THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, November 1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- 8:30am Nursery opens (0-4yrs)
- 9:00am Family Worship (livestreamed)
- 10:00am Faith Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Traditional Worship

Monday, November 2
- 10:30am Bread for All (packing)
- 4:45pm St. Martin's Serves at Bread for All

Tuesday, November 3
- 9:00am WELCA Tack & Pack
- 12:00pm Faith Formation Book Study (zoom)

Wednesday, November 4
- 1:00pm Theology Book Study
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 8:30pm Handbells Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5
- 6:30pm Gather Austin

Saturday, November 7
- 11:30am Reformation Celebration

Sunday, November 8
- 8:30am Nursery opens (0-4yrs)
- 9:00am Family Worship
- 10:00am Faith Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (livestreamed)

We are glad you are here - Please wear a name tag and greet someone new today!
You are invited to join us for fellowship after the service.

On this All Saints' Day, with grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, including those among us who have left this world in the past year:

Leona Abrahamson
Terry Adcock
Helen Altobello
Jo Ann Buerger
Stan Cravatt
E. David Henry
Eugene Johnson
Bob Mann
Bunny Oliver
Arthur Zenkner

Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

2026 Sacred Rhythms Newsletter

Week 28 ~ November 1, 2026 ~ **Avocation (שִׂמְחָה – Simchah)**

The Joy of Play

Beyond the Work we do to serve and the Rest we observe to behold, there is avocation—our hobbies and play. In Hebrew, this is rooted in Simchah (שִׂמְחָה), a deep, celebratory joy.

Avocation is activity done for the sheer delight of the doing. It doesn't need to produce a paycheck or even a specific result. It is a way of practicing for Heaven, where our activity will be unburdened by the necessity of survival. When you paint, play an instrument, or woodshop just because you love it, you are honoring the God who created the Leviathan "to play in the sea" (Psalm 104). Play is a holy declaration that we are more than just the sum of our productivity.

> *Scripture for Reflection: "I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man." (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13)*

Reflection Question: What is one activity you do that makes you lose track of time? When was the last time you did it just for the joy of it?

Weekly Practice: The Play Hour Dedicate one hour this week to an avocation. Do not try to monetize it, do not try to get better at it for a competition, and do not feel guilty about it. Just play. As you do, thank God for the gift of Simchah**.**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – DON'T MISS THE PARTY!

Our outdoor Reformation Celebration has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 7, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Come enjoy polkas, brats, pretzels, games, and more with your SMLC family and friends! You are invited to bring desserts to share.

Saint Martin's Monthly Benevolence Giving & Volunteer Focus

Our benevolence supports Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Through St. Martin's Tack ar Pack, handmade quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits, school kits, and fabric kits ar collected and distributed to people in need around the world and in the U.S. Monetar donations help provide supplies for these projects. Thank you for your generosity!

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Joan O'Mara won the raffle quilt!

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Tatenda Juma is really busy with the middle and high schoolers! Talk to her about all the goings-on, and see her newsletter on the bulletin board.

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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Friends and family of Terry Adcock; Steven Rogers; family and friends of Jo Ann Buerger; family and friends of Helen Altobello; family and friends of Bunny Oliver; Russell Acosta; Annabel; Frances; Becky Montgomery; Jess Giardina; Deanna McDonald and family; Bob Leggett; Dierk Meyer; US service men and women serving in the Iran War

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

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