

The Master's Notes

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Lutheran Church of The Master

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Thoughts from Pastor Peg

October blessings to you all!

Briana's sweet daughter Paris delights to sit in church in the front pew behind Minister of Music David York. What fun to hear her delight in helping David close the organ after worship! After worship recently Paris sang for me her meal time prayer "Johnnie Applesseed." I had sung a plural version during the sermon and she wanted to share her song as well. Perhaps we can give her the mic one of these Sundays. "O the Lord is good to me..." she sang, ending with her own glorious renditions of Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Words to the "we" version I shared were requested, so there they are (not original to me):

*"For every seed we sow, we know a tree will grow.
And soon there will be apples there for everyone in the
world to share.*

*The Lord is good to us. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Amen."* (sung with your own fluctuations.)

The first day of October, a Sunday, we will read in worship from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul wrote this letter from prison, so it's remarkable that it is the most joyful book in the Bible. His heart is full of gratitude for knowing the presence of his crucified and risen Savior. He doesn't expect this presence to bring him a rose garden. Instead he delights in the fragrance of a life of rejoicing because God has set us free in Christ to share in God's love for the world.

Philippians 2:1 begins: "If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit,... be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? It means to see the larger picture – a picture shaped by Christ's dying and rising. God can take the worst that can happen and turn it for good. Joseph told his brothers this when they repented of selling him to a caravan of traders. (Gen. 50) "You intended it for evil, but God is using it for good."

Jesus speaks of paradise from the cross. He knows God is not defeated even by death, or by any of the little deaths or discouragements we go through. God finds a way to fresh life. To have the mind of Christ is to trust God is at work for good, and God is always good. The best we can do is to line our lives up to live in response to this goodness. To trust it. To let it shape our minds.

Where is God's goodness afoot in the world shining in brilliant hues – bringing good even out of difficulties? This is where Christians are to find ourselves – empowered by God's love to be about God's work in the world. "O the Lord is good to us" so that we may be good to others. What a joyful calling! Joy as St. Paul knew. Joy as little Paris knows as she sings her mealtime prayer. What brings you joy as child of God, called to live consistent with the mind of Christ?

I'd love to hear your stories of joyful service in God's world.

Pastor Peg

Reformation Sunday

October 29th, 2017

500th Anniversary

God's Word is our Great Heritage!

Festive Choral Worship 11:00 a.m.

Invite a friend! Wear red!

From the Minister of Music



Luther's Gloria

As part of the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this month we're incorporating an element of Martin Luther's *Deutsche Messe* or German Mass into our liturgy. Luther realized the importance of making the mass accessible to worshippers, so he assembled a group of chorales sung in the German language that were used for the five-part Ordinary of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei).

Many of the chorales and texts that make up the *Deutsche Mess* are attributed to Luther himself but The Song of Praise or Gloria we're singing was written by Nikolaus Decius (1485-1550), a German monk who was an advocate of the Protestant Reformation and a disciple of Martin Luther. Decius borrowed a plainsong melody and created a textual paraphrase of the Gloria that has been translated into English as "All Glory Be to God on High". It was this melody and text that Luther adapted in 1525.

The chorale melody for "All Glory Be to God on High, ("Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr',") appears to have been a favorite of Bach since he used it numerous times in organ chorale preludes and choral works. Many other composers have also set this famous melody. Throughout the month we'll hear various organ settings.

On Reformation Sunday, 10/29, the choir will sing Luther's Sanctus setting, "Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old" in English and a movement from Bach's Reformation Cantata #79, "Nun danket Alle Gott" in German.

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In September we were sad to say goodbye to Becca Tomasko who served as one of our soprano section leaders this past year. We'll miss her beautiful voice and elegant cello playing. We welcome sopranos Erica Campbell and Emily Rosenberg and tenor Thomas Hollow and look forward to getting to know them in the months ahead.

David York, Minister of Music

Emma Lou Candow

Emma Lou Candow passed away the morning of Tuesday, September 26th. She was the wife of LCM's founding pastor, Rev. Sterling A. Candow, and was here from the first day, helping to establish the church we cherish today. Mrs. Candow is survived by her son Scott, his wife Valarie and family with grandson David and his wife, Beth, and two great grandsons, Andrew and Nicholas. Emma Lou was an elementary and preschool teacher who shared love, kindness and a sense of humor with everyone she met. A portrait of her hangs in the narthex next to her husband. God bless the memory of Emma Lou Candow. **A memorial service will be held on October 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. at Lutheran Church of The Master.**

From the President

Council Meeting Highlights

- Reviewed the dates of upcoming events:
77th Anniversary Sept 24
Metro LA Conference Sep 21,
Leadership Workshop Sept 27,
Plans for Observance of Reformation 500,
Blessing of the Animals Oct 7,
"Luther" Movie night on Oct 14.
- Set dates for the first two budget meetings.
- Call Process is on target.
- Made arrangements to order new computer to replace the treasure's laptop. (Computer has been ordered.)

Kevin Grant, President

Financial Update

Happy October! In September we received **\$14,307.56** in General Fund Offerings. This brings out year-to-date total to **\$85,268.59**, or **58.45%** of our budget goal of **\$145,875.00**. Thank you!

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary



All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, November 5th, 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 All Saints' prayer card and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. You are also welcome to call the office before October 30th.

Blessing of The Animals Save The Date



Save the date
Blessing of the Animals
Saturday October 7th, 2017 11:00 a.m.
At Lutheran Church of The Master
Invite friends & bring your critters!

Devotional Booklets



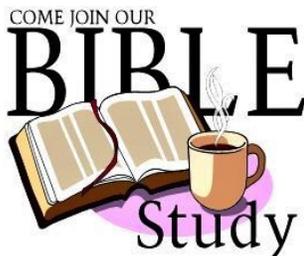
The October - December edition of the Christ In Our Home devotional booklet is available in the Narthex and in the Parish House. The large-print edition is also available. Be sure to take your copy!

Flower Chart

October 1	In Memory of Emma Lou Candow
October 8	In memory of Ray Fanning by the friends of Bettijune Fanning
October 15	Sara McGah, in memory of Vlasta Kay Krenek
October 22	Open
October 29	Bettijune Fanning's 75 th Birthday

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.

Invitation to Explore Scripture



Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the parish house as we preview and discuss one of the scripture passages we'll hear during that day's worship. Leah Chang continues to facilitate; all participants continue as teachers. Added incentives? You can enjoy a donut and a cup of coffee, lemonade, or tea! Hope to see you there!

Discussion With Those New To Being Lutheran

People new to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA's) expression of the Christian faith will meet for a potluck dinner and discussion with Pastor Peg in the LCM Parish House on Saturday, October 14th at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: churchoffice@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org or call 310-473-1055. The dinner will be followed at 7:00 p.m. by a movie in the church sanctuary about Martin Luther.

All-Congregational Movie Night, Saturday, October 14th



We will show TV travel guide and author Rick Steves' movie "Luther and the Reformation" Saturday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Along with the Renaissance, the Protestant Reformation represented the growing pains of medieval Europe as it entered the modern age. On the Reformation's 500th anniversary in 2017, ELCA Lutheran Rick Steves travels to where major theological, economic and political events took place that changed the world.

CLU Reformation Talk Monday, October 16th

"Martin Luther and Judaism"
Monday, October 16th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Lundring Events Center, California Lutheran University
A talk by Bishop R. Guy Erwin with a panel discussion including Pastor Peg.

Want to Visit the Holy Lands?



Pastors Peg & Reg are planning a Holy Land trip for April 17-27, 2018. You are heartily welcome too! It will include visits to Caesarea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, the Mt of Olives, etc. (There is also an optional pre-trip visit to Jordan, Petra, and Mt. Nebo: April 15-18). For more info. email Pastor Peg at pastorpeg@sbcglobal.net.

Holiday Cards for Prisoners



In years past we have gathered cards to send to prisoners. We often don't think of the fact that prisoners have family and friends as we do and like to send cards on holidays, birthdays and other events important to them. Please consider bringing some cards and placing them in the basket on the table in the parish hall or the narthex. We will be sending them to the prison the first part of November in time for the holidays. Thank you for participating in this Charitable Giving Project.

AmazonSmile

Would you like to benefit LCM while shopping online? You can if you have an account with Amazon! AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, etc. as Amazon. However, if you use the AmazonSmile website, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of all eligible purchases to LCM at no additional cost to you. You can "unsupport" at any time.

To register:

- Sign in to www.smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
 - From your desktop, go to "Your Account" from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to "Change your Charity".
 - From your mobile browser, select "Change your Charity" from the options at the bottom of the page.
- Select a new charitable organization to support. Be sure to choose "Lutheran Church of the Master in Los Angeles".

Any questions? Contact Emily or Ken

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.

Free Community Law Clinic



Attorney Parviz Malakouti continues to host the Community Law Clinic to provide free legal consultations to individuals, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **The next clinic will be on October 4th.**

Come to our Craft Day



We will next meet on **October 21st** 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.

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, Karen Beatty, Gina Beretta, Barbara Bombach, Melissa Bomes, Yuby Calderon, Francoise Campoverde, the family of Emma Lou Candow, Sonia Casas, Victoria and J. W. Chavier Sr., Andrew Crean, Edita Cabacungan Donnelly and family, Sara Ehrman, Bensiyon Eyice, Emmett Fisher, Badri and Negin Hunold, Katherine, Martin and Gloria Hunt, Ted and Lynne Jackson, Betty Johnson, the family of Merle Johnson, the family of Richard Johnson, Rosana Johnson, Malinda Jones, Mary Kay, Rossen Kirilov, Elizabeth Kovac, Jonathan Kovac, Peter Lewis, Ma, Jeff, Lester Mahaffay, Gisela Marx, Frank Nakamura, Steve Newberry, Kaitlyn Nickel, the Nickel Family, Bobby Orue, Meghan Reul, Harley Rockoff, Tim Rutherford, Rosamelida Sandoval, Hilary Smith, Alireza Soulati, Peter Stackhouse, Hailing Sun, Polina Tashlitskaya, John Warren, Kent Weed, Steve Weiss, MaryAnn 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 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;">October 2017 Calendar</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: 0.9em;">Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: 0.8em; text-align: center;">Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>					
1	2	3 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	4 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Blessing of The Animals 11:00 a.m.	
8	9	10 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	11 Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	13	14 New Lutherans Potluck 5:00 p.m. Movie Night 7:00 p.m.	
15	16	17 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	18 Community Law Clinic 6:30 p.m. Parish House AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	20	21 2018 Budget Planning Meeting 8:30 a.m. Craft Day 11:00 a.m.	
22	23 Masters Notes articles due in office.	24 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House	25 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	27	28	
29 Reformation Sunday	30	31 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Parish House			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		

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October 2017 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

USHERS	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
October 1	October 1 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost	October 1	October 1
Julie Johnson	Millie Rojas Philippians 2:1-13	Deborah Kovac	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Carlos Valera			Ronald Nickel
October 8	October 8 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost	October 8	October 8
Kevin Grant	Noubar Taykalderanian Philippians 3:4b-14	Maria Gustafsson Grant	Maria Gustafsson Grant
Bryan Yamasaki			Joshua Nickel
October 15	October 15 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost	October 15	October 15
Fred Ascher	Fred Ascher Isaiah 25:1-9 and Philippians 4:1-9	Emily Jackson-Yano	Emily Jackson-Yano
Manny Cabacungan			Barbara Browning
October 22	October 22 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost	October 22	October 22
Richard Levine	Charlene MacKenzie Isaiah 45:1-7 and Thessalonians 1:1-10	Emily Jackson-Yano	Barbara Browning
Charlotte Johnson			Joshua Nickel
October 29	October 29 Reformation Sunday	October 29	October 29
Carlos Valera	Charles Peruchini Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Romans 3:19-28	Deborah Kovac	Emily Jackson-Yano
Bryan Yamasaki			Joshua Nickel
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