



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

March 2024

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



All are invited to join our
Holy Lament Services:

Wed. March 6th- 2pm
Wed. March 13th- 2pm & 6pm
Wed. March 20th- 2pm

Holy Week

March 24-March 31



March 24th- Palm Sunday- 10am Service



March 28th- Maundy Thursday-6pm. Dinner Eucharist

March 29th-Good Friday 7pm. Worship Service

**March 31st- Easter Sunday- 10am Service
11:30am- Potluck Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt**



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! — Psalm 130:1

I am writing this letter in the midst of preparing our Wednesday services of Holy Lament, and feeling very grateful that this was the theme offered by the curators of the ELCA worship resources for this season. There is so much to lament.

We all have grief and sorrow that we carry in every season of the church year, but we do not always allow ourselves to sit with that pain. Many of us are especially reluctant to speak that pain out loud to God. In these weeks of reflection, repentance, prayer, and preparation, it is possible that you will dredge up some feelings of discomfort that you usually avoid.

As you navigate the complexities of your personal life and relationships, and as you react to the onslaught of news from around the world, it may become clear to you very quickly that you have things to lament.

The practice of lament is found throughout our scripture—there is an entire book in the Hebrew Bible called Lamentations! There are dozens of lament psalms, crying out to God about all the ways in which life is hard and how rapidly death approaches. You are not alone in history or in the present if you have a few things you want to yell at God about. That’s allowed! God can take it! God hears our cries.

At each of our services of Holy Lament, you will have different points of entry for your laments. We will pray and sing together; you will hear scripture assigned for the day alongside a poem I have selected to complement it; you will hear several minutes of instrumental music that Justin has prepared (and improvised) to accompany your reflection; you will (as you feel comfortable) write down those things you are grieving and struggling with, and I will read them aloud in our prayers of intercession and lament. You might sit in silence; you might cry.

Each week will invite laments from slightly different angles—like the laments we think of as “small” or individual versus those we think of as large or communal. There is no lament too small or too large to bring to God. These midweek services offer a time to interrupt our “business as usual” and spend time in conversation with God.

As you are reading this in the first week of March, there are still multiple Wednesdays left in the season of Lent. If you have not yet, you still have time to join in the lament. You can bring your laments on other days of the week as well—our time of prayer requests and celebrations at the start of the Sunday service is a time for the full spectrum of our experiences. Do not be afraid to request prayer for something terrible—shared struggle is what the worshipping community is for.

You can also send your confidential laments directly to me, and I can hold them in my prayers throughout the week. You can call or email me; you can fill out a card in the pew on Sunday morning.

Our collective lament will culminate on Good Friday, as we lament the horrific death of Jesus the Christ. At the risk of spoiling the drama for you, the psalmist tells us that while sorrow may last for the night, joy comes with the morning.

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 nor female." (Galatians 3:28)

Pastor Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Office Manager: Aimee Hudlow Musician: Justin Hershey

Bookkeeper: Eunice Hanson Choir Director: Max Chodos

Council Members

Dan Norris, President

Kelly Van Jen, Treasurer

Anne Voth, Secretary

Kelly Black, Vice President

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Karen Johns

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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: Eleanor Adcock, Don Arney, Christine Buma, David, Gary Haldeman, Donna Huber, Mike Hudlow, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Gary Kloehn, Sid Kranenberg & family, Anne McDaniel, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Craig Pollard, Alvar Roy, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Louise Testerman, Megan Toler, Nick Torres. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Janice Phillips, and Carol Schwartz.

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
- You want to plan a baptism, wedding, or celebration
- You moved or contact info has changed.

For urgent needs, contact Pastor Casey at cell or email:

442-222-1194 or pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org

Lutheran Fellowship Lunch

Everyone is invited for good food and fellowship with First Lutheran of Vista. We will meet on Monday March. 11th at 12pm at PEGAH's Kitchen at 955 S Santa Fe, in Vista. It will be order from the menu and they have a great selection.

Any Questions contact Bill Hanson, 760-805-4565.

Hope to see you there!

New Email Addresses

Please update your address books and do not worry about a phishing scam, there are new SMLC email addresses. If you receive emails from these addresses, it really is us. Our previous addresses are still active, but we are transitioning to using these, and you can help us make that change:

Pastor Casey

pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org

Council President Dan Norris

council@sanmarcoslutheran.org

Preschool Director Ann Leong

preschool@sanmarcoslutheran.org

Office Manager Aimee Hudlow

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Financial Update

End of January 2024 - 8.33% of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$310,704	\$30,726	9.89%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$310,704	\$22,629	7.28%

Thank you for your generous gifts which support the mission and ministry of San Marcos Lutheran Church!

Social Action

Food Donations

ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY



Thank you for regularly bringing food to the shopping cart. We are happy to receive any shelf-stable items that you would typically buy for your own family. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill Adachi or Doris Payne. We have been blessed with so many people asking to help, from our congregation and All Saints Episcopal, that we are now on a rotating schedule. We could use help occasionally on the third and fourth Thursdays at 10:15am and Fridays at 8am to unload the car and stock shelves – about 45 minutes each day. Our volunteer times for Distribution Days are the 3rd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Council Update

The Council met on February 21 for our regular monthly meeting. The Council accepted and/or approved the submitted minutes and reports. There were 3 items of business that the Council approved. First, the Council appointed Ed Mossuto as the Property and Infrastructure Committee Chairperson. Next, the Council appointed Donna Huber as the Fellowship Committee Chairperson. And lastly, the Council appointed Brother Jack Anderson as the Faith Formation Committee Chairperson along with 2 additional committee members to the Faith Formation committee. Congratulations to our new committee chairpersons and members!

The Council has moved to utilizing Google Drive for the distribution of reports and documents for Council meetings. This switch will improve the efficiency of distributing these documents by reducing the number of emails sent and (hopefully) streamlining the effort required for review of the documents.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president for 2024 and for your continued support of SMLC, our Council, Pastor Casey, and the staff. Please feel free to contact the council, or me directly, with any questions using the email address: council@sanmarcoslutheran.org.

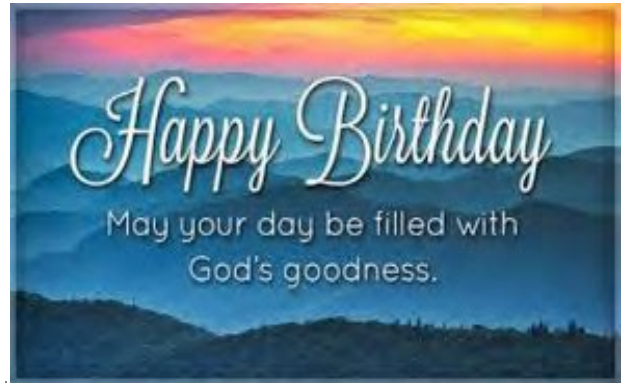
Daniel Norris, President

Curious about the Evangelism Committee?

First and foremost, the Evangelism Committee does not go door-to-door in our neighborhood and invite people to come to church, so if you're worried about that, rest easy. Experts tell us that people come to church because they have a relationship with people there, so evangelism is about ensuring that it is easy, fun, and meaningful to build relationships with people at SMLC. What does that mean? It means asking questions about our community and anticipating questions that visitors might ask. Is our website easy to navigate? Does it tell people what they need to know before they come to our campus? How can we broaden the scope of who sees it?

- Is our campus easy to navigate? Are our buildings accessible to enter, safe to occupy, and beautiful to behold? How can we best utilize it as a community resource?
- How can we build relationships with the people who utilize our campus the other 6 days of the week?
- What is happening in San Marcos that needs our attention and our Lutheran witness?
- Who are our neighbors? What are their needs, interests, and gifts?
- What questions are we not even aware we should be asking?

Through intentional collaboration with the other committees of our congregation—like Social Action, Worship & Music, Property Infrastructure, Faith Formation, and others—the Evangelism committee will share the good news of God's work in the world through SMLC. If you want to join Pastor Casey in repopulating this committee and recommitting to this vital ministry, email pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org or call the office.



March 3 Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exod 20:1-17
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:18-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-22

March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Num 21:4-9
 Second Reading: Eph 2:1-10
 Gospel: John 3:14-21

March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34
 Second Reading: Heb 5:5-10
 Gospel: John 12:20-33

March 24 Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isa 50:4-9a
 Second Reading: Phil 2:5-11
 Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

March 28 Maundy Thursday

First Reading: Exod 12:1-14
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26
 Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29 Good Friday

First Reading: Isa 52:13-53:12
 Second Reading: Heb 10:16-25
 Gospel: John 18: 1-19:42

March 31 Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11
 Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

- 1)Eliza Hansen
- 2)Therese Balbo
- 4)Ava Nolan
- 6)Don Arney
- 6)Rachel Norris
- 8)Donna Huber
- 9)Jean Kahn
- 10)Nancy Klinger
- 13)Jolene Hanson
- 13)Dylan Hudlow
- 13)Kaylee Hudlow
- 17)Jan Parthemer
- 19)Adam Holmberg
- 20)Linda Eller
- 23)Camden Moeller
- 26)Dana Hogan
- 26)Riley Lott
- 29)Juliana Orozco
- 30)Ryan Hagan
- 30)Marie Schilke

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



CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

FEB/MARCH 2024



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We leap into February (it's a leap year!) and March forward as we embrace all the special days like Friendship Days, Birth Days, Amazing Race Days, St. Patrick Days, Parent/Teacher Conference Days...not to mention all the wonderful things Easter brings! (Easter is on March 31st this year with Easter Egg Hunts on 3/27 & 3/28).. Here's to a busy, busy few months! Please mark all the important dates~ there are many!

Blessings, Mrs. Leong

Friendship Days

*Wednesday, February 14th and
Thursday, February 15th*

If you would like to bring Valentine cards, please bring **12** in a Ziploc bag, labeled with your child's name on it. Thank you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

*Thursday, March 14th &
Friday, March 15th*

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held **IN-PERSON**. This is a great time for you to ask questions and get feedback from your child's teacher. They will be going over your child's assessment and share samples of their work.

You will receive a date and time of your conference ~ thank you!

Please note: Preschool will NOT be in session on the conference days but we will watch your (enrolled) child for you so you can meet with their teacher. Both parents are highly encouraged to attend!

Amazing Race is Coming!

*Thursday, March 7th &
Friday, March 8th
9:30-11am*

Our Preschool Parents and/or Grandparents are invited to join our children for the **Amazing Race for Education Family Fund-raiser** to raise money for some new trikes! Parent/Child will rotate through 10 center activities and enjoy a snack at the end. Every child will get a medal for finishing the RACE! So get ready, set, GO to have some fun! Details to follow...



St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

3/12 (Tues) & 3/13 (Wed)

Wear **GREEN** and dive into...
looking for coins in the creek,
making lemon volcanoes,
tasting Lucky Charms
...and so much more!!

School will be closed on Friday, Feb 16th for Teacher-In-Service Day AND
Monday, Feb 19th for President's Day.

We will celebrate February birthdays on Thursday, Feb 22nd and Friday, Feb 23rd.

Learn  Live  Share  the Love of God

A GOOD DEATH

COMMUNITY TIME DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

INTRODUCTION TO HOSPICE

Krista Romberg, Regional Liaison from The Elizabeth Hospice

HOSPICE CARE IS MEDICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT. COME LEARN MORE.

FEBRUARY

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GRIEF RESOURCES

Kathlyne Barnum, Bereavement Director at The Elizabeth Hospice

CONNECT WITH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP GRIEF RESOURCES AVAILABLE LOCALLY FOR ALL AGES

FEBRUARY

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END-OF-LIFE CARE

The Rev. Bill Harman, Palliative Care Chaplain at Scripps Encinitas

CONSIDER THE OPTIONS NOW, BEFORE YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ARE FACING HARD CHOICES

MARCH

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END-OF-LIFE FINANCIAL PLANNING

Rob O'Carroll, Financial Advisor

DO YOU REALLY NEED A TRUST? COME FIND OUT.

MARCH

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HOW TO PLAN YOUR FUNERAL

Pastor Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

COMPILE YOUR FAVORITE SCRIPTURE, HYMNS, AND ANY DETAILS YOU WANT TO HAVE ON HAND

MARCH

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SUNDAYS AT 11:15AM IN LUTHER HALL

HOLY LAMENT

wednesdays during lent
at San Marcos Lutheran Church

March 6 @ 2pm

March 13 @ 2pm + 6pm

March 20 @ 2pm



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You're invited to observe

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 24 - MARCH 31

at San Marcos Lutheran Church.

PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of Palms and Passion

10:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Dinner Eucharist in Luther Hall

6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Cross

7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Resurrection

10:00am

Potluck Brunch + Easter Egg Hunt

11:30am



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Outdoor Office Hours

WITH PASTOR CASEY



**Thursday, March 21
10am-12pm**

**Ryan Bros Coffee
133 N Twin Oaks Valley Rd**



2024

CALENDAR YEAR

MARCH

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	01	02 9-2pm- Cub Scouts- LH 6-9pm AA- LH
03 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	04 12pm- AA- LH	05 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	06 12pm- AA- LH 2pm- Lent Service	07 7-9pm Choir Practice- Sanc.	08 12pm- AA- LH	09 6-9pm AA- LH
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17 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	18 12pm- AA- LH	19 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	20 12pm- AA- LH 2pm - Lent Service	21 10am-12pm- Pr Casey's Coffee Hour 7pm-Choir Practice- Sanc. 6-8pm Cub Scouts- LH	22 12pm- AA- LH	23 6-9pm AA- LH
24 10am- Palm Sunday 11:15- Community time	25 12pm- AA- LH	26 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	27 12pm- AA- LH	28 6pm- Dinner Eucharist in LH	29 12pm- AA- LH 7pm- Liturgy of the Cross Preschool & Office Closed	30 6-9pm AA- LH
31 10am- Easter- Liturgy of the Resurrection 11:30am- Potluck Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt	01	02	03	04	05	06