The Master's Notes

Summer 2012

Lutheran Church of The Master

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
a Reconciling in Christ congregation

10931 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025
(310) 473-1055 Fax (310) 478-7805

churchoffice@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org
http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org

The Reverend Ioan Ittu, Pastor
iittu@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org

Joshua Nickel, editor
mastersnotes@lutheran.churchofthemaster.org

Craig Shepherd 2000

From the Pastor

With the Choir year having come to an end, summer seems to be a slower, more relaxing time at Lutheran Church of The Master. However this year we are engaged in creating a 5 year plan. It is shaping up to be a busy summer especially for the leadership of the congregation. And herein lies the tension of trying to grow. We threaten to lose what we enjoy and are familiar with at church. Do you give up your typical slow summer days for plans to grow the church? Do you give up talking to the familiar friend at fellowship to chat and get to know the new person? What are we willing to risk and sacrifice to grow this church?

To know your risk and change tolerance, you must know your non-negotiables. What is it that if we lost it as a characteristic of our community, this congregation would just not be the nurturing faith family you need? We will not sacrifice our beautiful music for rock-band worship and a coffeehouse sanctuary (not that there is anything wrong with that). We will always hear about God's love and Christ's saving grace. Church is supposed to be a peaceful and uplifting experience. The challenges are supposed to be about how to love your neighbor and yourself. These are non-negotiable even when up against pastoral preferences, music program ambitions, or even plans for growth.

We want to grow. We will have to change to. There will have to be sacrifices. But don't sacrifice this being a good and nurturing place for your faith. If you feel that happening, please come talk to your pastor. With a little trust and conversation, we can always adapt and improve our plans for growth and its execution.

Ioan Ittu, Pastor

From the President

Highlights from the June council meeting:

We have collected over $2400 so far for memory month. The social event for August will be bowling on Saturday the 11th. Please see page 3 for more information.

Kevin Grant, President

Financial Update

For the month of June we collectively donated $9,496.20, bringing our year-to-date giving to the general fund to $79,839.89. This is 49.39% of our goal of $161,665 for 2012.

Also this month a total of $1,571.00 was donated for Memory Month, bringing the total to $2,421.00.

Thank you for your gifts of time and money to Lutheran Church of the Master!

Emily Jackson-Yano, Financial Secretary

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.

Note: Pastor Ittu will be on vacation through July 6th. Pastor Ittu will also be on a Continuing Education Leave from July 24th through July 27th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please leave a message with the church office and we will contact the on-call pastor.

Report From the 25th Annual Synod Assembly of the Southwest California Synod

This year's Synod Assembly meeting took place June 1st-June 2nd in Glendale. Pastor Ittu, Kevin and I attended. The theme this year was **We're on a mission from God.**

Bishop Nelson reported on his work year and said last year's Churchwide Assembly encouraged the Synods and congregations to live out our mission. In order to help with this there have been four types of gatherings with people representing congregations to develop, design or revise strategies to fulfill our purposes. The Bishop also received the Clarence E. Anderson Peace and Justice Award.

We all listened to greetings from, among others, the Churchwide ELCA, Thrivent Financial and The United Methodist Church.

A new Lutheran Church was welcomed into the Synod: People of God Lutheran Church (Iglésia Lutherana Pueblo De Dios) in Compton. It has taken nine years of development before they were ready to become an organized congregation.

The Synod is administering two new start-up churches and one in re-development. Three new faith communities have been started and a handful are on their way but not yet ready to become churches. Two efforts had to be closed down. In the last year three congregations in the Synod have left the ELCA.

The Synod has a number of programs for members who want to learn more about stewardship and mission. An event is coming up Saturday November 3rd.

A number of speakers talked about outreach in the Mission Minutes and Issues of Conscience. The common factor seemed to be church goers who needed assistance, who saw a need and felt driven to act or events happening in the surrounding area near the churches, which prompted them to get involved which then turned into ministry and evangelism.

Benevolence money transferred through ELCA has been used in helpful ways; among them to revive a church in Columbus, Ohio, to build a church in Irvine, Texas and to support the Lutheran Church in Liberia. The Synod forwards 49% of undesignated giving to the ELCA. The Synod also directs 12% of the undesignated giving to grants.

The Synod has been in talks with the Pacifica Synod about a possible merger, but it has been decided not to merge. Instead there will be joint work to coordinate common ministries.

There were five resolutions this year and the resolutions to support raising money to help with Malaria efforts in Zimbabwe, to support efforts to provide nutrition for pregnant women and infants in poor countries and to support programs for the poor locally all passed. Two resolutions did not pass. The first one was to advocate for the Lutheran Magazine be sent to all Lutheran households nationwide. The last resolution was to assist troubled congregations. This resolution was the one that took the longest and generated the most interest with several speakers, voting cycles and amendments. There are already two groups that work towards revitalizing congregations. Ultimately this resolution failed.

We elected some representatives for the Synod Council and Churchwide Assembly; this latter assembly will meet in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in August next year.

Our former Pastor John Rollefson is now an interim at a church in Solvang and he attended the Synod Assembly with Ruth. They both send their greetings to all of you!

At our own annual meeting in December we should elect attendees for the Synod Assembly but it has been deemed impossible to elect someone half a year in advance. Instead the informal way has been to ask Council members to elect volunteers. The Synod Assembly is not boring but rather interesting with good opportunities to talk with people from other churches, speak with exhibitors and listen to a number of interesting speakers. I recommend attending as it is informative and gives perspective to what we do as a church.

If someone would be interested to hear more and maybe go next year you are welcome to speak with me. Next year's Synod Assembly will take place May 31st-June 1st, and will also be Bishop Dean Nelson's last Synod Assembly before he retires.

Maria Gustafsson Grant

New Recycling Program

We are starting a recycling program here at the church to recycle your used inkjet cartridges and old cell phones. If you would like to participate in this program, please give your items to Robin. They will be sent to a company that will pay us for each one we send in. The money will then be put in the General fund. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the church office.

From the Minister of Music

Together with members of the choir I would like to express thanks to Pastor Ittu, the Council and LCM congregation for their kindness and thoughtfulness in honoring the choir on June 17, Choir Recognition Sunday. That morning the music, which featured departing soloists Sergey and Griffith, was chosen by the choir members. (We're pleased that soprano soloist Kelci Hahn, who had planned to move out of state, has found a teaching position with the El Segundo school district and will stay with us.) The congregation presented a gift card to each choir member. In addition, the LCM Foundation was able to offer a scholarship to Sergey Khalikulov for further studies this fall at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Soprano	**Alto**
Tina Appel	Barbara Browning
Kelci Hahn	Sara McGah
Alexis Wesley	Kaitlyn Nickel
	Michelle Talley
	Nancy Yamasaki

Tenor	**Bass**
Griffith Frank	Sergey Khalikulov
Tom Jacobson	Ray Lanthier
Joshua Nickel	Kenneth Roehrs
Pastor Robert Richards	Ryan Thorn

During the summer months while the choir enjoys a much-earned rest, soloists and instrumentalists will enhance our worship. We'll also welcome back our good friend Nancy Ruczynski as guest organist.

7/1- Ken Roehrs, vocal soloist

7/8- Brett Clausen, Oboe
Brett Clausen is in his 15th season as principal oboe of the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. He currently is the instrumental music director at Bakersfield Christian High School and St. John's Lutheran School. He has been playing oboe in the L.A. area since graduating from USC in 1984.

7/15- Tina Appel, vocal and flute soloist

7/22- Alexis Wesley, vocal soloist

7/29- Mike McGuffey, trumpet
Mike McGuffey has two music degrees from USC and has performed with many orchestras in Europe and at the Spoleto Opera Festival and the Schlesswig-Holstein Festival in Germany. With the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra he has had the opportunity to play with Isaac Stern and Richard Goode. In Los Angeles, he's played with the 2004 Oscar Orchestra and the Santa Barbara and Long Beach Symphonies.

In August Nancy Yamasaki, Ryan Thorn, John Johnson, and Barbara Browning will provide special music.

David York, Minister of Music

Your Invited: Mt. Olive's 70th Birthday Celebration

On July 15th, our friends at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Santa Monica will be celebrating their 70th anniversary. There will be with guest preachers at both of their services at 9:00 and 11:00, followed by a celebratory luncheon at 12:30 and a special 3rd Sunday @ 3:00 Classical Concert honoring the decades of fine music at Mt. Olive. The church is located at 1343 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica. If you would like more information, please contact their church office at (310) 452-1166.

July Service Event: Canned Food Drive

For those who do not know, here at Lutheran Church of The Master we have been focusing on either a service project or a fun event each month. For the month of July the service project will be collecting food for the Westside Food Bank. We are asking you to please bring one canned good or package item each Sunday. At the end of the month along with the Westwood Hills Congregational Church, we will be delivering all the items that have been collected to the Westside Food Bank. If you would like to see a list of items that are needed, please contact the church office

August Social Event: Bowling

For the month of August the social event will be bowling on Saturday, August 11th at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the AMF Bay Shore Bowling Alley, which is located at 234 Pico Blvd in Santa Monica at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to come to this fun event or need a ride to the bowling alley, please let Robin in the church office know by August 5th. Please note that this event will incur a cost for bowling and shoe rental.

Memory Month 2012

Memory Month began on Mothers' Day, May 13th and ended on Father's Day, June 17th. Lutheran Church of The Master celebrates Memory Month as a time to honor our dearly departed. The money given is put toward a special project selected by the Church Council to make a lasting physical improvement to our worship space, parish house or grounds. This year's goal of $3000 will fund the purchase of four minister chairs for the front-most chancel area for Pastor Ittu, our acolyte, the assistants and readers. Chairs, appropriate for the altar area, would add uniformity and beauty to our worship space. The Council would like to honor the Candows by dedicating these chairs to them. After the chairs are purchased, any surplus funds would be used to improve the worship space at the discretion of the Minister of Music and Chair of the Worship, Arts and Music Committee, in consultation with the Pastor & Council. Your gifts toward Memory Month are very much appreciated to make this project a reality.

Thank you to those who gave for your generosity:

Anonymous

Amanda Bialek,
in memory of her grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Barbara Browning,
in memory of her parents, Albert and Elva Browning, in memory of Lillian and Don Foltz, in memory of Pastor Candow, in honor of Mrs. Candow, and in memory of Tyler Bruinakool.

Emma Lou Candow,
in memory of The Rev. Sterling Candow.

The Scott Candow Family,
in remembrance of The Rev. Sterling A. Candow, and in honor of Emma L. Candow, the last surviving charter member of Lutheran Church of The Master.

Kyle and Ginger Clower,
in memory of Kyle's parents, Ken and Kathy Clower.

Xiujuan (Jane) Fan,
in honor of Pastor Ittu.

Ray and Bettijune Fanning,
in honor and memory of the Harthan, Lockwood, Adams, and Anderson families.

Russell Fung,
in memory of the one year I spent in Los Angeles when work was not going so great and LCM provided me love, friendship, and spiritual nourishment to keep me going.

Ioan Ittu,
in memory and honor of the previous pastors of LCM.

Tom Jacobson,
in memory of his aunt, Candace Corzier, and his father, Eugene Jacobson.

Charlene Mackenzie,
in memory of my adoptive parents.

Sara McGah,
in memory of her parents, Tom and Russella McGah, and in memory of Kay Krenek.

The Nickel Family,
in memory of family members that have passed away.

Pastor Robert Richards,
In memory of Stephen Eddy Richards.

Kenneth Roehrs,
in memory of Julius and Doris Roehrs.

Millie Rojas,
in memory of her parents, George and Mary Kisha.

The Shepherd Family,
in honor of Emma Lou Candow and her years of teaching Sunday School.

Deborah Warren,
in memory of her father, John Kovac.

Hazel and Wayne Wetts,
in memory of their son, Rick Wetts.

Ty Woodward

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 the church office by Friday at noon or call Barbara at (310) 393-6844.

Sunday Bible Study

You can study the Bible every Sunday morning. We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish House and study each week's lessons in advance of the service with Pastor Ittu. Our study of the Bible is in keeping with our Synod's commitment to the ELCA initiative "Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible." Come, grab a donut and a cup of coffee, and experience the power of scripture!

Flower Chart

July

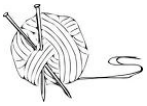
July 1	Open
July 8	Amanda Bialek, in honor of her parents anniversary.
July 15	Open
July 22	Open
July 29	Lutheran Church of The Master, in honor of Pastor Ittu's birthday and the 2nd anniversary of his call as Pastor here at LCM.

August

August 5	Open
August 12	Open
August 19	Open
August 26	Open

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 July 21st and August 18th to knit or learn to knit together. 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.

Council And Finance Meeting Information

All Council and Budget and Finance 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 Congregation 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 Prayer List

Peggy Anderson
Dolores Brown (friend of Peggy Anderson)
Julie and Patrick Brown (friends of Peggy Anderson)
Becky and Koa Bruinakool
(family of Barbara Browning)
Emma Lou Candow
Martic Colman (nephew of Mary and John Savage)
Mike Conway
Donna Crean
Robert and Diane Eunice (family of Peggy Anderson)
Marvin Frank (grandfather of Griffith Frank)
Virginia Frank (mother of Griffith Frank)
Bennie Goings (cousin of Ramone Muñoz)
Leah Hoffmitz (friend of Tom Jacobson)
Lois Jackson (mother of Emily Jackson-Yano)
LCpl. Adam Johnson, USMC
(brother of Julie Johnson)
Jason Johnson, US Army (cousin of Julie Johnson)
Rosana Johnson (grandmother of Julie Johnson)
Pastor Ray Kibler
The family and friends of Aaron Kisha
(family of Millie Rojas)
Jonathan Kovac
(brother of Deborah Warren)
Cecille Lanthier (mother of Ray Lanthier)
Gisela Marx
Mike Metzger (son of Peggy Anderson)
Janice Newberry (family of Steve Newberry)
Pastor Carlos Paiva
Millie Ross-Clunis Stephens
(friend of Sarah and Dave Knickerbocker)
Frances Willms
Hideto Yano (father-in-law of Emily Jackson-Yano)
The plight of the Syrian Peoples
Members of the AA Groups
Our sister congregations in the
LA Metro Conference,
especially our neighbors at St. Andrew's Lutheran and Mt. Olive Lutheran, as they call new pastors.

Devotional Booklets

The July - September 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!

Lutheran Church of The Master

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

July 2012 Calendar

Please refer to CALENDAR at http://lutheran.churchofthemaster.org for updates.

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1 **Pastor Robert Richards Preaching**	**2**	**3** **Budget and Finance Meeting 7:30 p.m.** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	**4** **Independence Day** **The Office Will Be Closed**	**5**	**6**	**7** Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
8	**9**	**10** **Retreat Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	**11** AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	**12**	**13**	**14** **Men's Bible Breakfast at Mt. Olive 8:00 a.m.** Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
15	**16**	**17** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	**18** **Church Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's** AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	**19**	**20**	**21** **Knitting Group 11:00 a.m.** Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
22	**23**	**24** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	**25** AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	**26**	**27**	**28** Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
29 **Brenda Bose Preaching**	**30**	**31** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary			**July Birthdays** **Pastor Ioan Ittu's 2nd anniversary of his call as pastor here at LCM - July 3rd** **Pastor Ioan Ittu - July 30th** **Alex Fan - July 30th**	

Lutheran Church of The Master

July 2012 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
July 1	**July 1**	**July 1**	**July 1**	**July 1**
Kevin Grant	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Barbara Browning** Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 **and** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15	**Deborah Warren**	**Barbara Browning**
Bryan Yamasaki				**Ronald Nickel**
July 8	**July 8**	**July 8**	**July 8**	**July 8**
Julie Johnson	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Maria Gustafsson Grant** Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 **and** Ephesians 1:3-14	**Emily Jackson-Yano**	**Maria Gustafsson Grant**
Robin Nickel				**Amanda Bialek**
July 15	**July 15**	**July 15**	**July 15**	**July 15**
Julie Johnson	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Kenneth Roehrs** Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 **and** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	**Kaitlyn Nickel**	**Robin Nickel**
Robin Nickel				**Millie Rojas**
July 22	**July 22**	**July 22**	**July 22**	**July 22**
Maria Gustafsson Grant	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Deborah Warren** Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 **and** Ephesians 2:11-22	**Tom Jacobson**	**Sara McGah**
Steve Newberry				**Joshua Nickel**
July 29	**July 29**	**July 29**	**July 29**	**July 29**
Maria Gustafsson Grant	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Tom Jacobson** 2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 **and** Ephesians 3:14-21	**Kaitlyn Nickel**	**Emily Jackson-Yano**
Julie Johnson				**Tom Jacobson**

Lutheran Church of The Master

Every Sunday	August 2012 Calendar					
Bible Study 9:45 a.m. **Worship 11:00 a.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.**					
			1 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	2	3 Arte Musica Rehearsal 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary	4 Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
5	6	7 **Budget and Finance Meeting** **7:30 p.m.** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	8 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	9	10	11 **Men's Bible Breakfast at Mt. Olive** **8:00 a.m.** **August Social Event: Bowling** **1:00 p.m.** Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
12	13	14 **Church Council Meeting** **7:00 p.m.** AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	15 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	16	17	18 **Knitting Group** **11:00 a.m.** Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
19	20	21 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	22 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	23 **Masters Notes articles due in office.**	24	25 Arte Musica Rehearsal 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
26	27	28 AA St. John's Alumni 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	29 AA Step Study 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary	30	**<u>August Birthdays</u>** **Ernest Durston - August 10th** **Jessica Durston - August 12th** **Bamdad Borhani - August 22nd** **Madeline Gunderson - August 30th**	

Lutheran Church of The Master

August 2012 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

USHERS	ACOLYTE	READERS	ASSISTANT	COUNTERS
August 5	**August 5**	**August 5**	**August 5**	**August 5**
Kevin Grant	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Sara McGah** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 **and** Ephesians 4:1-16	**Deborah Warren**	**Barbara Browning**
Bryan Yamasaki				**Ronald Nickel**
August 12	**August 12**	**August 12**	**August 12**	**August 12**
Steve Newberry	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Robin Nickel** 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 **and** Ephesians 4:25—5:2	**Kaitlyn Nickel**	**Sara McGah**
Eric Ormsby				**Joshua Nickel**
August 19	**August 19**	**August 19**	**August 19**	**August 19**
Steve Newberry	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Kaitlyn Nickel** Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 **and** Ephesians 5:15-20	**Emily Jackson-Yano**	**Maria Gustafsson Grant**
Eric Ormsby				**Millie Rojas**
August 26	**August 26**	**August 26**	**August 26**	**August 26**
Kevin Grant	**Jeremy Nickel**	**Amanda Bialek** Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 **and** Ephesians 6:10-20	**Tom Jacobson**	**Emily Jackson-Yano**
Bryan Yamasaki				**Tom Jacobson**
				LCM:eMac:Users:Shared:MstNts07-08-2012j2.doc - 6/29/12