



# The Echo



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## STEPHEN MINISTRY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT ST. MARTIN'S

**AUGUST 1, 1979 – AUGUST 1, 2004**

Stephen Ministries St. Louis is a transdenominational, not-for-profit, religious and educational organization founded in 1975 by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist. While pastor of a congregation, Dr. Haugk saw that people's needs for care in his congregation and community far exceeded what he alone could provide. He developed materials to train nine of his congregation members to provide quality, one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing a life crisis. Upon completion of their training, he commissioned them as "Stephen Ministers" and linked them with people with a variety of needs for care. In 1978 Dr. Haugk held the first Leadership Training Course, preparing leaders to go back to their congregations and start such a lay ministry. The Stephen Series now has been implemented in more than 8,000 congregations representing more than 100 Christian denominations, over 33,000 leaders trained, and more than 300,000 Stephen Ministers trained. It is estimated that nearly a million people have been cared for under this program.

Stephen Ministry in this congregation was started in 1979 by The Rev. Robert Hurlbut (associate Pastor, 1976-84). He, Rosie Nieman and Doris Wukasch were the first from St. Martin's to attend Leadership Training Course. At least 135 lay people have been trained here since that time. St. Martin's currently has 33 active Stephen Ministers which include 10 who have completed the Leadership Training Course. Active Stephen Ministers and Leaders meet regularly for continuing education and small group supervision.

On Sunday, August 1, each Eucharist service will emphasize and celebrate the Stephen Ministry on its 25th Anniversary of implementation at St. Martin's. Special guests in attendance will be the Rev. Robert Hurlbut and his wife, Suzan. Thank you to all Stephen Ministers for their years of service and care.

*"All of us go through rough or crisis times during our life journeys. Those periods can be very lonely despite our strong faith. Stephen Ministers are trained people who can "be there" for each of us to be a caring, listening presence. Christ does the healing, but Stephen Ministers can help us feel God's love and guidance as we work through our difficulties and come out into the light again."* – Deb Johnson, Stephen Ministry Leader

*"Caring for others as they experience personal adversity is one important way that we share God's love. Stephen Ministry, for me, provides practical training and spiritual guidance as I try to become a more understanding and effective caregiver. It constantly reminds me that my role is that of a caregiver; God is the curegiver."* – Jim Oliver, Stephen Ministry Leader

*"Stephen Ministry has made me more aware of the needs of the congregation and has broadened my ability to help people. I believe God works through us to heal others who are dealing with grief or coping with problems or situations. This is a very valuable ministry to both Stephen Ministers and care receivers."* – Ethel Hummell, Stephen Minister

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Home Communion  
Caring Visitors  
Care and Share  
Hospital Visitors  
Marriage Mentors

Five other caring ministries come under the umbrella of Stephen Ministry.

**HOME COMMUNION**, volunteers take the sacrament to St. Martin's members who are unable to attend worship (founded 1982).

**CARE AND SHARE**, a grief support group which meets twice monthly, ministers to all who are experiencing loss in their lives (founded 1991).

**CARING VISITORS** are assigned to homebound members and make visits and/or phone calls several times each month (founded 1996).

**HOSPITAL VISITORS** call on those members who are confined to one of the health care facilities in our area (founded 1998).

**MARRIAGE MENTORS** are member couples who act as mentors for those planning to be married at St. Martin's. The relationship between the couple and their mentors continues for 6-12 months after the wedding (founded 1999).

Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training prior to being commissioned. A new training class begins in September. Call the church office if you are interested in this vital caring ministry.

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**From Pastor Bennett**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Lutheran Book of Worship, Morning Prayer.)

This is a prayer for all who are baptized into Christ and also for those who have responded to the call of the Holy Spirit into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. In this first column since becoming your interim Senior Pastor, I want to briefly address what we term "call" and particularly from the perspective of the office of the ministry or pastor.

God calls as he did with Moses, with David, with Jeremiah, with Isaiah, with Mary, and as Jesus did with the call to the disciples in the words "Follow me". God never dictates a call but invites. Prayer, meditation, silence, and reflection are essential to hearing what God has to say and see what God has to show us. To follow is to take a spiritual journey and embark on a religious quest.

The office of ministry is God's gift to the Church. It is a call to proclaim the Gospel and administer the sacraments so as "...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,..." The Augsburg Confession states the centrality of this office:

*To obtain such faith God instituted the office of the ministry, that is, provided the Gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit, who works faith, when and where he pleases, in those who hear the Gospel. (Tappert 31.)*

Through the years such names as Roesener, Long and Auer have responded to God's call to serve at St. Martin's. Some of you remember those names. Most recently the name of Zumwalt is added to the list. These names are remembered in many ways but each served for a time, bringing their gifts, and their personalities to serve the Lord in this city and parish. Each made a contribution. Each is remembered in a variety of ways. Pastor Zumwalt will be remembered as others have been through the years. But now he has received another call to service and responded by accepting that call to Wilmington. So we come to an end of another chapter in the life of this family of God, St. Martin's. The response, as with all the others before is mixed and clouded in emotions. But, as we all know, the Lord God is in control and will bring to this congregation another faithful pastor who will open the history book of St. Martin's and begin writing as we are moved in the future.

In 1987, you called me, in 1994 others called again and I was invited into the office of Bishop. Now again a call through the Office of Bishop and the council of St. Martin's asking me to become Interim Senior Pastor. Yes, even though retired (I thought) a call comes. It is still the same..."follow me". May you and I again join hands and express our faithfulness as we move toward whatever it is God has in mind for us. So I end as I began... *Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us...*

In Christ,

James E. Bennett,  
 Interim Senior Pastor

# SafePlace of Austin Envisions a Future Without Violence

The American Medical Association estimates that over 4 million women are victims of severe assaults by boyfriends and husbands each year. About one in four women is likely to be abused by a partner in her lifetime. It is estimated that in the U.S. 1.3 women are sexually assaulted every minute, which means there are approximately 683,280 sexual assaults each year.

People might believe that domestic violence or sexual assault does not effect their loved ones or friends, but with these statistics, it is likely that it is happening, or has happened, to someone we know. It most definitely has happened to more than one person from our St. Martin's community.

SafePlace of Austin works to end domestic and sexual violence through crisis intervention, prevention, education, long-term support and advocacy. This includes a 24-hour abuse hot line, several shelters, counseling centers and legal advice and advocacy centers. Safe Place envisions a future without violence.

SafePlace Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center of Austin began in January 1998 when the Center for Battered Women (CBW) and the Austin Rape Crisis Center (ARCC) joined to become a unified source of hope for the Austin/Travis County community.

The Center for Battered Women began in 1977 as the first shelter for battered women and their children in Texas and one of the first in the nation. The Austin Rape Crisis Center began providing the Austin community with comprehensive sexual assault and abuse prevention, intervention and support services in 1974.

Now, more than two decades after the inception of its parent agencies, SafePlace continues to provide services for survivors of interpersonal violence in the Austin community primarily out of its main campus in southeast Austin. In addition to the main campus, SafePlace also continues operations at its seventeen-bed Women's Shelter, and in satellite offices at the County Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office and through the Family Violence Prevention Team. Despite growth in operations, facilities and service provision, SafePlace continues to turn away thousands of women, children and men who need their help.



This month the benevolence focus at St. Martin's is SafePlace. If you are moved to help SafePlace, you can support their services by writing a check to St. Martin's and putting "Safe Place" in the memo line. All of the money will be combined and given as a donation from St. Martin's to SafePlace at the end of August.

## SafePlace Statistics [2002]

Hotline volunteers and staff answered a total of 11,144 hotline calls from victims, their families and their friends.

A total of 34,683 nights of emergency shelter were provided to 1,285 individuals including 567 adults and their 718 children. Hospital Advocates accompanied 389 recent rape survivors at area hospitals.

61 families (64 adults and 112 children) lived in the SafePlace Supportive Housing Program apartment community.

1,116 adults received 5,875 hours of individual counseling sessions and 447 adults participated in 2261 group-counseling sessions. Average wait time: two months.

411 children received individual counseling and 621 children participated in therapeutic and fun activities. On average, 60 children are on the waiting list at any given time. Average wait time: 6 months.

## "WE'VE GOT SPIRIT"

### FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF

September 12, 2004

#### Sunday, September 12 Schedule

- 9 AM Spiritual Program
- 10 AM Festival Eucharist
- 11 AM Ministry and Mission Festival showcasing opportunities to "Share God's Love" through education and volunteering

**Sexuality Study Part I** Saturday, August 21, 10 AM–2 PM. *Yes, this is the third time this course is offered!* This is an important discussion to have before entering into Sexuality Study Part II. All who wish to participate this Fall in the ELCA Sexuality Study Part II are encouraged to have completed at least one of the Sexuality Studies Part I. The all day format should allow ample time for discussion (facilitated by Pastor June Wilkins). **Please register** with Kathy Krebs, Adult Education Coordinator. Childcare provided upon request. **Sexuality Study Part II** will start Tuesday, September 14 and continue for six consecutive Tuesdays at 7 PM. Rob Cogswell, St. Martin's member and also librarian for the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest will lead the discussion.

#### SEE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

Saturday, Sept. 11  
8:30 AM–4:00 PM.



Experience the thrill of a fast paced journey through the entire Bible during this one day event. Contact: Kathy Krebs, Adult Education Coordinator.

## From Pastor June



### WHY I TRY TO USE "INCLUSIVE" LANGUAGE

Some people have asked me why I say certain things during worship. Like why I refer to God usually as "God" and not "He", or why I use "Creator" instead of "Father", or why I use words like "humankind" instead of "mankind". And those who have assisted while I've led worship have certainly noticed that I typically change some of the words while saying the Nicene and Apostles' Creed.

When I do this, I am attempting to use "inclusive language". That means using nouns and pronouns that are not male gender-specific when referring to people or even to God. That means using "humankind" instead of "mankind" and saying "God" instead of "He" and sometimes using "Creator" instead of "Father".

Some might say that the Bible itself uses mostly masculine words and pronouns when talking about people and especially when talking about God. This is true. But the languages of Hebrew and Greek, in which the bible was originally written, are gender-specific languages. That means that every noun and verb conjugation has a gender assignment. And the ancient traditions of the languages proscribe that the gender defers to male. That means if there are a crowd of all women and one male, the crowd is referred to in the male form of the word (we all learned this in our first classes of French or Spanish!) Therefore, people or humans as a group were always referred to as "men". We do not have that issue with the English language. But when the bible was translated into English, the translators made a choice to use the male pronoun when referring to crowds and human beings. This is probably because it was also our custom at the time of those translations (RSV, 1952) to use mostly male pronouns. Later translations (NRSV, 1989) uses more inclusive language like "people" or "brothers and sisters".

The issue of God is possibly more difficult. The original writers of the bible certainly referred to God as male and understood God as male. This might be partially a convention of the languages they used, but it was surely also their assumption that God *was* male. That assumption would have reflected the domination of men in the society at the time and the assumption that males were superior.

But we understand that God is neither male nor female. Genesis 1:27 reads "God created humankind in his image, *in the image of God he created them; male and female* he created them." Even while it is referring to God as "he", it still says that male *and* female were created in God's image. So God's image is of both genders. Also, in the Hebrew scriptures, the Spirit of God is referred to as "Ruach", which is a feminine word. And in Proverbs, the Wisdom of God (which was said to be there during creation) was metaphorically spoken of as a female (Proverbs 8-9). In Isaiah and Psalms and other places, God is spoken of metaphorically as a woman (Is 42:14, 49:15, Ps 22:1, 9-10.)

The writers of the bible used metaphors to attempt to convey God to the listener. God cannot be fully understood, so they used familiar things to attempt to portray God. These metaphors though, should not be understood literally. Even when Jesus referred to God as "Abba" (translated by us as "Father") it meant to convey the closeness and familiarity of God, not necessarily to identify the gender of God. At the best these metaphors point us towards God; they do not and cannot convey the whole reality of God, who is neither only male nor female.

Sometimes it's hard to use inclusive language. Many of the gender pronouns like "mankind", "Father" and using "He" for God are ingrained in our tradition and our heads. Most of the time they are directly written into our liturgies. Since most of us have used them since we were young, it comes more naturally to us than using more inclusive language. But just because something comes automatically or naturally that doesn't mean that it is the best way.

In our faith, the Word of God is our primary method of conveying God's grace and hope to the world. When we use exclusive pronouns and metaphors, we can easily convey (either consciously or sub-consciously) that a portion of the population is excluded from God's promise. The male image of God has even been used to claim the superiority of males and justify men's dominance over women. Since the abuse of women is still an issue in our communities (see the story about Safe Place in this issue) it is important for us as members of the body of Christ to understand our role in either prolonging or preventing it.

None of our words will ever approach the reality and the majesty of God. But we have capabilities in our language which *better* convey the glory of God for *all* people. I think it is our Gospel call to use them.

*P. June*

Pastor June A. Wilkins,  
Associate Pastor

Do you (or someone you know) have a van to sell cheaply (or donate)? It is for our partner congregation, Agua Viva, near Laredo, Texas for transporting food for their food pantry which helps feed over 95 families in their community. If you know of a van in good working condition, please contact Pr. June [jwilkins@saintmartins.org](mailto:jwilkins@saintmartins.org) or 476-6757 ext 15.



Confirmation Camp, Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville (June 20-25, 2004)

## Back-to-School Events



### JAM (NEW 3rd-5th Graders)

Say hello to the new JAMsters! Swimming and lunch. Sunday, Aug 15 at Courtney Lee's house, 12:15-3:30 PM. Contact: Sharolyn Browning, Children's Ministry Coordinator.

### Jr. High Youth (NEW 6th-8th Graders)

City-wide Lock-in - Aug 20-21. Contact: Becca Andersen, Youth Ministry Coordinator.

**Acolyte Boat Party** Great fun and a welcome to new Acolytes! Saturday, Aug 7, 12-3 PM, Just For Fun at Emerald Point Marina. Meet at St. Martin's 16th Street entrance at 11 AM. Transportation provided. Bring: swimsuit, towel & appetite for fajitas! Contact: Bryan Rust, Director of Liturgical & Hospitality Ministries.

### Sr. High Youth (NEW 9th-12th graders)

Aug 29 - End of Summer Celebration. Sept 5 - Super Sunday for ALL Austin Area Lutheran Sr. High Youth. Contact: Becca Andersen.

## Wednesday Night at St. Martin's begins September 15

Food, Fellowship, Classes & Rehearsals for All Ages  
Childcare available throughout the evening.

Orientation for Parents/Guardians of children & youth will be held on Sept 8.

## August Preaching Schedule

(Sat Jul 31)	5:00	Kathy Krebs, Seminarian	Sun Aug 15	8:00	Pastor Bennett
				9:30	Pastor Bennett
				11:00	Pastor Wilkins
Sun Aug 1	8:00	Kathy Krebs	Wed Aug 18	12:10	Dr. Zersen
	9:30	Pastor Wilkins	Sat Aug 21	5:00	Pastor Bennett
	11:00	Pastor Wilkins	Sun Aug 22	8:00	Pastor Wilkins
Wed Aug 4	12:10	Dr. Krause		9:30	Pastor Wilkins
Sat Aug 7	5:00	Pastor Wilkins		11:00	Pastor Bennett
Sun Aug 8	8:00	Pastor Wilkins	Wed Aug 25	12:10	Dr. Zersen
	9:30	Pastor Wilkins	Sat Aug 28	5:00	Pastor Bennett
	11:00	Pastor Wilkins	Sun Aug 29	8:00	Pastor Bennett
Wed Aug 11	12:10	Pastor Sandquist		9:30	Pastor Bennett
Sat Aug 14	5:00	Pastor Wilkins		11:00	Pastor Bennett

**Summer Eucharistic Ministers Needed** Those interested in serving Holy Communion during Sunday worship, please sign up on the Worship Arts bulletin board (main level). Children, youth and adults are welcome in this ministry. Those new to the ministry will be trained. Contact: Bryan Rust.

**Babies & Breakfast** New parents at St. Martin's get together between the 10:30 & 11:00 AM worship services. Stay for a quick bite, or just say "hi!" on Sundays in August. Look by the kiddie tables or wherever the diaper bags are gathered.



**Summer Book Club** Still time to join on Aug 11, 6:30 PM. Read *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Horse & His Boy*. Contact Sharolyn Browning, Children's Ministry Coordinator.

**Blood Drive** On Aug 15, the blood mobile returns for donations. Please sign up on the Community Outreach bulletin board located in the main hallway.

**Family Life Volunteer Training** Saturday, August 28. Training for Sunday School, teachers, Godly Play storytellers, youth sponsors, adult education teachers & facilitators, Confirmation guides, and more! Contact Whitney Myers, Director of Family Life to serve this year or for more information about the training.

**Islam: History & Texts** Sundays, August 1-22 at 9:30 & 11:00. Presented by Mike Mahaffey. Come stretch your mind and gain an understanding of Islam's history, religion, and culture. (Room 230 - main level across from the church offices). Contact: Kathy Krebs.

**St. Martin's Symphonic Winds** as presented to the national conference of the Assoc. of Lutheran Church Musicians. This audio-visual presentation explains the 6-week preparation for each service in which the Symphonic Winds plays. Sunday, Aug 29 at 9:30 or 11 AM in Room 230. Contact: Dale Elmshaeuser, Adult Instrumental Coordinator.

**Women of the Church General Meeting** Sept 11, 9:30 AM in the Parlor. Mark your calendar.

**Fall St. Martin's Choir Retreat & Luncheon** Sat, Sept 11, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM. Upstairs in the Music Area (Room 340). New members are encouraged to attend.

**Spirituality Retreat** Sept 24-26 in New Braunfels. Contact: Kathy Krebs, Adult Education Coordinator.

On Sunday, August 15, St. Martin's will celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is an important day because many lessons may be learned from Mary. Mary is mentioned in a number of places in the gospels and the book of Acts, and a dozen incidents of her life are recorded, from her betrothal to Joseph, to her presence at the Crucifixion. She is pictured as being present at all of the important events of her Son's life.

The other books of the New Testament are silent about Mary, and little is known about the rest of her life. The angel's words in Luke 1.32 imply that she was descended from David. Throughout all the stories she is presented as a model of bold but tender love.

The early Christians respected the mother of Jesus and honored her memory, and by the sixth century the date of August 15 was established as "her" day. While her feast day remained on Lutheran calendars well beyond the Reformation, the remembrance of Mary all but disappeared in Lutheran churches (in the main, the result of anti-Roman Catholic bias,

and a reaction to what was seen as the excessive attention to Mary of the Roman church).

Mary represents the finest ideals of womanhood of her day – spiritual sensitivity, purity, obedience to the divine will, careful attention to the religious instruction of her Son, loyalty to Jesus even when she did not fully understand him, faithful to the last and beyond. She has remained important to Christian devotion throughout the centuries for all these reasons, and because she is the "Theotokos" (God-bearer); as such, she is seen as a representation of the church itself, which is to "give flesh" to God through its life, service and witness.

*Almighty God, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son. Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his love, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Lutheran Book of Worship).*

## The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

### The Season of Pentecost

The season of Pentecost or "Ordinary Time" as some liturgical churches call it, is really based on the notion that it is here in the natural world, in the midst of the ordinary and imperfect details of our daily lives, that faith takes root and grows. If your summer allows you to spend more time than usual in touch with the natural world, you might like to consider these things:

Where do you see God's presence in the things of this world? What is your responsibility for the world entrusted to our care?

What would happen if you were to consciously and consistently say "thank you" for the world we have been given, with all its glories and its challenges?

The Day of Pentecost (which was May 30) reminded us of the experience of the earliest Christians that God's presence was being made known not only in the world but in their own lives, enabling them to love and serve in ways far beyond what they imagined they could do. As green is the color for growth, how can we grow beyond our walls to those who would come to Christ? I challenge you to invite one person to worship with you this month!

– Bryan Rust, Director of Liturgical and Hospitality Ministries

### Thanks and Praises

Confirmands,

Thank you so much for the most special gift of honor at Camp Chrysalis. This means more to me than you can imagine. Camp Chrysalis holds a special place in my heart and I know it is the same for you! I will miss you all – it has been a wonderful privilege working with you and getting to know you and watch you grow spiritually and through life. You each have something special to share with the world – find that special something and let it blossom. May God continue to bless you and I am looking forward to the Boat Party in August!

– Deborah Walston

Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy following the death of our grandson Kyle. We appreciate your concerns and kindnesses as we deal with our heart breaking loss.

– Burney & Esther Quebe

Thank you for all the energy you put towards making it possible for our kids to participate in VBS with your church. The kids had a wonderful time and were sad for it to end. I got a lot of positive feedback from the staff about how much the kids looked forward to going. Thank you for thinking of us.

–Diane Hoffman, Activities Coordinator  
Austin Children's Shelter

My sincere appreciation and thanks to Pastor Sandquist for his visits and Communion and for the beautiful flowers. Also thanks to those who have delivered flowers, they were beautiful and I have enjoyed them all.

May God bless you always,  
Alida Tolleson

Dear Members of the St. Martin's Family, Thank you for your love, prayers and support during my surgery and recovery. Your caring cards, phone calls and prayers were very comforting. They were much appreciated.

Sincerely, Carolyn Swenson

Dear Members of St. Martin's, There is no way that I can express what this church and its members meant to my mother, Ella Pfennig. I do want to thank you for all the prayers in her behalf, and for the many, many birthday cards, Christmas cards, Easter cards, notes and visits that she received during the past two years. She treasured you and looked forward to hearing from you. St. Martin's was her family! Thank you for your love and concern.

With love and appreciation,  
Eleanor Ann Koester

## Council Highlights

June 21, 2004

- ◆ Approved the May Council Minutes with corrections.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report was approved. Quarterly statements are going out in July.
- ◆ The Council voted and approved Pastor James E. Bennett as interim senior pastor. He will work 20 hours a week, not including Sundays. He will be out on a planned vacation from July 22 to August 8.
- ◆ Board of Elders announced that the new ornaments to benefit the Umlauf sculpture restoration will be more dimensional and will depict our altar.
- ◆ Board of Trustees reported they will be contacting another company about the restoration of the Umlauf sculpture. Green Energy stickers are on the 16th & 15th Street entrances.
- ◆ Board of Parish Education reported Vacation Bible School was a success with over 225 participants.
- ◆ Board of Fellowship stated that the New Member luncheon is August 29.
- ◆ Lutheran School Board reported that enrollment figures do not look good for fall. Contacts with parents are being made.
- ◆ The council discussed suggestions for increased stewardship from the Young Couples Small Group, and scheduled a work session for the council and staff for June 26 to focus on stewardship issues.

## Steward's Passage

*So let us never tire of doing good, for if we do not slacken our efforts we shall in due time reap our harvest. Therefore, as opportunity offers, let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.*  
 — Galatians 6:9-10

Our Stewardship		June 2004	
<b>Operations</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	
Receipts	\$419,996	\$466,521*	10% increase
Disbursements	\$452,103	\$469,667	4% increase
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	
Receipts	\$69,897	\$67,120	4% decrease
Disbursements	\$139,056	\$125,466	11% decrease
<b>Average Weekly Attendance</b>			
<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday Education</b>	*Includes Extra Mile Giving Fundraiser of \$26,685.	
467	72		

## Status of Fundraisers

The September issue of *The Echo* will publish a new and expanded format for the St. Martin's fundraising status.

## Music Discovery CAMP

**AUG 2-6 • AGES: 7-12**  
**Register now!**

Directed by Laurie Jenschke. Introduction to singing, instruments, notes/rhythm, mini-concert participation with Austin distinguished performers, field trip to Paramount Theater, snacks and outdoor fun. Cost is \$175 per child. Contact Laurie Jenschke at 476-6757, ext. 39 or ljenschke@saintmartins.org.

### For children grades 1-8.

**Auditions:**  
**Wednesdays, Sept 1 & 8,**  
**4-6 PM at St. Martin's**



This year adds a training choir for grades 1 & 2 which will meet simultaneously with the Unity Children's Choir. Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4-5 PM (grades 1-2) Wednesdays, 4-5:30 PM (grades 3-8) Contact Laurie Jenschke at 476-6757, ext. 39 or ljenschke@saintmartins.org. [www.unitychildrenschoir.org](http://www.unitychildrenschoir.org)

**HOW TO JOIN ST. MARTIN'S** Attend a one day Saturday class on October 30 for both non-Lutheran and Lutheran transfers. Members are received the following Sunday, October 31. Register with Max at mottmer@saintmartins.org or call 476-6757.

**WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS** Contact the church office at 476-6757. Engaged couple retreats and Baptism Instruction Classes are required. The next Engaged couples retreat is August 6-7. The next Baptism Instruction Class is August 22.

**BIRTHS** Eden Grace Bartolotta, March 31, 2004. Parents Hope and Pete Bartolotta.

Carter Marcos David, June 22, 2004. Parents: Jeff and Becky David.

**BAPTISMS** Emily Catherine Lanning, June 6, 2004.

Andrew James Friedrich, June 20, 2004. Parents: Josh and Molly Friedrich.

Meredith Victoria-Anne Gordon, June 20, 2004; Samantha Marie Kraatz, June 20, 2004; Zachary Alan Kraatz, June 20, 2004. Parents: Gary and Darci Gordon.

Abigail Rose Henderson, June 27, 2004. Parents: Chris and Carey Henderson.

**SYMPATHY** Harold and Viola Rutz, death of Harold's Mother, Elva Rutz April 10, 2004, and Matilda Larkin, May 28, 2004 Mother of Viola.

Nancy and Ozzie Wagner, death of Nancy's father, Marshall Brown, June 15, 2004.

Dorothy Adcock (sister-in-law) and Terry Adcock (nephew), death of Virginia Adcock July 3, 2004.

Family and friends of Lucille Hagar, died July 5, 2004.

Family and friends of Florine McDougall, died July 7, 2004.

# Godly Play

and silence (the most elusive part) so they might recognize God's presence among them.

Many St. Martin's children have benefited from Godly Play in our Wednesday night program. Through a generous gift from the Endowment Fund, we are delighted to make available Godly Play to children from 2 to 11 years old on Sunday mornings starting in the Fall. It will be a complimentary addition to our current Life Together lectionary based Sunday School. Register your child throughout the month of August and the beginning of September for Sunday School 2004-2005.

Are you interested in helping create our environment or tell the stories? We need all the help we can get. No matter what skill, craft or experience you have been granted, your help would be a gift to the children of St. Martin's church AND school! A few adult leaders are still needed for Sunday mornings and there are opportunities for reaching out to the school children during the weekdays. Thank you to those who attended the introductory presentation by Godly Play trainer, Becki Stewart and thanks to the many who have already helped in getting the room ready. We will welcome Becki back to St. Martin's the afternoon of August 28 at the all day training for Family Life Volunteers. All are welcome to attend.

For more information on Godly Play contact Sharolyn Browning, Children's Ministry Coordinator.



## Meet a friend for Breakfast this Sunday

Larry Lobash of "Our Daily Bread" prepares and serves a delectable breakfast every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-11 AM.



Why not enjoy a breakfast taco or muffin with a friend?

The coffee is always free...and the Fellowship is priceless!

## St. Martin's Worship

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

Summer Worship – Blended Eucharist

### WEDNESDAY

12:10 PM

Healing Prayer Eucharist

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Traditional Eucharist

## St. Martin's Education

### SUNDAY

Childcare available for Infants & Toddlers all morning, Room 207

## In the Sun

St. Martin's Sunday School for All Ages

### ALL AGES

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Meet in the Chapel for Opening – then move through various stations to learn about God's love in our lives.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT ST. MARTIN'S

Wednesday Night at St. Martin's is taking a break for the summer. WNSM will resume September 15.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP – BLENDED EUCHARIST**  
During the summer months, all services will contain the same blended liturgy. This is a chance to try a new service time and enjoy seeing new faces or old friends.

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