



May 5, 2013 - 4 p.m.

**Lutheran Church of The Master's
Schantz Pipe Organ
20th Anniversary
Concert**

Celebrate the Legacy!

Program highlights:

Sonata II - Felix Mendelssohn

Toccata from Symphony V - Charles-Marie Widor

The Butterfly Lovers - Chen, He - *The Los Angeles premier*,
depicting 1000 year-old Chinese love story, transcribed and
performed by Weicheng Zhao and his violinist wife Fang Gao.

Featured artists:

Ty Woodward, David York, and Weicheng Zhao, organ
Fang Gao, violin

The choir of Lutheran Church of The Master

***A free-will offering will be collected
to add a Zimbelstern stop to the Schantz.***

A reception will follow the concert.

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The Master's Notes

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FROM THE PASTOR

I'm usually late with my Pastor's article. But this month I was really, really, really, really late (Sorry, Josh). Joshua Nickel, the Editor of our monthly Master's Notes, takes all the articles written by different people and formats them. Lots of people write articles, like David York, to inform you of all that we have going on, like the upcoming organ concert on May 5th. Robin coordinates the office, working with volunteers like Charlene to get all the newsletters printed, folded, stuffed, and mailed out. Our monthly newsletter is a community endeavor. Many hands coming together to make light work.

One of our goals at Lutheran Church of The Master is to streamline our Administration. The goal is to get all our organizing and decision-making done in a more quick and simple fashion to free people up for ministry. We made this a goal because we want to do more direct ministry with people. Ministry that looks more like our most recent outing for Dim Sum in Chinatown, which our church's Administrative Assistant Robin put together for us. (Thank you, Robin). In order to have the time, energy and people for ministry, we have to find ways to spend less time, energy and people on administrative tasks. The advice given to me is that: "If your church wants to start a new ministry, you'll first have to free people from the administrative tasks which bogged them down at church and in their lives."

So three things:

1) Your Pastor, Council and Office Staff are working on how to streamline our administration. If you see a way to get administration get done more effectively at church, please let me know.

- 2) There are ministries we are struggling to get off the ground, such as: Bible Study, Intentionally Welcoming Visitors, a Young Adult Ministry, Effective Advertising, etc. Consider offering to help or saying, "Yes" if asked.
- 3) Find in yourself the power to say, "No." Know how to say "No" to your pastor or church or friends or family or work. Just as the church needs to streamline, so do we all. Learn how to take things off your plate, before you put things on. It is by saying "No" to certain things in our life that we are then able to say "Yes!" to the life-giving things that come our way.

Ioan Ittu, Pastor

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

I'm filling in for our President, Kevin Grant. For four months now, the Council and Budget and Finance Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. Some of the highlights discussed with actions at our april meeting include, but are not limited to:

- The standard agenda items such as the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports.
- The plans for The 20th Anniversary Celebration for our Schantz Organ on May 5th at 4:00 p.m.
- Our 6 Year Strategic Plan with a focus on our 2013 goal of Growing our Congregation to 100 people at worship by 2018.
- Final confirmation of our delegates to the Synod Assembly in May. Our delegates are Emily Jackson-Yano, Kenneth Roehrs, Joshua Nickel and Pastor Ittu.
- Stewardship goals and review of our investment strategies.

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- Roles and responsibilities of the elected council members.

Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. We begin with dinner at around 5:30 PM, sponsored by one of the council members. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 14th. All are welcome!

Barbara Browning, Vice-President

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Greetings! This past month we received **\$15,438.00** in general donation offerings. This brings our YTD total to **\$53,762.83**, which is **32.38%** of our 2013 goal of **\$166,050.00**. Thank you for your support of this church and its mission!

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

WHAT'S NEW?

A friend recently asked about new trends in church music today. One embraced by some congregations is the use of "paperless music": the concept of performing liturgical music, songs or hymns by ear, without music or text in hand. In some Lutheran circles this is called "Music that Makes Community".

The idea is to teach a simple unaccompanied melody through a call and response format, a canon/round or by repetition. The music is easily learned and performed, all without written musical score.

Why might we want to sing in church without hymnal or bulletin? In a recent article in CrossAccent, the journal of The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Scott C. Weidler offers several goals for the use of paperless music:

- creating assemblies that sing better, with or without music and text in front of them;
- valuing the human voice as the primary instrument given to us by God, without completely dismissing the use of instruments;
- people trusting leadership and the leaders trusting the people;
- creating music in the moment rather than singing from memory, as valuable as that may be;
- fundamental, deep communal participation and personal investment in the liturgical experience; and
- being open to the activity of the Holy Spirit, through music-making, in a way that is distinctive

from the way most church musicians have been formed.

Weidler stresses that Music that Makes Community is not about "trashing hymnals or choirs or organs or tradition" but instead is about finding ways to increase congregational participation. It's about providing an opportunity to sing and participate in a new format.

During Lent at LCM we sang a piece of paperless music as part of our liturgy with positive results. I composed a simple musical setting of the Agnus Dei or Lamb of God text, which was led by cantor Ryan Thorn. Ryan sang the first phrase; then he gestured and we repeated it. He sang the second phrase and then we repeated that. We included the familiar text in the bulletin but didn't include the musical notation. Some of the choir members and music readers found it difficult to sing without music but as Ryan guided us, people responded!

Singing without accompaniment in a very basic communal style was, for me, quite refreshing and I was pleased to hear voices from the congregation responding enthusiastically. We'll try this again as we continue to "be open to the activity of the Holy Spirit, through music-making."

David York, Minister of Music

MEMORY MONTH 2013



Memory Month will begin this year with a special 20th Anniversary Organ concert on May 5th at 4:00 p.m. and continue on with Mothers' Day, on May 12th and end on Fathers' Day, June 16th. This year, in honor of the 20th Anniversary of our Schantz organ, we will be collecting funds for Memory Month to go towards installing a Zimbelstern stop on the organ. The Zimbelstern is a small set of five metal bells that will be mounted in the organ chamber. When the organ stop is activated, the bells make a delicate tinkling sound used most often in North European organ music of the 16 - 18th centuries. It will join the chimes, as additions to the 16 ranks of pipes.

Memory Month provides us with a time to honor and remember those we love by giving towards physical improvements that improve our property or worship space. Your gifts toward Memory Month would be very much appreciated to make this project a reality. Thank you for your generosity.

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

We will gather again on May 18th 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.

FLOWER CHART

May 5	Open
May 12	Open
May 19	Amanda Bialek, in honor of Amanda and Dan's 4 th wedding anniversary.
May 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 \$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.** (Please note that the office will not be carrying forward your donation dates from last year, so you will need to sign up for the dates you wish to donate or let the office know.)

TO CONTACT PASTOR ITTU

Note: Pastor Ittu will be on vacation from May 20th thru May 27th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office to be put in contact with the on-call pastor.

To meet with Pastor, contact him directly at his church e-mail address: iittu@lutheran.churchofthelmaster.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. (**Note the new time**) 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!

OUR PRAYER LIST



Peggy Anderson
Barbara Bombach (mother of Larry Bonbach)
Julie and Patrick Brown (friends of Peggy Anderson)
Emma Lou Candow
Martie Colman (nephew of Mary and John Savage)
Robert Eurice (nephew of Peggy Anderson)
Claudia Esperanza
Jane Fan and Alex Lin
Marvin Frank (grandfather of Griffith Frank)
Virginia Frank (mother of Griffith Frank)
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)
Betty Johnson (mother of John Johnson)
Daryl Johnson (father of Julie Johnson)
Jason Johnson, US Army (cousin of Julie Johnson)
Merle Johnson (grandfather of Julie Johnson)
Pastor Ray Kibler
Jonathan Kovac (brother of Deborah Kovac)
Gisela Marx
Michael
Sandy Moran (friend of Dave Shelton)
Janice Newberry (family of Steve Newberry)
Erma Delores Nickel
Pastor Carlos Paiva
Paula (friend of Larry Bombach)
Fred Rassey (friend of Robin Nickel)
Mak Katznelson (friend of Sarah Knickerbocker)
Helena Stark (family member of the Knickerbocker's)
Millie Ross-Clunis Stephens
(friend of Sarah and Dave Knickerbocker)
Ernie Vasquez (partner of Larry Bombach)
Sara Victoria
Frances Willms
Hideto Yano (father-in-law of Emily Jackson-Yano)
The plight of the Syrian Peoples
Members of the AA Groups

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.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Every Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Choir Warm-up 10:29 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Brunch 12:00 p.m.		<h2 style="margin: 0;">MAY 2013 CALENDAR</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: small;">Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: small;">Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>					
May Birthdays  Tom Jacobson's - May 1st Katie Perkins - May 6th Barbara Browning - May 30th			1 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		4 UCLA Recital 2:30 p.m. Sanctuary String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 5-8 p.m. Sanctuary	
5 20th Anniversary Schantz Organ Concert 4:00 p.m.	6 City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary	7 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	8 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	10	11 Men's Bible Breakfast at Mt. Olive 8:00 a.m.	
12 Mothers Day String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 2-5 p.m. Sanctuary	13 City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary	14 Council and Budget and Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m. AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	15 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	16 No Choir Rehearsal	17	18 Knitting Group 11:00 a.m. String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 2-5 p.m. Sanctuary	
19 String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 2-5 p.m. Sanctuary	20 City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary	21 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	22 Masters Notes articles due in office. AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	24	25	
26 String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 2-5 p.m. Sanctuary	27 Memorial Day	28 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	29 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	30 Synod Assembly Day 1 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	31 Synod Assembly Day 2	1 Synod Assembly Day 3	

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

MAY 2013 SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
May 5	May 5	May 5	May 5	May 5
Maria Gustafsson Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Fred Ascher Acts 16:9-15 and Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Deborah Kovac	Sara McGah
Julie Johnson				Joshua Nickel
May 12	May 12	May 12	May 12	May 12
Maria Gustafsson Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Charlene MacKenzie Acts 16:16-34 and Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Emily Jackson-Yano	Barbara Browning
Julie Johnson				Ronald Nickel
May 19	May 19	May 19	May 19	May 19
Emily Jackson-Yano	Jeremy Nickel	Hamid Danial Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:14-17 Day of Pentecost	Deborah Kovac	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Robin Nickel				Millie Rojas
May 26	May 26	May 26	May 26	May 26
Emily Jackson-Yano	Jeremy Nickel	Deborah Kovac Proverb 8:1-4, 22-31 and Romans 5:1-5 First Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Trinity	Tom Jacobson	Emily Jackson-Yano
Robin Nickel				Tom Jacobson