



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

May 2024

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



SMLCC Spring Art Program

is returning again this year.

"Let's go with (Van) Gogh!"

The 1st -4 Wednesdays in May,
Mrs. Leong will host a Art Program for school-age
children in Luther Hall!

All proceeds will go to the Preschool Scholarship
program.



Mother's Day is May 12th!



Happy Teacher Appreciation Week

(May 13-17th)

to our fabulous Preschool Staff!

Marlene Vasquez, Ann Leong, Roxy
Maldonado and Elle Kim.

We appreciate your dedication to the families
and children of SMLCC!



As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. – John 15:9

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!**

It's still Easter for a few more weeks, and we will continue to sing and shout about it accordingly. In the coming weeks as we gather for worship, we'll really marinate in the insistence that God is love—it's as simple and as complex as that. As they lived into the post-resurrection reality of their lives together, the apostles had to determine what it meant to follow Jesus when they no longer physically followed him down the street. What had he taught them, when it all came down to it? What were they called to do?

Leaning on their example, even these thousands of years later, we can ask ourselves these same questions. What have we learned in our life of faith? What are we going to do with what we have been given—with the truths we know about who we are and who God is?

What does it mean to you, specifically, to live into God's love? I invite you to spend this season pondering that.

Are there particular stories or passages from scripture that stand out to you as examples?

Are there hymns or songs or poems or works of art that inspire you?

Are there practices of prayer that you find especially connect you to the love of God?

Are there activities you engage in that encourage you to, as Jesus instructs us, to abide in God's love?

As you abide in God's love, I hope you'll also ponder what it means to you to share that love with others. Other members of SMLC, other people in the community, anyone who is a neighbor to you. Evangelism—sharing the good news of God's love with others—does not have to be a scary proposition. If we think about it as strengthening relationships we already have and building new relationships along the way, it can feel less intimidating.

When we invite others to join us in the work of the gospel and in community here at SMLC, what is it that we are inviting them into? If we are a community of people who enjoy our shared life, we are more likely to be a place that others feel drawn to be a part of.

As we transition into the summer, we hope to find several opportunities to gather purely for the joy of it. A barbecue, a walk on the beach, a trip to the movies, a game night, a meet-up for ice cream—it's up to you. Is there a Summer Social you want to see happen? Do you want to host it or organize it? Awesome. Let's get together.

Peace,
Pastor Casey

San Marcos Lutheran Church

3419 Grand Avenue San Marcos, CA 92078
 (760) 727-1509
 office@sanmarcoslutheran.org
 www.sanmarcoslutheran.org



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)

Pastor Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Office Manager: Aimee Hudlow Musician: Justin Hershey
 Bookkeeper: Eunice Hanson Choir Director: Max Chodos

Council Members

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dan Norris, President | Karla Strazicich-Cain |
| Kelly Van Jen, Treasurer | Karen Johns |
| Anne Voth, Secretary | Ed Mossuto |
| Kelly Black, Vice President | Devin Hogan |
| Tom Andreas | Alvar Roy |
| Brother Jack Anderson | |

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.preschool@sanmarcoslutheran.org
(760)727-0326 Director: Ann Leong
 Teachers: Roxy Maldonado, Marlene Vasquez, & Elle Kim



Remember in Prayer: The Arney family, Christine Buma, Donna Huber, Mike Hudlow, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Gary Kloehn, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Alvar Roy, Marie Schilke, Larry Serafin, Roy Smith, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele, Megan Toler, Nick Torres. Let us pray for our homebound members: Dottie Black, Beverly Gift, Janice Phillips, and Carol Schwartz.

Our sympathy to Marilyn Monell, on the passing of Marilyn's brother, Art. Our sympathy also to Nancy Klinger and her family, on the passing of her son, Rick. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection.

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, May 13th 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
 office@sanmarcoslutheran.org

Financial Update

End of March 2024 - 25% of Year

Income

| Annual Budget | Actual YTD | % of Budget |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| \$310,704 | \$95,280 | 30.67% |

Expenses

| Annual Budget | Actual YTD | % of Budget |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| \$310,704 | \$76,567 | 24.64% |

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

thank you
♥

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your many prayers, cards, phone calls and well wishes over the past year as Pete recovered from his heart pump surgery. It is hard to believe that May 8th marks one year since his procedure. It was difficult to hear he was not a heart transplant candidate but encouraging to be informed that there was another option. His pump has given him a new lease on life. Pete's recovery has been progressive, and his quality of life has dramatically improved. I know our Almighty God heard your prayers and by His grace and mercy, answered them. We are grateful for your support and appreciate your continued prayers.

God Bless you all,
Pete and Donna Johnson

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

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

The Council met on April 17 for our regular monthly meeting. The Council appointed a new member to the Property and Infrastructure Committee which was the only item of business at this meeting.

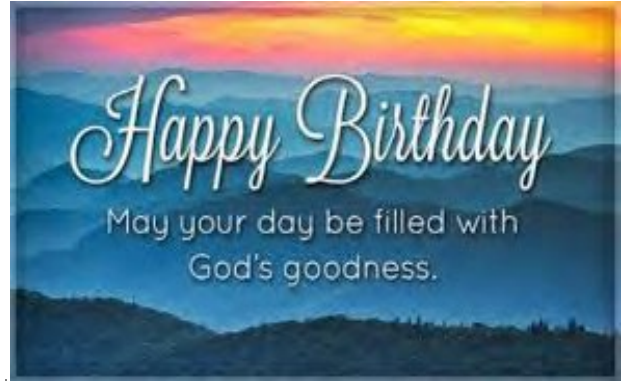
The Council also reviewed, accepted, and approved (as appropriate) reports for April and minutes from the previous meetings.

As part of our year-long effort of ministry building we discussed speaking the truth and what that means for our ministry together.

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



May 5 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 15:9-17

May 9 **Ascension of our Lord**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Eph 1:15-23
Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

May 12 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13
Gospel: John 17:6-19

May 19 **Day of Pentecost**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Second Reading: Rom 8:22-27
Gospel: John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

May 26 **The Holy Trinity**

First Reading: Isa 6:1-8:12
Second Reading: Rom 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

- 5/1 Brady Hudlow
- 5/3 Aaron Hagan
- 5/4 Jack Anderson
- 5/4 Steven Balbo
- 5/8 Gene Holtz
- 5/9 Peter Durst
- 5/11 Sydney Bordonaro
- 5/12 Cathy Duncan
- 5/13 Conor O'Carroll
- 5/19 Marjorie Johnson
- 5/20 Lindsay Armstrong
- 5/22 Indy Fawcett
- 5/23 Larissa Shoup
- 5/25 Doris Payne
- 5/30 Gerald Farrell
- 5/31 Grant Webster

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



CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

May 2024



Ann Leong-Director • 3419 Grand Ave, San Marcos CA 92078 • 760-727-0326 • smlcchild@sbcglobal.net

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week MAY 13th-17th

Please contact your Parent Rep,
Whitney Kurtz on how you can
participate!

E-Mail: smithw22@gmail.com
Ph: 530-828-9032



Muffins for Moms

Calling all MOMS~

Come and enjoy a muffin (or 2!) with
your child on Thursday, 5/9 and Friday,
5/10 from 8am-9am in the Children's
Creek! Grandmoms are welcome too!

2024 SUMMER OF FUN PRESCHOOL HALF-DAY CAMPS Monday-Friday 8:30a.m. to NOON!

Songs and finger plays, music and movement~ Weekly Bible stories and
water play EVERY DAY!

| | | | |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Week #1 | June 17-21 | Session: Monday thru Friday | <i>Summer Spanish Immersion</i> |
| Week #2 | June 24-28 | Session: Monday thru Friday | <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> |
| Week #3 | July 1-3, 5* | Session: Mon-Wed, Friday* | <i>JAW-SOME Shark Week</i> |
| Week #4 | July 8-12 | Session: Monday thru Friday | <i>Barnyard Banter</i> |
| Week #5 | July 15-19 | Session: Monday thru Friday | <i>We are the Dinosaurs!</i> |
| Week #6 | July 22-26 | Session: Monday thru Friday | <i>Planes, Trains & Automobiles</i> |
| Week #7 | July 29-Aug 2 | Session: Monday thru Friday | <i>Put Me in the Zoo</i> |

SUMMER HOURS: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM with optional "Picnic Crew" from 12pm-1pm (\$10/day)
We will provide a mid-morning snack.

SUMMER RATES: \$225/week flat rate for five half days (except for Week #3) and tuition will be
by electronic debit (EFT) only. Fees are non-refundable.



May/June Birthday Celebrations

5/23 (Th) & 5/24 (F):
May Birthdays

6/6 (Th) & 6/7 (F): June Birthdays

May 22nd (Wednesday):
Staff meeting~ NO
LUNCH BUNCH

May 27th (Monday):
School Closed for
Memorial Day



Learn Live Share the Love of God

Outdoor Office Hours

WITH PASTOR CASEY



Thursday, May 23
4pm-6pm

The Outpost San Marcos
1293 Armorlite Dr



2024

CALENDAR YEAR

MAY

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 01 12pm- AA- LH 2-5pm- Spring Art class- LH | 02 7-9pm Choir Practice- Sanc. | 03 8:00-10- St Joe's- Sanc. 12pm- AA- LH | 04 6-9pm AA- LH |
| 05 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time | 06 12pm- AA- LH | 07 7-9pm- Music Men- LH | 08 12pm- AA- LH 2-5pm- Spring Art class- LH | 09 7-9pm Choir Practice- Sanc. | 10 12pm- AA- LH | 11 6-9pm AA- LH |
| 12 10am- Worship Service/Wedding 11:15- Community time | 13 12pm- AA- LH | 14 7-9pm- Music Men- LH | 15 12pm- AA- LH 2-5pm- Spring Art class- LH | 16 7-9pm Choir Practice- Sanc. | 17 12pm- AA- LH | 18 6-9pm AA- LH |
| 19 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time | 20 12pm- AA- LH | 21 7-9pm- Music Men- LH | 22 12pm- AA- LH 2-5pm- Spring Art class- LH 6pm-Exec. Comm Mtg 7pm- Council Mtg | 23 4-6pm- Pr Casey's Outside Office Hrs- The Outpost 7-9pm Choir Practice- Sanc. | 24 12pm- AA- LH | 25 6-9pm AA- LH |
| 26 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time | 27 12pm- AA- LH Office Closed | 28 12-2:30pm St Joe's- Sanc. 12:30-3:30 St Joe's- LH 7-9pm- Music Men- LH | 29 12pm- AA- LH | 30 7-9pm Choir Practice- Sanc. | 31 12pm- AA- LH | 01 |
| 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 |