

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, May 3

8:30am Nursery opens (0-4 Yrs)

**9:00am Family Worship
(livestreamed)**

10:00am Faith Formation for all ages

10:00am Council Information Session

11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, May 4

10:30am Bread for All (packing)

4:45pm St. Martin's Serves at
Bread for All

Tuesday, May 5

9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack

Wednesday, May 6

1:00pm Theology Book Study

5:30pm Committee Chairs meeting

7:00pm Youth Game Night

7:00pm Choir practice

8:30pm Handbells Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7

7:00pm Gather Austin

Sunday, May 10

8:30am GRADUATION & MOTHER'S DAY
Nursery opens (0-4 Yrs)

9:00am Family Worship

10:00am Faith Formation for all ages

10:00am Reception for Mothers and
Graduates

**11:00am Traditional Worship
(livestreamed)**

Follow-up Informational Session with Council

Today - 10:00am

Your Church Council will hold a follow-up informational session today to get the congregation's input on three important and timely questions:

- ⇒ Senior Pastor call with future Associate Pastor call
- ⇒ Need for Youth Minister after Austin's departure
- ⇒ Need for Business Manager in the Church Office

You may also reach out to any member of the Council if you have further feedback and/or questions. Your input is important as we discern the best answers to these needs.

Time with the Pastor

As your new transitional pastor, I would like to become better acquainted with as many of you as possible during my time at St. Martin's. For those with whom I haven't already had the pleasure of doing so, and who are amenable to sitting down for a visit, please let me know after one of the worship services, by calling the church office (512-476-6757), or by emailing me (pastor.alan@saintmartins.org).

Pastor Alan





2026 Sacred Rhythms Newsletter Series

Phase 1: Foundations

Week 2 - May 3, 2026 - What is Work?

Fruitful Transformation: When we think of work, we often think of a paycheck or a job title. But for the Christian, Work is much broader. Author Andy Crouch defines Work as: **"The fruitful transformation of the world through attention, memory, and skill by applying heart, mind, soul, and strength."**

This definition includes everyone. If you are a student, your Work is the transformation of information into wisdom. If you are retired, your Work might be the transformation of a messy garden into a place of beauty or a lonely neighbor's afternoon into a time of connection. Work is the fruitful furthering of creation. You are a co-creator with God, taking the garden He gave you and adding to the "very good."

Scripture for Reflection: *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15, ESV)*

Reflection Question: Think of one small thing you ordered or tended this week. How did that act make your corner of the world a little more like the original Garden?

Weekly Practice: Name the Fruit Before you finish your final task of the day, identify one specific thing you transformed from chaos to order. Say it out loud: *"I transformed this yarn into a gift for my grandchild,"* or *"I transformed this complex problem into a solution for my team."*



Janet Brehm Taylor and Austin Shortes

invite the St. Martin's community to their commencement ceremony

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 2:30pm

University Presbyterian Church

Kindergarten through Post-Graduate

We will celebrate all graduates on Sunday, May 10. If you have a graduate in your family who you would like to honor on this day, please send an email to Austin Shortes ashortes@saintmartins.org.

Saint Martin's Monthly Benevolence Giving & Volunteer Focus

Your generous gifts of time and resources help keep the Bread for All Ministry serving our less fortunate neighbors. Volunteers are always needed. You can support this ministry by giving online at saintmartins.org: select "Give," then "Online Giving," and choose "Monthly Benevolence" from the dropdown menu. Or use the QR code provided. For more information or to volunteer, contact Summer Davis Martinez at serves@saintmartins.org.



Mothering Sunday - May 10

On this Mother's Day, we celebrate not only our mothers, but also all those who have "mothered" us—those who have offered care, guidance, and love.

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24

Sometimes called the "Birthday of The Church", the day of Pentecost is cause for celebration! Join us as we welcome new members by confirmation and reception at our 10:00am service.



News from the Youth

Upcoming Events:

July 16-19 ~ High School Summer of Service trip to Corpus Christi

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

LaVerne Haschke; Bret Baumann; Bill; Brennan Gage; John Pinkerman; Molly and Shauna; Buck; James Taylor; Melanie Carlton; Beverly Shortes; Johnny Anderson; Jen Mank Anderson; Helen Laurentius; Susan Sossamon, Mollie Sossamon, Tomeka Walker, Lisa Loos; Matthew; Emily and Eric; my family; the world; Helen Altobello; US service men and women killed in the Iran War; JoAnn Buerger

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Eugene Trautmann; Kent Mickelson; Deb Johnson, Bill Martin, Sam Gourley, Ronnie Johnson, Peter Jordahl; Walt Knauff, Arvid Larson, Pat Larson, Doris McGaughy

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Stephen Ministry ~ Help, Hope, Healing

For assistance in time of crisis, please email *stephenministry@saintmartins.org*

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