

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

- Sunday, January 21 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
10:00am **Combined Worship Service (live streamed)**
11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting
- Monday, January 22
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
6:30pm St. Martin's Council Meeting
- Tuesday, January 23
9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
7:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting
- Wednesday, January 24
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 25
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
7:30pm St. Martin's Preschool Board meeting
- Friday, January 26
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- Saturday, January 27
8:00am Mop & Hammer
- Sunday, January 28
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**
12:00pm Pre-Youth Gathering meal and meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is THIS SUNDAY 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).



Excitement is soaring at St. Martin's Lutheran Preschool as we celebrate current triumphs and eagerly anticipate future milestones! Our dynamic curriculum, Experience Early Learning, is currently exploring DinoLand and has captivated young imaginations, fostering a love for learning in a thrilling prehistoric adventure. The success story continues with full registration for our upcoming School Age Summer Camp, promising a summer season of fun and growth. Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce that registration for Fall 2024 which opens March 1st, invites families to join our flourishing program. St. Martin's Lutheran Preschool is dedicated to nurturing young minds, and we can't wait to see our community thrive and expand in the coming months!

Thrivent Donations

If you made a donation to St. Martin's through your Thrivent investment account, and would like for it to show on your year-end giving statement, please contact our Business Manager, Katherine Lutter (klutter@saintmartins.org).

Middle & High School Youth News

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

Pre-Youth Gathering Meetings - January 28 and February 25 - immediately following the 11am service, the Youth who are attending the Youth Gathering will gather to share lunch, play a game, and have a lesson in preparation for the Gathering. Pick-up time will be 1:30pm.

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 "super" 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.



Austin Helps Honduras Education Celebration Trip

Ten people are traveling to Juticalpa, Honduras, January 28-February 3, to celebrate students and graduates supported by AHH Scholarships. Members of Riverbend Church and St. Martin's formed AHH after Hurricane Mitch destroyed thousands of homes and took thousands of lives in Honduras and other Central American countries in 1998. During the construction of about 75 houses by AHH, the need for educating young people beyond the 6th grade was recognized, and the focus of the non-profit became education. An elementary school was built and a scholarship program established to aid impoverished families to send their children to school beyond the government-supported 6th grade. During its 21 years, over 1,000 annual scholarships have been awarded, and there have been 370+ graduates of high school and university.



An exciting part of the trip will be the presentation of Project Noteworthy band instruments and instructional materials to two middle schools in Juticalpa. Thanks to all who donated instruments or money to make this happen.

Traveling to Honduras are Pastor Ellen Williams, Alfrieda & Glen Anderson, David Cross, Terri & John Ellett, Bob Gibbons, Becky & Jim Montgomery, and Bunny Oliver. Please keep them and the mission in your prayers.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Atticus Lutter; 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

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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