

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, December 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:45am Nursery open for ages 0-4
- 9:00am Family Worship (livestreamed)**
- 9:45am Chapel Gathering for children
- 10:00am Faith Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Traditional Worship**
- 12:30pm Special Congregational Meeting
- 4:00pm TLU Vespers

Monday, December 11

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 5:00pm St. Martin's Serves at Bread for All

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 9:30am Elizabeth Circle

Wednesday, December 13

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 1:00pm Zoom Book Study
- 5:45pm Advent Meal
- 6:15pm Advent Vespers
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 7:30pm SMLC Preschool Board Meeting

Friday, December 15

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 4:00pm SMLC Preschool Christmas Program

Saturday, December 16

- 8:00am Mop & Hammer
- 5:00pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)**
- 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 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 (livestreamed)**
- 4:00pm Weihnachtsfest (German Christmas Celebration)**

Special Congregational Meeting - TODAY!

A Special Congregational Meeting is called to finalize the sale of the West Avenue lots immediately after our 11:00am worship service.. Voting members are those who are confirmed members of the congregation, contribute financially and attend at least one time in the year. If you have any questions about your status please contact Katherine Lutter, Business Manager.

Are You Called to Serve in Church Leadership?

If you would like to serve as a Church Council At-Large Member, School Board At-Large Member, or Committee Chair for 2024 - please let the Nominating Committee know by Dec. 14. Also, if you would like to nominate someone else, let the Committee know. You can contact Committee Chair Laura Raun Carroll at laura@raunpr.com or any other nominating committee member: Debbie Alkire; Carey Henderson; Mike Kaase; Christina Martin.

Saint Martin's December Benevolence



The Bread For All Food Pantry, operated by Austin City Lutherans, distributes food on Monday evenings to over 100 Austin families. Your support goes directly to the kitchens of those struggling with the high cost of living in Austin. The Christmas season is an excellent opportunity to share a meal with our neighbors through your donations. Besides financial support, Bread For All can always use volunteers on Mondays to assist with the distribution. More information is available at: austincitylutherans.org.

Operation Blue Santa - Austin Police Department Angel Tree - The Salvation Army

Your generous participation in these events is very much appreciated!



Upcoming Middle & High School Youth Events

Contact Austin Shortes (ashortes@saintmartins.org) for more information

Saturday, December 16 - Christmas Party - 6:00pm

You are invited to join us at the church on December 16th at 6 pm for our Christmas Party! There will be dinner, dessert, games, and a crazy sock exchange! Please RSVP to Austin Shortes ASAP.



Thursday, December 21 - Gift Wrapping for Tips - 9am-1pm

BookPeople, 603 N. Lamar

Christmas at St. Martin's

TLU Vespers

Sunday, December 10 - 4:00pm

Weihnachtsfest at St. Martin's

Sunday, December 17 - 4:00pm

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 - 4:00pm; 7:00pm; 10:00pm

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 31 - 10:00am

Christmas Poinsettias

Sales continue through Sunday,
December 17.

Cost is \$15.00 per plant.



Weihnachtsfest - German Christmas Service Reception Cookies

Support our German Christmas Festival on December 17 by providing cookies and/or help with set up/cleanup. Please let Anna Bergstrom (annabergstrom210@gmail.com; text: 512-497-0113 include your name :) know how you can help. Thank you!

NEED YOUR GIFTS WRAPPED FOR CHRISTMAS????

SMLC YOUTH WILL BE GIFT WRAPPING FOR TIPS

AT BOOKPEOPLE 603 N. LAMAR

DECEMBER 21, 9AM-1PM



Stop by BookPeople on December 21 9AM-1PM to finish your last minute shopping, then let the SMLC Youth wrap your gifts. You can also bring ALL your gifts to be wrapped! By dropping your generous tips in the jar, you will help the St. Martin's Youth pay for their trip to the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ray and Michelle Padgett; Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza; Jeannie Preston; Bill Corrasco; Paddy; Josh and Rachael; Ron; Rhonda; Teddy; Michele Priddy; Bryce Padgett; Amanda Pardonner; Bill Wiley; Joe Wiley; Noah Temple; Bill Pitcher; Elise's dog; Tim Hissum and family; our neighbors in need; family of Jorge Pastore; family of Vic Cornell

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

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