

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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

Monday, February 19 Church Office Closed

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

4:30pm Bread for All

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack

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

Wednesday, February 21

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

1:00pm Zoom Book Study

6:30pm Simple Supper

7:00pm Lenten Vespers

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 25

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)**

LENTEN INTRODUCTION

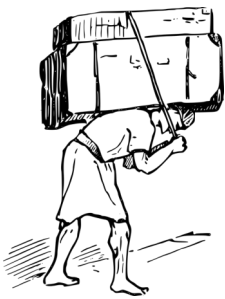
On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First, Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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

Camp Chrysalis is hiring Summer Staff!

If you know a great role model (**this might be YOU**) who is available for 4-8 weeks plus training this summer, encourage them to apply.

Crosstrails.org

The Come As You Are class has a rich and diverse program lined up for Lent, exploring various topics that align with the themes of passion, service, and reflection. Bob Daemmrich's sharing about Upbring and its work with young people transitioning out of foster care on February 18th is sure to be enlightening and inspiring. Topics like Honduras, Israel-Gaza and anti-Semitism, Benevolence, and Lutheran Summer camps show a commitment to engaging with both local and global issues, as well as matters of faith and social justice. These discussions offer attendees a chance to deepen their understanding of different issues and perhaps find their own passion for service or advocacy in the process. It's a meaningful way to observe Lent and prepare for the Easter season.



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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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