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# The Messenger

*Celebrating Love and Hope*

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARTIN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH, SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

*April 2010*

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### Holy Week

March 31  
Sedar Meal  
Ritual Only - 7:00 pm

April 1  
Maunday Thursday  
Worship - 7:00 pm

April 2  
Good Friday  
Service of the Shadows - 7:30 pm

### Easter Sunday

- 7:00 am  
Sunrise in the Sanctuary  
Procession of candles  
Holy Communion
- 8:30 am  
Festival Worship  
Holy Communion
- 9:45 am  
Easter Breakfast
- 10:15 am  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 am  
Festival Worship  
Holy Communion

# Serving the Lord

## Family Promise

### Next Host Week

The next host week will be from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer sign up begins on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to Easter, the sign-up period is one week shorter than usual.

### New Volunteers

Congratulations to Melodee Fish for joining the Family Promise volunteers from St. Martins.

### Upcoming Fundraisers

The third annual Telfair Charity of your Choice Walk will take place at the Lake at Telfair on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost to enter is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children until April 1<sup>st</sup> after which the price increases by \$5 per ticket. Ticket sales close on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Walk is 3.0 miles around the lake with post-walk party. Registration is only through [www.charityofyourchoicewalk.com](http://www.charityofyourchoicewalk.com). Walkers or non-walkers who want to participate in the fund raising need to procure sponsor donations and submit them to Family Promise before April 6<sup>th</sup>. Charity with most sponsor dollars wins up to \$20,000 for the charity. Let Bob Metzger (281-793-8352) know if you have registered so he can get an accurate count of the number of persons attending from St. Martins. Maps to the walk location and start times will be forthcoming. There will be a 30-second spot about the walk after the TV show "Great Day Houston" on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

A golf outing will take place on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7AM at the Pecan Grove Country Club for raising funds for Family Promise. Contact Bob Metzger if you are interested in participating for further information and registration form.

Family Promise netted \$630 from the Applebee's breakfast fundraiser. Thanks to all who participated.

### Guest Families

The program received Sunderland and her four boys since the last Messenger was published. She found an apartment and the family moved out on March 16<sup>th</sup>. LaToya and Jayden have found an apartment and have left the program. Currently, there are no guests. Please pray that new guests will be brought into the program.

**Thank you to all our great volunteers for making the Family Promise program such a success.**



## Call Committee

Our Call Committee will have its first organizational meeting on Saturday, April 10. They will elect a chair and begin the long process of selecting the next Pastor for St. Martin's.



## Synod Assembly

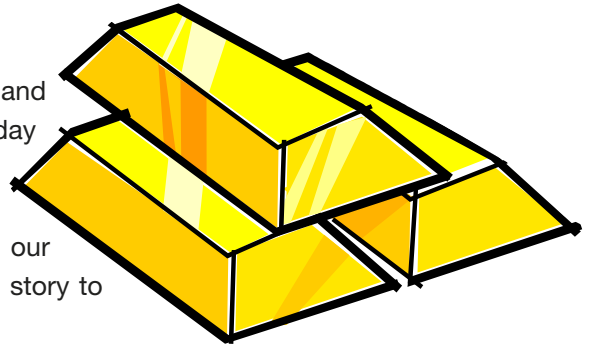
Our Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod assembly will be held in New Orleans on April 16-18. Along with Pastor Kelly, your elected voting members are Ed and Cheryl Fimbel. This year's assembly goes through Sunday. Preaching on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Chris Moore.

# Loving, Caring, Learning, Sharing

## St. Martin's Gold Mines

### Gold Mine #1

**Our library.** St. Martin's is blessed with an outstanding library for adults and children which sometimes we forget! I was looking for a book the other day and noticed our librarians set out on various shelves, books that related to the Lenten and Easter season. Just think of how each of us has the opportunity to grow in faith and/or be mentally challenged by things of our faith. Stop in and look at all the possibilities from theology to history to story to books on inspiration.



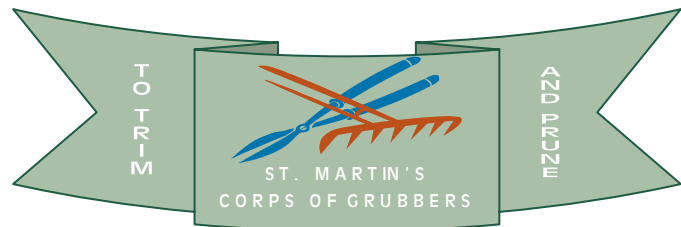
### Gold Mine #2

**Our website.** More and more of you are getting to our website at least weekly. Right there on the front page is the weekly schedule and as you go deeper into the site, you will find information related to the ministries in which you may be involved. Did you know that the #2 way people find our church is the website? Do you know what #1 is? Personal invitation. Yellow pages and newspaper ads are way down at the bottom for today's world which is the reason our church spends almost no money on yellow page and newspaper ads. They are no longer effective.

## Spring has Sprung!

And now it needs trimming...

And they called themselves, **THE GRUBBERS**



Along with the lovely warm weather as our spirits grow, so does our grass!! For many years our church has been blessed with volunteers willing to come out at various times throughout the year to keep our grounds looking clean and beautiful. This is a great way to help the church, and get to know some more people within the congregation.

Our maintenance teams are called GRUBBERS, and we would certainly appreciate any and all people (all ages) who would like to help keep St. Martin's inviting looking for those who drive by. Currently we have three teams that come out periodically. Each team has a leader and the schedule has been made for the rest of the year. Volunteers only have to come out about 10 times from now till December. It is our hope to fill all three teams with enough people so that the work is light for each individual.

### We Need You!

If flowers and planting is more your style you can "Adopt-A-Bed" and make it your commitment to maintain one of the flower/plant beds around the property. This can be done at a time that is good for you, and it's very helpful to the Grubber teams.

Once again - this is a different way that you can serve our church community. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please speak to Keith Johnson or Monika Miura. You can call Monika at any time at 713. 859.5100.

## Music Notes

### Gospel Mass

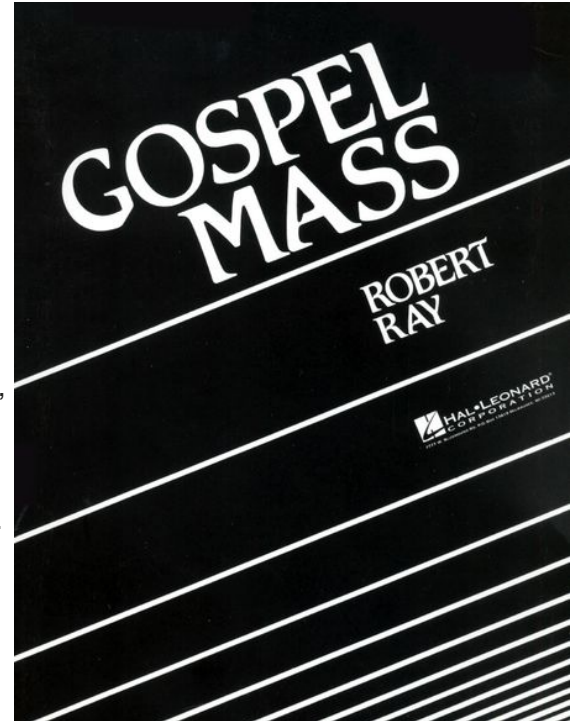
On Sunday, March 21, 2010, the St. Martin's Contemporary Singers performed a show that truly inspired the congregation! The Singers have been willing to diligently rehearse for many weeks. And they were committed to giving the best of themselves in thanks to Christ who gave His best for us all. Though the performance lasted but 30 minutes, the hard work bared results in the development of a choral group who sings better musically, technically, spiritually, and most importantly, a choir that is able to communicate to the listener. The Contemporary Singers have become the church choir they deserve to be, and we have lots of fun also.

Our appreciation goes out to our anonymous financial donors who contributed so generously to our presentation, to Stephanie Stark for the beautiful poster advertising the Gospel Mass, to those who worked on all the sound and tech elements of the performance, and to those who moved the organ, piano, handbells and the risers—WHEW! Many thanks to Monika Miura for her wonderful lunches after the Saturday rehearsals and to Fay Hood for her always delicious cookies. We were very blessed to be accompanied by some special vocalists too—Barbara, Freddy, Donald, Dwayne, and our very own Renee Miura. Special thanks to our drummer, Steve, who made us sound so good.

In closing, I'd like to share with you a comment made to me by a long time St. Martin's Member, "The Contemporary Singers and Gospel Mass touched my heart from the first not to the very last note of the work!" Wow! That makes all of our efforts worth it!

To God be the Glory!

— Priscilla



## Worship Matters

### Now What?

At the printing of this newsletter, we are just over a week away from Easter. So now what? After Christmas, we know we have about three or so months until Easter, but here now, Easter is almost done and Christmas is a LONG way off? What will we do with ourselves?

Well, we continue on, celebrating the Resurrection! We indeed have a long Easter season this year (nine weeks in all!), but soon enough will come Pentecost, when we confirm our Confirmation graduates. After that, we celebrate the Holy Trinity, and then we're pretty much into summer, when we've got some new things in the works for you!

Here at St. Martin's, the seasons may come and go, but the work of the Gospel does not stop! See you in church!



## Youth News

### Confirmation Beach Retreat

Pastor Kelly, Dede Heidt and some of our Confirmation parents will be taking our class on retreat, Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2. Pastor will come back for the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The young people will be working on their statements of faith.



### Car Wash

This Summer, an opportunity to celebrate their confirmation and, for others, celebrate their high school graduation while formally transitioning our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school youth program and transitioning our current 6<sup>th</sup> graders into the Confirmation program! In order to cover the cost of this trip, the High School and Middle School Youth will be hosting a Car Wash on Sunday, April 18, 2010. From Easter Sunday until the day of the Car Wash, you can get a ticket from any High School or Middle School Youth. We ask for a \$5 donation for each ticket.

On the Sunday of the Car wash, you'll simply need to put your ticket on your windshield, and during the Sunday school hour, the youth will clean your car! We'll also have hot dogs and soda for a dollar each for lunch.

If you have any old rags, towels sponges or car cleaning products that you don't need, or would like to donate, Corey will be glad to take them off your hands for the car wash! Feel free to bring them to church any Sunday!

### Guiding Light

It's warming up outside!  
 God's creation is blooming, growing and coming back to life after a very cold winter! This month's Guiding Light Gathering will be a nature hike through George Bush park. We'll be learning about some of the wonderful things in nature that God has made, and we'll begin to learn about some ways that we can help protect God's creation for the future! This special gathering will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2010. We'll meet at George Bush Park at 10:30 AM. Please bring a picnic style lunch to be eaten at the park, and dress comfortably. We should end around 2:00pm.



### Save the Date

### St. Martin's VBS June 21–25

Parents and teachers,

Please put this on your calendar. St. Martin's VBS will be the week of June 21; we will be doing a Holy Land Adventure by studying Joseph's journey from prison to palace. We look forward to guiding our youth through Egypt.

Adults, now is the time to be thinking of signing up for this adventure; be one of the leaders on this exciting tour. If you are interested, please see Sally Clesi or Pat Strom.

Pat Strom  
 Director of Christian Education





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Worship with Holy Communion  
 Every Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday School Classes for  
 Children and Adults  
 Every Sunday at 10:45 AM

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### Birthdays

Barbara Badgett	5
Aiden Purgason	7
Don Lamm	8
Linda Blankenship	12
Brittany Peters	13
Russ Reider	13
Jessica Larson	18
Edith Dorfi	19
Jaden Alexander	22
Marie Bostwick	22
Cassie Casteñeda	28
Kiara Casteñeda	28
Kristen Clesi	29
Cheryl Fimbel	29
Meagan Gillar	29
Theresa Kelly	29



Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Anniversaries

Charlie and Sally Clesi (22)	9
Royston and Heidi Singh (12)	9
Molly and Mohammed Jibrin (33)	22

## From the Strom—Tudmon Family

Thank you to our St. Martin's family for the hugs, calls, and cards as we mourned the loss of our mother and Mimi. Your thoughts and prayers comforted us with the love we felt from each of you. A special thank you to those who attended her memorial service; your presence was much appreciated.

Andy and Pat Strom  
 Kristin and James Tudmon



# April 2010

## April Fools! Can you catch it?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Maunday Thursday 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Worship	<b>2</b> Good Friday 10:30am Journey to the Cross (New Hope Lutheran) 1:00pm Meditative Hike/ Guiding Light: Good Friday 7:30pm Service of the Shadows	<b>3</b> 10:00am Handbells
<b>4</b> Easter Sunday 7:00am Sunrise Worship 7:00am Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Festival Worship 9:45am Easter Breakfast 10:15am Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Festival Worship	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Facilities 7:00pm Stephen's Ministers 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Son Shines Singers 7:00pm Contemp. Singers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Grubbers: TBA 10:00am Handbells
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# Worship Team Schedule for April 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Tellers</u>	<u>A/V</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Bread Bakers</u>
<b>April 1</b>						Hildy Warner	
<b>Apr 4 8:30</b>	Rosalie Fontenot Mary Ann Manning	Bob & Janet Metzger	Cassie O'Sullivan Jake Scott	Carl & Arlene Peters	Tony Martinez	Lamona Weaver Saskia Mehlhorn	Lucille Chochran
<b>Apr 4 11:00</b>	Leon & Monika Miura	Cle Edwards Andy Strom	Cassy & Kiara Casteñeda		Tony Martinez		
<b>Apr 11</b>	Hildy Warner Nancy Roth	Freda & Holly Duncan	Brittany Peters Rusty Reider	Keith Johnson	Leon Miura Chris O'Sullivan	Gay Atkinson Phyllis Staskus	Phyllis Staskus
<b>Apr 18</b>	Paul Whitaker John Carlson	Nancy Roth John Carlson	Marcus Caceres Grant Gillar	Joe & LaMona Weaver	Todd Pfenninger Monika Miura	Norma Becker Terri Neill	Linda McClintock
<b>Apr 25</b>	Parlee & Florida Kweekeh	Norma Becker Terrie Neill	Meagan Gillar Delaney Dupree	Harvey & June Jacobson	David Scott Dale Moquist	Janet Metzger Denise Cope	Millie Brown