

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, March 23

8:30am Nursery Opens (0-4yrs)
9:00am **Family Worship**
(live streamed)
10:00am Faith Formation - all ages
11:00am **Traditional Worship**
1:00pm Mid-Lifers Invitational
Lunch and Hike
1:00pm St. Martin's Serves at
Mobile Loaves & Fishes

Monday, March 24

6:30pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 25

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
2:30pm Time with the Pastor
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

12:00pm Lectionary Study
1:00pm Theology Book Study
6:30pm Lenten Supper
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
8:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

12:00pm Seculosity Book Study (zoom)

Sunday, March 30

8:30am Nursery Opens (0-4yrs)
9:00am **Family Worship**
10:00am Faith Formation - all ages
11:00am **Traditional Worship**
(live streamed)
1:00pm Family Pretzel Making Fun

LENTEN REFLECTION

What does "Lent" mean to you? Is it a time to deprive yourself of something you love or a time to work on breaking a bad habit? Lent is a "time set aside" in the church calendar to help us prepare to receive the gift of Christ's death and resurrection.

The Old Testament prophets remind us that God desires that we turn toward God rather than make sacrifices that stroke our own egos. Micah 6:8 says "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God."

May this season of Lent be a time to live into God's justice, love and mercy for yourself and others.

2025 LENTEN VESPERS ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Join us to reflect on how Jesus is inviting us to ASK, SEEK, and KNOCK during this Lenten Season. We gather in the Chapel on Wednesdays in Lent, at 7pm, for Holden Evening Prayer. Gather with us before the service for a simple meal at 6:30pm in the Parlor.

see Matthew 7:7-12

LENTEN PRETZEL MAKING, MARCH 30, 1:00PM

Making pretzels is a classic Lenten activity. The pretzel represents prayer and fasting while the shape of the pretzel represents arms crossed in prayer. Pr. Ellen will prepare the dough, all you have to do is show up and participate!



Youth, families with children, elders and youngers, are invited to join the fun. Join in board games and puzzles while we wait for the pretzels to bake then take some home to enjoy with your family.

Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter Lily sales table is located in the lobby—purchase and dedication is only \$15 per plant. Sales will continue through Sunday, April 6. You can also purchase lilies on the website.



A Worthy (and easy!) Lenten Project *Donate HEB reusable bags!*



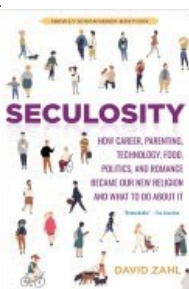
Easter is Coming!

Although we have just entered the season of Lent, we are already looking forward to the grand celebration of Easter! This is a joyous occasion, and volunteers are needed to help with the planning and execution of the day's events. If you're interested in helping, please contact Fay Jones at admin@saintmartins.org.



Extra Parking for St. Martin's

St. Martin's members and guests can use the lower two floors of the Meridian Building (across 16th Street) Monday-Friday from 6:00pm to 7:00am, as well as all day Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge for parking during these hours.



You are invited to join an online group for an engaging Zoom discussion of *Seculosity* by David Zahl from 12-1 pm. This is a great opportunity to dive deep into the book's exploration of modern life, faith, and the things we rely on for meaning. For more information on obtaining a copy of the book and how to join the discussion, please contact Jackie Chuter at faith.formation@saintmartins.org.

Saint Martin's March Benevolence Giving

The Lunch Bag Ministry (LBM) provides small but balanced meals to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. SMLC distributes over 200 meals each month. For less than \$30 per month, you can provide 10 meals each month. Donations can be made by check (please designate LBM) or choose the Lunch Bag Ministry fund on the SMLC website. Giving link For more information, please contact serves@saintmartins.org.



Do you like to hike? Do you like lunch?

The entire SMLC congregation is invited to bring a picnic lunch and join the Mid-Lifers group for a hike of the Shoal Creek Greenbelt. We will gather after the 11am service TODAY. Please contact Anita Salmon at faith.formation@saintmartins.org for more information.

News from the Youth

Youth in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room at 10:00am on Sundays.

Upcoming Events:

Sidewalk Decoration and Breakfast Tacos - April 5 10am
Palm Sunday April 13 Readers are needed for both services
St. Martin's Sings - April 26 5:00pm



Time with the Pastor

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30pm in person or on Zoom

Pr. Ellen is hosting an informal time for conversation when she will be in her office and available for casual visits without an appointment. Please contact Pr. Ellen in advance to visit on Zoom.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sophia, Sam, and new baby; Shelly; Audrey Alpers; Aaron Richards; Margaret Hayes; Kent Mickleson; family and friends of Melissa Ingram; Mary Lauren; Jason Crouch; family and friends of Bill Wiley; May Ellon McAdams; friends and family of Cecilia S.; Dylan and Geneva; friends and family of Diane Wilson

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Phil Savard; Diane Bergstrom; Deb Johnson; Bill Martin; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy

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