

# The Master's Notes

May 2016

## Lutheran Church of The Master

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*a Reconciling in Christ congregation*

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### From Pastor Peg

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Day of Pentecost is the 50<sup>th</sup> Day of Easter – a time of rejoicing that the Holy Spirit comes upon us that we might live as Christ's risen presence, making a difference for good in the world!

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Day of Pentecost: a Red-letter day! We pull out all the stops – like we do on Easter and Christmas Eve. Pentecost joins Easter and Christmas as the most celebrative days in the church year. It's a great day to invite a friend or neighbor to join you in worship. And, if you have it, wear RED. The paraments, my stole and the banner over-head will all be RED.

Why RED? Red reminds us of the Holy Spirit and tongues of fire. In Acts 2 we read how the early Christians heard the good news – each in their own native language. In worship on May 15<sup>th</sup> we will hear John 14:27 *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* It will be read in Farsi, Russian, German, French, Swedish, Spanish, Norwegian, Italian, Greek, English AND any other languages YOU will bring among us. (Please call or Email John Johnson in the Church Office if you can add an additional language.)

This Pentecost will bring special JOY as we welcome new Christians through Holy Baptism and others into membership as disciples with us at LCM. This will be a glorious day of worship, with rich music from our Choir and instrumentalists. Following worship all are invited

to share in a festive lunch together to welcome the newly baptized and the new members! Please join us!

*Thank you for being a welcoming, worshiping, serving, outreaching, inclusive community! May the gifts of the Holy Spirit give you peace in your daily lives and gladness in whatever serves to praise God!*

*It is a great joy to be serving with and among you,  
Pastor Peg*

### From the President

We had our first call committee meeting two weeks ago. We will have the second meeting on May 7. The early part of the call process involves a self-assessment of the church and the community it serves. We evaluate our strengths and weaknesses so that we can find a pastor who will best complement the church. It'll be a while before we can interview a prospective pastor. But that's part of the process; they don't want the congregation to rush into anything. And with Pastor Peg at the helm, we have time to make a carefully considered decision.

Pastor Peg has been holding weekly meetings in her office for people who want to become members or learn more about what it means to be a Lutheran. Several people are on their way to becoming members, and we are looking forward to more people exploring Christianity at our church. If you're interested, you're free to join Pastor Peg's meetings.

So even though we are in this transition period, we are continuing to grow.

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In the last council meeting, we made a decision about memory month. We are going to make improvements to the candle lighting area.

If you have ideas or want to start a ministry, let us know. And if you're a newcomer to the church let us know your impressions and feelings.

*Kevin Grant, President*

## Financial Update

During the month of April you donated **\$8,426.62** to our General Fund, bringing our year-to-date giving to **\$43,819.05**, or **30.22%** of our 2016 goal of **\$145,000**.



Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission!

*Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary*

## Memory Month 2016

Memory Month has been a tradition at Lutheran Church of The Master for many years. It 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.

Thanks to Millie Rojas and Sara McGah, we have had a candle lighting area in our sanctuary for many years. Many people remember loved ones each Sunday during our worship service by lighting a candle in this space. In reviewing our Strategic Plan for 2016, the Worship Group recommended that we enhance the candle lighting area. Therefore, the council approved the enhancement of the candle lighting area as our Memory Month Project from May 8<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Worship Group will do the research on a fire safe plan and present it to the congregation for input. Your donations can make this Memory Month Project a reality. Thank you!

## 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.

## Flower Chart



May 1	Fred Ascher, in memory of Jane Ascher
May 8	Fred Ascher, in memory of Pete Ascher
May 15	Open
May 22	Open
May 29	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 2016 will be \$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.**

## Come To Our Meetings



All Council and other 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 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. Our next Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 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. Leah Chang continues to lead the studies through May. Come, grab a donut, pour a cup of coffee, and experience the power of scripture.

## Come to our Craft Day



We will meet on May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Inkjet Printer Cartridge Recycling Program



We have a recycling program here at the church to recycle your used inkjet cartridges. If you would like to participate in this program, please give your items to John. They will be turned in to Staples who will pay us for each one we send in. The money will then be put towards the purchase of new office supplies. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the church office.

## 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](mailto:mastersnotes@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org).

## Our Prayer List



**We keep in prayer:** Abbas, Ali, Arash, Ardavan, Bobbie Arkoff, the Family and Friends of Jason Avila, Fariba, Roya, Soraya, Yasaman, David Arriola, Mary Martha Barkley, Gina Beretta, Barbara Bombach, Yuby Calderon, Francoise Campoverde, Emma Lou Candow, Tootsie Capelle, Victoria and J. W. Chavier Sr., Andrew Crean, Edita Cabacungan Donnelly and Family, Ali Farzinkia, Emmett Fisher, Ladante Fisher, The Family of Rev. Scott Haasarud, Jacqueline Hunt, Malinda J., Ted and Lynne Jackson, Betty Johnson, Merle Johnson, Rossen Kirilov, Dotty Knight, Elizabeth Kovac, Jonathan Kovac, B. J. Lange, Gisela Marx, Steve Newberry, Rachel and her unborn child, The Reul Family, Harley Rockoff, Millie Rojas, Rosamelida Sandoval, Bryan Sanders, The Family and Friends of John Savage, the Wendy Schultz Family, Lee Silverman, Hilary Smith, Alireza Soulati, Helena Stark, Peter Stackhouse, Gordon Stark, Polina Tashlitskaya, John Warren, Kent Weed, Ryan and Ethan Wiley, Hideto Yano, the plight of the Syrian people, 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.

## 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.



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<b>Every Sunday</b> 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;">May 2016 Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: small;">Please refer to CALENDAR at <a href="http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org">http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org</a> for updates.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>					
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	<b>4</b>  AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	<b>5</b>  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>  Mother's Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary  AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	<b>11</b>  AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	<b>12</b>  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>  Day of Pentecost	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	<b>18</b>  AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	<b>19</b>  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Craft Day 11:00 a.m.	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Masters Notes articles due in office.	<b>24</b>  AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	<b>25</b>  AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	<b>26</b>  Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House			<b>May Birthdays</b> Tom Jacobson – May 1 <sup>st</sup> Katie Bruton – May 6 <sup>th</sup> Dave Knickerbocker – May 17 <sup>th</sup> Avalon Nuovo – May 18 <sup>th</sup> Sarah Knickerbocker – May 26 <sup>th</sup> Barbara Browning – May 30 <sup>th</sup>		

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## May 2016 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

<b>USHERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ASSISTANT</b>	<b>COUNTERS</b>
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>MAY 1</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>
Charlotte Johnson	Fred Ascher Acts 16:9-15 and Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Emily Jackson-Yano	Emily Jackson-Yano
Richard Levine			Ronald Nickel
<b>MAY 8</b>	<b>MAY 8</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>
Kevin Grant	Charlene MacKenzie Acts 16:16-34 and Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Tom Jacobson	Barbara Browning
Bryan Yamasaki			Joshua Nickel
<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>MAY 15</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b>	<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>MAY 15</b>
Kevin Grant	Maria Gustafsson-Grant Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:14-17	Tom Jacobson	Maria Gustafsson-Grant
Maria Gustafsson-Grant			Tom Jacobson
<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>MAY 22</b> <b>The Holy Trinity</b> <b>First Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>	<b>MAY 22</b>
Julie Johnson	Leah Chang Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Romans 5:1-5	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Carlos Valera			Joshua Nickel
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>MAY 29</b> <b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>MAY 29</b>
Fred Ascher	Millie Rojas 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 and Galatians 1:1-12	Maria Gustafsson-Grant	Maria Gustafsson-Grant
Manny Cabacungan			Ronald Nickel