

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, November 19 CHRIST THE KING

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)

Monday, November 20

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

6:30pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack

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

Wednesday, November 22

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

1:00pm Zoom Book Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 24 - Church Offices closed

Saturday, November 25

8:30am Mop & Hammer and other volunteers - Decorate Sanctuary

5:00pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

Sunday, November 26 ADVENT 1

8:45am Nursery open for ages 0-4

9:00am Family Worship (live streamed)

9:45am Chapel Gathering for children

10:00am Faith Formation for all ages

11:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am St. Martin's Serves at Mobile Loaves and Fishes

WELCA/LWF Tack & Pack Quilt Raffle

Dedicated to the memory of Vicky Hamann

On November 1, we delivered 183 quilts, 601 school kits, 511 personal care kits, and 266 baby care kits. The quilts on the pews today are those that will be sent next year. The Thankoffering today will help purchase batting for quilts; school supplies; towels, soap, nail clippers, combs, and toothbrushes for health kits; and diapers and baby clothes for the baby care kits. Your financial support for this mission of our church is appreciated.

Purchase your tickets today for the Quilt Raffle!

The winning ticket will be drawn today after the 11am service.

Saint Martin's November Benevolence



The November benevolence is the St. Martin's Samaritan Fund. This is a fund to provide relief to our neighbors in need, to buy bus tickets back home, pay emergency hotel costs, utility bills, and other emergency costs. These funds are distributed at Pr. Ellen's discretion.

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers...A Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him...Jesus instructed, Go and do likewise.

Luke 10:30-37

Operation Blue Santa - Austin Police Department

St. Martin's Preschool and St. Martin's Youth are sponsoring a TOY DRIVE for Blue Santa. Donate new unwrapped toys for infants to 14 years old. Ages 11 to 14 are most needed. St. Martin's will be receiving donations Nov. 19 - Dec. 10. Look for the Blue Santa Collection box in the St. Martin's Coffee Place.



Angel Tree - The Salvation Army

St. Martin's is proud to announce its sponsorship of the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Donors purchase gifts of new clothing and toys, which are then distributed to families who have been registered with The Salvation Army to place under their family Christmas tree. We encourage everyone to participate in this heartwarming program and help make a difference in the lives of those in need during the holiday season. Angels will be ready for adoption Sunday November 19 and Sunday November 26, 2023. Look for the Angel Tree in the St. Martin's Coffee Place. Angel gift collection will take place November 26 and December 3, 2023.



Advent begins Sunday, November 26

Advent Vespers begins Wednesday, November 29

5:45pm meal in the Parlor; 6:15pm service in the Chapel

Do You Like to Decorate?

Christmas decorations will go up in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 25th starting at 8:30AM. All are invited and welcome to come help. The Mop & Hammer crew will be here, but they will need assistance to get everything ready to glorify God during this Holy Season.

Join the Sunday Snack Team!

Because fellowship & food go so well together, the Connections Committee is seeking volunteers to provide snacks for our fellowship time following each Sunday service (different volunteers for each fellowship time). To learn more and sign up, email Karen Cross at kcross@tmea.org, click on the link in St. Martin's Shares, or visit the Welcome Desk in the church narthex.

Do You Wonder...

...What is the Stephen Ministry and who is a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministry is our congregation's caregiving ministry that trains lay people to provide one-to-one care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. It is a confidential ministry that protects the identity of the care receiver and keeps everything discussed with their Stephen Minister private. A Stephen Minister is a child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting; a congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts; a layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care; a caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages; someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there is a need. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." *Galatians 6:2*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our neighbors in need; family of Jorge Pastore; family of Vic Cornell; in memory of Fred Evans; in memory of Chip Parker; Jean Leath; Dan Pocerlich; Katy and Jessica; Kay Beglau; Tressa Elizabeth Ferguson; Nora; Jonathan and family; Paddy; Jeanie Preston; Bill

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

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. You can also view the livestream by accessing the St. Martin's You Tube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stmartinsevlutheranchurch>.

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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