

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

- Sunday, January 7 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
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)
- Monday, January 8
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
5:00pm St. Martin's Serves at Bread for All
- Tuesday, January 9
9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
9:30am Elizabeth Circle
- Wednesday, January 10
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
1:00pm Zoom Book Study
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 11
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
7:30pm St. Martin's Preschool Board meeting
- Friday, January 12
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- Sunday, January 14
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

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 21, 2024, after the worship service after the 10:00AM worship service. Agenda items include approval of the updated Constitution and Bylaws, and 2024 Congregational Budget. Supporting documents can be found at the welcome desk and at <https://saintmartins.org/2024-annual-congregational-meeting/> (passcode 1527). 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. (klutter@saintmartins.org).

Are You Called to Serve in Church Leadership?

If you or someone you know 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 as soon as possible. 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 or Pr. Ellen.

Look Up, Look Down, Look All Around!

While we were away during the Christmas holidays, much was accomplished around the St. Martin's buildings and campus - the linoleum floors were cleaned and waxed, the preschool classrooms were thoroughly cleaned, the multitude of leaves were raked. Our sanctuary, which was polished and decorated for Christmas, has been put back to its normal beauty. Thanks to all who work so hard to maintain this wonderful facility!



What's Coming Up?

- January 21 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday
- February 21 - Simple Supper and Lenten Vespers
(each Wednesday during Lent)
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday
- March 29 - Good Friday
- March 31 - Easter Day

Middle & High School Youth News

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

The Youth of St. Martin's have been very busy in December and January! From wrapping gifts at BookPeople to serving at Bread for All; having fun at their Christmas party; making (yes, making!) pasta with Pr. Ellen for their youth conference planning meeting; and a lock-in for the middle schoolers - the Youth of St. Martin's are learning, working, planning, and playing together as they mature into vibrant disciples of Christ!

Saint Martin's January Benevolence

The Central Texas Food Bank is a leader in the fight against hunger for more than 40 years, with a mission to nourish hungry people and lead the community in the fight against hunger. 300 Partner Agencies have joined the Food Bank to serve families in 21 Central Texas counties at soup kitchens, food pantries, after-school programs, snack programs and other service sites.



A Fond Farewell and Request for Volunteers

Dear friends, As most of you know, I am moving from Austin to Maine to begin a new teaching job. That means that we now have a Friday morning vacancy in the lunch bag ministry. I'm writing to all of you who have volunteered as substitutes for this ministry in case you want to step into doing this each week (or several weeks a month?). I've enjoyed doing this ministry very much, both as a way to serve hungry neighbors and to get to know members of the preschool community and those who serve at church throughout the week. Thank you all, Abby Adams



More Volunteer Opportunities

It's January - do you have a New Year's resolution to get more involved in service opportunities at church or in the community? There are plenty of opportunities around and through St. Martin's! If you'd like to help out here, you can join the altar guild or a music ministry or get involved with the youth, to name just a few. If you'd rather get involved in the wider community, check out Mobile Loaves and Fishes, the lunch bag ministry, Bread For All Food Pantry, or Lutheran Campus Ministry among others. Please contact the ministry lead or Fay Jones (fjones@saintmartins.org) if you would like to volunteer. We also encourage other ideas for service!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Milton Felger; family of Donald Dodson; Greg; Bess Sommer and family; those who travel; Manny Lopez; the residents of Hendersonville TN; Catrina Tuloweiki; Kathryn and Bill; Sue King; Emma Wilson; Baumann family; family and friends of Anita Austin; family and friends of Myra Mallick; Blake, Jessika, Ben, Browen, Colson; Phoebe, Claire, Erika, Ed, Connie, Olivia, Brandon; Mary Lauren; 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; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy

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