



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

April 2025

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

Important Dates in April:



Saturdays of Sisterhood
Saturday, April 5th at 10am
in Luther Hall



Pr Casey's Book Club Discussion
Sunday, April 6th
During Community Time

Holy Week

April 13-20th



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13th



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 17th
6pm- Luther Hall



Good Friday
Friday, April 18th
7pm



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 20th
Worship, Potluck & Egg Hunt

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? – Isaiah 43:19a

We have crossed the midpoint of our Lenten fasts, and are heading toward Jerusalem and toward Easter. These days of self-examination, prayer, and almsgiving—the hallmarks of Lent—are perhaps giving way to new insights, new connections, and new joys. How have you grown in these weeks? What leaves have sprouted? What bud has bloomed? What fruit has ripened?

It feels appropriate that April is National Poetry Month; there is something quite poetic about the changing of seasons, both in our environment and in the liturgy. Are you familiar with the form of poetry called haiku? It is a short-form poem that originates in Japan. The rules are simple: three lines, each with a specific number of syllables, 5-7-5. Haiku are traditionally written about the natural world, but English-language poets routinely take liberties with the subject matter and write haiku about all sorts of things.

At last month's council retreat, I took such liberties. As your council members wondered about what God could be calling us to be, here in our community, at this time, I asked them to write haiku about how they want it to feel in our neighborhood, and how they see us reaching our goals. Here is some of that poetry:

sunny San Marcos
brings light to our life always
blessed children of God

meeting face to face
we encounter each other
what can God do here?

our neighbors are friends
some we have met and some not
community thrives

God in the details
breezes, clouds, rocks, dog walkers
feel all you notice

beacon of God's love
meet our new neighbors and friends
always a safe place

we all share our space
young and old and in between
building ministry

Not only are these reflections a beautiful example of who we see SMLC becoming, but I deeply appreciated everyone's willingness to try something new. It can be intimidating to express your thoughts and feelings in a new format—or to express them at all. Maybe you have never written a poem in your life. Maybe you love poetry! Maybe the last time you thought about poetry was in high school English class. Now is always a great time to try something new. Perhaps give haiku a try. If you write one (or more!) I would be delighted to read it.

As this year unfolds, we will continue to build our ministry together. The council has set goals for reaching out into our community, and making ourselves known to our neighbors. We are going to try new things. We are going to invite new people and make new connections. Every person who calls SMLC home in any way—whether you've been a member for decades, or are part of a group that meets here during the week, or are newly joining us for worship online—is part of the work God is doing here in our neighborhood. Together, we can trust that God is calling us to broader and deeper relationships. Together, we can step out of our comfort zones into the world God loves.

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)

Pastor Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Office Manager: Aimee Hudlow Musician: Justin Hershey

Bookkeeper: Cristen Mugford Choir Director: Max Chodos

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Council Members

Dan Norris, President	Karla Strazicich-Cain
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**Remember in Prayer:**

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Hey, Mike Hudlow, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent,
Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn,
Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson,
Alvar Roy, Vern Soderstrom, Dawn Steele,
Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen.

**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:

442-222-1194

Lutheran Fellowship Lunch

Everyone is invited for good food and fellowship with First Lutheran of Vista. We will meet on Monday, April 14th 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!

**Saturdays of Sisterhood**

For Women. By Women. About Women. Bible study, self reflection, and finding community amongst the women of the Bible and those of SMLC!

Please join Karin Kupka on
Saturday, April 5th from 10-11:30 AM
In Luther Hall.

Coffee and tea will be served. No need to RSVP.

Questions?

Email Karin @karinkupka533@hotmail.com or
call 760-415-2525.

Financial Update

End of February 2025 - 16.7% of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$323,473	\$56,650	13.05%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$323,473	\$63,839	19.74%

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

Social Action



ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY

For April, how about picking up multiples of anything appropriate that's on sale at your favorite grocery store? Or, we never get things like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, or salad dressings from the Food Bank. Those items would be great any time. Thank you for continuing to be a part of this mutual ministry with All Saints Episcopal Church in Vista. Wish you could hear all the thank-you's from our clients. New people come in very hesitant but leave with multiple bags and very big smiles. Repeat clients are always thankful and also eager to see what we have for them on these two Saturdays of the month.

Council Update:

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

The Council gathered for our annual Council Retreat on March 15. This year the Council focused on the ministry building outreach activities discussed at the Annual Congregational meeting in February. Specifically, the Council discussed the overall goals for these events, and used an example event to understand the logistics and potential issues that may be involved in organizing an event. These goals, logistics, and potential issues, will be used to create a policy document that the ministries of SMLC can use to present a consistent vision to our community while also simplifying the planning and organization for those doing the hard work of implementing the events.

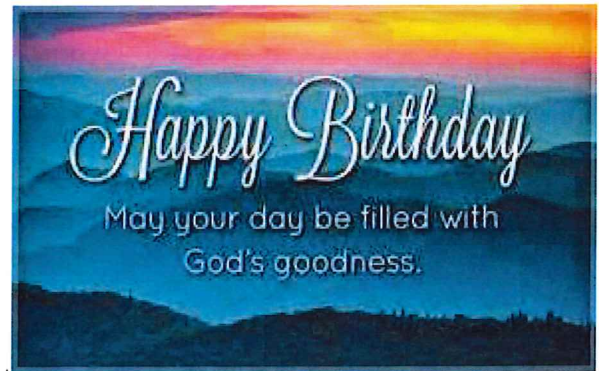
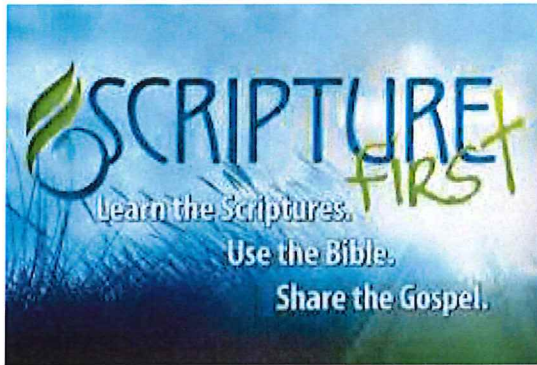
Here is a list of events the Council has identified as good events balancing our goals for our community outreach as well as our ability to implement (we won't be doing all of these in 2025!).

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| *Trivia night on campus | *Bingo night on campus | *Meetup at the dog park |
| *Trunk or treat in the parking lot | *Campus users social event | *Group tickets to Padres game |
| *4th of July parking lot party | *Plant exchange | *Trip to Balboa Park/Zoo |
| *Parking lot movie night | *Parking lot rummage sale | *Beach picnic worship |
| *Host a craft fair | *Street fair booth | |

If you have interest in any of these events, please contact Pastor Casey, pastor@sanmarcoslutheran.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president for 2025 and for your continued support of SMLC, our Council, Pastor Casey, and the staff.

Daniel Norris, President



April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Isa 43:16-21
Second Reading: Phil 3:4b-14
Gospel: John 12:1-8

April 13 Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isa 50:4-9a
Second Reading: Phil 2:5-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

April 17 Maundy Thursday

First Reading: Exod 12:1-4[5-10] 11-14
Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18 Good Friday

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

April 20 Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:19-26
Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

April 27 Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32
Second Reading: Rev 1:4-8
Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 1 Shauna Hagan
April 2 Eleanora Hansen
April 5 Daniel Rasmussen
April 8 Devin Hogan
April 9 Donna Hansen
April 12 Eric Foster
April 14 Landry Armstrong
April 16 Diana Arney
April 18 Victoria Garcia
April 21 Adam Young
April 25 Marilynne Smith
April 26 Susan Agonia
April 27 Dave Schilke

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

*In the spirit of abundance
and reciprocity, consider
getting your print, digital,
or audio book from the
library, a local and/or
independent bookstore, or
even sharing a copy with a
friend—it's a short read!*

**PASTOR
CASEY'S**



THE SERVICEBERRY

**Abundance and Reciprocity
in the Natural World**

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

AUTHOR OF BRAIDING SWEETGRASS

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, April 6

during Community Time
after worship
in Luther Hall

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, 13 April, 2025

10:00am Palm Sunday

Thursday, 17 April, 2025

6:00pm Maundy Thursday - Luther Hall

Friday, 18 April, 2025

7:00pm Good Friday

Sunday, 20 April, 2025

10:00am Easter Sunday

11:30am Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt



CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

April 2025



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Greetings and Blessings for a Happy Spring from Mrs. Leong~

Let's hop into April! This month brings us Easter Chapel and Egg Hunts in the Children's Creek. Thank you in advance for your donations of "filled eggs" and for your continued support for the Children's Center! Whether you have bought books through Scholastic, donated items from our Wish-List or told your friends and neighbors about us, I am thankful for it all. I continue to be amazed at the generosity of our Preschool families as well as the community we serve...hold onto your hats, the next few months will fly by as there are only 46 more days of school (I know, I can't believe it either!)

Hugs to you!



SUMMER OF FUN PRESCHOOL HALF-DAY CAMPS 2025

Outdoor Fun * Water Play * Music & Movement * Bible Stories * Fun with Friends!

Week #1	June 23-26	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Art and Science Labs</i>
Week #2	June 30- Jul 3	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Stars & Stripes</i>
Week #3	July 7-10	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>"PAW-some" Pets</i>
Week #4	July 14-17	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Let's Go Camping</i>
Week #5	July 21-24	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Once Upon a Time</i>
Week #6	July 28-31	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Zooming Into Space</i>

SUMMER HOURS: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM We will provide a mid-morning snack.

SUMMER RATES: \$225/week flat rate for four half days and tuition will be by electronic debit (EFT) only. Fees are non-refundable and includes snack and materials. June camp tuition (Week #1 & #2) will be charged on June 1st and July camp tuition (Week #3-#6) will be charged on July 1st. There will be water play time EVERY DAY!

EGG HUNTS & SMLC

4/16 (Wednesday) & 4/17 (Thursday)

We will have Easter Egg Hunts in the Children's Creek;
We will not be offering Lunch Bunch on these days.

4/18 (Good Friday)-4/25 (Friday)

School Closed for Easter Break



4/20 (Easter Sunday)

Experience the joy of Easter with San Marcos Lutheran Church at 10am! Easter Egg Hunt afterwards!

Looking Ahead...

5/8 (Th) & 5/9(F)
Muffins for Moms

5/12-5/16
Teacher Appreciation Week

5/26 (M)
School Closed for Memorial Day

Learn  Live  Share  the Love of God

2025

APRIL

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	02 12pm- AA- LH	03	04 945-12pm- St Joes- Sanc AA- LH	05 10-1130am- Sat of Sister- LH 6-9pm AA- LH
06 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	07 12pm- AA- LH	08 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	09 12pm- AA- LH	10	11 12pm- AA- LH	12 6-9pm AA- LH
13 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	14 12pm- AA- LH	15 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	16 12pm- AA- LH	17 6pm- Maundy Thurs.dinner -LH	18 12pm- AA- LH 7pm- Good Friday Srvc.	19 6-9pm AA- LH
20 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Potluck & Egg Hunt	21 12pm- AA- LH	22 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	23 12pm- AA- LH	24	25 12pm- AA- LH	26 6-9pm AA- LH
27 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	28 12pm- AA- LH	29 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	30 12pm- AA- LH	01	02	03
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