

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, April 7

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
10:00am Informational Meeting
11:00am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, April 9

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag
Ministry
9:30am Elizabeth Circle

Wednesday, April 10

9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag
Ministry
1:00pm Zoom Book Study
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

9:00am St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag
Ministry
4:00pm Youth Study Group

Sunday, April 14

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
10:00am Informational Meeting
**11:00am Traditional Worship
(live streamed)**
12:30pm Confirmation Student
Meeting
2:00pm ACL Summit

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024, following the 10:00am service. The only action item on the agenda will be the election of a new President-Elect to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Church Council President Laura Raun Carroll. President-Elect Fred Aus assumes the role of President of Church Council. 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). There will also be time for brief discussion of two other topics: 1) An update on what is happening with the church property on the west side of Rio Grande Street, including not only discussions with DMA about affordable housing but also about Worship Park property; and 2) an update on upcoming steps as we work together on forging and implementing a strategy for the church life at St. Martin's.

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. St. Martin's, through the Drenner Group, is also asking for re-zoning of the property that would be leased from St. Martin's. The re-zoning request is to go from the current GO-SF-3 (General Office - Family Residence district) to DMU-CO (Downtown Mixed Use - Conditional Overlay district). The City has mailed notice to all property owners within 500' of the tract that St. Martin's would lease to DMA. You will see a yellow sign near the entrance to the parking lot also giving notice of the zoning change request.

More information will be provided to the congregation during informational sessions between worship services on Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 14, in the Fellowship Hall.



Saturday, April 20, 10:00am

Wear your jeans and sun hats to the Worship Park. We will celebrate Earth Day by sprucing up the park to make it spring and summer ready. A picnic lunch will be provided. We expect to be finished by about 1:30pm.

Sunday, April 21, 10:00am

Come and experience this very special worship service featuring our youth as worship leaders. The young people of St. Martin's have expressed concern about the state of our planet and are exploring ways our faith can lead us to offer solutions with focused ecological consciousness and intergenerational dialogue. Comment from our Youth:

"One of the ways I experience God is being in nature, so getting to do our youth-led worship on Earth Day is very exciting!"

Saint Martin's April Benevolence

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)

LuMin's mission is to radiate God's love and grace through embracing all, serving boldly, and working for peace and justice on the campuses of UT, ACC, and St. Edwards. Your financial support is greatly appreciated, but there are other ways you can contribute to LuMin's impactful work:

- Serve a Tuesday evening meal
- Assist with Circle of Friends
- Bake some cookies to share

Your participation in these activities can make a significant difference in supporting LuMin's food ministry and worship gatherings. Let's come together to support this wonderful cause and spread love and kindness in our community.

Contact [Stephanie Schweinfurth serves@saintmartins.org](mailto:Stephanie.Schweinfurth@saintmartins.org) for more information.

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

4-6pm every Thursday in April - during this stressful time of exams, projects, and lots of school activity, come do homework or just hang out. Free Snacks! Invite your friends!

Mario Kart Tournament - April 20, 2-4pm in the Youth Rooms. **RSVP to Austin before April 18!**

Earth Day Worship Service - Youth Led - April 21, 10am

Austin City Lutherans - Summit Meeting

Sunday, April 14 - 2-3:30pm

The ACL Summit Meeting will be held at St. Martin's, in person and virtually. The meeting will feature Mariposa FLC; Bread for All; Move-In Ministry; and others. Please use the Zoom link (found on the website) or QR code to attend the meeting virtually.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Monte Thieme's family; Cooper Scroggins and family; Jennifer and August; Honey (pet); Wayne Turley; family and friends of Monte Thiene; family and friends of Bill Reid; family and friends of Mark Tschurr; family and friends of Bill Pitcher; Vicki Baldwin; family and friends of Frances McGilvray; Milton Felger; Tom Hoelzel

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Diane Bergstrom; 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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