



# The Echo



*Sunday, September 11, 2005*

# Rally Day

*Rally Day is a kick-off of fall education programs for children, youth and adults.*

**Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11:00 AM** Special recognition and blessing of 2 year-olds, young readers, those enrolling in Confirmation, and class teachers and facilitators of all ages.

**9:30 or 11:00 AM** Come to a "Meet the Teacher" and Open House Celebration in the Fellowship Hall for children, youth and adults. Come during the time that you plan to attend Sunday School in the fall!

*Bring your friends to Rally Day!  
Sunday Classes begin Sept 18.*

# Fall Kick Off



Through baptism we are initiated into the whole community of Christ and marked with the Cross of Christ.

We are called as those in the early church were called to gather in community, to worship together, to learn together, and to serve and support each other.

**Make a commitment this September to come to worship along with an hour of education for three consecutive weeks and experience the power of a Christ centered community.**





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## From the Council President

Dear Members of St. Martin's,

Hallelujah! We have voted to extend a call to Pr. Craig Sommer as Senior Pastor and we look forward to welcoming him into our congregational family. We hope that his installation can take place soon and we can celebrate having a Senior Pastor for the first time in one and a half years. Please watch the bulletins and website for details.

In coming weeks, Pastor Sommer will want to organize his staff and look ahead to the 2006 budget and the congregation's new governance structure that takes effect on January 1. More importantly, all of us will want to think about St. Martin's mission – how we share God's Love with our members, the community of Austin and the wider world.

Our congregation is blessed with talented and committed members and I know everyone will welcome Pastor Sommer as we take on the challenges of sharing God's Love.

As I have mentioned previously, Job was rewarded twofold for his faithfulness. We, too, can hope for our reward as long as we remain faithful.

Sincerely,  
John K. Dietz

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## Milestone Ministry

*The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.* – Martin Luther

Milestone Ministry is about partnering the home and church and supporting individuals and families. At key moments in the lives of people, St. Martin's invite them (and/or their parents) to learn, receive a blessing, and to be sent forth to share God's love. On Sunday, Sept 11, we will celebrate three such milestones in the lives of children and youth and their families.

**Entrance into Sunday School** – Children age 2 (as of Sept 1) officially begin Sunday School. Children learn they are valued people in this community. Children and parents receive a blessing and *Beginner's Bible*.

**Young Reader** – As children begin first grade they are actively learning to read. St. Martin's provides a "grown-up" version of the Bible – the great stories of faith which children can tell again and again.

**Entrance into Confirmation** – Confirmation is an intense journey in faith and community. Not only do youth learn catechism and Bible, they learn to fellowship and serve together. Youth receive an NRSV study Bible.

**Parents, Godparents and Congregation Members** – Come by the Bible table in the lobby on Sunday, Sept 4 to learn more about these milestones. Adult Bibles will also be on sale at this table!

## From Pastor June



*You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or strangers who reside in your land.* – Deuteronomy 24:14

Recently I took part in a very exciting event. Some workers had reported that a local building contractor had not paid them for over a week of work that they had done for him. These workers were, for the most part, living hand to mouth and supporting their families and could not afford to go without a whole week's pay. After going through many legal channels, they asked for the help of the Religion and Labor Network of Austin of which I am a member. The Religion & Labor Network of Austin is an alliance of religious leaders, labor organizations, community groups, and concerned individuals who have joined together to advocate for justice and dignity for all working women and men.

In response, about 50 people, including the workers, clergy, church members and activists, walked to the contractor's house for a candlelight vigil. We stood in front of the contractor's house and sang hymns. After a while, three clergy people (including myself) and the workers knocked on the contractor's door. I was the first to speak to him. I asked him if he was aware that he owed the two workers money. He said yes. We reminded him that his was not just a legal obligation to pay them, it was a moral obligation. We were here as representatives of the faith community to ask him to do what was right in God's eyes and to give to the workers what they were owed. He said he could not pay then, but he promised us he would pay the next day. He had made many promises before, so we were apprehensive. But to our delight, the next day he gave the workers their wages totaling over \$1400. It was a wonderful experience and a witness to the power of the community and prayer!

The prayer vigil for this contractor was only one of the campaigns that are currently being taken up by the Religion and Labor Network of Austin. They have also worked very closely with the prevailing wage issue for the construction of AISD schools, the rights for Pepsi workers to have a union, and pay

raises for AISD schoolteachers.

The Religion and Labor Network believes that people of faith and proponents of labor justice share many of the same values, such as the dignity of work, the inherent worth of all people, and a common vision of economic and social justice. The presence of clergy and other people of faith standing side by side with workers makes it clear that these issues are not just legal battles, they are issues of morality. Clergy and other people of faith can also bring a presence of calm, mediation and grace to discussions that can sometimes get contentious.

To get paid for work is not just a legal right; it is a moral obligation on the part of the employer. To not pay someone for their work is stealing, just as much as is taking their wallet out of their pocket. Keeping people at livable wage where they can provide for their family is a matter of justice. One in four people in our country work full time, but earns a poverty wage. Economic injustice victimizes the most vulnerable and defenseless people in our society and continues the cycle of poverty. It is an outgrowth of our faith that we speak out for justice in these instances.

The Sunday of Labor Day weekend (September 4), St. Martin's will be hosting a speaker from the Religion and Labor Network. We will be participating in an event called "Labor in the Pulpits" with other churches all over the country. During worship, we will have the opportunity to hear either a low-wage worker or a labor activist tell of their experiences and how they connect to faith. This will be a different experience, but hopefully it will be a thought provoking Labor Day for us here at St. Martin's.

If you would like to see more about the Religion and Labor Network of Austin, or about the "Labor in the Pulpits" event, visit their web site at [www.equaljusticecenter.org/Religion&Labor.htm](http://www.equaljusticecenter.org/Religion&Labor.htm).

*P. June*

Pastor June Wilkins,  
Associate Pastor



### **On Labor Day, Sunday, September 4, St. Martin's will participate in "Labor in the Pulpits".**

We will welcome a low-wage worker or a labor activist to speak during worship about how their experiences connect to our faith. For more information on the Religion and Labor Network of Austin and this event visit: [www.equaljusticecenter.org/Religion&Labor.htm](http://www.equaljusticecenter.org/Religion&Labor.htm)

### *Blessing of the Animals*

On Sunday, October 2 we commemorate St. Francis with the Blessing of the Animals at the 9:30 & 11 AM Eucharists. Worshipers are invited to bring their animals for a special blessing. All animals must be on leashes or in crates. Photos or stuffed representations are also welcome.



# Get ready for Sunday Morning **L E A R N I N G**

Rally Day (Kick-off) September 11 - Classes begin September 18 *at St. Martin's!*

**INFANTS & TODDLERS** – Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for infants through age 5!

**CHILDREN** (Age 2 & 3 as of September 1)

**Beginners** – This new class works its way through the 95 classic stories in the *The Beginner's Bible*. Children are introduced to timeless stories and basic biblical concepts. **This class is only offered at 11:00 AM.** (Class will be offered at 9:30 AM as volunteer leadership becomes available).

**CHILDREN** (Ages 4 through 5th grade of September 1)

**Godly Play** – Uses key sacred stories, parables and liturgical events to support the season. The time is structured similarly to worship through gathering, hearing the word, response (for children this is through play), sharing a feast and sending out. Children are presented with beautiful tactile materials, stories told from the heart, and time to explore.

**Life Together** – Based on the Sunday morning lessons and Gospel readings (lectionary) shared in churches around the world. Children explore what they have heard in “big church” through storytelling, music and crafts. All children are sent with ideas to carry the message with them and share throughout the week with friends and family.

*More information about Children's Sunday School can be found in the WELCOME CENTER. Yellow registration forms are available on the children's ministry bulletin board.*

**JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH YOUTH** (6th – 12th Grade)

See page 9 for information.

**ADULTS** – Sunday morning classes are not just “kid stuff”. See page 8 for information about available classes.



Age / Grade	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>2 &amp; 3s</b>		Beginners (Rm 308)
<b>4s &amp; Kinder</b>	Godly Play (Room 313)	Life Together (Room 313)
<b>1st &amp; 2nd</b>	Life Together (Room 325)	Godly Play (Room 318)
<b>3rd, 4th, &amp; 5th</b>	Godly Play (Room 318)	Life Together (Room 325)
<b>6th – 8th</b>		Jr. High Class (Room 148)
<b>9th – 12th</b>		Sr. High Class (Room 150)
<b>Adults</b>	Foundations (Chapel) Crossways (Room 230)	Crossways (Room 230) Inspire (Parlor)

**For more information contact Whitney Myers, Director of Family Life ([wmyers@saintmartins.org](mailto:wmyers@saintmartins.org)), ext. 18 or make plans to attend Rally Day on September 11.**

## Special Stuff for Kids

### First Communion Instruction

One of the ways parents keep the promise to “provide for their instruction in the Christian faith” is to prepare their children for participation in the Lord's Supper. This is an important milestone in the life of a Christian because it is where we receive God's forgiveness and are strengthened for service by God's abiding love. This sacrament is a gift of God's love to you and your children. The next 1st Communion Instruction Class is Oct 30. To enroll your child, contact Whitney Myers.

### What is JAM?

JAM is fun. JAM is friends. JAM is getting out and experiencing Austin. JAM is serving. JAM is laughing a lot! JAM is for 3rd–5th graders. Activities are planned once a month – social or service events. JAM is waiting for you! Are you ready to JAM some more? Watch the board and bulletin inserts for more fun events! Contact: Whitney Myers.

### Learn about the Lord's Prayer

2nd & 3rd Graders are eligible to participate in the Lord's Prayer Milestone. This milestone will be held on Sundays beginning Sept 25 and continuing through Oct 23. 12:15-2:00 PM (Room 230). The young person, with a parent, will explore familiar Bible stories to become more aware of their relationship with God. There is a special emphasis on the Lord's Prayer. The young person will be awarded the God and Me medal, which is recognized by Camp Fire, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Sign-up on the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board by Sept 11. Contact: Whitney Myers.

# Worship & Music Fall Opportunities

**Connect with a Fun, Caring Group** – There are wonderful opportunities for singing and serving through St. Martin's choral ministries. The choirs are comprised of gracious, caring and dedicated people who are also a lot of fun! We work hard but have a great time doing it. If you love singing and would also like to connect with a terrific bunch of folks, come join one of the choirs.

**REHEARSAL TIMES:** **Matin's Choir** for those worshipping regularly the 8 AM Traditional Eucharist rehearsals are on Sundays, Sept 25, Oct. 16, Nov 6 and Dec 11 at 7:25 AM (Room 340). **Reformation Choir and Band** which sings and leads worship music during the 9:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist rehearsals on various Saturdays. **St. Martin's Choir** which sings and leads music during the 11 AM Traditional Eucharist rehearsals on Wednesdays beginning Sept 28 at 7 PM (Room 340). **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY** for any choir and all are welcome (High School and up!). And for those who can't make the commitment to these rehearsals, please remember our singers in your prayers, asking God's blessing on their leadership.

**Children's Music Ministry** – The children's music groups of St. Martin's will have their kick-off in September. Watch for more information in the weekend *Ministry Opportunities* yellow insert! Different Choirs Are Being Planned! **Treble Makers** (children 3 & 4 years of age) hopes to rehearse during a segment of Sunday School. **Music Makers** (Kindergarten–2nd grade) and **Young Musicians** (3rd–5th grade) sing during Sunday morning worship services three to four times in the Fall and at "Lessons and Carols" in Dec. Music Makers and Young Musicians rehearse on Wednesday evenings beginning Sept 14 at 6 PM. These groups will be fun, fun, fun!! Contact: Bryan Rust.

**Instrumentalists: We Need YOU!** – Dust off that trumpet! Oil that clarinet! Grease the trombone! Re-hair that violin! Shine up that flute! If you would enjoy playing in an instrumental ensemble, come join us (even if you haven't played in years). St. Martin's Brasses rehearse on Tuesdays, beginning Sept 13 at 7:15 PM in the balcony of the Nave; Chamber Ensemble rehearses Wednesdays, beginning Sept 14 at 6:15 PM (Room 333). These groups play about every three Sundays.

**Symphonic Winds** rehearses on Saturdays, Sept 24, Nov 5, and Dec 17 and plays at the 11 AM Eucharist on the following Sunday mornings respectively. Contact: Dale Elmshaeuser.

**After Sunday Worship Hospitality** – We need people to stay after each Sunday worship service for a few minutes and continue to welcome worshippers at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Sign up for the worship hour you normally attend and tell us how often you would like to serve. Volunteers will greet first-time guests, and give them a call during the following week to say "hello." If you enjoy meeting new people and helping them feel welcome, this could be a great place for you. Contact: Bryan Rust.

**After Sunday 11 AM Hospitality** – If you enjoy meeting new people and like showing hospitality to worshippers, consider the 11 AM Hospitality Team! You determine how often to serve so this is a great place for those needing a small time commitment and lots of flexibility! A coordinator or co-coordinators are needed. Contact: Bryan Rust.

**Ring Those Bells!** – St. Martin's Ringers (our 4-5 octave Handbell Ensemble) are looking for handbell ringers. Have you rung handbells before in another ministry setting? Are you a musician, quick study and willing to learn? We are looking to begin Fall rehearsals in late Sept/early Oct. Contact: Bryan Rust.

**INSTALLATION CHOIR!** – All high school, college and adult singers in the congregation and your friends: Clear your calendar for Wednesday nights in Oct at 7:30 PM and let's join together in Room 340 to prepare music for the Installation of our new Senior Pastor, Craig Sommer. At the time of this printing, a specific date and time has not been set, but it should be announced soon. We are inviting friends from other churches and a guest conductor is being invited to lead us on this special day. More details to come! Contact: Bryan Rust.

## Upcoming:

Watch for info on how you and your friends can help decorate St. Martin's for Advent and Christmas. Saturday, Dec 10, 2005!



## A Farewell from Laurie Jenschke

After much consideration and prayer, I have decided to resign my position as children's choir director at St. Martin's Lutheran Church effective, September 1, 2005. I will also be terminating the Unity Children's Choir program there as well. I thank the members of St. Martin's Lutheran Church for their support of my work for the last two years. I will keep the children forever in my memory and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Jenschke, Children and Youth Music Coordinator

# Wednesday Night at St. Martin's

*Begins September 14*

## Children (5th Grade & Under\*)

- 5:00–7:00 PM Dinner for All
- 6:00–6:50 PM Music Makers (Room 316)  
Young Musicians (Room 316)
- 6:00–8:30 PM Kids Club (Room 207)

## Junior High Youth (6th – 8th Grade)

- 5:00–7:00 PM Dinner for All
- 7:00–8:30 PM Confirmation (Chapel)

## Sr. High Youth (9th – 12th Grades)

- 5:00–7:00 PM Dinner for All
- 7:00–8:30 PM First Wednesdays – see page 9

*Sr. High Youth are also invited to participate in Adult Ed opportunities, musical groups or to volunteer in the children's area.*

## Adults (see Adult Education descriptions on page 8)

- 5:00–7:00 PM Dinner for All
- 6:00 – 6:50 PM Godly Play for Adults (Room 313)  
Life Together Bible Study (Room 230)
- 6:15–7:30 PM Chamber Ensemble (Room 333)
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM Parenting on Point (Parlor)  
Centering Prayer (Room 126)  
Yoga (Gym)  
Christian Ethics (Room 230)  
St. Martin's Choir (Room 340)  
Begins September 28



*Food "to go" available on Wednesday Nights in the Fellowship Hall.*

Grab your food and go to class OR stay and visit in the Fellowship Hall.

Food will be available from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

## New Life Children's Treatment Center (Lutheran Social Services of the South)

Located on a beautiful, 20-acre campus along the Guadalupe River near Canyon Lake, New Life provides an intensive, 24-hour therapeutic program within a secure setting for girls, ages 11 to 17. Many of the children have been removed from their homes because of extreme physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

The campus includes locked and unlocked cottages. New Life's recreational and educational amenities include a 7,500-square-foot building which houses a gymnasium, computer-equipped classrooms, on-campus library and a point store. As part of a four-year, \$2.5 million expansion project, three modern, 20-bed dorms have been added – the Good Shepherd Dorm, the Olson Family Dorm and the Lieder Family Dorm.

New Life is staffed by multi-disciplinary professionals, who provide healing in a warm, nurturing environment. In addition, support is provided by volunteers, a community advisory board and area congregations.

St. Martin's benevolence focus for September is New Life Children's Treatment Center. If you would like to make a designated gift to this organization, please write a check to St. Martin's and note "New Life" in the memo line.

## SEE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES · ONE DAY CLASS · SAT, SEP 17

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Don't miss this opportunity for a fast paced but highly revealing journey through the entire Bible, tracing the key themes that surface throughout it. Participants gain a clearer understanding of what preceded Jesus in order to understand the truly immense and earth shattering nature of Jesus' ministry. Registration cost which includes the participant book and lunch is \$18. Crossways teachers will facilitate this class. (Parlor) Contact Kathy Krebs for more information.

## September

- 5 Labor Day – Offices closed
- 10 WELCA General Meeting
- 11 Rally Day (see cover)
- 14 WNSM Fall Session Begins
- 17 See Through the Scriptures Class
- 18 Sunday School Fall Session Begins
- Senior High Youth to Lutherstock (see page 9)
- 25 Lord's Prayer Milestone (God & Me) Begins (see page 4)

# St. Martin's HIGHLIGHTS

Special Events or Opportunities—Everyone is Welcome!



## October


- 2 St. Francis/Blessing of the Animals (see page 3)
- 8 New Member Class
- 9 New Members Installed
- 14 Conspirare concert at St. Martin's – 8 PM, Nave
- 23 Baptism Instruction Class
- 28 St. Martin's Lutheran School Fall Festival
- 30 First Communion Instruction Class (see page 4)

## November

- 6 First Communion Milestone
- 11-13 Jr. High Synod Youth Gathering at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville
- 20 St. Martin's Blood Drive
- 23 Thanksgiving Eve Joint Eucharist with St. David's Episcopal – 7 PM, St. Martin's Nave
- 24 Thanksgiving Day – Offices closed (also closed on Nov. 25)



The Mendez family enjoy a "Christmas in July" buffet at a pot-luck luncheon on July 24. Those attending received an inspiring message from Marianna Mendez about their work in Laredo. Thanks to those who made special donations that day to the Agua Viva congregation and community.



### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, September 10, 2005 • 9:30 AM  
All women of St. Martin's are invited to attend.  
Come explore this vital women's ministry.

## Welcome New Members

Joined by adult confirmation on August 7.

**Michael & Petra Moher**  
10509 Tweedsmuir Dr,  
Austin 78750; 219-8903



## St. Martin's New Member Class

Saturday, October 8

One day class

Installation of New Members:

Sunday, October 9

Instruction and discussion of Lutheran understanding of Christianity and St. Martin's Programs. Call Maxine at 476-6757 to register.

# Fall Opportunities for *Adult Education*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS (see schedule on page 4)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

**Foundations Class** – Join this group for Bible study on the book of Acts and lively singing of hymns. (Chapel)

**Crossways – Part II (Year 2)** – An in-depth study of the Old and New Testament. Cost: \$60 (Couples \$70). (Room 230)

11:00 AM – Noon

**Inspire Class** – Social Statements and studies presented and discussed along with other current issues. (Parlor)

**Crossways – Part I (Year One)** – An in-depth study of the Old and New Testament. Cost: \$60 (Couples \$70). (Room 230)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT ST. MARTIN'S (see schedule on page 6)

6:00 – 6:50 PM

**Godly Play for Adults** **NEW** – Hear and experience the mystery of God through sacred stories and parables. Sharolyn Browning, facilitator. (Room 313)

**Life Together Bible Study** – Explore the key biblical ideas found in the scriptures read during the Sunday service. Kathy Krebs, facilitator. (Room 230)

7:00 – 8:00 PM

**Parenting on Point** **NEW** – Our children did not come with instruction manuals! Every child is different and requires different expressions of love from parents as he/she grows from toddler to teenager. This class will add to your parenting knowledge. The class will allow your family to plan for their own unique situation to raise children with values, principles, and beliefs that will keep God the center of the family and a witness to the community. Each family is encouraged to purchase the book, *Parenting on Point* by James C. Williams. Books are available for \$15 (see Kathy Krebs). Ann Howard, facilitator. (Parlor)

**Centering Prayer** – The contemplative prayer group will help with cultivating a daily practice of prayer. (Room 126).

**Yoga** – This class offers an organic and eclectic blend of Hatha yoga. Classes focus on flowing from one pose into the next, while allowing each student time to discover what individually feels best. Come grow together to increase your flexibility and strength, while giving you time to nourish your body and mind. Cost: \$10 per session paid directly to Meg Kanewske. (Gym)

**Christian Ethics** **NEW** – The most asked about adult education class! This class will challenge you. Come prepared to discuss after reading a short chapter from the book *Introduction to Christian Ethics*, by Roger H. Crook. How we conduct ourselves as Christians sends a witness to the world of who God is. What a great opportunity to come together with others in the St. Martin's community to discern the difficult issues we face daily in our

*Christian Ethics cont.*

lives. John Howard, Bristol Myers, and others will lead the discussion on chapters of the book in their field of expertise. The book, *Introduction to Christian Ethics* is a necessity for the class. Books are available for \$35 (see Kathy Krebs). (Room 230)

## Other Opportunities this Fall

**See Through the Scriptures** – One-day class, Sept 17 8:30 AM–3:30 PM. A fast paced but highly revealing journey through the entire Bible. Registration cost (includes lunch): \$18. Crossways teachers, facilitators. (Parlor) See ad on page 6.

**Friday Morning Moms** – We're expanding this group to include ALL young mothers. Young moms will get together with other young moms for fellowship, study, and prayer on Wednesdays and sometimes on Fridays, too! See you on Wednesday nights – Sept 14, 21, 28 (6–7 PM for one of our adult ed. classes) and on Friday, Sept 23 (9:30–11:30 AM). Childcare provided.

**Saintly Seniors Luncheons** – Second Tuesdays of Each Month at 12:15 PM in the Parlor. Another exciting year will start Sept 13! Gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ for great fellowship and learning. September topic: Looking at St. Martin's Through the Eyes of Those Who Remember. Contact Kathy Krebs to reserve your lunch (freewill-donation).

**After-Church Lunch Fellowship** – Third Sunday of Each Month after the 11 AM Worship. Meet on the Mall and travel with the group to Whole Foods for fellowship and learning. Engage in discussion of the scripture passages read during worship and discuss how they connect with the world today. Scot and Anita Salmon, facilitators.

**Lutherans On-line** **NEW** – Can't attend an adult class during regularly scheduled times? Class members do not have to leave their homes to join this class! During the week, read a portion of a short book along with some Bible readings, and then on Thursday evenings in Oct from 9–10 PM turn on your computer and join a private chat room with other St. Martin's members to discuss your learning and ponderings from your study time. The class will meet face-to-face for creating community and to work out questions with modern technology on Sunday, Sept 18 at 12:15 PM in the Parlor for lunch. During the following week, the class members will have a week to begin reading *Signs of Belonging: Luther's Marks of the Church and the Christian Life* by Mary E. Hinkle. Weekly on line discussions will begin Thursday, Oct 6 at 9 PM. Brad Plies will be our technology guru to keep us all connected and Kathy Krebs will facilitate. See Kathy or Brad for more information on how to connect. Books are available for \$10 (see Kathy Krebs).

For more information contact Kathy Krebs, Adult Ed. Coordinator, ([kkrebs@saintmartins.org](mailto:kkrebs@saintmartins.org)), ext.37.

# YOUTH MINISTRY *at St. Martin's*

## SENIOR HIGH (9th – 12th graders)

**First Wednesdays!** – Sr. High Youth will gather the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM starting on Sept 7. Be prepared to venture out to some cool Austin hot spots and meet some new friends! (See page 6 for other WNSM activities).

**First Thursdays!** – On the first Thursday of the month, Sr. High Youth will partner with Mobile Loaves & Fishes to serve food those in need. Sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board if you are interested.

**Sunday School** – Meets at 11 AM in Room 150. A place where all are welcome for learning and fun. Rally Day on Sept 11. Classes begin Sept 25 (we'll be at Lutherstock on Sept 18). See page 4 for full Sunday morning education schedule.

**National Youth Gathering** – Registration forms are due for the National Youth Gathering. See Whitney for information!

**Lutherstock**– One day of faith and music. On Sept 18, gather with youth and college aged folk from across Texas on the grounds of Camp Chrysalis to celebrate faith in a festival atmosphere for the 3rd Annual Lutherstock. This event is a day of music that includes exciting camp activities and some of the finest performers around. Gather at SMLC at 10 AM. Pick-up from SMLC at 8 PM. Cost: \$25 includes festival, transportation and food. Sign-up on the Youth Board.

**North Austin Small Group** – In a small group, youth can find a safe place to be known, cared for, and challenged to grow in your faith. This group will meet on Tuesday nights in Oct and Nov at 7 PM. Sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board if you are interested. We hope to use this time to grow deeper in community and faith. **A South Austin group will begin in February!**

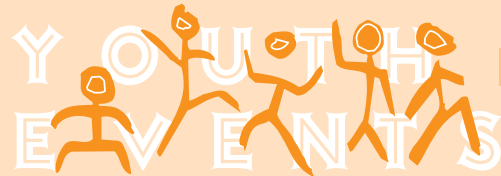
### *Other Upcoming St. High Events*

- October 16 – Super Sunday at Immanuel, Pflugerville
- October 22 – Enchanted Rock Trip

## JUNIOR HIGH (6th – 8th graders)

**Confirmation** – an exciting and comprehensive 3-year program for youth to explore the meaning of the Christian faith in their lives through classroom instruction, adult-mentoring, fellowship, and service. Now enrolling for 2005-2006. Confirmation begins September 7.

**Sunday School** – Meets at 11 AM in Room 148. Get ready to dive deeper into Scripture and share stories about our lives. Rally Day on Sept 11. Classes begin Sept 18. See page 4 for full Sunday morning education schedule.



### *Jr. High Fall Events*

- Sept 17, Jr. High Movie Night. Bring your friends and sign-up on the Youth Board.
- Oct 8, Youth Room Decorating!
- Nov 11-13, Synod Gathering at Camp Chrysalis (Registrations are now available and due October 2)

**FORMER SMLC YOUTH** St. Martin's needs your updated addresses to keep in contact. Give us your address, phone, e-mail, etc. and also your plans for the fall! Contact Whitney Myers, Director of Family Life.

## Sr. High National Youth Gathering 2006

Registration forms for the Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX need to be completed by September 11 (Rally Day).

*I liked [the Atlanta youth Gathering in 2003] because it was cool to see that many people – that many Lutherans! – not just adults, but youth. It was weird to see that many people in one place and everyone getting along.* – Meagan Conway, Senior at McCallum

The theme for the Gathering is **Cruzando: Journey with Jesus**. The word Cruzando is a Spanish word meaning crossing. To learn more about the Gathering, log onto [www.elca.org/gathering/home.html](http://www.elca.org/gathering/home.html)



**St. Martin's Youth outside the Georgia Dome  
– Atlanta Youth Gathering 2003**

**Lutheran Fall Festival in Fredericksburg** Sept 17. Annual event includes a Chili-cook off, Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts Fair, BBQ, and live music. Proceeds benefit Cross Trails Ministry. To contribute or participate please contact 830-257-6340.

**"Grown in Christ"** A retreat for mothers and daughters (grades 5-8). Sept 30–Oct 2, Ebert Ranch Camp. Cost: \$80 mothers, \$50 daughters. Family max: \$160. To register contact 830-257-6340.

**Online Offering/Web Payments** are now improved and easier to use – pay by e-check, MC, VISA, make recurring payments, etc. Just go to [www.saintmartins.org](http://www.saintmartins.org) and click on "Online Contributions and Payments".

**FLOWERS IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH** Altar flowers are a wonderful way to mark a milestone in one's life or to mark important social and church events.  
**Dates available for 2005 are: Nov 20, Dec 4**  
 Pulpit flowers are also available for many dates. To reserve flowers contact Nell Hielscher at: **243-0467**.

**HOW TO JOIN ST. MARTIN'S** Attend a one day class on Saturday, Oct 8 for both non-Lutheran and Lutheran transfers. Members are received the following Sunday, Oct 9. Register with Max by email: [mottmer@saintmartins.org](mailto:mottmer@saintmartins.org) or by phone: 476-6757.

**WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS** Contact the church (476-6757). Engaged Couple Workshops and Baptism Instruction Classes are required. The next Baptism Instruction Class is October 23.

**WEDDINGS** Becca Andersen & Steven Cox, 7/30/05 at Ascension Lutheran Church.  
 Chad Zander & Stephanie Winn, 7/10/05 in Las Vegas.

**SYMPATHY** Wallace & Nancy Thieme and family, death of Nancy's sister, Pat Rasco, 7/16/05.  
 Marilyn Nagle and family, death of Marilyn's aunt, Lydia Schneider, 7/17/05.  
 Robert Smith, death of wife, Olga Smith, 7/19/05.  
 Ginger Coplen and family, death of grandmother, Virgie Caviness, 7/23/05.  
 Rose Hardin, death of brother-in-law, Howard Hardin, 7/23/05.  
 Garry Flandermeyer, death of father, Norman Flandermeyer, 7/27/05.  
 Gayle Wellnitz and family, death of Gayle's sister, Laurie Stickle, 7/28/05.  
 Dorothy Weiss, and Jo & Leonard Addicks, death of Dorothy and Jo's brother, Louis Weiss, 7/29/05.  
 Carl & Bess Klein (brother & sister-in-law) and Donald Conklin (grandson), death of Louise Klein, 8/14/05.

## Steward's Passage

*Then put on the garments that suit God's chosen people, his own, his beloved: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience.*  
 – Colossians 3:12

Our Stewardship		July 2005	
<b>Operations</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Receipts	\$523,368	\$511,073	2% decrease
Disbursements	\$536,625	\$479,665	12% decrease
<b>School</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Receipts	\$698,916	\$556,025	26% decrease
Disbursements	\$662,955	\$556,960	19% decrease
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Receipts	\$77,544	\$138,450	44% increase
Disbursements	\$146,377	\$146,377	0%
<b>Average Weekly Attendance</b>			
Worship	366	Summer Sunday School	29

## Benevolence Update

St. Martin's collected three air conditioners, many socks and paper, assorted book bags and a good amount of money for Agua Viva this July! Thank you,



**Moises & Marianna Mendez with Pr. June at St. Martin's, July 24.**

St. Martin's for your love and support for Agua Viva, our partner congregation in Laredo. Now it's time for us to go down there and help them out again and put our benevolence dollars to good use. Some of our plans include leveling the ground around the new building, fixing their fence, building an overhang on the front of the building, painting, decorating, cleaning and general maintenance. We can only do this with plenty of help and support. If you would like to come to Agua Viva and help, the trip is November 4, 5 and 6. We will work for two days and worship with them on Sunday (if you can't attend all three days, it's fine to just come for one or two!) Please contact Pr. June or sign up on the Outreach bulletin board.

Our runs are continuing with Mobile Loaves & Fishes. During the summer, many people at St. Martin's were trained and experienced in "bringing food, clothing and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need" in other words, volunteering with Mobile Loaves & Fishes. If you would like to be on a team to help prepare and/or deliver sandwiches to local people, please contact Pr. June or sign up on the Outreach bulletin board.

## Council Highlights

July 18, 2005

- ◆ The Call Committee unanimously recommended that Pastor Craig Sommer be called as Senior Pastor. The council unanimously voted to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of extending a call to Pastor Craig Sommer and recommended this call to the congregation.
- ◆ A special congregational meeting was called for Sunday, August 14, 2005 following the 11:00 AM service to consider extending a call Pastor Sommer.
- ◆ The council approved a motion that an interim Associate Director of Music/Director of Liturgical Services position be created, at the discretion of the Senior Pastor. Also approved was a motion that the person chosen for the interim position be excluded from consideration for the new Director of Music position.
- ◆ During the month of June the Operating Fund totaled approximately \$29,400, the Building Fund stood at \$64,000, and the School Fund dropped by about \$13,000. It was noted that there is a need for the School to start 2006 without a deficit. A motion was approved for the council and School Board to hold a joint meeting in October to provide an opportunity for the School Board to update the council on plans for the school.
- ◆ Approved a motion that the Board of Fellowship be authorized to plan and implement a thank you reception for Pastor Bennett and other departing staff.

## Thanks and Praises

Thanks. What a blessing you friends are at St. Martin's, for the love and support you have given us during this sad time, in the loss of our dear son-in-law, David. May God Bless each of you!  
– Herman & Nell Spoede

St. Martin's Lutheran Church,  
Thanks for the lovely gladiola and roses you brought me. It was so kind of you and cheered me up so much. I miss coming to church but looking forward to getting my strength back and again attending.  
– Bless you all, Edna Wittig

Dear St. Martin's,  
My family really appreciated the thoughtfulness of the ladies who provided the cookies, sandwiches, and other items after the funeral of my father, Norman Flandermeyer. Thank you for your kindness.  
– Garry Flandermeyer

Thanks so much for all your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent surgery. It means so much to me.  
– Annette Sconci

## Women of the Church

### September Highlights:

Sep 6–Work Day

Sep 10–General Meeting, 9:30 AM, Parlor.  
Hostess: Alva McGuire & Committee

Sep 13–Circles Meet

**Sarah**–9:30 AM, WELCA Workroom,  
Hostess: Elinor Kopplemann

**Elizabeth**–9:30 AM, Parlor

**Rebecca**–7:00 PM, Parlor,  
Hostesses: D.Stark/M.Walston

*September Highlights continued...*

Sep 15–Trinity Birthday Party, 2:30 PM\*

### October Highlights:

Oct 4–Work Day

Oct 11–Circles meet

Oct 14-16–Southwest Synodical  
Convention, Mc Allen\*\*

Oct 22–Trinity Fall Festival\*

\*Contact Bess Sommer/Eva Bohls if you are  
able to help/attend.

\*\*Contact Shirley Scott for registration information.

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## Benevolence Focus Update

Organization	2005 Support*
The Salvation Army	\$805
ELCA World Hunger Appeal	\$4112
Habitat for Humanity	\$961
Mobile Loaves & Fishes	\$2793
Meals on Wheels	\$2349
Agua Viva	\$4343

\*contributions as of 7/30/05

# A Tour of Hope



St. Martin's member, Duke Browning, has been chosen as one of this year's cyclists on the Tour of Hope, a 9 day journey across the U.S. to bring about awareness of the need for more cancer research. Bristol-Myers Squibb, in partnership with Lance Armstrong, will lead 24 cyclists, chosen from the cancer community, across the country to motivate and inform the public about the importance of participating in cancer clinical trials. For the 24 cyclists, the ride is the challenge of a lifetime and an opportunity to inspire millions of people to make a personal commitment

to support cancer research. The Tour kicks off in San Diego on September 29. The team will relay ride in 100-mile segments around the clock and arrive in Washington, DC for the grand finale on Saturday, October 8.

SML members, Duke and Sharolyn Browning lost their daughter, Hope at age three after a seven month battle with leukemia. Although their daughter is gone, they know that the hope that she generated during her brief time on Earth remains.

"We know that her life and death mattered," Duke says. "Her impact will be felt by the generations that come after her because she is still helping and supporting her little peers with her statistics."

Hope was part of a clinical trial for leukemia which her parents thought was a way for her to have a better chance and to benefit children who would be diagnosed with leukemia in the future.

As for Duke Browning, his daughter's short time on earth became an inspiration in life itself. "My daughter's cancer and her death has changed me to be more compassionate and to be a better person, to take advantage of life and do more things that matter," Duke says.

For more on the Tour of Hope visit, [www.tourofhope.org](http://www.tourofhope.org).



There will be a "Worship of Hope and Healing" on Saturday, September 24, at 5 PM in the Nave. All are invited to this celebration of hope and dedication to healing for those who have been touched by cancer. There will be a special blessing for Duke, as he prepares to depart for the Tour of Hope. Please join together in the Fellowship Hall following the worship, to personally wish Duke well and find out more about the Tour of Hope.

## St. Martin's Worship

### SUNDAY

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist  
**9:30 AM** Holy Eucharist  
**11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist

### WEDNESDAY

**12:10 PM** Healing Prayer Eucharist

### SATURDAY

**5:00 PM** Traditional Eucharist

## St. Martin's Education

### SUNDAY

Childcare available for Infants and Toddlers all morning, Room 207

#### Children: 2 & 3 years old

11:00 AM, Room 308

#### Children: Age 4 – 5th Grade

9:30 & 11:00 AM, Upper Level

#### Youth: 6th – 8th Grade

11:00 AM, Room 151

#### Youth: 9th – 12th Grade

11:00 AM, Room 150

#### ADULTS

9:30 & 11:00 AM, Main Level

(See page 4 for additional information on the Sunday Morning Schedule)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT ST. MARTIN'S

Resumes September 14, 2005.

(See page 6 for full WNSM schedule.)

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### RALLY DAY • SEPTEMBER 11

Join the excitement as we kick-off a new season of Sunday morning opportunities. Regular Sunday schedule begins Sept 18.

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