

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, October 22

- 8:45am Nursery open for ages 0-4
- 9:00am Family Worship**
- 9:45am Chapel Gathering for children
- 10:00am Faith Formation for All Ages
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (live streamed)**
- 11:00am St. Martin's Serves at Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Monday, October 23

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry

Tuesday, October 24

- 9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

- 9:00am St. Martin's Lunch Bag Ministry
- 1:00pm Zoom Book Study
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry

Friday, October 27

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry

Saturday, October 28

- 8:00am Mop & Hammer
- 5:00pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)**

Sunday, October 29 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

- There will be no Faith Formation classes today
- 10:00am Combined Worship (live streamed)**
- 11:30am Reformation Day Picnic and Party

## *Reformation Sunday - October 29*

We will celebrate together with a combined service at 10:00 am, followed by a Picnic and Party in the Worship Park. More details can be found in St. Martin's Shares. Please plan to participate in this joyful worship service and stay for the annual Reformation Day Party. If you or someone you know would like to be picked up by the church bus for the Reformation Sunday events, please contact Pastor Ellen as soon as possible.

## *All Saints' Day Celebration - November 5*

The 9:00am service on All Saints' Day will be our usual Family service with naming of the saints - those in our congregation who have passed on during the year. The 11:00am service will be a special memorial celebration with the Fauré's Requiem. There is more information about this service on the website.

## *Commissioning of New Stephen Leader*

Michelle Widmer will be commissioned as a Stephen Leader at the 11:00am service today. We will also be celebrating the dedication of all current Stephen Ministers who provide Christian caregiving for people experiencing a crisis or difficult time. Current Stephen Ministers are Jennifer Anderson, Fred Aus, Kathy Edgar, Tim Fackler, Sally Gavin, Connie Grosskopf, Virginia Haas, Mamie Hickerson, Becky Montgomery, Whitney Myers, Susan Pearce, Michelle Widmer, and Linda Zander.

## *Reformation Celebration Volunteers*

To volunteer your help with the October 29 Reformation Celebration, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email Karen Cross at [kcross@tmea.org](mailto:kcross@tmea.org). We will need help on a variety of tasks on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks from the Connections Committee!

## *Saint Martin's October Benevolence*



Lutheran World Relief is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. The organization was founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States responding to the refugee crisis in post World War II Europe. Currently LWR is responding to the refugee crisis in Ukraine. LWR has the experience to use your contributions wisely and reach those most in need. LWR is a member of the Corus International family of faith based international development organizations.

## *Do You Wonder...*

...about the beautiful altar in the St. Martin's sanctuary? The design concept was created by Pastor Roesner, who led the congregation from 1913-1951. The altar was carved in 1929 by craftsmen at the Svoboda Church Furniture Co. of Kewaunee, Wisconsin at a cost of \$4,200. The Gothic design matched the style of St. Martin's second building. The theme of the altar is from John 15: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser ... He who abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit." Besides the gilded grapes and vines, the altar is full of other symbolism represented by the statues and other carved decorations. The oak altar is 11 feet wide and 24 feet high. If you are interested in learning more about the altar and the stained glass in the sanctuary, stop by the church office and pick up a copy of "The Witness of Fine Arts".

## *Dialogue Institute Honors Dr. Ann Graham*

The people of St. Martin's have been asked for your sponsorship for upcoming Annual Friendship & Dialogue Dinner on October 29th, 2023 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Austin. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ori Soltes, the Goldman Professorial Lecturer in Theology and Fine Arts at Georgetown University. In keeping with our cherished tradition, the Friendship and Dialogue Dinner each year honors an individual or organization that has made a significant impact. This year, we are privileged to spotlight the commendable achievements of Dr. Ann Graham. Through her dedication and unwavering commitment, she exemplifies a heart truly devoted to service and has been instrumental at every level of our cause. You can find further details and purchase tickets at *dinner.dialogueatx.org*.

### *5pm Saturday Contemplative Holy Communion Service*

Pr. Travis Fitzgold leads our weekly Saturday 5PM Contemplative Communion Service in the chapel. Please enter through the glass doors on the 15th Street side of the building. If you are unable to attend this service in person, you can view the livestream by accessing the St. Martin's You Tube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/stmartinsevlutheranchurch>.

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Forrest Culotta and family; life, family, and friends of Tom Dodd; Connie; Melanie Hernandez; Bryce Padgett; life, family, and friends of Tom Hummell; Adam Brawner; Lisa; Michelle Brown; Kelli Baumann

#### **CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR**

Diane Bergstrom; John Sommer; Kent Mickelson; Tom Hoelzel; Deb Johnson; Bill Martin; Anita Tiller; Milton Felger; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy

#### **Our St. Martin's Values:**

We **Worship** God and deepen relationships with one another through Lutheran faith traditions, including engaging liturgy, inspiring music, and lifelong faith formation.

We **Extend** God's inclusive gift of welcome to all people, especially those historically excluded from traditional church communities.

We **Advocate** for justice, righteousness, and mercy with our time, property, and power.

We **Rally** everyone to use our God-given gifts and talents to love, share, and serve all of God's creation boldly.

**WEAR** reminds us to wear the full armor of God.

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