



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

April 2026

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

Important Dates in April:

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2nd
6pm- Luther Hall

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Good Friday
Friday, April 3rd
7pm



Saturdays of Sisterhood
Saturday, March 7th
at 10am in Luther Hall

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5th
Worship, Potluck & Egg Hunt


**He is
RISEN**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. — John 13:34

Holy Week is upon us! We have shouted HOSANNA for Palm Sunday, and we are this close to shouting another word that sometimes begins with the letter H. These days of drama, emotion, grief, and miraculous life are sure to be spectacular. I know that not everyone is able to attend all of the services, but if you are on the fence about any of it, I encourage you to come not only for Easter but for the days that precede it. As Jesus says to his freshly-called disciples in the Gospel According to John, come and see.

On Maundy Thursday, we will hear the story of Jesus' last meal with his closest friends. He will surprise them—once again—with his insistence on service, love, and mercy. We'll wonder together about what we will do in remembrance of him.

On Good Friday, we will hear the agonizing story of his torture and death. This is the only day in the whole year that we gather for worship when there is no good news to share. We know the whole story, of course, but on Friday, there is only the darkness of the tomb. If you have not experienced this opportunity for self-examination, it is a unique one.

And, of course, on Easter Sunday we will celebrate once again that life triumphs over death. I won't spoil the whole day for you, but know that God shows up.

So that you can make your plans, here are the logistics of what is happening:

On Thursday, April 2nd at 6pm, we will gather in Luther Hall for a Maundy Thursday Dinner Eucharist. We will gather at tables to hear the word and sing the hymns; at the moment of communion, we will pause to eat a potluck dinner of soup and salad, along with the consecrated bread and wine of communion. When all have eaten, the liturgy resumes and concludes with the ritual stripping of the altar. Gluten-free bread will be available for those who need it, as well as consecrated juice for those who wish to abstain from wine. This service will not be live-streamed.

On Friday, April 3rd at 7pm, the liturgy of the Three Days continues with a Good Friday service in the sanctuary. This service is sparse, reflecting the darkness of the hour of Christ's death: somber song and prayer befitting the day, including special music from the choir. This service includes time for adoration of the cross, and does not include communion.

On Sunday, April 5th at 10am, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! The Easter service includes as many instances as possible of our long-buried hallelujahs, and the promises that God has overcome death with life. After the service, we'll enjoy a potluck continental breakfast and a festive easter egg hunt for the kiddos. You don't want to miss it!

We look forward to seeing you—or being seen by you if you are joining us for Good Friday or Easter Sunday via livestream. All are welcome to receive the good news of God's unfailing love.

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
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Council Members

Dan Norris, President	Ed Mossuto
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Remember in Prayer:

Christine Buma, Sue Check, Crystal, Eunice Choi, Celia Genishi, Jolene Hanson, Pete Johnson, Gary Kloehn, Karin Kloehn, Larry, Deborah McGregor, Maddie, Melinda Nelson, Alvar Roy, Jean Russell, Marilynne Smith, Dawn Steele, Stephanie, 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 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!



Saturdays of Sisterhood

Saturdays of Sisterhood meets on Saturday, April 4th from 10-11:30 AM. 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

Financial Update

End of February 2026 - 16.6% of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$308,160	\$49,322	16.02%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$322,368	\$54,123	16.79%

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

Social Action



ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY

In April, we'd love to have donations of cooking oil, mayo, ketchup, and mustard.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support this ministry.

If you have questions or would like to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Doris Payne.

Council Update

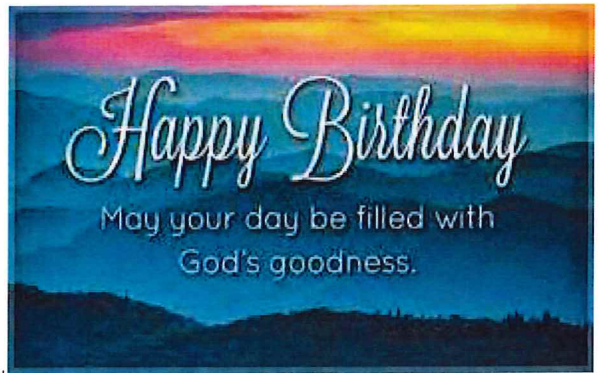
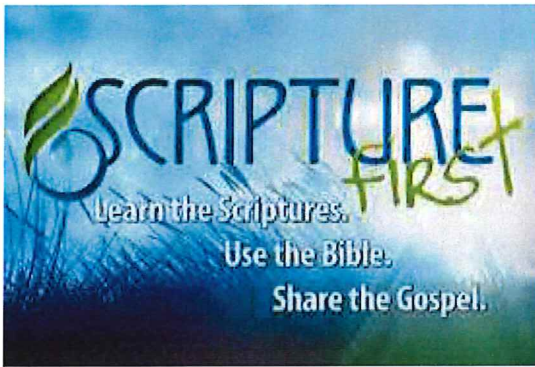
Hello SMLC! Here are the updates for the March Council meeting.

The Council met on March 18 for our regular monthly meeting. The Council accepted and/or approved the submitted minutes and reports as well as reports for February. The Council considered 1 item of business. A fundraising request from the Staff and endorsed by the Stewardship comments was approved. The fundraiser will be a Talent show involving all aspects of our community from SMLC, the preschool, as well as groups using our space.

The Council also continued to discuss ways to increase leadership and involvement with our community with a section of the agenda entitled, "Cultivating Community: Leadership and Involvement". This will be a monthly agenda item as we progress through 2026. The Council plans to start involving the larger congregation beginning in April and May.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president for 2026 and for your continued support of SMLC, our Council, Pastor Casey, and the staff.

Daniel Norris, President



April 2 **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 3 **Good Friday**
 First Reading: Isa 52:13-53:12
 Second Reading: Heb 10:16-25
 Gospel: John 4:5-42

April 5 **Easter Day**
 First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
 Second Reading: Col 3:1-4
 Gospel: Matt 28:1-10

April 12 **Second Sunday of Easter**
 First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 19 **Third Sunday of Easter**
 First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23
 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

April 26 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25
 Gospel: John 10:1-10

- April 1 Shauna Hagan
- April 5 Daniel Rasmussen
- April 8 Devin Hogan
- 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**

SAVE THE DATE

Scoops & Skills



Talent Show & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, May 31st 2026

3:00–5:00 PM

San Marcos Lutheran Church

More details coming soon!





CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

April 2026



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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!



2026 SMLC SUMMER OF FUN MIXED-AGE HALF-DAY CAMPS

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

Week #1	6/22-6/25	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Mexico</i>
Week #2	6/29-7/2	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Africa</i>
Week #3	7/6-7/9	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Alaska</i>
Week #4	7/13-7/16	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Korea</i>
Week #5	7/20-7/23	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Italy</i>
Week #6	7/27-7/30	Session: Monday-Thursday	<i>Hawaii</i>

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

SUMMER RATES: \$250/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.

EGG HUNTS & SMLC

4/1 (Wednesday) & 4/2 (Thursday)

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

4/3 (Good Friday)-4/10 (Friday)

School Closed for Easter Break



4/5 (Easter Sunday)

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

Looking Ahead...

5/7 (Th) & 5/8(F)

Muffins for Moms

5/11-5/15

Teacher Appreciation
Week

5/25 (M)

School Closed for
Memorial Day

Learn Live Share the Love of God

2026

APRIL

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01 12pm- AA- LH	02 6pm- Maundy Thurs Svc- LH	03 12pm- AA- LH	04 10am- Sat of Sister- LH 6-9pm AA- LH
05 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Egg Hunt/Potluck	06 12pm- AA- LH	07 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	08 12pm- AA- LH 130pm- SAC mtg- Conf	09 7pm- Choir Practice-SA	10 12pm- AA- LH	11 6-9pm AA- LH
12 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	13 12pm- AA- LH	14 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	15 12pm- AA- LH	16 7pm- Choir Practice-SA	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 6pm- Exec. Council 7pm- Council Mtg.	23 7pm- Choir Practice-SA	24 945-1145- St Joes- SA 12pm- AA- LH	25 6-9pm AA- LH
26 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	27 12pm- AA- LH	28 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	29 12pm- AA- LH	30 7pm- Choir Practice-SA	01	02
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