



# THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos  
Lutheran Church

May 2026

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

## May Highlights



### **Saturdays of Sisterhood**

Saturday, May 2nd  
at 10am in Luther Hall



### **Lifeline Screenings**

Thursday, May 7th  
Luther Hall



### **Pr Casey's Ordination Anniversary Celebration/Bishop Dave Nagler**

Sunday, May 10th  
10am Service



### **Scoops & Skills Talent Show & Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, May 31st  
3-5pm

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. – 1 Corinthians 12:12*

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

It continues to be the season of Easter, as we celebrate our new life in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for continuing to enthusiastically shout HALLELUJAH on Sunday mornings. There is much to praise God for.

I thank God for each and every one of you, for your participation in our Holy Week services. Your presence in the room and as a virtual worshipping community, as you connect with God and with one another through these sacred stories, is what this time of year is all about. I thank God also for everyone who volunteered their time and energy as part of Team Holy Week. There were 17 different names on the sign-up sheet and in accompanying texts and emails, plus the people who were recruited by those 17 people to be part of the work, too. Some of those volunteers are specific to the tasks at hand—like our easter egg stuffers!—and some just have extra responsibilities beyond their usual service—like our team of ushers, who prepared for a huge influx of people compared to an average Sunday.

Whether a volunteer role is “large” or “small”—it all matters. It all matters to me and it all matters to God. There are many members of the Body of Christ here at SMLC, and each of your contributions is essential to our life together.

Did you know that April 19-25 was National Volunteer Week? I didn't! Around here, every week is Volunteer Week. Dozens of tasks are done by people who are not me, people who are not on staff, that enrich our community and delight God. So it is always a good time for some volunteer appreciation.

Whether you have been part of the SMLC community for years or are just beginning to see where you fit into the Body of Christ in this place, there may be volunteer opportunities you aren't aware of. Conversely, some members of this congregation have at some point filled every role there is!

Every time you volunteer—whether that's to read scripture during worship, serve coffee during Community Time, help plan an event, or serve as an elected leader on our council—you bring something of value to the table. Your voice, your perspective, your skills, your knowledge, your joy—all of it adds up to great success in our ministry together. As we continue in this season of Easter joy, my gratitude for your willingness to show up and help out overflows.

If you aren't sure about volunteering for something, or if you feel like you might be in over your head if you agree to help out, fear not! We are all in this together. Consider volunteering with a ministry already in motion, where you can learn the ropes from someone who has done it before. Or invite a friend (even someone not from SMLC!) to serve alongside you, if that would make you feel more at ease. Volunteering can and does bring us connection, purpose, energy, joy and fulfillment. You won't be alone—that's the point!

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  
 Communications: Adriana Alfaro

**Council Members**

Dan Norris, President	Ed Mossuto
Kelly Van Jen, Vice Pres.	Devin Hogan
Anne Voth, Secretary	Donna Johnson
Beda Farell, Treasurer	Sharon Phelps
Brother Jack Anderson	Esther Daniels

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, Sue Check, Crystal, Eunice Choi, Celia Genishi, Jolene Hanson, the Holtz family, 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.

We send our prayers and condolences to the Holtz family at the passing of Grace Holtz on March 31st. May light perpetual shine upon them.

**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, May 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**

Saturdays of Sisterhood meets on Saturday, May 2nd 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 March 2026 - 25% of Year

**Income**

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$308,160	\$72,490	23.52%

**Expenses**

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$322,368	\$77,334	23.99%

Quarterly giving statements are available in the narthex.

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

**Social Action**



**ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY**

In May, we'd be happy to have more donations of tuna, mayo, ketchup, mustard, pickles, and relish. Thanks to all of you who continue to support this ministry. Our numbers have gone up, so your donations are especially welcome.

Volunteers to help with giving out food are always welcome on the 3rd & 4th Saturdays of each month.

Please contact Doris Payne if you have any questions or would like more information on how to volunteer. All are welcome!

**Council Update**

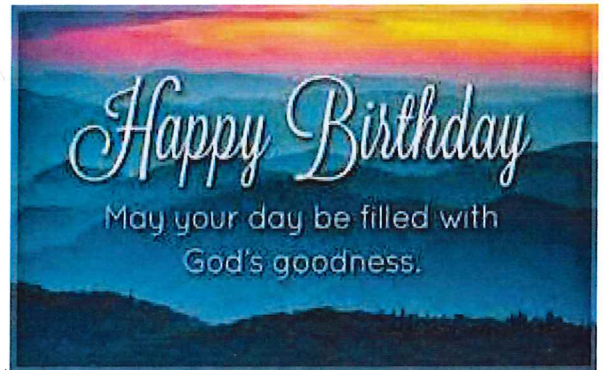
Hello SMLC! Here are the updates for the April Council meeting.

The Council met on April 22 for our regular monthly meeting. The Council accepted and/or approved the submitted minutes and reports. The council had no motions or business to discuss.

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 involving the larger congregation beginning in 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*



**May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10  
Gospel: John 14:1-14

**May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:12-22  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

**May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
Gospel: John 17:1-11

**May 24 Day of Pentecost**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-13  
Gospel: John 20:19-23

**May 31 The Holy Trinity**

First Reading: Gen 1:1-2:4a  
Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13  
Gospel: Matt 28:16-20

- May 1 Brady Hudlow
- May 3 Aaron Hagan
- May 4 Jack Anderson
- May 4 Steve Balbo
- May 8 Gene Holtz
- May 9 Peter Durst
- May 12 Cathy Duncan
- May 13 Conor O'Carroll
- May 19 Marjorie Johnson
- May 20 Lindsay Armstrong
- May 20 Kathleen Dechowitz
- May 22 Indy Fawcett
- May 23 Bob Jaseph
- May 23 Larissa Shoup
- May 25 Doris Payne
- May 30 Jerry Farrell
- May 31 Grant Webster

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

# Scoops & Skills



## Talent Show & Ice Cream Social



**SUNDAY**

May 31, 2026

3:00–5:00 PM



San Marcos  
Lutheran Church

**All skills welcome! From musical acts to homemade goods & services!**



### TALENT SHOW

Performances of all kinds, by all ages!



### SILENT AUCTION

Bid on amazing items, experiences, and services generously donated by the community



### RAFFLE

Raffle featuring "tangible talents", handmade goods, services, and gift baskets!



## Ice Cream Social!

After the show, enjoy a festive sundae bar and wonderful company!



### TICKETS

Purchase at door

**\$5 PER PERSON**  
**\$20 PER FAMILY**



**CASH  
PREFERRED**

*thank you!*



**WANT TO  
PARTICIPATE?**

Sign up sheet in the Narthex. All are welcome!

Special screening package for  
\$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!

800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**





# CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWSLETTER May 2026



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

Teacher Appreciation Week  
**5/11 - 5/15**

Please contact your Parent Rep,  
Nichole Manganiello on how you can  
participate!  
E-Mail: nicholeabuck@gmail.com  
Ph: 949-292-0570

  
**Muffins  
for  
Moms**  
Calling all MOMS~!!

Come and enjoy a muffin with  
your child on Thursday, 5/7 and  
Friday, 5/8 from 8am-9am  
in the Children's Creek!


 **2026 "Around the World" MIXED-AGE SUMMER CAMPS**  
**Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m. to NOON!**

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

**Pizza Fridays & S.M.A.R.T DAYS**  
5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

Pizza Fridays are from 12pm-1pm at  
\$20/day.  
Enrichment Hour is from 1pm-2pm  
at a small additional cost.

May 25th (Monday):  
School Closed for  
Memorial Day 

May 27th (Wednesday):  
Staff meeting~ NO  
LUNCH BUNCH

Learn  Live  Share  the Love of God

# 2026 MAY

CALENDAR YEAR CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	27	28	29	30	01 12pm- AA- LH 10am- Sat of Sister- LH 6-9pm AA- LH	02
03 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	04	05	06	07 830-430 Lifeline - LH 7pm- Choir- Practice-SA	08	09 6-9pm AA- LH
10 10am- Worship Service (Bishop Dave visit) 11:15- Community time	11	12	13 12pm- AA- LH 130- SAC Mtg- Conf	14 7pm- Choir- Practice-SA	15	16 6-9pm AA- LH
17 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	18	19	20 12pm- AA- LH	21 7pm- Choir- Practice-SA	22	23 6-9pm AA- LH
24 10am- Pentecost Worship Service 11:15- Community time	25	26	27 12pm- AA- LH 6pm-Exec. Council 7pm- Council	28 7pm- Choir- Practice-SA	29	30 6-9pm AA- LH
31 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time 3pm- Talent Show	01	02	03	04	05	06