

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, March 17

- 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**
- 1:00pm Steering from Busyness to Intention Workshop

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

- 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, March 21

- 9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry
- 7:00pm Iftar Meal
- TBD St. Martin's Preschool Board Meeting

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

- 8:00am Mop & Hammer

Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY

- 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)**

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. Our scripture text is Matthew 11:28-30.

Wednesday Evening Simple Suppers

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday - March 24 - 9am & 11am

Maundy Thursday - March 28 - 7pm

Good Friday - March 29 - 12pm & 7pm

Easter Day - March 31 - 9am & 11am

ST. MARTIN'S LENTEN PRACTICE



Iftar Meal

March 21 at 7PM

Join us as we gather with our Muslim neighbors to celebrate Ramadan with a traditional Iftar meal in the fellowship hall. We will meet at 7PM and the meal will begin promptly at sundown. Please RSVP to Fay Jones (fjones@saintmartins.org) so we will have an idea of how many to prepare for.

St. Martin's Serves Lenten Opportunity



BREAD FOR ALL serves approximately 150 families weekly. They have requested donations of **reusable plastic shopping bags**. They are also in need of canned beans, oatmeal, and diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6).

Please drop new or used green HEB or similar reusable bags and other items for Bread for All in the receptacle in the lobby, or use the QR code to donate funds (use the "Lent Drive" drop down tab). More information is in this week's issue of St. Martin's Shares email newsletter.



Help Beautify the Altar at Easter

Easter Lilies, symbols of purity and renewal, are now on sale in the lobby. We welcome your orders through Palm Sunday, March 24. Suggested donation is \$15.

Come As You Are Class

Campfire Stories: We'll be sharing stories about the power of camping ministry and how St. Martin's is connected to Christ-centered camps around the country. Share your stories, and listen to others speak about how camping and retreats connect us to spiritual practices of prayer, rest, and community. Everyone is invited to participate in the Come As You Are class in the parlor on Sunday, March 17th at 10 am.

Saint Martin's March Benevolence

The Bread For All Food Pantry (BFA), operated by Austin City Lutherans out of Faith Presbyterian Church (1314 E Oltorff) every Monday, distributed food to over 5200 households in 2023. Your continued support goes directly to those struggling with the high cost of living in Austin. Ways to participate: **Donate funds** towards the cost of food and supplies. **Provide the most needed items** which are listed on and collected in the white bin located in the lobby. **Volunteer your time** at the BFA location by helping to pack groceries from 11am-2pm or help distribute to families from 4:45pm-6:30pm each Monday. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Schweinfurth (serves@saintmartins.org).

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

Martin Luther

Middle & High School Youth News

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

Youth March Madness Prediction Challenge! All SMLC Youth are invited to fill out a Men's March Madness bracket and turn it in between Selection Sunday, March 17th and Wednesday March 20th. Pick up an extra blank bracket during the Lenten Simple Supper on the 20th. The winning bracket will receive a \$25 Apple or Google Play gift card!

St. Martin's to Continue Talks on Affordable Housing Project

St. Martin's has agreed to continue negotiating with DMA, a developer of multi-family affordable housing, to develop an apartment building with 50 parking spaces reserved for church use on the SMLC property at the corner of 15th and Rio Grande. The agreement signed on February 27 provides an option period until September 1 for St. Martin's and DMA to negotiate a contract that would lease the church property to DMA for 65 years, after which it would revert back to St. Martin's. Under the ground lease option, \$2.5 million would be paid to St. Martin's at the start of construction, followed by annual payments of 10 percent of gross rental income for the subsequent 65 years. On March 1, DMA applied for a tax credit from the City of Austin for the proposed project.

More information will be provided to the congregation during informational sessions in April, tentatively scheduled for April 7 and 14.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Vicki Baldwin; Tom Hoelzel; family of Frances McGilvray; friends and family of Linda Aceker; family and friends of Bill Pitcher; Marla Valk; Mary Ellen Seguin; family of Lisa Klein; Dimitri; Mitchell Blum; Jan; Dawnajean Bolt; UCCWB; Sandra Johnson; Marielle Soko; Emily Soko; Robert Warren; Anthony; Mary Lauren; Bruce H; 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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