

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, April 21

9:45am Nursery open for ages 0-4

10:00am Earth Day Worship Service (youth led) (live streamed)

11:15am Special Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 22

6:30pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack

7:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

1:00pm Zoom Book Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

8:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28

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)

St. Martin's Serves Lunch Bag Ministry: Monday - Friday 9am - 11am - We need volunteers!

TODAY

Sunday, April 21, 10:00am



Our Youth are embarking on a journey of faith-driven environmental stewardship, and they are inviting all of us to join them in the boundless potential of intergenerational collaboration. The message our Youth bring to us is that each of us holds a vital role in cherishing and safeguarding our precious environment. Watch, listen, and be inspired by the enthusiasm and wisdom of our young leaders as they show us how faith and environmental consciousness go hand in hand. Comment from our Youth: "I'm excited for the service because it's a reminder that we all have a role to play in respecting and protecting our environment, no matter our age. Plus, getting to lead parts of it with my friends makes it even more special."

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY

The only action item on the agenda for the Special Congregational Meeting 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).

You are invited to stay for a 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 at the Special Congregational Meeting today.

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. Please see the website or the weekly email newsletter "Shares" for more information. Let's come together to support this wonderful cause and spread love and kindness in our community.

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

Earth Day Worship Service - Youth Led - TODAY!

End of School Party - May 29th 4-6 pm at Altitude Trampoline Park. Parents are required to sign waivers at the park, but not required to stay the whole time.

An Invitation from Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, April 23rd, at 7pm in the Parlor.

St. Martin's members are invited to join your Stephen Ministry Team next Tuesday for this month's Continuing Education topic. The discussion will be on planning and understanding the last chapter of life, including the difference between hospice and palliative care, how to discuss your wishes with loved ones and medical providers, and how to identify your preferences. Mary Beth Lee, RN with the Gift project initiative of Hospice Austin and the St. David's Foundation, will be the speaker.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jeannie Preston; Peggy Miller; Cynthia Hays and family; family and friends of Rev. Carl Schoss; peace in the Ukraine and the Holy Land; Mary Lauren; Donnette Lafaitte; Joy Pinson; Monte Thieme's family; Cooper Scroggins and family; August; Honey (pet); Wayne Turley; family and friends of Monte Thieme; family and friends of Bill Reid; 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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