

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

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FROM THE PASTOR

Lutheran Church of The Master chose to hire a pastor right out of Seminary, which means there are many lessons that I'm learning on the job. I've been taught some important ones lately by my friends at LCM. I'm learning the importance of communicating and including people. I'm learning the importance of asking for help. I'm learning the importance of letting people get things done in their own way and in their own time.

This calendar year, your church leadership has focused on accomplishing year 1 goals of our 6 year plan. We've accomplished many things. Our office, administration, budgeting and financial reporting is becoming increasingly efficient. Our investments are managed prudently and distributed with a focus on ministry. We have become more attentive to our visitors. We continue to work on our ability to get the word out and market ourselves, both online and word of mouth. There has been a lot of good growth so far and more that is needed. In pursuit of these goals I've had to adapt and learn lessons about how to lead and pastor.

But the lesson that I am most recently taking to heart is from John Johnson. John spoke of how cheerful his father was and the impression that made on him growing up. He told us how his father made a conscious choice to be happy and positive. I think that this is an important lesson for our church to learn. We can always stay focused on the next thing we need to do, the next problem that needs tackling. Or, inspired by John Johnson's dad, we can choose to spend some time focusing on the good things in our church and in our lives. Indulge in what you've accomplished. Relish the rewards of your work. Give yourself the time and spiritual space to be happy.

Ioan Iltu, Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Coming up this fall:

Lutheran Church of The Master is receiving an award from New City Parish on November 2nd for the charity work you have all contributed to. Thank you all for your monetary gifts and practical works.

Again this year, our worship service on Thanksgiving Day worship service will be followed by a traditional turkey dinner.

We will start work on Year Two of the Six Year Plan.

The new web site should be on line by Oct 5th.

And as I always say during the announcements: Read the bulletins and see how you would like to participate in creating and shaping what happens in our church.

Kevin Grant, President

FINANCIAL UPDATE

This past month we received **\$10,458.10** in general offerings. This brings our year-to-date giving to **\$115,314.01**, or **69.45%** of our 2013 goal of **\$166,050**. Thank you for your support!

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

COME TO OUR MEETINGS

Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. In October, we will begin the process of creating the 2014 budget with a budget planning meeting on October 14th at 3:00 p.m. That meeting will be followed up with dinner at around 5:30 p.m., sponsored by one of the council members and our regular Council/Finance meeting at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

Last year the church that kicked off the California suburban-megachurch movement, the Crystal Cathedral, was sold to the local Roman Catholic Diocese. The decline is being seen in an attendance drop off among 20-somethings in most suburban model churches...and many leaders in those churches report that they are nervous...

In his blog "The Gospel Side" Matt Marino, an Episcopal priest in Arizona, has a theory as to why the "Seeker-Relevant-Saddleback-Mega-Church" model that worked so well for those 35 years and older is not working for people under 30. He says the answer is simple: "The world changed".

"Ask yourself, 'What world-shaking event occurred when today's 25 year olds were early teenagers?' The answer: 9/11."

For many of us over 35, the world during our formative years was a nice place. Marino says "A safe place. We knew that if we worked hard and got an education we would have a good job...and retire comfortably on our 401k, the appreciation of our homes and social security. We were confident. *The world was our friend.*"

Take a 25-year old today: "In their formative years the world was not a very nice place. They do not remember an America that was not at war. People they have never met want to bomb their buildings and crash their airplanes. If they work hard and get a good education, they may work at Starbucks and will spend 20 years paying off student loans. They will have to change careers and locales many times. Their 401k is a crap-shoot, Social Security will be bankrupt and they wonder 'will I ever retire?' Their viewpoint: *The world is not their friend.*"

Father Matt continues: "The Seeker movement works for the 35 year olds specifically because it is based on the premise that the world was our friend." We built churches that were "shinier, happier version(s) of everything secular. Think of what we imitate in our "relevant" church models: coffeehouse, concert hall, comedy club. They are all based on the idea that the secular world is a friendly place. Since, for 20-somethings, the world is definitely NOT their friend, we really shouldn't be surprised when the secular model is not a big winner for them as 'church'."

In a series of focus groups, author Dan Kimball noticed the beginnings of this cultural shift ten years ago when he found consistently that young adults wanted a church that was "churchy"...Ancient. Quiet.

Solid. Holy. A place unlike the world. A place of "otherness". The young adult's take on the older crowd's "relevant model" churches: "If I want to go to the mall, I'll just go. I want church to be church."

How can we best engage post-modern young people at LCM? By inviting them to experience what we do best: offering traditional worship, engaging preaching and a variety of liturgical and musical offerings in a beautiful setting.

David York, Minister of Music

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



On November 3rd, we will remember those members, friends and family, who have passed from this life. We remember especially those who died in the past year.

Please let us know who should be commemorated during the prayers by contacting the church office before October 30th.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The October - December edition of the Christ In Our Home devotional booklet is available in the pew racks and in the narthex. The Large print edition is also available in the narthex. Be sure to take your copy!

FLOWER CHART

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| October 6 | Ray and Bettijune Fanning,
in honor of their anniversary. |
| October 13 | Sara McGah,
in memory of Vlasta Kay Krenek. |
| October 20 | Amanda and Dan Bialek,
in honor of the Baptism of Charles Bialek. |
| October 27 | Bettijune Fanning,
in honor of her birthday. |

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.**

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



We will be meeting on October 19th to knit or learn to knit. 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.

NEW CITY PARISH

SAVE THE DATE!

November 2nd, 2013

5:00 P.M.

12th Annual New City Parish Fall Event

The New City Parish is acknowledging Lutheran Church of The Master as the recipient of the New City Angel Award for 2013 at this event. We are being thanked for our contributions of time, talents, gifts and relationships over many years. We have shared in the ministry of the New City Parish since its inception 21 years ago. Pastor Richards, Pastor Rollefson and now Pastor Ittu have each played an important role in the New City Parish ministry.

The New City Parish is an urban coalition of eight congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) located in Los Angeles, Inglewood and Compton California. Their collaborative approach focuses on the transformation of these communities through holistic ministries and social outreach. The focus of the New City Parish (NCP) is to proclaim a message of hope and advocate for the poor and marginalized, to teach people how to think critically for themselves, and to heal and comfort those who are hungry and suffering in our inner-city communities.

Our congregation has supported the New City Parish with monetary gifts, time and material contributions of food, clothing and Christmas gifts for adults and children. If you remember, we filled our chancel with food for the New City Parish earlier this year.

There will be a Silent Auction and Banquet. The tickets are \$35.00 per person or two for \$60.00.

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Notify our church office if you would like to attend and we will arrange for carpools. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our commitment to the New City Parish and our appreciation for being the recipient of the New City Angel Award for 2013.

Thank you!!!!

Barbara Browning

TO CONTACT PASTOR ITTU

To meet with Pastor, contact him directly at his church e-mail address: iittu@lutheran.churchofthemaster.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.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Peggy Anderson

Barbara Bombach (mother of Larry Bombach)

Elaine Boyer (friends of Peggy Anderson)

Emma Lou Candow

Sam Carter (friends of Peggy Anderson)

Martie Colman (nephew of Mary and John Savage)

Robert Duvall (friend of Larry Bombach)

Robert Eurice (nephew of Peggy Anderson)

Claudia Esperanza

Jane Fan and Alex Lin and family

Robert Fischman (friend of Richard Levine)

Marvin Frank (grandfather of Griffith Frank)

Virginia Frank (mother of Griffith Frank)

Bennie Goings (cousin of Ramone Muñoz)

Leah Hoffnitz (friend of Tom Jacobson)

Lois Jackson (mother of Emily Jackson-Yano)

Ted and Lynne Jackson

(family of Emily Jackson-Yano)

LCpl. Adam Johnson, USMC

(brother of Julie Johnson)

Betty Johnson (mother of John Johnson)

Jason Johnson, US Army (cousin of Julie Johnson)

Merle Johnson (grandfather of Julie Johnson)

Mak Katznelson (friend of Sarah Knickerbocker)

Pastor Ray Kibler

Jonathan Kovac (brother of Deborah Kovac)

Bjorn and Dagny Lund

Pat Maimone

(organist at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church)

Gisela Marx

The family and friends of Devon Morrison

(family of Sheila Stone)

Tonia Murdock (friend of Peggy Anderson)

Steve Newberry

Ronald Nickel

Pastor Carlos Paiva

The family and friends of Peggy Perkins

(Katie's grandmother)

Dr. Alvaro Rojas (husband of Millie Rojas)

Helena Stark (family member of the Knickerbocker's)

Millie Ross-Clunis Stephens

(friend of Sarah and Dave Knickerbocker)

Sara Victoria

Andrew, Doreen, and Gordon Widdop

(friends of Barbara Browning)

Frances Willms

Jane Withers

The plight of the Syrian Peoples

Members of the AA Groups

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

EVERY SUNDAY Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Choir Warm-up 10:28 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	<h2 style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER 2013 CALENDAR</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>					
		1 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	2 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	3 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7 City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary	8 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	9 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	10 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 2014 Budget Planning Meeting 3:00 p.m. Council/Budget and Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m. City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary	15 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	16 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	18 Masters Notes articles due in office.	19 Knitting Group 11:00 a.m. Jouyssance Concert 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary
20 Baptism of Charles Gary Bialek	21 City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sanctuary	22 Masters Notes articles due in office. AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	23 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	24 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday Brother Silas Henderson Preaching	28 City of Angels Children's Choir Rehearsal 4-7 p.m. Sanctuary String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sanctuary	29 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	30 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	31 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">October Birthdays</p> Paul Gunderson - October 1 st John Johnson - October 4 th Terrence Jegaraj - October 8 th Jessica Durston - October 12 th David Durston - October 13 th John Rollefson - October 13 th Richard Levine - October 22 nd Sara McGah - October 27 th Bettijune Fanning - October 31 st	

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

OCTOBER 2013 SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
October 6	October 6	October 6 Pentecost 20	October 6	October 6
Emily Jackson-Yano	Jeremy Nickel	Yalda Riahi Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Robin Nickel				Maria Gustafsson Grant
October 13	October 13	October 13 Pentecost 21	October 13	October 13
Kevin Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Maria Gustafsson Grant 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Emily Jackson-Yano	Sara McGah
Bryan Yamasaki				Joshua Nickel
October 20	October 20	October 20 Pentecost 22	October 20	October 20
Julie Johnson	Jeremy Nickel	Charlene Mackenzie Genesis 32:22-31 and 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Tom Jacobson	Robin Nickel
Bryan Yamasaki				Millie Rojas
October 27	October 27	October 27 Reformation Sunday	October 27	October 27
Maria Gustafsson Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Deborah Kovac Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Romans 3:19-28	Emily Jackson-Yano	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Julie Johnson				Emily Jackson-Yano