



# THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos  
Lutheran Church

July 2023

**Our Mission:** “To know, accept and live the love of God and share it with others”



## Important Dates

### Sundays in July & August

We will continue to have one Service at 10am  
Adult Forum will follow the service

### Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and  
Tuesday July 4th in observance of the holiday!  
Happy Independence Day!

### Outdoor Office Hours with Pastor Casey

Drop in on Pastor Casey (and your fellow SMLC community members) on the third Thursday of the month for casual conversation (and a beverage, if you so choose). We'll rotate monthly between mornings at Ascend Coffee Roasters and evenings at Rip Current Brewing. We'll sit outside while the weather permits, so bring a friend, family member, or even your dog—all are welcome!

**July 20, 4pm-6pm, Rip Current Brewing, 1325 Grand Ave #100**

See how good, how pleasant it is for God's people to live together as one! — Psalm 133:1

It has been such a delight to be gathered with all of you for our Summer Single Service these past few weeks! I hope you have enjoyed connecting or reconnecting with other SMLC-goers that you don't see as frequently, during the service as well as at Community Time afterward. If you have not stuck around for Community Time, I encourage you to give it a try in July. We'll learn more about earthkeeping, hear from the Social Action Committee, and more!

In addition to the Sunday morning opportunity for fellowship, a handful of us gathered for the first of my monthly Outdoor Office Hours, this time at Ascend Coffee Roasters with chai lattes and chit-chat. (In July, Outdoor Office Hours are at Rip Current Brewing—details about that are elsewhere in this newsletter.) It is good for us to be together, any day of the week.

As I continue to make plans for our life together this summer, I do so with the intention of slowness and rest. In your household, it may be that summer has the same level of activity as any other time of year, or perhaps even ramps up as you figure out where kids or grandkids can spend their unscheduled daytime hours. In whatever situation you find yourself, I invite you to carve out time for restful practices that you enjoy. Now that the sun is (finally) reliably shining, I hope you are slathering on your sunscreen and getting outside a bit.

For me, as you might guess, the indoor/outdoor restful practice of my choice is reading. When I came to SMLC for a "meet and greet" before you voted to call me as your next pastor, one of the questions someone asked was about the best book I'd read recently. I answered that I'd been surprised to love a science-fiction series called *The Wayfarers* by Becky Chambers. I had not previously considered myself a sci-fi fan, but it turns out that, in any genre, I love a good story. Becky Chambers has written a few other books, some of which I have read, the most relevant to this letter being *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*, the first in her Monk & Robot series.

*A Psalm for the Wild-Built* tells the story of a restless monk who sets out on a journey to the wilderness and encounters a curious robot (you can see where the series gets its name). This robot happens to be the first one to make contact with a human since the two races went their separate ways several generations before. As the two encounter one another as (somewhat accidental) representatives of their entire communities, they learn as much about themselves as they do about each other.

**In the month of July, I hope you will access a copy of *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*, read it, and talk with me (and each other) about what it stirs up in you during Community Time on Sunday, July 23.** The book is quite short (~150 pages or a 4-hour audiobook) and approachably readable. It is readily available through the San Diego County Library system, as well as via your bookstore of choice. If you do not find a copy or the time to read it, I hope you will join the conversation anyway, and wonder aloud with us about things like hope, vocation, identity, relationships, our environment, technology, faith, and all the ways those complex things intersect.

Peace,  
Pastor Casey

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*All are Welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female." (Galatians 3:28)*

Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Office Manager: Aimee Hudlow Bookkeeper: Eunice Hanson

Choir Director: Max Chodos Musician: Justin Hershey

**Council Members**

Dan Norris, President	Karla Strazicich-Cain
Kelly Van Jen, Treasurer	Jan Parthemer
Anne Voth, Secretary	Karen Johns
Kelly Black, Vice President	

To contact any Council members, Call the Church office and we will forward to the appropriate member. 760-727-1509

**San Marcos Lutheran Preschool**

www.smlcchild@sbcglobal.net

(760)727-0326 Director: Ann Leong

Teachers: Roxy Maldonado, Marlene Vasquez, Elle Kim



**Remember in Prayer:**

Christine Buma, Dorothy, Grace, Gary Haldeman, Pete Johnson, Linda Kent, Gwen, Victoria Kautz, Melinda Nelson, Rene, Sean O'Carroll, Alvar Roy, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Nick Torres, and Dan Weis.



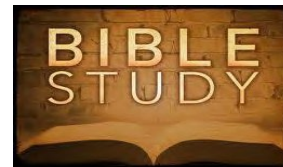
**PLEASE CONTACT US!**

We want to include you in our prayers, arrange for pastoral visits, and inform the congregation, when appropriate. Please notify the Church Office (760)727-1509 when:

- A loved one or someone you know dies
- You, or someone you know, is ill or grieving
- You, or someone you know, is in the hospital
- To plan a baptism, wedding, or celebration
- You moved or contact info has changed

For urgent needs, contact

Pr. Casey at cell (442)222-1194 or email: pastorcaseykd@gmail.com



**Bibles & Bagels**

Saturday, July 15, 2023  
10 AM - 11:30 AM  
Luther Hall

**Lutheran Fellowship Lunch Group** will meet on Monday, July 10th. at 12pm. at PEGAH's Kitchen at 955 S. Santa Fe, in Vista. It will be an order from the menu, have lunch and fellowship.

Hope to see you all there.

Any questions contact Bill Hanson.

**Adult Forum**

Come to Luther Hall on Sunday after the service for adult education opportunities. Different topics and facilitators will be planned for each week.

July 2- Fellowship

July 9- Faith Formation w/Karin

July 16- Social Action

July 23- Fellowship- Book Club

July 30- Faith Formation w/Karin

For any questions, contact Pr. Casey.

## Financial Update

### FROM YOUR TREASURER June 2023 42% of Year

#### Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$331,059	\$112,567	34.00%

#### Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$331,059	\$128,416	38.79%

Your continued giving is appreciated as we embark on our new ministry with Pastor Casey. Our financial position is stable, but not as strong as it could be at this point in the year. We need your sustained, generous support to continue sufficient stability throughout the summer and into the fall.



### ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY

We are seeing an increase in the number of clients coming to the Food Pantry. Our sources (Brother Benno's and San Diego Food Bank) have not had canned tuna or peanut butter for quite some time, so we would greatly appreciate donations of those items. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ministry. Thanks to our volunteers last month including Ann and Adam Holmberg, Karla Strazicich-Cain, Donna Huber, Hector Gonzalez, Jan Parthemer, and Tom Andreas. If you would like to help, please call Jill Adachi or Doris Payne for more information



### Social Action News

#### Interfaith Community Services

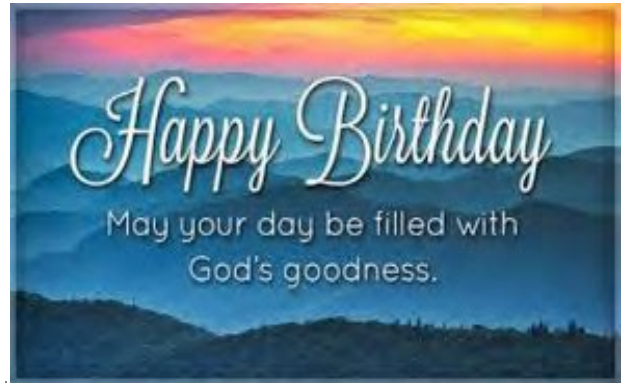
Interfaith-Helping People Help Themselves. Interfaith is composed of over 60 faith based communities. San Marcos Lutheran Church is proud to be one of them. On going needs are sack lunches, new towels and washcloths, T-shirts and shorts (L & XL), and socks and these donations can be family and friends projects at any time throughout the year.

Helping others is what we do.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact the church office or Diana Arney at 760-703-0514.

God bless all we do.



**July 2**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

**Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**

Gen 22:1-14

Rom 6:12-23

Matt 10:40-42

**July 9**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

**Sixth Sunday of Pentecost**

Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Rom 7:15-25a

Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

**Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**

Isa 55:10-13

Rom 8:1-11

Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

**Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

Isa 44:6-8

Rom 8:12-25

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

**Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**

1 Kings 3:5-12

Rom 8:26-39

Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

July 1 Victoria Shoup

July 3 Randall Sensmeier

July 7 Cindy Angelini

July 7 Deborah Finney

July 7 Cheryl Johnson

July 10 Corrie Lott

July 11 Elizabeth Sheahan

July 13 Sue Check

July 16 Aimee Hudlow

July 18 Evelyn Derganc

July 18 Lynne Jaseph

July 19 Miles Nolan

July 19 John Walsh

July 22 Annabelle Jorstad

July 23 Alvar Roy

July 26 Kevin Angelini

July 29 Hannah Liu

July 30 Sharon Phelps

**The next Newsletter article deadline  
is July 15th**

2023

CALENDAR YEAR

JULY

CALENDAR MONTH

MONDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03 Office Closed AA-LH	04 Office Closed- Happy Independence Day!	05 12pm- AA-LH	06	07 12pm- AA-LH	08	09
10 12pm- AA-LH 12pm- Luth. Fellowship Luncheon- (Pegah's-Vista)	11 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	12 12pm- AA-LH	13	14 12pm- AA-LH	15	16
17 12pm- AA-LH	18 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	19 12pm- AA-LH	20 4-6pm- Pr Casey's Outside Office Hours @ Rip Current Brewing	21 12pm- AA-LH	22	23
24 12pm- AA-LH	25 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	26 12pm- AA-LH	27	28 12pm- AA-LH	29 11am-Celebration of Life- Verna Hager 12-2pm- Reception-LH	30
31 12pm- AA-LH	01 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	02 12pm- AA-LH	03	04 12pm- AA-LH	05	06