



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

August 2025

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

SAVE the DATE!

Come join us!

God's Work, Our Hands

Coming Soon...

September 7th

God's Work, Our Hands!

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

You don't want to miss this opportunity to show God's Love in action and have a good time!



Pr Casey's Office Hours return!

Tuesday, August 26th, 4-6pm

Location: Draft Republic, San Marcos

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. — Isaiah 40:1

My first call was to a joint Lutheran-Episcopal campus and young adult ministry in Northern California. I served alongside an Episcopal priest for the first few years, and then an Episcopal lay woman (who has since become a priest!) for the latter half. I then served, temporarily, in an Episcopal parish as an associate pastor, before Jonathan and I moved home to North County. Many things about those experiences reminded me of my deep and abiding Lutheran-ness, and many things I have tucked away as bonuses from their tradition. One such bonus is the commemoration of saints. On almost every day of the calendar year, there is someone (or multiple someones) whose life and legacy is worth remembering in this way. Some of them are ancient people whose names we find in the pages of our scripture, and others are everyday folks who have lived lives worthy of the gospel to which they were called.

In the Lutheran tradition, we take a moment to remember all the saints at once on November 1. You'll note that this is the August newsletter, so that isn't what I'm getting at. Our saints, personal and historical, are worth our reflection throughout the year. As I was looking over August's commemorations, whose lifetimes range from the first century to the twentieth, one name stood out: Catherine Winkworth, poet.

Catherine Winkworth lived in Europe in the late nineteenth century, translating hymns from German into English. Perhaps some of you scholars of hymnody and choral music will know her by name, but I did not! We have this woman to thank for bringing two centuries of great German choral tradition into the English language, and for the versions of some beloved hymns we have sung together. She has nineteen hymn numbers that follow her name in the index of your ELW, tied with Martin Luther. She even translated one of the hymns he wrote!

As I was perusing the list of hymns she'd translated, I was most charmed to see "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"—one of my favorite Advent hymns. The opening line of the hymn, "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace! So says our God" is a reference to Isaiah 40, in which we can also find a voice crying out in the wilderness. As we are squarely in Ordinary Time, we do not have this one on the calendar for an upcoming Sunday. But if "God will reign in peace forever", as the hymn insists, that certainly applies to every day in every season.

It may not be the season of Advent, during which we "prepare the way of the Lord," but it is always a time for the comfort and peace of God. Even when we find ourselves in the middle of summer, our spirits may not be entirely sunshine and blue skies. Our world of worries and heartache continues apace, but the reign of God is here! "Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain," we sing. God will raise every valley, every hill will be made low.

During the seasons of Christmas and Easter, we find it quite easy to tell everyone the good news. We must also remember to tell each other—and ourselves—the good news during the rest of the year. As you perhaps get this hymn stuck in your head, what other hymns do you hold dear? Which lyrics or tunes help you tell the story of God's love in your life? Do you have a favorite that you haven't heard in church in a while? Please let me know, and we'll add it to our Ordinary Time lineup—whatever its season!

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: Cristen Mugford Choir Director: Max Chodos
 Communications: Adriana Alfaro

Council Members

Dan Norris, President	Karla Strazicich-Cain
Kelly Van Jen, Vice Pres.	Ed Mossuto
Anne Voth, Secretary	Devin Hogan
Jan Parthemer, Treasurer	Br. Jack Anderson
	Tom Andreas

To contact any Council members, email
 council@sanmarcoslutheran.org

San Marcos Lutheran Preschool
 preschool@sanmarcoslutheran.org
 (760)727-0326

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, August 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!



Saturdays of Sisterhood

August 2nd at 10 AM

Please note that we will be gathering this month in the Sanctuary. No beverages will be provided but you are welcome to bring something to drink if it is in a closed container with a lid. We will be wrapping up our discussion of Ruth. Saturdays of Sisterhood is a bible study designed by women, for women, about women. It includes fellowship, bible reading, sharing of ideas, prayer, and fun.

No need to RSVP a spot, all women are welcome! Questions?
 Contact Karin Kupka at 760-415-2525 or
 karinkupka533@hotmail.com.

Financial Update

End of June 2025 - 50% of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$323,473	\$153,413	47.43%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$323,473	\$156,782	48.47%

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

Thank you
♥

Social Action



All Saints Food Pantry:

For August, how about picking up multiples of anything that's on sale at your favorite grocery store? Or, we can always use tuna, canned chicken, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, or salad dressings.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of this mutual ministry with All Saints Episcopal Church in Vista.

Humanity Showers provides showers, breakfast, and haircuts every Friday morning in the church parking lot, and now a medical van also comes on Fridays. We're so pleased to learn the medical van will come once a month during our food distribution hours beginning the last Saturday in August.

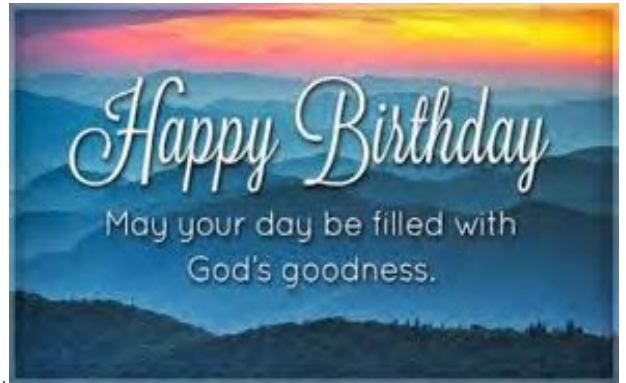
We're always looking for volunteers to give our "regulars" a break. Contact Doris Payne if you'd like more information.

Council News:

The Council did not meet in July, and will resume our monthly meetings in August.

CONCERTS AT SPRECKELS ORGAN PAVILION

Would you like to attend? If you've never attended an organ concert at Balboa Park, here's a chance to go with a group. We would like to organize one, or possibly two trips to concerts during the summer Organ Festival. On Monday, August 4th, Alisa Jordheim, Soprano, and our San Diego Civic Organist, Raul Prieto Ramirez, will perform music from the Theater, Lieder, and Opera Arias. On August 18th, members of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra will join Ramirez in an Organ and Orchestra Celebration. If you are interested in either or both concerts, please contact Doris Payne (dorispayne3247@gmail.com, text: 559-299-0146, or phone: 760-653-3026). We would carpool from the church at 6:15pm for the 7:30pm FREE concert. Let her know if you would be a driver or a passenger.



August 3 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
 Second Reading: Col 3:1-11
 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

August 10 **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Gen 15:1-6
 Second Reading: Heb 11:1-3, 8-16
 Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 17 **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Jer 23:23-29
 Second Reading: Heb 11:29-12:2
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

August 24 **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Isa 58:9b-14
 Second Reading: Heb 12:18-29
 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

August 31 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
 First Reading: Prov 25:6-7
 Second Reading: Heb 13:1-8, 15-16
 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

- 8/1 Steve Balbo
- 8/2 Nicholas Angelini
- 8/7 Sharon Scott-Gonzalez
- 8/7 Dan Weis
- 8/10 Alex Murray
- 8/10 Eric Webster
- 8/13 Jack Carreon
- 8/13 Abigail Young
- 8/14 JJ Lott Jr.
- 8/19 Carter Kepler
- 8/23 Shawn Angelini
- 8/24 Sharon McEwan
- 8/25 Phillip Sheahan
- 8/27 Hector Gonzalez
- 8/27 Tricia Oliveira
- 8/29 Oliver McNichols

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



CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

August 2025

Ann Leong, Center Director

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

From the Director...Welcome back to school!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to be a part of our Preschool family at the Children's Center for the 2025-26 school year.

Please be assured that some crying in the morning or even at pick-up for children this age is very typical. Separation anxiety is a normal stage of growth and development for the Preschool years. The intensity, level of, and timing of separation anxiety depends on the child. A little worry over leaving mom and dad is completely normal, even when your child is older. But the important thing is that as a parent, you need to remain confident in your decision to send your child to Preschool and yes, work to reduce your own anxiety. Here are some tips that will help you and your child make the morning transition easier and have worked for countless SMLCCC families:

Goodbye Ritual:

- 1) Have your child walk down with you to the school and carry their own backpack, lunch etc.. This is their school and this is one way for them to develop the independence skills needed to reduce anxiety levels. **TRUST ME, IT WORKS!**
- 2) Both of you greet the staff with a "Good Morning!"
- 3) Sign your child in, give them a big hug and tell them you will be so excited to hear about their day and then leave with a wave and a firm see you at ".....o'clock".

Pick Up Ritual:

- 1) Make sure you leave the cell phones off and greet your child with enthusiasm and tell them you are so excited to see them.
- 2) Gently ask about their day...remember kids can get overwhelmed if you start pumping them for all sorts of details. Let the details come out slowly. Don't forget to check our Outdoor Kiosk for lesson plans, snack menu, newsletter, etc. We often hang their artwork on the fence as well!

WE PROMISE IT WORKS....JUST GIVE IT TIME! *Love, Mrs. Leong*

Remember to bring extra clothes for your child in a gallon Ziploc bag with their name on it. Put sun-screen on them BEFORE they come to school. Pack a healthy lunch with 3 items plus a drink if they are staying for lunch bunch. Leave all other items, toys, hand sanitizer, chap stick etc... at home. We do not allow these items at Preschool!

Upcoming Important Dates:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th and FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th:

Birthday Celebrations for our July AND August Birthdays. We will celebrate with cookies and juice during snack! If you have a child with a July & August birthday, you will receive a separate reminder e-mail.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st: School Closed for Labor Day!

2025 AUGUST

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	12pm- AA- LH 04	8am-12pm- CPR Trng- LH 7-9pm- Music Men- LH 05	12pm- AA- LH 06	9a-215pm- UCSD Reading-LH 5:30p- Worship Comm. Mtg 07	12pm- AA- LH 08	9a-330pm- UCSD Reading- LH 10am- Sat of Sister- Sanctuary 6-9pm AA- LH 09
10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	12pm- AA- LH 11	7-9pm- Music Men- LH 12	12pm- AA- LH 1:30p- Social Action Mtg 13	9a-215pm- UCSD Reading-LH 14	12pm- AA- LH 15	9a-330pm- UCSD Reading- LH 6 9pm AA- LH 16
10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	12pm- AA- LH 18	7-9pm- Music Men- LH 19	12pm- AA- LH 6pm- Exec Comm. Mtg 7pm- Council Mtg 20	21	12pm- AA- LH 22	6-9pm AA- LH 23
10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	12pm- AA- LH 25	4-6pm- Pr Casey's office hrs. 7-9pm- Music Men- LH 26	12pm- AA- LH 27	28	12pm- AA- LH 29	6-9pm AA- LH 30
10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	01	02	03	04	05	06