

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

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Thoughts from Pastor Peg

Dear Friends in Christ,

I return among you following a two week pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Lands. As you may know, pastors serving in the ELCA are expected to spend two weeks a year on continuing education. I give thanks for this long awaited opportunity to journey to the Holy Lands. There's nothing like being there to get the people and geography better situated in one's heart and mind.

There were 6 pastors on this pilgrimage. We took turns leading devotions at the various Biblical sites. I was blessed to offer Sunday's homily at Jacob's well where Jesus meets the woman at the well in John 4. I saw the text in a new way.

John 4 begins "A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." What stood out to me afresh is that Jesus saw what this woman had come to do. She had come to draw water. In one of Gerard Manley Hopkins' celebrated poems he begins:

"As kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;...
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same...
Crying What I dó is me: for that I came."
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is --"

Jesus wasn't blinded by the fact this woman was from Samaria – people he was to have no dealings with. Jesus also wasn't bothered by her being a woman. He saw her as a "mortal thing' whose life cries out: "What I do is me: for that I came." She too "acts in God's eyes what in God's eyes she is." She came to draw water, and Jesus invites her to do what she had come to do – and to do it also for him.

What a joyful text this is! John 4 suggests we get to be who we are in God's eyes. God sees you! God sees me! And in seeing us, God asks us to do what we've come to

do. Jesus asks of the woman at the well, "Give me something to drink."

Jesus was saying to her, "Act in God's eye what in God's eye you are!" She had come to draw water. What have you come into the world to do? What talents and passions has God given you?

LCM's Stewardship Committee has prepared Talent Cards for your use. Do you have talents, skills, hobbies, interests, passions, that you might share with our community and beyond? Copies of the Talent Cards are in the Narthex entrance to the church. Pray about how your gifts might be shared for the good of the church – Christ's body in the world. What might God's grace be empowering you to share with others? The gospels tell us what we do for others we do for God.

Thanks be to God for opportunities to serve Jesus by serving our neighbors!

Pastor Peg

Sunday, May 20th is **The Day Of Pentecost**

The Day of Pentecost – the 50th day of Easter – is the 3rd highest festival day of the Church Year. John 3:16 will be read in a multitude of languages to help us experience the Acts 2 reading. Wear red if you have it. Invite a friend! Festive Worship at 11:00 a.m.

From the President

Highlights of April 14th Council Meeting:

- The Council voted to contribute money to St. Paul's internship program and additional money to Another Level Ministries as part of our budgeted benevolence.
- We reviewed the Financial Secretary's Report and Designated Accounts.
- Barbara Browning and Steve Weiss committed to one-year terms as auditors.

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- Porsche plans to tear down and rebuild their facility. They need soil samples to comply with regulations related to newly discovered fault lines. We voted to allow Porsche's contractors to do drilling on the Church's grassy areas provided they return the areas to their original condition and share the results with us. This might be a good thing to know in case it affects our building. (They need to drill down 60-70 feet.)
- The Call Committee is still interviewing.
- We reviewed the need for a contingency account.
- Richard Levine and the property committee will be working to upgrade the church's lighted signboard near the front door.
- Next Council meeting is May 12th at 9:00 a.m.

Kevin Grant, President

Memory Outreach Project

Between Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th, 2018 and Father's Day, June 17th, 2018, Lutheran Church of The Master will share in a **"Memory Outreach Project"** to help us refurbish our front signboard. We invite your participation.

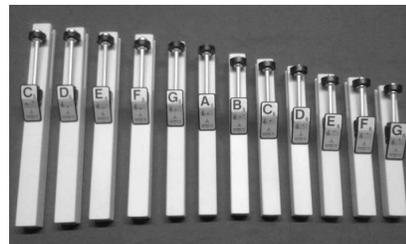
The LCM Church Council has long seen the need for our front signboard along Santa Monica Boulevard to be renovated and improved. New lettering and fresh, bright backboards will enable the Signboard to be better seen by those who walk or drive by our beautiful church. This signboard is used to communicate to our neighbors that we worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. We have also delighted in including a word of welcome on the signboard in languages commonly spoken in our neighborhood: Persian, Arabic, and Spanish, in addition to English. Our hope is to make these WELCOME words more visible.

Our desire is to make the LCM ministry more visible and inviting to our neighbors. Our goal is to raise at least \$1500, above and beyond our normal giving, to assist us in making these needed visual changes as part of our outreach ministry. Thank you for considering how you might help us meet this goal.

Here's what you do. Any time between Mother's Day (May 13th) and Father's Day (June 17th), we invite you to make a special gift to help us with the "Memory Outreach Project: Signboard." Please write **"Memory Outreach Project – Signboard"** on your check or envelop.

Thank you ahead of time for your generosity in this and all things!

From the Minister of Music



We're lucky to have wonderful resources to enhance worship and aid the music ministry of LCM. In addition to the Schantz pipe organ and Baldwin g' grand piano we have Malmark handbells and many percussion instruments. We are all the beneficiaries of the generosity of those who have made these gifts possible.

This month we'll add a new set of instruments to our collection. Thanks to the keen eye of a choir member we were made aware of a used 25-bell set of Malmark hand chimes, available in Wisconsin. It happened that choir members Sara McGah and Ken Roehrs were traveling in Wisconsin recently, visiting Jim and Linda Burch, and Ken and Sara offered to pick up the chimes and deliver them to Los Angeles. Hand Chimes have a light melodious sound, which is much gentler than that of a handbell. Look for these new instruments this month during worship. We thank those whose gifts to the Friends of Music fund made this purchase possible. Your financial gifts to FOM also support the choir section leaders and special projects throughout the year.

David York, Minister of Music

Dan Forrest Requiem

The choirs of Lutheran Church of The Master and Covenant Presbyterian Church will join together on Saturday, May 26th at 3:00 p.m. to present Dan Forrest's Requiem for The Living. The concert, which is a memorial tribute to Los Angeles musician Beverly Hansen, will be accompanied by orchestra, soloists and organ. All are welcome. Covenant Presbyterian Church 607 E. 3rd Street, Long Beach CA 90802

Financial Update

Happy May to everyone!

In April you donated **\$10,571.01** to the General Fund (which includes **\$4,177.01** on Easter Sunday alone)! Our year-to-date giving for the general fund is **\$34,707.29**, which is **31.55%** of our 2018 goal of **\$110,000**. God Bless.

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

Flower Chart

May 6	Fred Ascher in honor of his mother Jane Ascher's birthday.
May 13	Fred Ascher in honor of his father Pete Ascher's birthday.
May 20	Charles Peruchini
May 27	Robert Richards

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 2018 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.

Call Committee Update

We on the Call Committee want to keep you informed about our progress in the Calling of a pastor for Lutheran Church of The Master. We are under the guidance of Bishop Erwin of the Southwest California Synod. We have received names of pastoral candidates from Bishop Erwin and are in the process of interviewing. Please keep in mind that pastors are not "hired" but "Called" after prayerful deliberation.

Please pray for the Call Committee as we depend on the Holy Spirit for direction and wisdom. This process takes time and we need to remember it is God's timing not ours. Please remember you are spiritual partners in the Call Process here at Lutheran Church of The Master.

Call Committee: Kevin Grant, Tom Jacobson, Deborah Kovac, Richard Levine, Barbara Browning.

Blessings,
Barbara Browning

Helping the Homeless



John Johnson, our office manager, continues to hand out lunches, hygiene kits and limited items of clothing to the homeless. If you would like to contribute food, we can use individual packaged items such as easy-open cans of tuna, meat, fruit, pudding, cheese and crackers, energy/protein bars, juices and small bottles of water. If you would like to contribute to the hygiene kits, we need travel-size tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes and gallon-size resealable plastic bags. Desired clothing items include new socks, underwear and t-shirts. Thank you for being a part of our ministry to the homeless.

Movie Night May 19th at 6:30 p.m.



"The Station Agent" (2003) Stars: Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson & Bobby Cannavale

When his only friend dies, a man with dwarfism moves to rural New Jersey to live a life of solitude in a train station, only to meet a chatty hot dog vendor and a woman dealing with her own personal loss.

Free Popcorn provided! The usual lemonade, ice tea and water available. If you wish bring your favorite snacks to share and your own beverage.

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, Bonnie Bartlett, Karen Beatty, Gina Beretta, Melissa Bomes, Linda Burch, Yuby Calderon, Francoise Campoverde, Jane Catchpole, Sonia Casas, Victoria and J. W. Chavier Sr., Andrew Crean, Edita Cabacungan Donnelly and family, Ernie Durston, Sara Ehrman, Sandy Elliot, Bensiyon Eyice, Mohamad Fatemeh, Emmett Fisher, Dumitra Ittu, Ted and Lynne Jackson, Tom and Lois Jackson, Malinda Jones, Mary Kay, Rossen Kirilov, Elizabeth Kovac, Jonathan Kovac, Peter Lewis, Dagny Lund, Ma, Jeff, Lester Mahaffay, Jean Medina, Frank Nakamura, Kaitlyn Nickel, the Nickel Family, Bobby Orue, the family of Kim Popov, Meghan Reul, Harley Rockoff, Tim Rutherford, Rosamelida Sandoval, Hilary Smith, the family and friends of Michele Smith, Alireza Soulati, Peter Stackhouse, Huiling Sun, Polina Tashlitskaya, Sophie Umhofer, John Warren, Kent Weed, Shawn Willcuts, Mary Ann Wright, 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	May 2018 Calendar					
Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Choir Warm-up 10:28 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 12:15 p.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.					
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	AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.			
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		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. Parish House
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.		Craft Day 11:00 a.m. Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Day of Pentecost		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	Masters Notes articles due in office.	
27	28	29	30	31	May Birthdays	
		AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	Noubar Taykalderanian – May 1st Tom Jacobson – May 1st Katie Bruton – May 6th Dave Knickerbocker – May 17th Avalon Nuovo – May 18th Sarah Knickerbocker – May 26th Barbara Browning – May 30th	

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May 2018 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

USHERS	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
May 6	May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 6	May 6
Leah Chang	Millie Rojas Acts 10:44-48 and 1 John 5:1-6	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Steve Weiss			Millie Rojas
May 13	May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 13	May 13
Julie Johnson	Leah Chang Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and 1 John 5:9-13	Emily Jackson-Yano	Joshua Nickel
Carlos Valera			Steve Weiss
May 20	May 20 Day of Pentecost	May 20	May 20
Kevin Grant	Charles Peruchini Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:22-27	Maria Gustafsson Grant	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Richard Levine			Joshua Nickel
May 27	May 27 Holy Trinity Sunday First Sunday After Pentecost	May 27	May 27
Fred Ascher	Fred Ascher Isaiah 6:1-8 and Romans 8:12-17	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Charlotte Johnson			Emily Jackson-Yano