

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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**

Monday, January 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

- 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 18

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

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

- 8:00am Mop & Hammer

Sunday, January 21 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

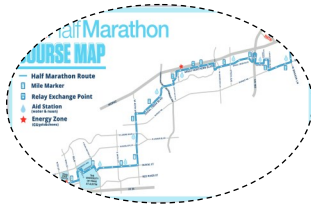
- 10:00am Combined Worship Service (live streamed)
- 11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, after the 10AM worship service. Agenda items include approval of the 2024 Congregational Budget and voting for several leadership positions. 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.



3M Half Marathon

Sunday, January 21

Plan your route to St. Martin's accordingly!

From North: exit MOPAC at Enfield

From South: use Lamar Blvd.

From East: use 11th Street

<https://downhilltodowntown.com/course-elevation/>

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

Did you receive a parking ticket in the garage?

If members or guests receive a parking ticket from the parking garage across 16th street from the church, please scan and email a copy of the ticket to Katherine Lutter at klutter@saintmartins.org and she will make sure the ticket is voided/dismissed.

Bulletin Folding Assistance

Please contact Fay Jones

(fjones@saintmartins.org)

if you have a couple of hours on Thursday afternoon to help fold the Sunday bulletins.

Middle & High School Youth News

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

Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive - Starting on January 28 and going through Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, the Youth will be running a Canned Food Drive called the Souper Bowl. All collections will go to Bread For All. You can bring your donations 20 minutes before or after worship or between 9am-6pm M-F.

Youth Super Bowl Party - All Youth are invited to a Super Bowl Party at Pr. Ellen's newly renovated house on Sunday, February 11 (time TBD). This will be a potluck style party, so bring "bowls" of snacks! Invite your friends! RSVP Austin (ashortes@saintmartins.org)

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.



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 committee chair or Fay Jones (fjones@saintmartins.org) if you would like to volunteer. We also encourage other ideas for service!



Permission to Rest

As we enter a new year, many of us are considering “resolutions” - usually to add something to our already busy schedules. While there are passages in Scripture which warn against idleness, Jesus tells his disciples (us!) to “come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (*Matthew 11:28-30*). God not only gives us permission to rest, but commands us to do so in the fourth commandment: “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.” (*Exodus 20:8*) What if we resolved to set aside time and space in our life for some form of sabbath rest?

Paraphrased from Balance: Living With Life's Demands by Tracey L. Henderson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Atticus Lutter; family and friends of Shelley; family and friends of Kay Beglau; the women of Texas who cannot access health care; Carolyn Tiller Thomas; family of Chris Smith; JoAnn Pitcher; family of Jennifer Goldman; healthy development of God's children; Eric Newhouse; Milton Felger; family of Donald Dodson; Greg

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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Worship: Tom Friedrich

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