



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

August 2023

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

Important Dates

Sundays in August

We will continue to have one Service at 10am
through September 3rd.
Adult Forum will follow the service

Community Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Saturday, August 26th
7am-12pm

Donations needed for items and baked goods.

Any volunteers to help work that day are also welcome!
Contact Aimee Hudlow at smlc3419@sbcglobal.net or
Ann Leong at smlcchild@sbcglobal.net
with questions or donations.



Coming Soon...

September 10th- God's Work, Our Hands

Mark your calendar for SEPT 10, 2022.

**Everyone is welcome to GWOH as we come together
for service projects, potluck, and fellowship.**

**You don't want to miss this opportunity to show
God's Love in action and have a good time!**



Dearest SMLC Family,

I am profoundly grateful for the love, sympathy and support that you all provided after the passing of my mama, Irene. Pastor Casey presided over both the wonderful service at the church and the brief time at the cemetery. It could not have been a more perfect day, especially with moms request for another ride in my little blue car, before her last ride in a horse drawn carriage! I am blessed and comforted by your prayers always.

In the Light,

Anne Voth

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 8:38-39

The end of July and the beginning of August have not gone remotely according to my best laid plans. On the afternoon of July 22, my father suffered a major stroke while visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. My mother, brother, and I were able to get on airplanes that same day and be with him for the first week of his hospitalization in Albany.

As I write this note to you, he is being transferred to an acute stroke rehabilitation facility where he will spend the next several weeks. His return to San Diego is dependent on his recovery progress.

This has been and continues to be a deeply trying time for our family, and I am grateful for all of your prayers for his recovery and our grief. He has a long road ahead of him, but we are encouraged by his early progress and the excellent care he is receiving.

I appreciate everyone who, in my absence, stepped up to do something they either aren't usually responsible for or would have been happy to do with a little more notice. :) It is a gift to serve a community of care and concern like SMLC; I will do my best to adequately express my gratitude for how you have already cared for me and will continue to do so in the coming weeks and months. I will, at some point, return to New York to see my dad and support my mom (who will stay there for as long as he does) though I will have the ability to schedule my absence for weekdays. Again, my deep gratitude for your support as my family navigates this new normal.

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 Vazquez, Elle Kim



Remember in Prayer:

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



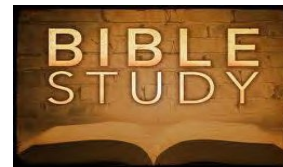
PLEASE CONTACT US!

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, August 19, 2023

10 AM - 11:30 AM

Luther Hall

Lutheran Fellowship Lunch Group will meet on Monday, July 14th. 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.

Aug 6- Fellowship- Bylaw review

Aug 13- Fellowship- Bylaw review

Aug 20- Faith Formation- Creation care

Aug 27- Social Action

For any questions, contact Pr. Casey.

Financial Update

FROM YOUR TREASURER June 2023 50 % of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$331,059	\$131,055	39.59%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$331,059	\$150,994	45.61%



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.

Council Update

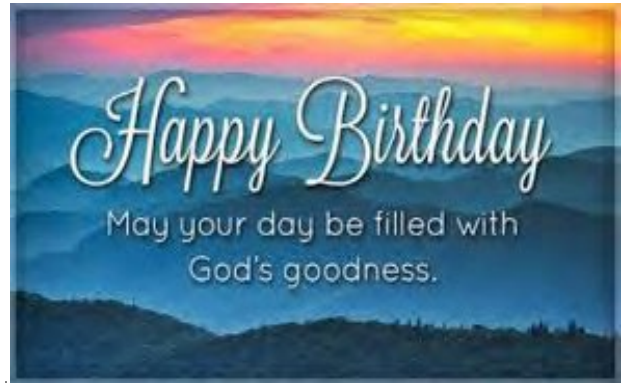
Hello SMLC! Here are the updates for both the June and July Council meetings.

The Council met on 21 June for our regular monthly meeting. Only 2 items of business were considered, and both were approved. In the June newsletter I indicated an additional 1 or 2 members were going to be appointed to the Capital Campaign committee in June. Ed Mossuto was officially appointed to the committee and has participated fully since that appointment. The committee met 1 time prior to Ed's official appointment and the committee provided full updates to Ed on the discussions and decisions of the committee. The second item of business was regarding the internet upgrade at the parsonage, which was also addressed at the July council meeting.

The Council met on July 19 for our regular monthly meeting. At the July meeting the Council started utilizing a consent agenda to accept and approve routine reports and motions that do not require discussion. We are hoping this will reduce the length of Council meetings and make more efficient use of all members' time. The July meeting was much more efficient, and we will continue using this format going forward. The Council discussed the internet upgrade at the parsonage and decided the church will take on additional costs related to the upgrade of the internet service at the parsonage. This is a much-needed upgrade in service and speed and is expected by the renters, both current and potential future tenants. The second item of business was to recommend congregational review of the draft updates to the church constitution and bylaws prior to a Special Congregation Meeting. The Council agreed with the updates proposed by the Bylaws committee and the updates will be presented to the congregation at our social hours on Aug 6 and 13 after worship. Although the Special Congregation meeting to approve the updates has not yet been scheduled, it will likely occur at the end of September or early October.

For August, the Council is planning a summer social get together in lieu of our regular meeting. If urgent business is needed a small business meeting will be held. This will be a nice and welcome summer break for the Council before we begin the significant amount of work required by the Council in the Fall.

Daniel Norris, President

**Aug 6**

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isa 55:1-5

Rom 9:1-5

Matt 14:13-21

Aug 13

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

Rom 10:5-15

Matt 14:22-33

Aug 20

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Isa 56:1, 6-8

Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matt 15:[10-20], 21-28

Aug 27

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isa 51:1-6

Rom 12:1-8

Matt 16:13-20

Aug 1 Steve Balbo

Aug 1 Beverly Gift

Aug 2 Nicholas Angelini

Aug 7 Sharon Gonzalez

Aug 7 Dan Weis

Aug 8 Jean Cavolt

Aug 10 Alex Murray

Aug 10 Eric Webster

Aug 13 Jack Carreon

Aug 13 Abigail Young

Aug 14 JJ Lott Jr.

Aug 19 Carter Kepler

Aug 23 Shawn Angelini

Aug 24 Sharon McEwan

Aug 25 Philip Sheahan

Aug 27 Camryn Bordonaro

Aug 27 Hector Gonzalez

Aug 27 Tricia Oliveira

Aug 29 Oliver McNichols

Aug 31 Jackie McCoy

Aug 31 Larry Serafin

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



CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

August 2023

Ann Leong, Center Director

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From the Director...Welcome back to school!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Preschool at the Children's Center for the 2023-24 school year. This year, we are blessed to have a 3-4 year old combo classroom led by Mrs. Maldonado & Miss Elle and a 4-5 year old classroom led by Mrs. Vazquez. WE ARE FULL!

Please be assured that some crying in the morning or even at pick-up for children this age is very typical. Separation anxiety is a normal stage of growth and development for the Preschool years. The intensity, level of, and timing of separation anxiety depends on the child. A little worry over leaving mom and dad is completely normal, even when your child is older. But the important thing is that as a parent, you need to remain confident in your decision to send your child to Preschool and yes, work to reduce your own anxiety. Here are some tips that will help you and your child make the morning transition easier and have worked for countless SMLCCC families:

Goodbye Ritual:

- 1) Have your child walk down with you to the school and carry their own backpack, lunch etc.. This is their school and this is one way for them to develop the independence skills needed to reduce anxiety levels. TRUST ME, IT WORKS!
- 2) Both of you greet the staff with a "Good Morning!"
- 3) Sign your child in, give them a big hug and tell them you will be so excited to hear about their day and then leave with a wave and a firm see you at ".....o'clock".

Pick Up Ritual:

- 1) Make sure you leave the cell phones off and greet your child with enthusiasm and tell them you are so excited to see them.
- 2) Gently ask about their day...remember kids can get overwhelmed if you start pumping them for all sorts of details. Let the details come out slowly. Don't forget to check our Outdoor Kiosk for lesson plans, snack menu, newsletter, etc. We often hang their artwork on the fence as well!

WE PROMISE IT WORKS....JUST GIVE IT TIME! *Love, Mrs. Leong*

Remember to bring extra clothes for your child in a gallon Ziploc bag with their name on it. Put sun-screen on them BEFORE they come to school. Pack a healthy lunch with 3 items plus a drink if they are staying for lunch bunch. Leave all other items, toys, hand sanitizer, chap stick etc... at home. We do not allow these items at Preschool!

Upcoming Important Dates:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th: SMLC Indoor Yard Sale & Bake Sale from 7am-12pm~ Contact Mrs. Leong for more details and how you can help!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th and THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st:

Birthday Celebrations for our July AND August Birthdays. We will celebrate with cookies and juice during snack!

2023

CALENDAR YEAR

AUGUST

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02 12:00pm- AA- LH	03	04 12:00pm- AA- LH	05
06	07 9am-CPR/First Aid Train.- LH 12:00pm - AA- LH	08 7pm-9pm- Music Men- LH	09 12:00pm- AA- LH	10	11 12:00pm- AA- LH	12
13	14 12:00pm- AA- LH 12pm- Luth. Fellowship Lunch- Pegah's- Vista	15 7pm-9pm- Music Men- LH	16 12:00pm- AA- LH	17	18 12:00pm- AA- LH	19 10:00am- Bibles & Bagels
20	21 12:00pm- AA- LH	22 7pm-9pm- Music Men- LH	23 12:00pm- AA- LH	24	25 12:00pm- AA- LH	26 7am-11am- Community Yard Sale/Bake Sale
27	28 12:00pm- AA- LH	29 7pm-9pm- Music Men- LH	30 12:00pm- AA- LH	31	01	02
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