

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, December 17

- 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**
- 4:00pm Weihnachtsfest - German Christmas Service and Reception**

Monday, December 18

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 6:30pm Council Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

- 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 21

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

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

- 5:00pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)**

Sunday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

- 10:00am St. Martin's Serves at Mobile Loaves and Fishes
- 3:30pm Nursery open for ages 0-4
- 4:00pm Jazz Christmas Worship (livestreamed)**
- 7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Worship (livestreamed)**
- 10:00pm Contemplative Candlelight Worship**

December 25-30 Church and Preschool Closed

Sunday, December 31

- 10:00am Service of Lessons and Carols**

***Christmas at St. Martin's***

***Weihnachtsfest German Christmas Service***

Today at 4:00pm

***Christmas Eve***

Sunday, December 24

4:00pm Jazz Worship

7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

10:00pm Contemplative Candlelight Service

***Lessons and Carols***

Sunday, December 31, 10:00am

***Weihnachtsfest - German Christmas Service and Reception***

Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord and our German Heritage today at 4:00pm.

Rev. Christian Jennert will lead the traditional German Christmas Service with a reception to follow.

***Do you have extra cookies or time??????***

Support our German Christmas Festival today 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.

## ***Christmas Poinsettias***

Sales end TODAY.  
Cost is \$15.00 per plant.



## ***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](http://austincitylutherans.org).

## ***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](mailto:laura@raunpr.com) or any other nominating committee member: Debbie Alkire; Carey Henderson; Mike Kaase; Christina Martin or Pr. Ellen.

## **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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## *Volunteer Committee Chairs*

Worship: Abby Adams

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