

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, February 11

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
(live streamed)**

5:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 12

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

4:30pm Bread for All

Tuesday, February 13

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack

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

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

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

12 Noon Ash Wednesday Service

1:00pm Zoom Book Study

**7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
(live streamed)**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 17

9:00am Council Meeting

Sunday, February 18

8:45am Nursery open for ages 0-4

**9:00am Family Worship
(live streamed)**

9:45am Chapel Gathering for children

10:00am Faith Formation for all ages

11:00am Traditional Worship

Austin Marathon

Sunday, February 18, 2024

See St. Martin's Shares for details
and links to maps



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

Ash Wednesday Services - February 14, 2024

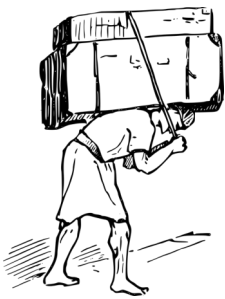
12 Noon and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

ST. MARTIN'S LENTEN PRACTICE

Wednesday Evening Vespers

Wednesday evenings in Lent we will gather at 7pm in the chapel to sing Holden Evening Prayer and reflect on letting go of the onerous labors that weary us so that we can embrace the worthy tasks that put our souls at ease.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)



"What Jesus offers is not freedom from work, but freedom from onerous labor. Soul-sick weariness is not the inevitable consequence of all work, but rather of work to which we are ill suited, of work extracted under compulsion and motivated by fear, or of work performed in the face of futility. There is also the weariness that comes from having nothing at all to do that truly matters. The easy yoke means having something to do: a purpose that demands your all and summons forth your best. It means work that is motivated by a passionate desire to see God's kingdom realized. It means work toward a certain future in which all of God's dreams will finally come true. To accept the yoke of the gentle and humble Lord is to embrace the worthy task that puts the soul at ease." Lance Pace, *Feasting on the Word Year A*

Wednesday Evening Simple Suppers

You are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 for a simple supper before Vespers.

Busyness to Intention Workshop Series

Sundays, Feb 18 - Mar 24, 2024, 1-2:30 PM. - Fellowship Hall

Are you longing to break out of busyness? Do you hope to recenter?

In this workshop series we will reflect on what drives us to busyness, consider what we miss when we are busy, assess personal roadblocks, and start an individualized practice of replacing busyness with intention. Major topics:

- ♦ What drives us to busyness and why can't we seem to quit?
- ♦ Is rest just "not working"?
- ♦ The regenerative nature of being ambitious about "other things"
- ♦ Charting a course in a society obsessed with performance-ism



Workshop
Registration
Appreciated

Come join for casual lunch at Kesos Tacos after the 11:00 service
600 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

Saint Martin's February Benevolence



Cross Trails Ministry is a year-round camp and retreat ministry operated by the congregations of the Southwest Texas Synod of the ELCA. There are two sites: Lutheran Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville and Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper. The Cross Trails mission is to provide unique settings and experiences in which youth, adults and families are strengthened in their relationships with Christ, each other, the church and community. Youth from St. Martin's attend summer camp and retreats at the Cross Trails locations. 2024 Camp Chrysalis applications are open.

Middle & High School Youth News

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

Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive - Thank you all for your generous donations of non-perishable and canned foods this month. The items will be delivered to Bread for All.

Youth Super Bowl Party - TODAY! All Youth are invited to a Super Bowl Party at Pr. Ellen's newly renovated house at 5:00pm. This will be a potluck style party, so bring "bowls" of "super" snacks! Invite your friends! RSVP Austin (ashortes@saintmartins.org)



February 24, 3-5 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends and family for a fun afternoon of fellowship, featuring bingo for all ages!

The gym will also be open.

We invite you to bring a snack to share; beverages will be provided.

Mark your calendar now!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cass Beere; Neuman Sidique; thanksgiving for new life and God's blessings on young families; Gretchen Ellis; Rita; Meghan; Michele; Tom Hoelzel; Vicki Baldwin; 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; 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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