a part of our ministry to the homeless.

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 June 7th.**

Sunday Bible Study



Reminder! 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. Come, grab a donut, pour a cup of coffee, and experience the power of scripture.

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.

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, the family of Norma Barker, Karen Beatty, Gina Beretta, Barbara Bombach, Melissa Bomes, Yuby Calderon, Francoise Campoverde, Emma Lou Candow, Sonia Casas, Victoria and J. W. Chavier Sr., Andrew Crean, the family of Estelle Day, Edita Cabacungan Donnelly and family, Sara Ehrman, Bensiyon Eyice, Emmett Fisher, the family and friends of Barbara Foss, Katherine, Martin and Gloria Hunt, Ted and Lynne Jackson, Betty Johnson, the family of Merle Johnson, Rosana Johnson, the family of Sherry Johnson, Malinda Jones, Mary Kay, Rossen Kirilov, the family of Daniel Kisha, the family of Doris Kisha, the family and friends of Dottie Knight, Elizabeth Kovac, Jonathan Kovac, Peter Lewis, Ma, Jeff, Debi and the family, Lester Mahaffay, Gisela Marx, Frank Nakamura, Steve Newberry, the Nickel Family, Bobby Orue, the family and friends of Adam Rambo, Meghan Reul, Harley Rockoff, Tim Rutherford, Rosamelida Sandoval, Hilary Smith, Alireza Soulati, Peter Stackhouse, Gordon Stark, Polina Tashlitskaya, John Warren, Kent Weed, Steve Weiss, Hideto Yano, the plight of the Syrian people and refugees and immigrants everywhere, 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. Choir Warm-up 10:28 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 12:15 p.m.	<h2 style="margin: 0;">June 2017 Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>					
<u>June Birthdays</u> Joshua Nickel – June 10 th Madeline Barnicle – June 13 th Kenny Savage – June 25 th				1 Choir Rehearsals Resume in September	2 Synod Assembly at CLU	3 Synod Assembly at CLU
4 Day of Pentecost	5	6 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	7 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	8	9	10
11	12	13 Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	14 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	15	16	17 Game Night 5:30 p.m.
18 Father's Day	19	20 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	21 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	22	23 Masters Notes articles due in office.	24
25	26	27 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	28 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	29	30	

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June 2017 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

USHERS	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
June 4	June 4 Day of Pentecost	June 4	June 4
Richard Levine	Leah Chang Acts 2:1-21 and 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Maria Gustafsson Grant	Barbara Browning
Carlos Valera			Joshua Nickel
June 11	June 11 The Holy Trinity	June 11	June 11
Kevin Grant	Millie Rojas Genesis 1:1-2:4a and 2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Emily Jackson-Yano	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Bryan Yamasaki			Ronald Nickel
June 18	June 18 Second Sunday of Pentecost	June 18	June 18
Fred Ascher	Fred Ascher Exodus 19:2-8a and Romans 5:1-8	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Manny Cabacungan			Joshua Nickel
June 25	June 25 Third Sunday of Pentecost	June 25	June 25
Julie Johnson	Charles Peruchini Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Romans 6:1b-11	Emily Jackson-Yano	Emily Jackson-Yano
Steve Weiss			Ronald Nickel
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