

# 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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## Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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,  
My heart continues to be lifted to joy by Matthew 28's  
Easter morning proclamation:

"Suddenly there was a great earthquake;  
for an angel of the Lord,  
came and rolled back the stone  
and sat on it."

Earthquakes are known for being able to shake whatever is in their wake, and sometimes shake violently. This earthquake, however, shook with life-giving, life-changing promise that continues to reverberate through the ages – on into our very lives today. The angel came with amazing news, and another amazement is the response of Mary Magdalene and Mary. They don't run in fear of the angel, but they run in awe and joy to share this ground-breaking new with the others.

A detail that is playing in my heart are the last four words of verse 2: "and sat on it." The angel who comes with earthquake intensity takes up residence on the

very stone that had been meant to secure the grave. We might imagine an imposing stone that would take great pains to roll away. But this angel descends like lightening and the stone eases back with the touch of angel grace. And then this messenger of the Lord (the definition of 'angel') just sat there.

I invite us to carry these four words into this seven week season of Easter. "And sat on it." The angel not only moved the stone away so we could see inside, but then had the audacity to gather up on it, gracefully or not. Who knows the ways and mannerisms of angels?

Some questions we might ask in these 50 days of Easter are: What imposing stones, or fearful realities, or imagined possibilities, or wounds or wrongs or worries look like stones blocking our ability to see Christ's resurrection power in our lives? What small or imposing stones are seeming to take away our heart's dancing shoes? What fear or worry weighs on us and calls into question the hope of our baptism – that we too are raised with Christ into new life?

When life's worries, wrongs or wounds weigh on you, picture this: "And angel of the Lord, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it." Picture the angel sitting there, maybe even pouring fresh brewed coffee to greet this new morn. Picture the angel sitting on the stone that threatens to take away your joy. We might even carry a little polished stone in our pocket, or lay one on a kitchen table. Let these stones be a reminder to look for signs of the risen Christ who goes ahead of us into life.

Messengers of the Lord (angels) are those who roll  
*(continued on back)*

away what shrouds our view of Christ's risen power in us for the sake of the world. Thank you to all the 'angels' in our lives and church. May we help one another trust the risen life is real and that it makes joy possible again, and again!

Christ is risen, indeed! Mark Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar – 50<sup>th</sup> Day of Easter (Pentecost)!

Grateful to be sharing in this risen life with you,  
*Pastor Peg*

## From the Minister of Music

We are fortunate to have the best section leaders around as members of the LCM choir. Their presence supports the volunteer singers and adds a great deal to our worship services. This month I'd like to focus on some of the things going on in their lives:

**Taj Jegaraj** will be taking off a bit before the choir season officially ends. At the beginning of May he will be going to visit his partner in France. They plan to travel a bit around Europe, specifically in Spain and Portugal, as well as visit his partner's parents in the south of France in Ardeche. After that trip, Taj will be starting a job with Sonora Repertory Theater, located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, where he will be performing in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by Andrew Lloyd Weber, playing one of the brothers of Joseph. The show will open mid-June and will run until the end of July. After that ends, he'll be back in LA for the beginning of the choir season with LCM in September!

**Aubrey Scarr** has appreciated the opportunity to sing with the Lutheran Church of the Master Choir. She says, "It has been a fun and rewarding experience." Due to rehearsal and performance constraints of other projects she will be leaving us in early May. We thank her for her tremendous contributions to LCM over the past several years!

**David Childs** writes, "This summer I'll be singing in the Aspen Opera Center with Aspen Music Festival in Colorado. I graduated from UCLA last June and I've since been involved with a few shows—namely *Lost in the Stars* at Royce Hall and a children's opera (*Alice in Wonderland*) with Guild Opera Company. Other than that, I sing with Verdi Chorus in Santa Monica and I play accordion with my band, We The Folk." Several weeks ago David performed a recital in Santa Barbara in preparation for his Aspen trip this summer.

Tenor **Greg Slikovich** has been with the LCM Choir for 4 years, during which time he completed a Bachelor of

Music degree in voice at UCLA. After auditioning at 8 schools this spring he has decided to continue his vocal studies at the New England Conservatory in Boston this fall. We'll miss his beautiful voice and quick wit.

Long-time section leader **Alexis Wesley** shares that "I recently had the pleasure of being the Alto Soloist in Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with Independent Opera Company. (Such rewarding music. I hope I get the opportunity to sing it again sometime.) I will miss the next two LCM Sundays because I have scheduled some much needed vacation time! I will be in Quebec, Canada for my cousin's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday (SSSH! It's a surprise!) Then I head to Cincinnati for a 5-day visit with my folks."

**Tina Appel** shares this: "I will be tap dancing in a show about the history of tap at the Santa Monica Library, and will be performing this summer at the Jewish Home for the Aging. I have just adopted an adorable bichon poodle mix named Princeton, and will be training him to be a therapy dog."

### **Evensong In San Pedro**

The choirs of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in San Pedro and Lutheran Church of The Master will join to present a service of Evensong for the annual Guild Service of the Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Sunday, May 21 at 4 pm.

The choirs, under the direction of Richard Metzler and David York, will offer choral music by Alfred V. Fedak, Charles V. Stanford, Trevor Manor and Kevin Siegfried.

Instrumental music will feature both of St. Peter's Abbot and Sieker tracker-action pipe organs, harpsichord, piano, handbells, and cello.

The clergy of both parishes, The Rev. Jeanette Repp and The Rev. Peg Schultz-Akerson will officiate.

St. Peter's is located at 1648 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Parking is available in the Masonic lot, just south of the church or in the church lot to the north.

All are welcome to attend.

*David York, Minister of Music*

## Financial Update

Greetings! In April you gave **\$13,895.22** (including **\$2,577.00** for Easter and **\$152.00** for ELCA World Hunger, our Lenten benevolence) to the General Fund. This brings our year-to-date giving to **\$37,363.26**, or **25.61%** of our 2017 goal of **\$145,875.00**. Thank you!

*Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary*

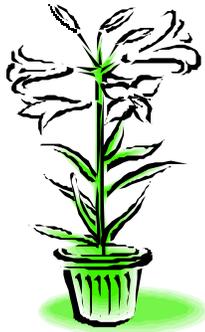
## From the President

### Church Council Meeting Highlights

- We have updated our small catechism booklet. It now includes more information in Persian.
- For anyone interested, Emily Jackson-Yano will be demonstrating on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> how to give online to the church through the Vanco website.
- Ken reminded everyone that LCM is part of the Amazon Smile program. If you buy something on Amazon, you should reference LCM so we can receive a small donation from Amazon.
- Joshua Nickel explained that the electrical work for the sanctuary AC was slightly more expensive than anticipated. The Council voted to accept the cost.
- Joshua also presented bids for the painting of the exterior of the church and made his recommendation. The Council voted to move ahead with the project.
- We reviewed plans for rebuilding the choir area and the status of the candle lighting area project. We're still gathering information for both efforts.
- The council voted to make the next memory month project an effort to collect \$3000 for a new baptismal font.
- The next fun event will be an outing to the Skirball Museum on May 20th at 10 AM.
- Next Council meeting will be May 9th.

*Kevin Grant, President*

## Flower Chart



May 7	Steve Weiss
May 14	Charles Peruchini
May 21	Robert Richards
May 28	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.**

## Vanco Online Giving Demonstration



During coffee hour on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the stewardship committee will be showing interested parties how to sign up for online giving with Vanco. The process is easy and the demonstration will be short and sweet!

## Craft Day Cancelled

Craft Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is cancelled. We are replacing it with a trip to the Skirball Cultural Center leaving the church at 10:00 a.m. Please see the Skirball center announcement. See you then!

## May Fun Event: Skirball Cultural Center



On May 20<sup>th</sup>, LCM will be having a group outing to visit the Skirball Cultural Center. We will be carpooling from the LCM parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Tickets cost \$12.00. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend so that advanced reservations can be made.

Highlights of the exhibits at Skirball include Noah's Ark, Paul Simon: Words & Music, and Visions and Values: Jewish Life from Antiquity to America.

## LCM HOSTS ELM INSTALLATION WITH EUCHARIST - JOIN US!

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) invites you to the installation of the Rev. Asher O'Callaghan

Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m.  
Lutheran Church of The Master

Bishop R. Guy Erwin, presiding  
Amalia Vagts, preaching

Following the installation, there will be a reception in the Parish House honoring ELM's work to support and celebrate LGBTQ+ people in Lutheran ministry.

## Helping The Homeless



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

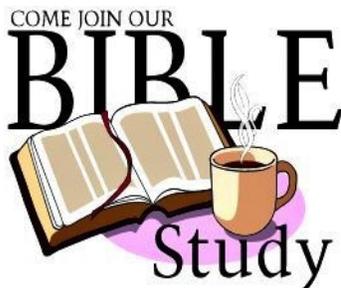
John Johnson, our Administrative Assistant, has been very busy handing out our sack lunches and hygiene kits to the homeless. We are in need of more food items. The sack lunches include individual packaged items, such as easy open cans of meat, fruit, pudding, cheese and crackers, energy/protein bars, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **The next clinic will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

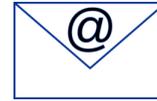
## Sunday Bible Study



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](mailto: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, Gina Beretta, Barbara Bombach, Melissa Bomes, Yuby Calderon, Françoise 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, Merle Johnson, Rosana 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, Kaitlyn Nickel, Bobby Orue, the family and friends of Adam Rambo, the Reul family, Harley Rockoff, Rosamelida Sandoval, Hilary Smith, Alireza Soulati, Peter Stackhouse, Gordon Stark, Polina Tashlitskaya, Tootsie, John Warren, Kent Weed, the family and friends of Mary Ellen Wollmers, 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	<b>May 2017 Calendar</b>					
<b>Bible Study</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Choir Warm-up</b> 10:28 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship</b> 12:15 p.m.	Please refer to CALENDAR at <a href="http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org">http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org</a> for updates.					
	<b>Church Office Hours:</b> <b>Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House	<b>4</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary			
<b>7</b> <b>Installation of ELM</b> <b>Rev. Ascher</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House	<b>18</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Trip to Skirball Cultural</b> <b>Center</b> 10:00 a.m.
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Masters Notes</b> <b>articles</b> <b>due in office.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>May Birthdays</b>  <b>Tom Jacobson – May 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Katie Bruton – May 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Dave Knickerbocker – May 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Avalon Nuovo – May 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sarah Knickerbocker – May 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Barbara Browning – May 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary			

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## May 2017 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

<b>USHERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ASSISTANT</b>	<b>COUNTERS</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 7</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 7</b>
Richard Levine	Charles Peruchini Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Peter 2:19-25	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Carlos Valera			Joshua Nickel
<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 14</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 14</b>
Kevin Grant	Millie Rojas Acts 7:55-60 and 1 Peter 2:2-10	Maria Gustafsson-Grant	Maria Gustafsson-Grant
Bryan Yamasaki			Ronald Nickel
<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 21</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 21</b>
Fred Ascher	Fred Ascher Acts 17:22-31 and 1 Peter 3:13-22	Deborah Kovac	Emily Jackson-Yano
Manny Cabacungan			Joshua Nickel
<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 28</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 28</b>
Julie Johnson	Charlene MacKenzie Acts 1:6-14 and 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	Emily Jackson-Yano	Emily Jackson-Yano
Steve Weiss			Ronald Nickel
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