



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

July 2025

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



Come join us!

Friday, July 4th

approx 7pm-930pm
to watch fireworks

in a family-friendly environment.

Invite your friends & neighbors!

Volunteers needed to help the day of event.

Contact Aimee in the office to help!

Upcoming Seminar: Navigating the Financial Impact of Losing a Spouse or Partner

Sunday July 6th, 2025

11:15 am

Luther Hall

Join us for a special seminar offering guidance and support for those facing the financial challenges that come with the loss of a spouse or partner. This informative session will cover practical steps for managing finances, understanding benefits, and planning for the future, and all in an understanding and casual environment. Whether you are recently bereaved or it's been a while, or you are supporting someone in this situation, we welcome you to attend this complimentary seminar.

Contact: Rob O'Carroll (760-410-8500) if you have any questions.

Let us walk with you through this difficult season with compassion, wisdom, and hope.

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Pr Casey's Office Hours return!

Tuesday, July 22, 4-6pm

Location: TBD

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. — Isaiah 2:4

July is an interesting time, as American Christians, to be thinking about peace. This weekend, we will gather to watch fireworks explode in the sky in celebration of the Revolutionary War fought by our forebears nearly 250 years ago. As I am writing this, our nation is engaged in violent military action against Iran. By the time you are reading this, I do not know what the status of that will be, and whether war will have been declared, or if parties will agree to a ceasefire, or something else entirely.

Maybe you opened this newsletter after seeing news of unending conflict, hoping to not think about that for a minute. But I have had conversations with several of you in recent weeks about your concerns about war and violence, and so I think it is worth addressing.

I turned 37 on June 30, and in my lifetime, the United States has been engaged in several armed conflicts around the world. Those of you who are older than I am have even more memories of war and of the losses associated with it. You and your loved ones have served in the armed forces; one of my beloved chosen family members is currently deployed. There are real human costs to war and conflict, both within our militaries and among the millions of civilians who live in harm's way.

Our scripture presents a confusing picture, at times, about war. There are many battles depicted between the people of God and their enemies, and yet Jesus calls on us to love our enemies (Luke 6:27). Many wars have been fought in the name of Christ, and yet Jesus says "blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9).

The prophet Isaiah, quite famously, insists that God calls us to lay down our weapons of war—not only that, but to turn our weapons into tools we can use for agriculture. That the opposite of war is not only peace but creation. That instead of destruction, we can cultivate new life.

As you try to process the ever-changing landscape of war in our world, I encourage you to consider what actions we can take that bring about its opposite. Start by praying for an end to war and violence, and for the presence of peace around the world. Pray for all the different kinds of peacemakers in our midst—yourself included. What can you create in a world that already has more than enough destruction to go around?

Can you plant something? If you're already an avid gardener or houseplant tender, spend some extra time taking care of those living things. What about art? Even if you are not an artist (like me), can you get out some arts and crafts materials and just joyfully make something imperfect? Make a card and mail it to a faraway loved one. If there's a musical instrument gathering dust in your closet, can you laugh at yourself in an attempt to make a joyful (though not necessarily beautiful) noise to the Lord? Your singing voice (in whatever shape it may be) can also serve this purpose. Write a poem. Learn a dance step. Bake a pie. Send some love out into the world.

When you feel helpless, one of the best remedies is to help someone else. Do you have a neighbor you can share a meal with or whose lawn needs mowing? Have you been meaning to volunteer at the food pantry or to serve a meal at the Turk Center? Is there another ministry here at SMLC that is calling your name? Together, we can create a community that is resilient and that prioritizes hope and joy over fear.

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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	Tom Andreas

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 council@sanmarcoslutheran.org

San Marcos Lutheran Preschool
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Director: Ann Leong
 Teachers: Roxy Maldonado, Marlene
 Vazquez, & Elle Kim



Remember in Prayer:

Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check,
 Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Crystal, Celia
 Genishi, Jolene Hanson, Bill Hanson,
 Mike Hudlow, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent,
 Linda 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, July 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!

No meeting in July!

We will resume on August 2nd at 10 AM

In August we will wrap up our discussion on Ruth. Expect lively discussion, laughter, bible exploring, sharing of each other's thoughts, offering of prayers, and mutual support to occur. Coffee and tea will be served.

No need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Karin at
 karinkupka533@hotmail.com

Financial Update

End of May 2025 - 41.7% of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$323,473	\$129,768	40.12%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$323,473	\$131,433	40.63%

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

Thank you
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Social Action



All Saints Food Pantry:

Thanks for responding with donations of tuna. Following are items we seldom get at the Food Bank and can always use: tuna, canned chicken, mayonnaise, catsup, mustard, jam. Your donations are very much appreciated. If you'd like to help on any the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30-noon, we'd love to have you join us. Speak to Doris Payne or Jill Adachi if you'd like more information.

Council Update

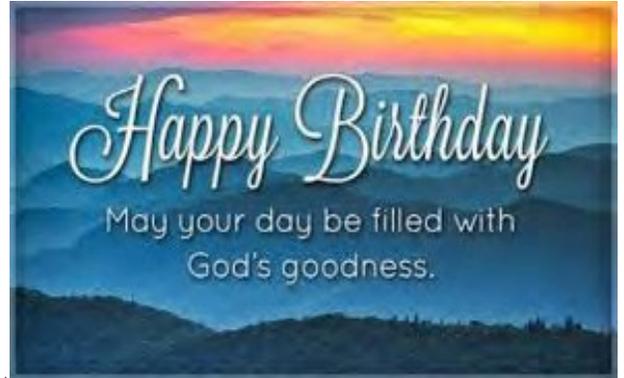
Hello SMLC! Here are the updates for the June Council meeting.

The Council met on June 18 for our regular monthly meeting. The Council accepted and/or approved the submitted minutes and reports. The Council considered 2 items of business: 1) the Council approved the section from the Ministry Events Policy that described the use of the parking lots for Ministry events and the alcohol, tobacco and substance use policy for an event, and 2) the Council discussed the ongoing work to replace the supplemental HVAC system on the office and sanctuary building.

Lastly, the Council discussed and drafted the policy for the involvement of committees and volunteers. The Council also discussed the policy for providing food at Ministry events. These policies will be considered for approval at the August council meeting and will provide additional guidance to Pastor Casey, the SMLC staff, and event volunteers as we continue to plan these events, such as the 4th of July parking lot celebration. Since the Ministry Event has been discussed by the Council for the past few months, many of the important policies to guide organizers are now available for use. If you would like to organize a ministry event, particularly those that have been discussed by the Council, please contact Pastor Casey to plan.

The Council will not be meeting in July as we prepare for the busy time for the Council in the fall. 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



July 6 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Isa 66:10-14
 Second Reading: Gal 6:[1-6] 7-16
 Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13 **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Duet 30:9-14
 Second Reading: Col 1:1-14
 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 20 **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Gen 18:1-10a
 Second Reading: Col 1:15-28
 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 27 **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Gen 18:20-32
 Second Reading: Col 2:6-15 [16-19]
 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

- 7/1 Victoria Shoup
- 7/7 Cindy Angelini
- 7/7 Deborah Finney
- 7/7 Cheryl Johnson
- 7/10 Corrie Lott
- 7/11 Elizabeth Sheahan
- 7/13 Sue Check
- 7/16 Aimee Hudlow
- 7/18 Evelyn Derganc
- 7/18 Lynne Jaseph
- 7/19 Miles Nolan
- 7/19 John Walsh
- 7/23 Alvar Roy
- 7/26 Kevin Angelini
- 7/29 Hannah Liu
- 7/30 Sharon Phelps

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

2025

CALENDAR YEAR

JULY

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	02 12pm- AA- LH	03	04 12pm- AA- LH 7pm-930- Fireworks event	05 Sat of Sisterhood- CANCELED 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 6-8pm- AA Leadership Mtg-LH	10	11 12pm- AA- LH	12 6-9pm AA- LH
13 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time 12-4pm- Vaillancourt- COL- LH	14 12pm- AA- LH	15 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	16 12pm- AA- LH	17	18 12pm- AA- LH	19 6-9pm AA- LH
20 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	21 12pm- AA- LH	22 4-6pm- Pr Casey's office hrs. 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	23 12pm- AA- LH	24	25 12pm- AA- LH	26 6-9pm AA- LH
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