

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

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FROM THE PASTOR

On Anniversary Sunday I spoke about our strategic plan for growing our church to 100 in worship. In that plan we ambitiously aimed at what turned out to be 50-60 goals in a year. In attempting this I've learned that we can healthfully accomplish about half that much on an ongoing basis. I'm currently learning different ways to engage all these goals as each requires a different sort of attention from your pastor.

Sometimes I ponder whether our progress as a congregation, our growth, the deepening of our impact on lives, our moving towards stability is connected to all this overworking. If we stop pushing, will we slip backwards?



On Anniversary Sunday at our morning bible study we talked about the spirit of welcome that pervades LCM. I was touched to hear numerous personal stories from people of feeling welcomed at LCM at a time in people's life where they need love from God's people. People spoke to feeling God's welcome alive at LCM.

Please remember and remind your pastor that is not the accomplishing of goals that makes LCM a church you want to be at. LCM is a good church and a steadily growing church because God's love is felt in LCM's welcoming people.

Ioan Ittu, Pastor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is a tradition at LCM called Memory Month. During the time between Mother's Day and Father's Day we solicit donations to honor the memory of loved

ones who have passed on in the previous year by making permanent physical improvements to the church.

The most recent Memory Month project was the security cameras. I was especially happy with that project because of its rapid execution and the immediate drop in vandalism that followed. For accounting purposes we are making Memory Month part of next year's budget, so I'm asking for ideas for the next Memory Month project now, well ahead of time.

Kevin Grant, President

GLOBAL CHURCH SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH

Pastor Ellen Jennrich, friend of this congregation, will be preaching and leading worship on October 19th while Pastor Ittu is on vacation. On October 19th we will recognize the Global Ministry of the ELCA with Pastor Jennrich. Lutherans in the ELCA have partners in ministry around the world, and together we address causes like hunger, improved education, spreading God's saving Word, building-up our youth for a globally conscious world, etc. The global ministry effort LCM most recently participated in was the ELCA's Campaign Against Malaria. Pastor Jennrich is an active advocate for congregations in our Synod to connect with companion Lutheran Synods in Hong Kong and El Salvador. Any undesignated cash offerings received in the plate that day will be directed



toward ministries in each of our companion Synods. Please come October 19th with some foldable cash that will make a difference in the lives around the world.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

In September we received **\$11,947.08**, including **\$1,454.00** for Anniversary. As of September 30, we have received **\$108,662.54**, which is **74.84%** of our budget goal of **\$145,200**. Lutheran Church of the Master thanks you!

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd, LCM's choir will offer a choral Requiem setting by Dan Forrest (b. 1978) as part of our morning worship. The *Requiem for The Living* has quickly become of the young composer's best-selling works. Dan Forrest was born in Elmira, NY, attended Bob Jones University (where he later taught music theory & composition) and graduated with a DMA from the University of Kansas. He's a pianist and music editor as well as a composer.



Forrest

Forrest describes the musical and textual aspects of his Requiem:

A Requiem, at its core, is a prayer for rest - traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements of the *Requiem for the Living*, (2013), however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead. The opening movement sets the traditional Introit and Kyrie texts - pleas for rest and mercy - using ever-increasing elaborations on a simple three-note descending motive. The second movement, instead of the traditional Dies Irae (Day of Wrath), sets Scriptural texts that speak of the turmoil and sorrow which face humanity, while yet invoking musical and textual allusions to the Dies Irae. This movement juxtaposes aggressive rhythmic gestures with long, floating melodic lines, including quotes of the Kyrie from the first movement. The Agnus Dei is performed next (a departure from the usual liturgical order) as a plea for deliverance and peace; the Sanctus, following it, becomes a response to this redemption. The Sanctus offers three different glimpses of the "heavens and earth, full of Thy glory", all of which develop the

same musical motive: an ethereal opening section inspired by images of space from the Hubble Space Telescope, a stirring middle section inspired by images of our own planet as viewed from the International Space Station, and a closing section which brings the listener down to Earth, where cities teem with the energy of humanity. The Lux Aeterna which then closes the work portrays light, peace, and rest- for both the deceased and the living.

LCM's Choir will join the choir of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 607 E. Third St. in Long Beach in a second performance of the Requiem on November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. with orchestral accompaniment. This free concert is co-sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian and the Long Beach chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Reformation Sunday

On October 26th our musical guests will be The South Coast Brass. The quintet will help us celebrate this festive day with celebratory brass music and accompaniment to Martin Luther's stirring hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God".

David York, Minister of Music

STRING ORCHESTRA PROJECT CONCERT

On October 4th at 7.00pm here at LCM, the String Orchestra Project will be performing a concert.

Founder and conductor Lorenzo Marasso writes:

We are again ready to entertain you with an evening of great music. This time we will delve into the music of 8-year-old Mozart and 16-year-old Mendelssohn, as well as some of Mozart's more mature work. Just think, when all of us were playing basketball at that age, Wolfgang and Felix a couple of hundred years earlier were at the piano writing SYMPHONIES!!! :) We'll also play a piece composed in 2014 by Italian composer Stefano Sacchi.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



On All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd, we remember in worship 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 you would like to have commemorated in the prayers that day by writing the person or person's name on the enclosed prayer card and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. You are also welcome to call the office before October 28th.

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!

COME TO OUR MEETINGS

All Council, Budget and Finance, 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 or Pastor. Our next Council & Budget and Finance meeting will be on October 6th starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In October, we will also begin the process of creating the 2015 budget with a budget planning meeting on October 11th at 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC

We are pleased to introduce the Khosravi-Malakouti Community Law Clinic on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every Month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House

Attorneys John Khosravi and Parviz Malakouti will be available to answer your questions regarding your legal problems. Each clinic participant will receive a private 15-minute session to ask questions about a wide variety of civil legal matters. Criminal law issues will not be addressed at the clinic. The service is completely free of charge to participants. Languages spoken include English, Spanish, Persian, and French. Parviz Malakouti is a California licensed attorney and a graduate of UCLA and the University of Miami School of Law. John Khosravi is a California licensed attorney and a graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School.

COME TO OUR CRAFT DAY

We will meet on October 18th 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.

BAKE-OFF OCTOBER 12TH

Coming up October 12th, we are having a bake-off, actually two bake-offs, one sweet and one savory. You're invited to bring your favorite home-baked dish to church and have it judged against the other church members' dishes to find out who will be supreme.



Last time we did this, there was an independent judge from Westwood Hills Church who had to sample nine different desserts. This time going to be by vote or mob rule. So take your best shot but don't invest too much ego. The results are always surprisingly controversial and confounding but that's just part of the fun. And forget about your diet for that day.

FLOWER CHART

October 5	Ray and Bettijune Fanning, in honor of their 40 th anniversary.
October 12	Sara McGah, in memory of Vlasta Kay Krenek.
October 19	Open
October 26	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 \$20 for a single vase and \$40 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.**

OUR PRAYER LIST

We keep in prayer: Arash; Ardavan; David Arriola; Sister Susannah Bede; Gina Beretta; Barbara Bombach; Emma Lou Candow; Carol Clarke; Andrew Crean; Faye Daroeian; Debbie Delmonte; Robert Duvall; Fariba; Jane Fan and Alex Lin and family; Scott Ferguson; Karen Friedman; Lois Jackson; Ted and Lynne Jackson; LCpl. Adam Johnson; Betty Johnson; Irwin Keyes; Deborah Kovac; Elizabeth Kovac; Jonathan Kovac; Charlene MacKenzie; Amy Manning; Gisela Marx; Mohsen; Steve Newberry; Erma Nickel; Harley Rockoff; Dr. Alvaro Rojas; John Savage; Kathie Shinholster; Hilary Smith; Helena Stark; Millie Ross-Clunis Stephens; Corinne Weitzman; Yasaman; 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.

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 2014 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>					
October Birthdays 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			1 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	3 FACT/GAP 9:00-4:00 p.m. Parish House String Orchestra Project Rehearsal 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sanctuary	4 String Orchestra Project Concert 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
5	6 Council/Budget and Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	8 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	10 FACT/GAP 9:00-4:00 p.m. Parish House	11 2015 Budget Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.
12 Bake-Off After Worship	13	14 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	15 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	16 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	17 FACT/GAP 9:00-4:00 p.m. Parish House	18 Crafts Day 11:00 a.m.
19 Pastor Ellen Jennrich Presiding	20	21 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	22 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	24	25
26 Reformation Sunday	27	28 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	29 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	30 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	31	1 Choir Rehearsal in Long Beach 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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OCTOBER 2014 SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
October 5	October 5	October 5 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 5	October 5
Fred Ascher	Jeremy Nickel	Kimberly Hedlin Isaiah 5:1-7 and Philippians 3:4b-14	Deborah Kovac	Barbara Browning
Manny Cabacungan				Ronald Nickel
October 12	October 12	October 12 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 12	October 12
Maria Gustafsson Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Fred Ascher Isaiah 25:1-9 and Philippians 4:1-9	Emily Jackson-Yano	Sara McGah
Julie Johnson				Joshua Nickel
October 19	October 19	October 19 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 19	October 19
Julie Johnson	Jeremy Nickel	Deborah Kovac Isaiah 45:1-7 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Tom Jacobson	Robin Nickel
Robin Nickel				Millie Rojas
October 26	October 26	October 26 Reformation Sunday	October 26	October 26
Kevin Grant	Jeremy Nickel	Emily Jackson-Yano Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Romans 3:19-28	Yalda Riahi	Emily Jackson-Yano
Bryan Yamasaki				Tom Jacobson