



THE GOOD NEWS

San Marcos
Lutheran Church

June 2026

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

June Highlights



Saturdays of Sisterhood

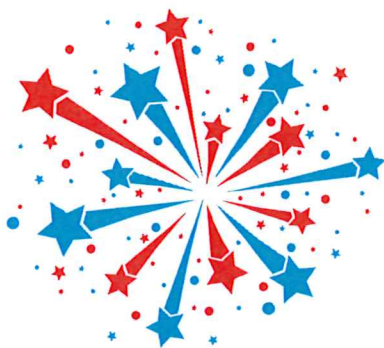
Saturday, June 6th
10am in Luther Hall

La Jolla Renaissance Singers Concert

Sunday, June 7th
4pm

Pr Casey's Outdoor Office Hours

Thursday, June 25th
5pm-7pm
Location- TBD



SAVE the DATE!

Come join us!

Saturday, July 4th
approx 7pm-930pm
to watch fireworks

in a family-friendly environment.

Invite your friends & neighbors!

We are currently accepting donations of cases of soft drinks and individual snacks. Volunteers needed to help the day of event. Contact Pr Casey or Aimee in the office to help!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. — Lamentations 3:22-23

Summer is upon us! Wherever you draw the line—Memorial Day Weekend, the end of the school year, the solstice—warmer, slower, longer days are on their way. We are also entering the season of Ordinary Time, the countable Sundays after Pentecost that carry us through the rest of this Church year. The paraments in the sanctuary will be green, and the beautiful hills that surround us will turn from green to gold as the heat sets in.

As someone with a summer birthday (and a spouse with a summer birthday as well), I have always thought of this season as joyous and delightful, relishing the opportunity to spend more time with the car windows down in the sunshine on the coast. Whatever plans you have for this time of year, I hope you are looking forward to them.

Summer is often a “low” season at church, because folks are traveling or have people visiting them and do not make it to worship as often. There are no church holidays during this season, either. But there are so many opportunities to continue to gather and enjoy fellowship with one another. We'll still be here, week in and week out.

Something new this summer that I have put together for you is a **weekly devotional**. You'll find June's in this newsletter if you want to print it out yourself, or you can pick it up in booklet form from church the next time you're here. It follows the lectionary readings we'll be using on Sunday mornings, offering you an opportunity to reflect more deeply in the week leading up.

You'll find a scripture passage and a written reflection from me, followed by some questions to ponder and an action to take and a prayer to close with. If you will be joining in for worship on Sunday in person, you can check in with me and with others during Community Time about your thoughts and any actions you took. If you're going to be out of town, check in when you get back! Even in the leaner summer months, we can cultivate community together.

There are other opportunities to put on your calendar, too! **Outdoor Office Hours** will return on Thursday, June 25 from 5pm-7pm at a local establishment—I'll let you know where as it gets closer.

I'm also bringing back a summer favorite from last year, and hosting a **book club** conversation on Sunday, July 12. We'll read the excellent and encouraging *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*, by former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry. I have been inspired by Bishop Curry's words for many years—you may remember his incredible sermon at the Royal Wedding! Check it out from the library or pick it up at your favorite local bookstore and feel the love.

Plus, we'll host our annual **Community Firework Watch Party** on the Fourth of July, so stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer for that event or just invite your neighbors to come watch!

If you have a full summer ahead of you, we'll pray for you as you go. If this is a quieter season for you, we'll be here with you in that, too.

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

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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:

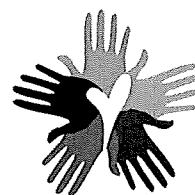
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Lutheran Fellowship Lunch

Everyone is invited for good food and fellowship with First Lutheran of Vista. We will meet on Monday, June 8th 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, June 6th 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 April 2026 - 33% of Year

Income

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$308,160	\$94,847	30.78%

Expenses

Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
\$322,368	\$101,000	31.33%

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

Hygiene Donations needed

Beginning June 14, 2026, your Social Action Committee will be collecting Travel Size only hygiene items, sunscreen lip balm, skin lotion, toothpaste, body wipes and deodorants, for Interfaith to be given to the homeless. Please bring your items to church by June 21, 2026. Thank you all for your continued support for the needy.

Council Update

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

The Council met on May 27 for our regular monthly meeting. The Council accepted and/or approved the submitted minutes and reports. The council had 3 items of business that were discussed. First, Karla Strazicich-Cain and Alvar Roy were elected as delegates to the Synod A-Zoom-bly. Thank you to Karla and Alvar for serving in this important role. Second, the council appointed Melinda Nelson, Tricia Taylor-Oliveira, and Donna Johnson to serve on the Mission, Vision, and Values task force. This task force will take on the task of guiding the congregation to review and revise these important items and principles. Lastly, the council discussed the affirmative electronic vote completed 11 May to approve the recommendations from the Finance Committee to move our financial accounts to California Bank & Trust.

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

Social Action



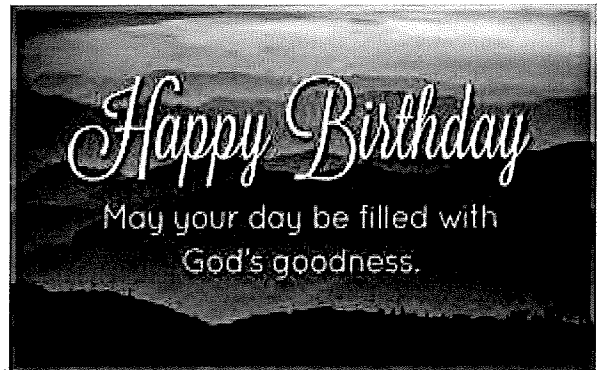
ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY

In June, we'd like to continue to request donations of salad dressings, mayo, ketchup, mustard, bbq sauce, pickles, and relish. These items are seldom at the Food Bank and are greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all of you who continue to support this ministry. Our numbers have gone up, so your donations are always 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!



June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6
Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Exod 19:2-8a
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8
Gospel: Matt 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jer 20:7-13
Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matt 10:24-39

June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jer 28:5-9
Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23
Gospel: Matt 10:40-42

- 6/1 Lola Coker
- 6/3 Marilyn Pulver
- 6/8 Katelin Murray
- 6/9 Jenna Phelps
- 6/13 Michael Johnson
- 6/17 Vicky Asmussen
- 6/19 Allison Liu
- 6/20 Kris Webster
- 6/22 Jodi Carreon
- 6/25 Danny Astl
- 6/28 Jane Murray
- 6/30 Remi Coker
- 6/30 Karen Johns
- 6/30 Jake Phelps
- 6/30 Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

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

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month!

What does this mean for us as Lutherans? It means learning about the diversity of God's creation and beginning (or continuing) the holy work of affirming every person as a bearer of God's image. There are many resources available to you in this endeavor, and different points of entry based on your knowledge and comfort. Everyone deserves to start at the beginning, and there is no shame in being a beginner. And if you *are* a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, I'm so glad you're here!

Why are we talking about this at church? Because we bring our whole selves and our whole lives to God, we bring our whole selves and our whole lives to church with us. Our church needs to be a safe place for everyone's whole selves and whole lives. Perhaps you've followed news about gender-affirming medical care, how schools should protect vulnerable students, and which civil rights are afforded to whom; these are issues that affect us, our neighbors, our families, members of the San Marcos Lutheran Church community, and our society at large, which is why it is crucial that we understand them.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, it is written: "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Our gender, our sexual orientation, and the ways we express those facets of ourselves are part of what make us **all** bearers of God's image.

Where do we start?

- I am available to speak with you, listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and connect you with further resources for support and/or learning.
- [ReconcilingWorks](#) is a ministry of advocacy for the "full welcome, inclusion, and equity of LGBTQIA+ Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community." They offer training, workshops, webinars, books, and other resources.
- The [North County LGBTQ Resource Center](#) has a website full of resources, including glossaries of terms and best practices for language.
- The [Transmission Ministry Collective](#) provides transgender Christians (and their loved ones) across the country with support groups, workshops, Bible studies, and other resources.
- The Association of American Medical Colleges answers "[What is gender-affirming care?](#)" and other questions you may have.
- You can read the entire ELCA Social Statement "[Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust](#)", available on the ELCA website, adopted at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.
- These books are ready for you to borrow from me:
 - *God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships*, Matthew Vines, Convergent Books 2014.
 - *Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness will Transform Your Faith*, Mihee Kim-Kort, Fortress Press, 2018.
 - *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*, Austen Hartke, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018. [I have one original and two updated and expanded 2023 editions]

How can we celebrate Pride Month this year? Right here in North County, you can join in the vibrant celebration of Pride by the Beach on Saturday, June 6 in Oceanside. You can visit pridebythebeach.org for more information and see which organizations, vendors, and artists will be there!

San Diego Pride celebrates in July, and you can find out about all of their programming at sdpride.org/pride.

LA JOLLA RENAISSANCE SINGERS

Douglas Lynn, Artistic Director

SPRING 2026

The Seasons

Festivity & Bounty & Chill & Rebirth

Saturday May 30 | 3 PM

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, 580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista

Sunday June 7 | 4 PM

San Marcos Lutheran Church, 3419 Grand Avenue, San Marcos

FREE-WILL OFFERING



ljrs.org

Volunteer Spotlight: Lori McLeaster, Women's Retreat Planning Committee



What made you sign up for this volunteer opportunity? I attended my first retreat not really knowing anyone. The retreat allowed me to get to know the women of SMLC on a deeper level and I have been blessed with life long friendships. I enjoy being on the retreat committee to facilitate this connection for other women and to deepen my relationships with my friends and to get to know other women on a deeper level. This retreat changed my life and gave me a whole new community of Christian friends!

What surprised you about the experience? I was surprised by how much fun the committee is and how well we all worked together. I received great

satisfaction from hearing how much women enjoyed the retreat. It is a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful group!

What made this experience a success? The experience was a success because everyone on the committee really cares about each other and we care about developing a retreat that is fulfilling for the women who attend.

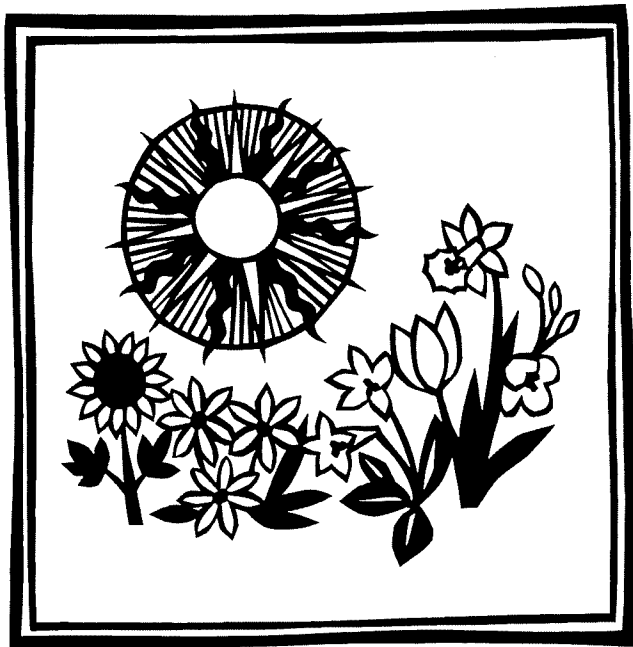
What was the easiest part about volunteering? The easiest part was how we all had ideas, but we were able to create an experience that we all agreed on. Everyone worked for the glory of God. There were no egos.

What was challenging about volunteering? Using our time in the most efficient way while still planning a wonderful retreat was our greatest challenge. We took the responses from the previous retreat that we needed to streamline the retreat and I believe we were successful.

What was the most rewarding part of your involvement as a volunteer? The most rewarding thing was hearing Louise say it was the best retreat ever! That warmed my heart because Louise has been attending retreats for years!

How does your volunteer experience connect you with other members of the congregation? My talk on what the first retreat meant to me connected me in ways I didn't expect from the community. I got compliments from men who said they wished they could go! Being a new member, I believe being in the committee and giving my talk opened new relationships in the community. I hope to deepen these relationships with the Faith Formation committee too!

What would you say to someone considering volunteering for something like this? I would say to someone thinking of joining a committee or group—go for it! SMLC is the most caring church I have ever attended. Being on a committee is using your talents to do God's work through you. Nothing is more important than following Jesus's example of caring for others.



A SUMMER DEVOTION: June

As we move through the summer months and find ourselves in Ordinary Time on the Church calendar, the Sundays may begin to run together. Perhaps you'll be traveling, or have loved ones visiting you, and will not participate in worship as often as you usually do. These weekly devotions, reflecting on selected scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary, are intended to enrich your weeks—whether you attend worship or not.

Each week includes five components: a passage of scripture, a reflection by Pastor Casey, questions for reflection, actions you might take, and a prayer.

For those who do attend worship in person, consider sticking around for Community Time to chat about your answers to the questions or the actions you took that week.



JUNE 7, 2026—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

REFLECTION

Jesus is regularly doing things that cause others to ask questions. Who is he? What is he doing? What does this mean?

People had expectations about what he would (or should) do, and he repeatedly walked right up to those expectations and defied them. It is clear that he was not primarily interested in the endorsement of those with power and authority, because he does not sit and eat with them, but rather with those at the opposite end of the social hierarchy—in this case, tax collectors and sinners.

Jesus explains that he has come to call sinners, not righteous people, to be part of his ministry. Being a coworker with Jesus in building the kingdom of God is a job that any of us can do. We do not need to be powerful or perfect, we just need to be ourselves.

Sometimes, in a church community, we can feel like we aren't good enough—not like those other people, who have everything figured out and are way better at being Christians than we are. But that's not how this works! There is a saying attributed to many thinkers, including Pope Francis, that the church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners. This idea comes right from Jesus' words in this passage, and we should take it to heart.

Your presence in this congregation is not a competition, and there are no prerequisites. We are all here to learn, heal, and grow. Whatever phase of your life you find yourself in, Jesus meets you there and says, "follow me."

QUESTIONS

When in your life have you felt like you were underqualified, underprepared, or otherwise not good enough? How did you overcome those feelings of inadequacy? Remind yourself that God loves you as you are, and created you to be you.

ACTION

Find an affirmation that speaks to your heart this week, and tell it to yourself each day. This can be something simple like "I am a beloved child of God" or something more specific like "my voice matters" or "I create beautiful things" — whatever it is you need to hear.

PRAYER

God of saints and sinners, remind us of our goodness and worthiness in your eyes. Keep us from judgment of those we do not understand, and call us to be merciful, as you have been merciful to us. Amen.



JUNE 14, 2026—THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

REFLECTION

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the densest books of theology we have. It is full of beautiful, flowering sentences that we have memorized for confirmation class or stitched on a pillow. It also contains some verses that we are less enthused about, or might have questions about, or might wish were not there in the first place. And that's okay.

The Lutheran tradition is not a literalist tradition, and our study of scripture is wide open to interpretation. We read scripture with our whole hearts and minds, and hold up confusing bits of it to the light, to see what's under there. We know that the overarching message of the gospel is that we are unconditionally loved by the God who created us, set free to live abundant lives of service to one another. If we encounter anything in scripture that makes us doubt that, or seems like it doesn't exactly line up with that, that's a clue that we should dig a little deeper.

You might read these words about affliction and endurance, and think that this means that God wants us to experience hardship and suffering. You might think that you should continue to endure something painful, because it will build character and lead to hope. But God does not want harm to come to us, and there is nothing redemptive about suffering itself.

Many people have endured violence, abuse, and other harm under the false pretense that it was suffering given to them by God. This is the opposite of the truth. It is true that we feel pain in our lives—that's simply an unavoidable piece of the human experience.

God is with us in our suffering, because God knows what it is like to be a human who suffers. As we struggle or grieve, God is right alongside us. God is who gives us the strength to overcome our afflictions, not who buries us under them. God hears our cries, and responds to us with love, over and over and over again.

QUESTIONS

Think about a time when you were enduring something painful. Maybe you don't have to reach very far, because you are enduring something painful right now. Did you feel God's presence with you in that time? One of the ways that the Holy Spirit accompanies us in our lives is through the people who love us—our friends, our family, our community here at church. What would it feel like, the next time you are going through something painful, to remember that you have peace with God through your Lord Jesus Christ? That God's love has been poured into your heart? Where in your body might you feel that peace?

ACTION & PRAYER

Try some breath prayers (found on the next page) this week. As you inhale, say the first phrase to yourself (silently or aloud, depending on your environment); as you exhale, say the second phrase. Repeat as many times as you like. Consider composing pairs of your own!

Inhale: I am weary

Exhale: You give me rest.

Inhale: Spirit, You are with me.

Exhale: Even when there are no words.

Inhale: Your steadfast love surrounds me.

Exhale: I trust in you, O Lord.



JUNE 21, 2026—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 21:14-20

Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

REFLECTION

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to meet and learn from Karen Gonzalez, a Guatemalan immigrant to the United States, and a great thinker and writer. Her first book is called *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong*. Her chapter about Hagar and Ishmael—and Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, of course—opened up this story for me in a way I had not understood it before.

The basic outline of the story is that Hagar was enslaved by Abraham and Sarah; Sarah could not become pregnant, and so Abraham fathered a son with Hagar, in order to have an heir. However, Sarah and Abraham eventually conceived Isaac, and a struggle for whose son would be the heir began. A few chapters before our lesson for this week, Hagar leaves their household while pregnant, but God meets her in the desert and sends her back.

Karen writes that “Hagar becomes the first person in the Bible to receive an annunciation—an appearance, or special message, from God—and the first to give God a name.”

Hagar cries out to God, and God tells her to name her son Ishmael, which means “God hears.” The name that Hagar calls God is El Roi, which means “the God Who Sees” because God saw Hagar as a whole person when no one else did.

If that weren't enough, Hagar flees a second time and finds herself desperate in the desert a second time. And God sees, hears, and knows Hagar a second time.

Karen explains that “Hagar in the desert reminds all of us that the Spirit can be found in the places we least expect: with the poor, the outcast, the enslaved people, the domestic help, and the foreigners. God is present with anyone who is treated as a human resource instead of a human being.”

[Learn more by picking up a copy of the book: Karen Gonzalez, *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press 2019) from the library or your favorite local bookstore.]

QUESTIONS

Who are the unseen people in our world? How can we work to see them as God sees them, beloved children and members of the Body of Christ? What would our world look like if everyone was seen, heard, and known?

ACTION

As you go about this week, try to more clearly see everyone you encounter. Maybe that's greeting a grocery store clerk with a smile, asking a loved one a question beyond "how are you?", or learning the name of a neighbor. Notice what it feels like to be seen in return.

PRAYER

God who sees, see us. God who hears, hear us. God with us, be near. Amen.



JUNE 28, 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Have you ever heard or read a word so many times in rapid succession that it starts to not sound like a word at all anymore? That phenomenon is called "semantic satiation" and I experience it when I read these words from Jesus about welcome. Not only do I start to forget what welcome is, but I feel like I could lose my place in the passage and read the same line twice without noticing. Clearly, Jesus is trying to emphasize a point here.

Right before this, he's talking about all of the very costly sacrifices that one might need to make in order to follow him. He is both confirming the disciples' fears about coming persecution for being associated with him, and reminding them that the reign of God will be worth everything they encounter along the way. He is encouraging them to seek out community where they will be warmly received, because that experience of welcome will likely come from people who are sympathetic to their cause and who are themselves followers of Jesus. But it will not be without risk! This part about rewards is a little facetious, because a prophet's reward is nothing—nothing except the message itself.

These words about welcome are meant to get the disciples—and us—thinking about where and with whom we find ourselves. Are we not only welcoming people who arrive at our door—whether that's the door of our homes, our church, or anywhere else we belong—but actually inviting people to come?

QUESTIONS

What does it mean to offer welcome? Do you offer hospitality as well as receive hospitality from others? When was the last time you took the risk of going somewhere where you might need to rely on the kindness of strangers, rather than sticking to your comfort zone?

ACTION

Try something you haven't done before. Go somewhere you've never been, invite someone you don't know well to join you (for church, a meal, etc.), try a cuisine from an unfamiliar culture, attend the weekly gathering of a non-Christian community—take a risk!

PRAYER

God of welcome, be with us—when we are in our comfort zone and when we are brave enough to step out of it. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

June 2026

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IT'S TIME FOR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ALOHA CELEBRATIONS~



The last days for the 2025-26 school year will be on

Thursday, June 11th and Friday, June 12th.

Every child will get a lei and a certificate of completion or a certificate of graduation.

Feel free to dress up in your Hawaiian attire~

Thank you for a great year!!!

We will close at **NOON** on Aloha Days~ No lunch bunch on 6/12! *Mahalo!*

A Note of Thanks from Mrs. Leong...

On behalf of the entire staff we want to personally thank each family for your love and support of our program. On every level, the partnership between our families and the Preschool has resulted in our program being the preschool of choice in the San Marcos Community and the buzz continues on with The Real Moms of North County Facebook! Thank you for loving on us and taking care of us...

Blessings for a Happy Summer from all of us at the Children's Center!

Ann, Marlene, Elle & Roxy

DONUTS WITH DADS

We will be celebrating our Dads with donuts on

Tuesday, June 9th and Wednesday, June 10th from 8-9am in the Children's Creek! Stay for a few minutes or take one to go! Happy Father's Day!



SUMMER CAMPS 2026

There are still some spaces available for Weeks 3, 4, 5~

First day of summer camp will start on June 22nd.

Happy Summer!

Birthday Celebrations

We will celebrate June Birthdays on
Thursday, June 11th
and
Friday, June 12th!



Learn  Live  Share  the Love of God

2026

JUNE

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 12pm- AA- LH	02 12-330pm- St Joe's- LH & SA 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	03 12pm- AA- LH	04	05 12pm- AA- LH	06 10am- Sat of Sister- LH 6-9pm AA- LH
07 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time 4pm- Renaissance Singers Concert	08 12pm- AA- LH	09 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	10 12pm- AA- LH 130pm- SAC mtg- Conf 6-8pm- AA Leadership Mtg-LH	11	12 1130- Preschool - SA 12pm- AA- LH	13 6-9pm AA- LH
14 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	15 12pm- AA- LH	16 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	17 12pm- AA- LH	18	19 12pm- AA- LH	20 6-9pm AA- LH
21 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	22 12pm- AA- LH	23 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	24 12pm- AA- LH 630pm- Exec. Council 7pm- Council	25 5pm-7pm- Pr. Casey's Outdoor Office Hours	26 12pm- AA- LH	27 6-9pm AA- LH
28 10am- Worship Service 11:15- Community time	29 12pm- AA- LH	30 7-9pm- Music Men- LH	01	02	03	04
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