



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

September 2023

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

Important Dates



God's Work, Our Hands

September 10, 2023

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

Here are the projects we have planned:

- make fleece blankets for Hawthorn House Family Shelter
- assemble hygiene kits for Interfaith Community Services
- help with weeding/gardening at La Mirada Academy (meet at 8:30am)
 - assemble Blessing Bags
 - make sack lunches for Interfaith
- paint rocks as a project with The Children's Center

On GWOH Sunday we will have a brief Worship Service at 10am, then go to our respective projects. If one finishes early, feel free to just visit or join another group. We will then gather for a POTLUCK LUNCH.

Please bring your food items to the kitchen before the Service.

Do you have your goldenrod GWOH T-shirt?

If not, see Jack Anderson for a new one. He has them in many sizes.



September 17th

We return to 2 services!

9am- Informal Service

11am- Traditional Service w/Choir

Community Yard Sale & Bake Sale

Thank you to all who helped by donating items, baked goods or helping us on the day of the event. We had a great turnout and raised over \$1800!!!

With the proceeds, we made a donation to the Lutheran Disaster relief to benefit the Maui Wildfire relief fund. The remaining funds will go towards some renovations of the Church grounds. We look forward to making this an Annual Event! THANK YOU!!!



Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love endures forever. — Psalm 107:1

Throughout the last several weeks, I have been attempting to focus on all of the things for which I am grateful. This is an excellent practice at any time of our lives, but it is especially necessary—and can be especially difficult—when we are going through something stressful or scary. It is within these times of overwhelm that returning to gratitude—for things both large and small—can reorient our minds and hearts.

For example, I am immensely grateful for the expert medical care that my Dad received in the immediate aftermath of his stroke in July; I am grateful for the existence of air travel, which allowed me to get to New York and back more than once to see him; I am grateful for my spouse and our friends who took care of things back home while my family was so discombobulated; I am grateful for you, dear SMLC, who have held me and my family in your prayers as we worked to get Dad home to California. Above all, I am grateful to God for the life that we have together, though this season looks different than we imagined it would.

I imagine that each of you can remember a major, reorienting event in your own life, where you had to move forward in a direction you never expected to be going. Maybe you are, like me, in the midst of such a season. Gratitude to God for all the blessings of this life does not paper over the things that hurt, but it keeps us from focusing solely on the things we cannot control or change. What are the small things that kept you afloat during that terrible time? What are the small things that keep you afloat today? Give thanks to God for them, and also tell me about them, if you're so inclined. Community is another thing we can thank God for!

I am looking forward to this next season in our life together as SMLC, as we shift out of our summer patterns and into the fall. Change is afoot! We return to our two-service Sunday schedule on September 17, gathering at 9:00am for an informal service and at 11:00am for a formal service, joined by the choir. With this shift, Community Time moves back into the between-services slot, from approximately 10:15-10:45.

Do you remember the four Ministry Areas that you discerned last year with Deacon Margy? They are: Worship, Faith Formation, Evangelism, and Social Action. The content of Community Time will rotate between different ministry areas each week. Are you interested in any one of these in particular? You are invited to get involved in any way that works for you: attend those Community Times to learn more, chat with Pastor Casey about your interest, and even join the committee responsible for facilitating that ministry! The work of being church together is all of ours to do.

This month, we join with congregations all over the ELCA for a Sunday of service and fellowship. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 10th. We'll gather at 10:00, as we have done all summer, for a shortened worship service, then break off into groups for our service projects. The projects for the day have been lovingly curated by our Social Action Committee, and you can learn more about them in the rest of this newsletter!

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

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(760)727-0326 Director: Ann Leong

Teachers: Roxy Maldonado, Marlene Vasquez, Elle Kim



Remember in Prayer:

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



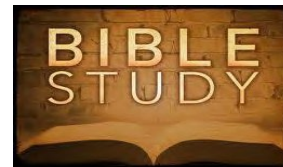
PLEASE CONTACT US!

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, September 16
10 AM-11:30 AM
Luther Hall

Lutheran Fellowship Lunch Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 11th. 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

The Adult Forum will return to between the services starting Sept. 17th. at approx. 10:15am.

For any questions, contact Pr. Casey.

Financial Update

FROM YOUR TREASURER

July 2023 58.33 % of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YT	% of Budget
331,059	\$158,304	47.82%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual	% of Budget
YT 331,05	\$174,912	52.83%



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 as we move into the fall.

Council Update

Hello SMLC! Here are the updates for the August Council meeting.

The Council took a break from our regular monthly meeting and enjoyed a time of fun and relaxation. Unfortunately, we did have a few items of business to approve.

First, the Council approved a quote to complete some repair work to the property due to termites.

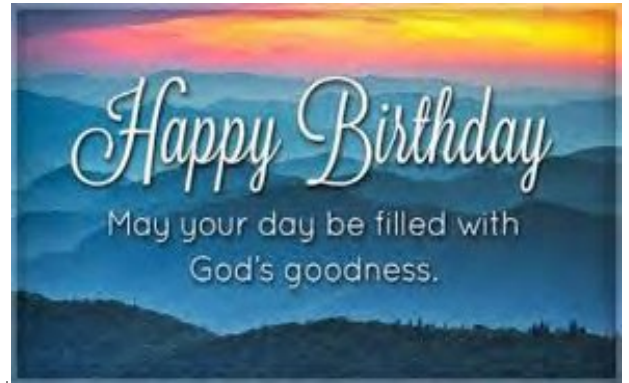
Second, a landscaping bid was approved to continue work on the water issue (when it rains!) in Luther Hall affecting the Children's Center.

As a reminder our capital campaign will be finishing soon to raise funds to complete this work for the preschool, so please donate as you see appropriate.

Lastly, the Council discussed and approved a bid to upgrade our IT equipment in all our buildings and to change the company used to keep our internet, Wi-Fi, and computer services functioning effectively and efficiently.

In September, the Council will resume our regular monthly meetings.

Daniel Norris, President



Sept 3 Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15
 Second Reading: Rom 12:9-21
 Gospel: Matt 16:21-28

Sept 10 Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Ezek 33:7-11
 Second Reading: Rom 13:8-14
 Gospel: Matt 18:15-20

Sept 17 Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Gen 50:15-21
 Second Reading: Rom 14:1-12
 Gospel: Matt 18:21-35

Sept 24 Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11
 Second Reading: Phil 1:21-30
 Gospel: Matt 20:1-16

Sept 1 Shelby Armstrong
 Sept 2 Kirsten Bordonaro
 Sept 2 Jill Fileccia
 Sept 3 Anne Voth
 Sept 4 Marilyn Monell
 Sept 4 Gregory Szepe
 Sept 5 Leanne Pohrman
 Sept 6 Kaison Moeller
 Sept 9 Jill Adachi
 Sept 9 Janice Phillips
 Sept 10 Wayne Adachi
 Sept 13 Beth Sullivan
 Sept 14 Karin Kupka
 Sept 15 Jade Garcia
 Sept 16 Richard Carreon
 Sept 16 Joyce Sensmeier
 Sept 18 Helga Batsford
 Sept 19 Vivian Johnson
 Sept 19 Shawn Logsdon
 Sept 19 Karla Strazicich-Cain
 Sept 22 Ian Liu
 Sept 22 Rick Shoup
 Sept 25 Donna Johnson
 Sept 25 Kimberly Leonard

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



SMLC CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS September 2023



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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

Can you believe this is the third week since we began our journey together? It's been so fun getting to know our friends and playing outdoors and learning in our new classrooms. September brings us 2 fundraisers to support the Maui Wildfires through Lutheran Disaster Response, the start of Scholastic Books and Chapel Time (every Wednesday & Thursday). We will begin by touring the church on Wednesday, August 30th and Thursday, August 31st.

I would also like to introduce to you your Parent Rep for this school year. Whitney Kurtz (Rylan's mommy) will be in charge of the fundraisers, putting together the Parent Directory and more. Thank you for your generous donations from our Back-to-School Wishlist. We are feeling so blessed and thankful as we start this school year! Until next month...

Blessings, Mrs. Leong

Upcoming Important Dates:

Monday, Sept 4th: School Closed for Labor Day!

Wednesday, Sept 27th: School closed at 12pm for staff meeting~ NO LUNCH BUNCH on this day!

Thursday, Sept 28th and Friday, Sept 29th: Birthday Celebrations for our September Birthdays. If your child has a birthday this month, you will receive a separate reminder e-mail to bring cookies and/or juice. Thank you!



Children's Center 20th Anniversary Celebration

Come and join us for God's Work, Our Hands on Sunday, **September 10th at 10am** as we get together and do a service project and gather for potluck! We will be painting rocks for our Preschool garden~ Bring a dish to share and we will provide the CAKE! Let's celebrate!!

Tips for transitioning from summer to the school year:

As we move from the lazy days of summer to a more scheduled routine, it's easy to forget that your preschooler might not understand why things have to change. So it's important that you are taking the time to communicate with them what is happening. If you need to get up earlier, then make it a family discussion. Be excited and positive about school! Have your preschooler lay out their clothing they will wear the night before, and if they are staying for lunch have them help pack what they will bring. The more involved you make your preschooler in the routine of getting ready for school, the easier it will be for them to understand the changes...and remember we are here to help!

Learn  Live  Share  the Love of God

2023

CALENDAR YEAR

SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01 9:30-12- St Joe's- Sanctuary 12pm- AA- LH	02
03	04 12pm- AA- LH	05 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	06 12pm- AA- LH	07 9am- Harvest Conf Mtg- LH	08 12pm- AA- LH	09
10 10am- GWOH Sunday	11 12pm- AA- LH 12pm- Luth. Fellowship Lunch- Pegah's Vista	12 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	13 12pm- AA- LH	14 130pm- Social Action Mtg-LH 7pm- Choir Practice- Sanc.	15 12pm- AA- LH	16 10-11:30am- Bibles & Bagels
17 Return to 2 services 9 & 11am	18 12pm- AA- LH	19 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	20 12pm- AA- LH 6pm- Exec. Comm. Mtg- LH 7pm- Council Mtg- LH	21 4pm- Pr Casey's Office Hrs- Rip Current Brewery 6- 8pm- Cub Scouts- LH 7pm Choir Practice- Sanc.	22 12pm- AA- LH	23
24	25 12pm- AA- LH	26 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	27 12pm- AA- LH	28 7pm Choir Practice- Sanc.	29 9:30-12- St Joe's- Sanctuary 12pm- AA- LH	30
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