

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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EPIPHANY LIGHT REVEALS VISION, UNITY, HOSPITALITY

JANUARY 11—EPIPHANY 1 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

BAPTISMAL LIFE

The twelve days of the Christmas festival concluded January 6, **Epiphany Day**. The Christmas Community is transformed, by the liturgical church year, to the Epiphany Community manifesting the "Light of God". The Wise Men, as told by St. Matthew, worship the "Word Made Flesh" bringing gifts reflecting the life to be lived by the Christ child. **January 11**, the **Baptism of our Lord**, incorporates the community of the baptized into the story of salvation for all humanity. The Gethsemane community continues the tradition of *Affirming Life Together In Baptism*.

MISSION VISION TRIP

Many Gethsemane members will be on the border **January 9-11** dedicating the new 3000 square foot sanctuary and community center, new apartment and Michelle's Prayer Garden in Cristo Rey, Piedras Negras, Mexico. Thank you to all who have donated dollars, time and energy to make this ministry possible. New paraments created by **Paul Waller** were dedicated Sunday; thanks also to **James Preece** and **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** for matching funds. Gethsemane website has photos.

2009 SCHEDULE BEGINS

Lori Althaus and **Belinda Malin**, Gethsemane Congregation Council remind students and families the Sunday, **January 11**, will be the beginning of the 2009 Learning Hour. The theme is: "This is Most Certainly True: Living the Catechism". Classes for Pre-K - 6th grade 9:15 a.m.; 7th -adults 9:30 a.m. Begin the new year participating in Sunday Church School.

GETHSEMANE WELCA

Mary/Martha Unit meets Tuesday, **January 13**, Music Room. Program leader, **Sandra Tipton**; Hostess, **Norma Wendlandt** and **Verline Berkman**.

GWELCA Board Tuesday, **January 20**, 6 p.m., Steffans Parlor. **Miriam Unit** 7:30 p.m. **January 20**, Steffans Parlor.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship gathers Tuesday, **January 13**, 7 p.m. Frisco Shop, 6801 Burnet Rd, hosted by **Tom & Kay Rodgers**. All are welcome at the table.

MEN-IN-MISSION

Thanks Gethsemane Men in Mission for the beautiful Christmas tree lighting the hillside outside the Gethsemane sanctuary.

Rusty White, Criminalist with the Trace Evidence Section of the Department of Public Safety, will present to Men-in-Mission Thursday, **January 15**, on crime scene investigation and crime lab analysis. A tour of the DPS Museum will follow. Lunch at Threadgill's. Meet 9 a.m., Music Room, for coffee, donuts, fellowship and the presentation. Sign up on the Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board for a behind-the-scenes look at DPS investigative work.

JANUARY 18—EPIPHANY 2 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EMPHASIS

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHAPLAIN GUEST

Huston-Tillotson University campus pastor **Rev. Donald Brewington** returns to Gethsemane for the Martin Luther King, Jr. emphasis Sunday **Jan. 18**. Through the generosity of Gethsemane members, financial gifts have been given in recent years to the campus ministry of HTU. Rev. Brewington, a graduate of San Houston State University and the Interdenominational Theological Center Morehouse School of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia is an ordained clergy of the United Methodist Church. He served congregations until his call to become HTU campus pastor in 1992. In past years, Huston-Tillotson Uni. students have accompanied Chaplain Brewington to the worship at Gethsemane.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins **Jan. 18**, The Conversion of St. Peter and concludes **Jan. 25**, The Conversion of St. Paul. Gethsemane Lutheran has a historic connection with ecumenical and inter-faith expressions in the Austin community having been a charter member of the **Austin Area Conference of Churches** (Pastor Gronberg served two terms as president of AACC) and the **Austin Area Interreligious Ministries**. Thanks be to the God of the Epiphany story for decades of leadership provided by Gethsemane representing the Reformation/Lutheran tradition with people of faith in the Austin community.

POVERTY TASK FORCE

The **ELCA Southwestern Texas Synod Poverty Task Force School of Mission** course on poverty awareness entitled "Our Faith and the Poverty Issue" hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran 9 am-3:30 pm, Sat., **Jan. 17**. The course is designed around the books, What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty by Bill Ehlig & Ruby Payne and Ending Poverty: A 20/20 Vision by Nancy Maeker & Peter Rogness. Fee: \$25 (includes lunch). Make checks payable to Southwestern Texas Synod. Contact Mary Lou Newman at ralls-newman@sbcglobal.net.

MLK, JR. WALK

Monday, **January 19**, Gethsemane members join people from the Austin community in the annual walk commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Contact Pastor Gronberg indicating your participation.

WANGERIN TO SPEAK

Gethsemane members are invited by Texas Lutheran University to hear award winning author **Walter Wangerin, Jr.** 7 p.m. **January 21**, Jackson Auditorium. Wangerin has worked as a university professor, "Lutheran Vespers" radio program announcer, pastor inner-city congregation, writer for "The Lutheran" author of 40 books. Contact Pastor Gronberg for information.

JANUARY 25 — EPIPHANY 3 ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

EPIPHANY HOSPITALITY

The fourth Sunday in January is designated by **Lutherans Concerned/North America**, the ecumenical community and Gethsemane Lutheran, as *Welcoming Sunday*. Along with other welcoming congregations in the Austin community and throughout the nation, this Sunday emphasizes the Epiphany message of welcome/hospitality for all persons regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity. Thanks Gethsemane for being a Reconciling in Christ congregational community—All are welcome; everyone is beloved of God!

PILGRIM TRAVEL

Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls with 32 travelers leave for Australia and New Zealand **January 25**. The Gethsemane community keeps them in prayer.

GLCM THANKS

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry expresses thanks for congregational support in 2008. Many improvements were made in 2008 with others anticipated in 2009. Particular appreciation is expressed to the **Carl C. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation** for the grant supporting this ministry to children and families. With the 2008 grant renewal, **Pastor Gronberg, Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist** and **Dar Krenek** will continue ministries commenced and develop new opportunities. Thanks also to **Brant & Kristen Parker** and the **Parker family** for the recent gift of office furniture. The GLCM January Newsletter available in the narthex.

GIFT OF FAITH

Pastor Gronberg announced Sunday past that an anonymous gift to the Gethsemane Endowment Fund, in honor of the donors son and family, enables Gethsemane children ages 1-6 years to receive a subscription to "The Little Lutheran" or "The Little Christian". Thanks to Gethsemane members committed to nurturing children in the faith of the church. For more information speak with **Belinda Malin** or Pastor Gronberg.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Eleven Gethsemane youth attended Southwestern Texas Synod ELCA Senior High Youth Gathering, Theme: "Divine Design", December 28-30, Corpus Christi: **Colby Chandrasoma, Kallie Crawford, Carson Domel, Carrie Eubank, Kevin Eubank, Tyler Kuenast, Ross Malin, Craig McConaughy, David Riley, Evan Spielvogel, Don Jung**. Thanks to adult sponsors **Dar Joy Krenek** and **Ken Malin**.

The Living Word Lutheran youth, an ELCA congregation in Buda, sent a picture from the Global Mission event expressing thanks for Gethsemane providing transportation, from the Pastoral Benevolent Fund, for their trip. **Pastor Lori Ruge-Jones** serves the congregation.

VISION MISSION TRIP—JANUARY 10-11
MLK JR, WALK—JANUARY 19
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY—JANUARY 25

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Debra Rodgers-Pitts, Lloydine Vinyard**, co-chairpersons, **Sylvia Driskell, Kay Goodlow, Sharon Gronberg, Daisy Horton, Kay Rodgers, Jerry Vinyard**.

December Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of the baptism of **Elijah Luke** by **Chris & Sarah Crenshaw**; in honor of **Elisabeth Kihlberg**, President of SWEA, by **Ingrid Edlund-Berry**; in honor of **Ron & Joyce Kingsbury** and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by the **John Kingsbury family**; in gratitude for the founders of Gethsemane Lutheran Church December 12, 1868 and for 140 years of word and sacrament ministry by the 2008 Gethsemane Lutheran Congregation Council: **Lori Althaus, Alan Bergstrom, Michael Candeh, Babs Chandrasoma, Stephen Greinert, Karyn Jensen, Marilyn Ketteman, Kevin Kubiak, Dean Lundquist, Belinda Malin, Chuck Rice, Ron Tigie**; in loving memory of **LaRue Olson** by **Donna & family**; in celebration of **Becky's** 21st birthday by the **Rippy Family**; in celebration of birthdays: **Hannah** and her Grandmother, **Evelyn Jurgens**, by the **Jurgens Family**; in celebration of the church birthday, baptism anniversary December 24, 2006 of **Nathaniel David Allen** by the **Allen Family**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Lamar A. Hokanson, Richard Q. Holifield, Louie W. White, Willie Kocurek**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Sandy Jones, NAMC, Bill Corbell, St. Davids Rehab**—remember in prayer...**THANKS TO:** **Gethsemane musicians** for beautiful music during the Twelve Day Christmas Festival; 2008 Santa Lucias: **Elisabeth Pounds, Sara Eames, Erin Feller, Samantha Sommerfeld**—you brought the Christmas light; **Inez Rice** for Christmas Apples given in honor of **Jennifer & Chuck's** 9th wedding anniversary and her new grandbaby due July 2009; **Timothy Huston, Stephanie** and **Samuel** for preparing Christmas eve apples; the **Christianson/Tharp family** for poinsettias in Gethsemane Garden in loving memory of **Ann Christianson Tharp, Clemens & Margaret Blomquist Christianson**; **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission** for the beautiful outdoor Christmas tree; Chancel Christmas Decorating Coordinators **Sharon Gronberg, Alvina Sassman, Debbie Rodgers-Pitts** assisted by **George Creager, Martin Gonzales, Juan Gonzales Joel Gronberg, Gat Rodgers, Ron Tigie**; Gethsemane College Students: **Josh Goodlow, Brian Gornik, Joel Gronberg, Will Jurgens, Christa McConaughy, Ben Pounds, Becky Rippy, Amanda Schnelle, Angela Schnelle, Jeremy Ullrich, Price**

Vetter—Pray for students as they return to their studies; **Gethsemane Mabel Ekman Foundation** support of pastoral/congregational ministries...**THANKS FROM:** **Gail Tigie, Pearl Rodgers, Stanley & Verline Berkman, Alford Johnson, Sandy Jones, George Wendlandt, Virginia Marek, Gloria Cooper, Bill Corbell, Oliver & Agnes Nelson, Evelyn Haight, Blake & Julie Bergstrom, Billy Peel, Mabel Krennek, John Fort, Miriam Dworin**, the family of **Lamar Hokanson**, the family of **Richard Q. Holifield, Greg Johnson, Sheryl Johnson Hatfield** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Texas Lutheran University** for Gethsemane financial support/ Honor Roll of Donors; **T.A. Brown Elementary** for Christmas gifts...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Diana Dworin** article/monthly feature in The Lutheran; **Kimberly Corbell** nominated for the Southwestern Texas Synod Bishop's Award; **Thom Prentice** letter to editor of The Lutheran; **Yousif & Lizzy Titus Seedham** married; **Will Jurgens** Eagle Scout award; **Joel Gronberg, Amanda Schnelle, Angela Schnelle** Provost's List Texas Lutheran University; **Umid Azamov**, (Gronberg family) State of Texas Engineer in Training exam passed "with honors"—Gethsemane rejoices with young people as they live their faith...**FUTURE DATES: Feb. 1 Congregational meeting**, following 10:30 worship, **Souper Bowl of Caring**.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 10

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
 10 a.m. Crop Walk Mtg. (FUMC)
 12 noon Cristo Rey dedication, Piedras Negras
 5-9:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

SUNDAY, Jan. 11 - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
 8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
 5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, January 12

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, January 13

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (Music Rm)
 1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Frisco Shop-6801 Burnet)

WEDNESDAY, January 14

Midweek Connections — see center column
 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Narthex)

THURSDAY, January 15

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour
 5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, January 16

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, January 17

9:00 a.m. Poverty Workshop
 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

WEDNESDAY

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

All ages are invited to share in evenings of learning, play, fellowship, fun and worship

January 14—February 18

11:00 am "Luther Reflections" with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle
 12 noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) MPR
 6:00-8:45 Child Care available
 6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
 6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
 6:15-7:10 "Hunger for Healing", Bohls, Doerfler
 6:15-7:10 "Family Talk" with Jim Riley
 7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
 7:30-8:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

SUNDAY, January 18—EPIPHANY 2

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
 8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

MONDAY, Jan. 19—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Children's Ministry Closed
 9:00 a.m. MLK walk (UT-Austin)
 10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, January 20

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (T-F)
 10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
 1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

6:00 p.m. GWELCA Board (Parlor)
 7:30 p.m. GWELCA Miriam Unit (Parlor)
 7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, January 21

Midweek Connections — see center column

THURSDAY, January 22

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, January 23

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, January 24

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, January 25 - Epiphany 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
 8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

MONDAY, January 26

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)
 7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)

TUESDAY, January 27

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, January 28

Midweek Connections — see center column

THURSDAY, January 29

FRIDAY, January 30

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, January 31

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

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CONGREGATION MEETING EXPRESSES COMMITMENTS

FEBRUARY 1 — EPIPHANY 4

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; St. Mark 1:21-28

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Practice the Prayer"

"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

Gethsemane Youth Ministry joins with thousands of youth around the nation February 1st in a "Super Bowl of Caring" fighting hunger and poverty in local communities. This unique, youth-led movement is transforming the nation's biggest weekend of football into the largest weekend of giving. Please give a gift of coins, dollars, checks, non-perishable canned items for the Gethsemane Food Pantry. Join Gethsemane youth in making a difference. \$10 million and canned goods collected nationwide in 2008. Gethsemane youth will be at the sanctuary doors holding bowls following the morning liturgies. Thanks Gethsemane youth for glorifying God and blessing others.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Gethsemane Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 1, following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Men in Mission will provide a pasta and salad meal. Donations for the meal will support our Gethsemane youth to help cover expenses for their trip to the 2009 National Youth Gathering this summer.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Join the growing list of committed Christians who are working together across North America to foster the expansion of the welcoming church movement! In order to increase the number of faith-based communities which openly welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, this training supports the formation of Core Teams for action throughout as many denominations and geographic areas as possible. **February 6-8**, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (San Antonio, Texas). Sponsored by Lutherans Concerned/North America. For more information and to register, go to www.lcna.org/rictraining_2009-02-06.shtml

"BACK TO THE FUTURE"

Lutheran adults gather at Christ Lutheran, 510 Luther Drive Georgetown, Saturday, **February 7** for SeniorFest 2009, learning, devotions, and fellowship. Keynote speaker: Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor of Ancient History Western Michigan University. For more information contact **Paul Howe** 512-864-2281 or paulhowe@aol.com. Scholarships available for Gethsemane members through the **Carl C. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation** grant.

FEBRUARY 8 — EPIPHANY 5

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; St. Mark 1:29-39

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Splash in the Spirit"

PILGRIMS RETURN

Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls and Gethsemane staff member **Dar Krenek** return with their fellow travelers: **Susan Bailey, Christine Berkland, Philip Berkland, Donna Blalock, Rebecca Boyer, Nita Branch, Val Eggert, Janelle Hebbe, Carolyn Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Donna Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Dale Kaulfus, Jo Nita Kaulfus, Sharon Kite, Jack Kriens, Nancy Kronbergs, Paul Kronbergs, Nancy Murray, Robert Murray, Mary Lou Newman, Terry Newman, Donna Olson, Adelle Rolls, Loretta Smith, Patricia Steger, Jean Stewart, Joyce Stewart, Don Swenson, Georganna Swenson, Margo Woollven** Wednesday, **February 11** following eighteen days exploring Australia and New Zealand. The Gethsemane community is grateful for this "world experience" ministry. The "pilgrims" received ceramic crosses prayerfully made by Gethsemane members **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman** reminding them of the presence of God in all their travels. Their Journey Prayer: "God, bless to me this day, God bless to me this night; Bless, O bless, Thou God of grace, Each day and hour of my life; Bless, O bless, thou God of grace, Each day and hour of my life. Gethsemane Lutheran staff and congregants pray each day for these friends as they grow in community and the wonder of God's creation.

LSSS EXPRESSES THANKS

Konne Gregg, Director of Social Work for International Programs, Lutheran Social Services of South expressed gratitude to **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and Gethsemane congregation for partnership. She writes: "I want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the LSSS adoptive families; the location and facilities of Gethsemane are ideal and you have always been generous to make them available to us. We value the relationship of our agency with Gethsemane Lutheran looking forward to many more years of collaboration." (The entire letter is posted on the narthex bulletin board.)

"Make a Difference Gala" Saturday, **February 14**, 5-11 p.m. celebrates a decade of love and support for the abused and neglected girls of New Life Children's Center. The 2009 gala will be held at the Austin Music Hall in the heart of downtown with **Kelly Willis** and **Bruce Robison** as the featured artists. May God continue to bless the good work of the Lutheran Social Services of the South.

FEBRUARY 15 — EPIPHANY 6

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; St. Mark 1:40-45

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, with mercy you look upon our weaknesses. Stretch out your wondrous hand to protect us from danger and restore us to health, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Splash in the Spirit"

GWELCA SUNDAY

Gethsemane celebrates the ministry of the **Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** on **February 15**. GWELCA women read lessons, serve communion, usher and greet. Homily given by **Diana Dworin**. A luncheon of soup and salad will be served following 10:30 worship.

CHARITIES HIGHLIGHTED

Twenty six Austin charities benefit from the 2009 **Austin Marathon Feb. 15**. This is the second year selected charities have received support from the marathon and half marathon. The Austin philanthropy program seeks to raise community awareness of the important work of these charities. **Pastor Karl Gronberg, Pastor, Erik Gronberg** and Gethsemane members and friends have registered for the run. Keep the charities and the runners in your prayers.

MEN-IN-MISSION

February 19 Men-in-Mission tour the ERCOT's Taylor Control Center (TCC) in Taylor, Texas. The TCC manages the flow of electric power within most of Texas. The tour departing 9:15 a.m. will offer the opportunity to see the control room which operates all of this amazing power grid. Lunch at Louie Mueller Barbecue, returning to Gethsemane around 2:20 p.m. Sign up on Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

Tri-Synod Men-in-Mission Assembly hosted by Triumphant Love Lutheran **Feb. 20 & 21**. The assembly will consist of social gatherings, services and a variety of workshops designed to discuss options for Men in Mission activities, projects and programs. Cost: \$40.00 per person. Contact **Jack Westerman** for information.

GLCM RECOGNITION

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry has been recognized once again for their quality work with a \$1,500 grant from **WorkSource Childcare Solutions**. The grant has been given previously to GLCM for maintaining a Four Star rating through the Texas Rising Star program. These funds are being used for book and paper racks, rug, sand & water table, bean bag and other items for the classrooms. Gethsemane expresses gratitude to the Leadership Team and staff for their faithful ministry to children and families.

GLCM recently purchased four new computers for the office and teacher workroom. Board Member, **Anne Gentle** was instrumental in ordering and setting up the computers.

The GLCM Advisory Board and Leadership Team of **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek** and **Pastor Karl Gronberg** were informed as to needed upgrades to ensure the safety of the children and bring the education building and education wing "up to code". These upgrades included installation of emergency exit lights, fire wall/doors and a fire alarm system. Gethsemane member, **Brad Jensen** from Trimbuilt Construction is coordinating the project.



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God's work. Our hands.

**“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING”—FEB. 1
 PILGRIMS RETURN — FEBRUARY 11
 GWELCA SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 15**

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Inez Rice**, All members co-chairpersons: **Jeanette Buehring, Jennifer Rice, Daniel Holmstrom, Glenda Holmstrom, Denise Lackey, Alice Mueller, Anne Roefer, Adelle Rolls, Ken & Linda Schulz, Anthony & Sharon Venza**.

January Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of **Jonathan** on his 19th birthday by the **Swening Family**; in loving memory of **Ed** by **Viola Hall**; in memory and gratitude for the life of **Martin Luther King, Jr.** renewer of society, martyr and those people of faith “having lived the dream of justice and equality for all people” by the 2009 Gethsemane Lutheran community.; in loving memory of our cousin **Anna-Lena Olsson** of Fiadie, Sweden by **John & Ingrid Berry**; in honor of **Katey Malin** and in celebration of her 10th birthday by **Ken, Belinda, Ross, Harley and Denver**; in celebration of **Marilyn’s** birthday by **Gordon, Ben and Jeff Ketteman**.

Sign up for altar/chancel flowers. Cost: \$35-altar, \$25 chancel. Sign up in the narthex. Altar Guild needs large coffee/juice cans for flower delivery.

GETHSEMANE HOSTS

Gethsemane Lutheran has a history of supporting Lutheran Higher Education. Gethsemane members are informed as to the ELCA colleges and universities and Gethsemane youth are encouraged to consider enrollment at an ELCA college. Gethsemane will continue the tradition of hosting colleges/university musical groups on Monday, **March 16** when the **Augsburg College**

Choir directed by **Dr. Peter Hendrickson** will be in concert. Dr. Hendrickson has played the Gethsemane organ for worship and weddings. He is brother to Gethsemane member **Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg**, an Augsburg alum. Gethsemane member **Rhia Gronberg** is a graduate of Augsburg College. Persons interested in housing choir members or assisting with the evening meal may speak with Pastor Karl Gronberg. Plan to welcome the Augsburg College choir to Gethsemane March 16.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor Karl Gronberg and **Pastor Susan Schnelle** recently participated in continuing education opportunities. Pastor Gronberg attended the 2009 Tri-Synodical Theological Leadership Conference “This Good Earth” held in Arlington, TX hosted by the North Texas-North Louisiana Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Schnelle attended the “No Longer Strangers: Ministry in the 21st Century” multicultural ministry conference in Dallas, TX along with folks from the three Texas synods, Oklahoma synod and the Multicultural Ministry Unit of the ELCA.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **LaVerne Neal, Alan Paylor, Ronald Wayne Pearson, Agnes Lundstedt**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Bill Corbell**, St. Davids MC; **Oliver Nelson, Keith Maixner**, Seton MC—remember in prayer...**THANKS TO:** **Joann Rees** caring for acolytes, crucifer, communion assistants robes; **Don Roefer** for gifts of crosses and for removing and

installing bulletin boards in Education wing; Gethsemane participants in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. walk-pictures in the narthex...**THANKS FROM:** **Waymon Kendall, Sandy Jones, Jeanette Buehring, Mary Jo Hindman, Alvina Traugott, Helen Enders, Gladys Hanson, Oliver Nelson, Flo Laubach, Don Franz, James Gardner, Virginia Marek, Max Helsel, Mildred Melber, Alice Rabideau, Evelyn Canby, Keith Maixner, Gratia Winship** for prayers, Altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Merry Mixers Square Dance Club** for 40th anniversary dance in the MPR; **Vasa Lodge, Sons of Norway** for use of MPR; **Poverty Task Force, Southwestern Texas Synod** for Gethsemane hosting event; **Alyssa Woodley** and **Megan Jones** for support of Girl Scouts with cookie purchases; **Heatherwilde** for monthly chapel services led in January by **Tom & Kay Rodgers, Erik Svenkerud, Daniel Holmstrom** and **Pastor Karl Gronberg**—thank you notes on narthex bulletin board...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Khem & Pim Saythongkham** on recent marriage—a celebration will be held at Gethsemane in the future; **Becky Rippy**, 2008 McCoy College of Business Administration Dean’s List, Texas State University; **Tracy & Steve McKee** birth of **Myles Cash McKee, Mary Lou & Terry Newman** proud grandparents...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Shelbie Simmons**, former Gethsemane organist...**FUTURE DATES:** **Annual Retreat for the Gethsemane Family** at beautiful Camp Chrysalis near Kerrville **February 28-29**. Sign up brochures in the narthex or <http://www.gethsemaneustin.org/communication.htm>.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 31

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, February 1—EPIPHANY 4

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
 8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
 Noon Congregational Meal/Annual Mtg

MONDAY, February 2

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry (M-F)
 6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, February 3

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Berkland Home)
 6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, February 4

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS — see center column
 7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, February 5

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:00 p.m. Ostomy Assn of Austin (Music Rm)

FRIDAY, February 6

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, February 7

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, February 8—EPIPHANY 5

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
 8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
 8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade

**WEDNESDAY
 MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS**

All ages are invited to share in evenings of learning, play, fellowship, fun and worship
January 14—February 18
 11:00 am “Luther Reflections” with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle
 12 noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 5:30–6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) MPR
 6:00–8:45 Child Care available
 6:00–7:10 Children’s activities (MPR)
 6:15–7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
 6:15–7:10 “Hunger for Healing”, Bohls, Doerfler
 6:15–7:10 “Family Talk” with Jim Riley
 7:15–7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:30–7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
 7:45–8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult
 10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, February 9

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, February 10

9:30 p.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
 1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

WEDNESDAY, February 11

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS — see center column
 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Narthex)

THURSDAY, February 12

FRIDAY, February 13

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, February 14

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
 6:30 p.m. LSSS “Make a Difference”

**SUNDAY, February 15 - Epiphany 6
 WELCA SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
 8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult
 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
 10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, February 16 - President’s Day

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry
 10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, February 17

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
 1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, February 18

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS — see center column
 11:30 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

THURSDAY, February 19

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Fellowship/Tour (MR)

FRIDAY, February 20

9:00 a.m. GLCM Vission/Hearing Test (Parlor)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, February 21

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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FESTIVAL SEASON ENDS: LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS

FEBRUARY 22

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; St. Mark 9:2-9

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Most Certainly True: Living the Catechism-Splash in the Spirit"

Art, games, drama/storytelling, food for PreK-6th grade. ELCA Global Mission support with Sunday Church School offering given to the global mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. 2009 ELCA Global Formation Events October 2-3, Katy, Texas; Oct. 30-31, Lincoln Nebraska; Nov. 13-14, Olympia, Washington. For information speak to **Belinda Malin** or **Lori Althaus** of the Gethsemane Congregation Council.

BAPTISMS

The baptized community concludes, on the Transfiguration Festival, the Christmas-Epiphany cycle. The annual Lenten journey to Holy Week commences Ash Wednesday. The alleluias are sung this Sunday for the final time until Resurrection morning. The Festival season has revealed the wonder, mystery and light of Jesus proclaimed by the Christmas/Epiphany community. **Phoebe Elizabeth Herbert**, enrolled in GLCM, infant daughter of **Jeff Herbert** and **Stacia Crescenzi**; **Trevin Charles Joseph Candeh**, infant son of **Michael & Tiffany Lee Candeh** will be baptized into the Epiphany community receiving the eternal promise. Alleluia!

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran monthly ministers on the fourth Sunday to the residents of Heatherwilde with a worship of hymns, scripture, meditation and eucharist. Thanks to **Tom & Kay Rodgers** for coordination.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Senior High Youth lunch together followed by bowling **February 22**. All youth are invited to participate with their families in the **Feb. 28-March 1** retreat. **Confirmants** meet during Lent Wednesday evenings, 6:15 p.m., following soup supper.

PANCAKE FEAST

The Gethsemane tradition of eating pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday "Fat Tuesday"**, the day before Ash Wednesday with **Viola Hall** preparing pancakes **Feb. 24**, 12 noon. **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission** serve pancakes 5:30-7 p.m. Tickets available for the Traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper served by men. Enjoy the fellowship and delicious pancake and sausage meal, as everyone prepare for the Lenten fast. Tickets: Adults - \$4, Children Under 10 - \$2 available in the narthex Sunday. Profits support Gethsemane youth attending the July, 2009 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. "Feast" prior to the Lenten fasting Season.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent commences Ash Wed., **Feb. 25** with the Christian faithful receiving ashes and meditating at the Gethsemane altar 7-8 a.m., 11:30 to noon, 5:30-7 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, **March 4**, 11 a.m. Lenten Study on the book, **The Word of the Cross in a World of Glory** by **Phil Ruge Jones** with **Pastors Bohls** and **Schnelle**. 6 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Midweek Connections soup offered by **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel**, children activities, confirmation and adult conversations 6 p.m.

MARCH 1 — LENT 1

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; St. Mark 1:9-15

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Most Certainly True: Living the Catechism"

CONGREGATION RETREAT

The 27th annual **Gethsemane Retreat** will be **February 28—March 1**, Lutheran Camp Chrysalis in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Saturday noon to Sunday noon, retreaters will enjoy a slice of heaven under the theme "*Bread for the Journey*." Please sign up in the church office or <http://www.gethsemane.austin.org/communication.htm> by **February 23**.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Darla Elam, Diane Streeter, Dianne Dietz, Deanie Martinets, Peggy Horton serve as the GWELCA Leadership Team. For questions and information regarding Gethsemane women contact them. Thanks for their leadership to congregation., synod and ELCA.

GWELCA Work Night Tuesday, **February 24**. Plan to eat pancakes then go downstairs to the Music Room to work on School Bags for Lutheran World Relief.

Monday evenings **March 2-May 4** (no classes March 16 & April 6), Gethsemane women study **Anita Diamant's** novel **The Red Tent**. You may purchase this book at any local book store. Join us as we explore and reflect on the life and times of Old Testament women led by **Pastor Schnelle**.

CROP WALK FOR ALL AGES

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty 31st annual **Austin CROP Walk of Church World Service** Sat., **March 7**, 9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. walk and Sunday **March 8** 1:45 p.m. registration, 2:30 p.m. walk. Gethsemane Lutheran has participated in every CROP walk. Plan to make this event a Lenten discipline-walking for the hungry of the world. In 2008 over 2,000 walkers raised \$139,000 for the hungry around the world and in Austin, Texas. Pick up your packet in the narthex-find people to sponsor your walk. Thanks to **Virginia Marek** and **Jim Riley** for coordination. "WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK"

LSM ANNUAL MEETING

The **Lutheran Sunset Ministries Corporation** Annual meeting 3 p.m. Sunday, **March 8**, in the chapel of the new Sunset Home. Gethsemane Lutheran is a corporation member congregation. The Gethsemane Lutheran **Mabel Ekman Foundation** has assisted the former President/CEO with financial grants to Lutheran senior adults. Plans are to continue this relationship with the new president/CEO.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

The **Sanctuary Choir** is looking for new members (or returning) to help fill our ranks. Rehearsals 7:40 p.m.—8:40 p.m. Wednesdays in the Music Room. No audition necessary. Call Ann Moeller at 331-9715 for information.

MARCH 8 — LENT 2

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; St. Mark 8:31-38

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Most Certainly True: Living the Catechism-Splash in the Spirit"

Art, games, drama/storytelling, food for PreK-6th grad Sunday Church School offering given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

GLCM NEWS

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry will provide childcare during Spring Break week, March 16-20 for children currently enrolled in kindergarten. Children may be enrolled for \$150 for the week or \$30 per day. The week will be filled with a fun program and special activities.

The new fire alarm system in the education wing and building to meet Austin Fire Department code has been installed. Thanks to Gethsemane member, **Brad Jensen** and Trimbuilt Construction, for coordinating installation of emergency lights, exit signs, fire alarm and fire wall/doors. These improvements reflect the priority of Gethsemane Lutheran and the GLCM staff and for advisory board for the safety of the children, staff and family members. GLCM's ongoing Fundraising Projects: Paper Retriever (recycling)—bring newspapers, magazines, junk mail, computer paper, etc. to the paper retriever-south parking; Randalls Good Neighbor—link your card #1588, Scrip Cards—either place an order or see what GLCM has "on-hand;" remember the annual GLCM Golf Tournament April 26, 2009. Contact GLCM office, 339-6335, for information.

CONCERTS

Gethsemane Lutheran has a history of supporting Lutheran Higher Education. Gethsemane members are informed as to the ELCA colleges and universities and Gethsemane youth are encouraged to consider enrollment at an ELCA college. Gethsemane will continue the tradition of hosting colleges/university musical groups on Monday, **March 16** when the **Augsburg College Choir** directed by **Dr. Peter Hendrickson** will be in concert. Dr. Hendrickson has played the Gethsemane pipe organ for worship and weddings. He is brother to Gethsemane member **Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg**, an Augsburg alum, along with Gethsemane member **Rhia Gronberg**. Persons interested in housing choir members or assisting with the evening meal may speak with Sharon or Pastor Karl Gronberg. Plan to welcome the Augsburg College choir to Gethsemane Lutheran, Monday March 16.

The **Nordic Choir** of Luther College Decorah, Iowa presents a concert Wed., **March 25**, 8:15 p.m. St. Martin's Lutheran. Tickets: \$18 adults; \$10 students.

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Ash Wednesday
February 25
Imposition of Ashes



CONGREGATION RETREAT—FEB 28-MARCH 1

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY—FEB. 22

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES—FEB. 24

IN MEMORY

Waymon J. Kendall, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism Saturday, February 7, 2009. Waymon enjoyed his life of faith within the Gethsemane Lutheran community participating in worship and Men-in-Mission. Along with his beloved wife Margaret, he enjoyed time with his family and friends. A memorial liturgy celebrating his life was held Wednesday, February 11. Gethsemane congregation extends Christian love to the children and grandchildren. The words of scripture bring the eternal promise: "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, or anything in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8: 38

Blessed be the memory of Waymon Kendall

TRAVEL MINISTRY

34 folks have just returned from New Zealand and Australia and now plans are underway for September, 2010 with a trip to the Oberammergau "Passion Play" that has been going on since 1634. The play is presented every ten years. Also the group will visit Vienna, Salzburg, the Swiss Alps, and southern Germany. Pastor Bohls has brochures available.

MEN-IN-MISSION

Men-in-Mission tour the relocated Concordia University Texas campus on Thursday, **March 19**. See the exciting new home of Concordia on FM 620 and hear about the expanded vision and mission of a landmark school founded in Austin in 1926. The Fellowship hour with coffee and donuts begins at 9:00 AM in the Music Room. Lunch follows tour.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Frances Pearl Jackson Rodgers, Patrick Honeycutt, John Henry Kavanaugh, Richard Brock, Sr.** may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light...**THANKS TO:** **Midweek Connections** Winter Term (Jan. 14-Feb. 18) leaders; **Gat Rodgers** coordinating with the Care Communities "Team Gethsemane" for ministry to the terminally ill; **Kim Baker** and **Martin Gonzales** for new door closers and painting of outside doors; **Gethsemane women** for worship leadership WELCA Sunday; **KXAN-TV** for gift to Gethsemane of three HP laser jet printers...**THANKS FROM:** **Lucille Tipton, Laura Riddell, Tom Rodgers, Kelly Rose Landers, David Skoglund, Don Juan Contreras, Steven Hibbs, Mimi Raven, Merlin Dunahoo, Doris Smith, Inez Rice,**

James & Harriet Gardner, Paulette Akers, June Stuckey, Gwen Lindgren, Carolyn Christianson Lahtinen, Alford Johnson, Debbie Mason, Roxann Lagow, Ron Kingsbury, Barbara Van Niel for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Lutheran Social Services of the South** for adoption placement services led by Pastor Karl Gronberg; **North Central Caregivers-Faith in Action** for Gethsemane exceeding 2008 pledge by \$200; the families of **Pearl Jackson Rodgers** and **Waymon J. Kendall** for ministry at the time of their loss...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Dan Dworin** in Austin Lyric Opera production Rigoletto; **Lester & Lois Johnson** for ministry with Muscular Dystrophy Association; **John Kingsbury** recognized by Boy Scouts of America with the **Whitney M. Young Jr.** Service Award for his "devoted service to the Boy Scout Venturing Crew 39 Webb Middle School"; **Umid Azimov**, inducted into "Order of the Engineer, UT-Austin Cockrell School of Engineering and acceptance into Master of Science in Engineering graduate school UT-Austin; **John & Ingrid Edlund-Berry, Pastor Erik Gronberg, Joel Gronberg, Pastor Karl Gronberg** completing Austin Marathon/Half Marathon...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Gethsemane Pilgrims** in Australia and New Zealand; **Lucy Speaker Grant.**

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, February 21

8:00 a.m. Stride and Ride (Barton Creek Square)
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
2:00 p.m. Memorial liturgy (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, February 22—TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Liturgy
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Baptism

Transfiguration Sunday Liturgy
12 Noon Senior High Lunch/Bowling
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service
2:00 p.m. Austin Groups for Elderly (AGE Bldg.)

MONDAY, February 23

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)

TUESDAY, February 24—Shrove Tuesday

12 noon Shrove Tuesday Pancakes (MPR)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancakes (MPR)
6:30 p.m. GWELCA Work Night (Music Rm)

WEDNESDAY, February 25—Ash Wednesday

7-8 a.m. Imposition of Ashes
11:30 a.m.-Noon Imposition of Ashes
12 Noon Eucharist (Sanctuary)
5:30-7 p.m. Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, February 26

FRIDAY, February 27

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, February 28

GETHSEMANE Family Retreat (Camp Chrysalis)

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
5:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUNDAY, March 1—LENT 1

GETHSEMANE Family Retreat (Camp Chrysalis)

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)
8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult
10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy/Baptism (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, March 2

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
6:00 p.m. Women's study (Music Room)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Mtg (Steffans Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, March 3

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Health & School Kits (MR)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, March 4

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Steffans Parlor)
12 Noon Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich (narthex)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, March 5

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

FRIDAY, March 6

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
9:30 a.m. CWU World Day of Prayer (Covenant P.C.)

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, March 7

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, March 8 - Epiphany 6

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

CROP WALK

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8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult
10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, March 9

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
6:00 p.m. Women's study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, March 10

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, March 11

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Steffans Parlor)
12 Noon Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich (narthex)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, March 12

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, March 13

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, March 14

WELCA Austin Conference Event (Faith Luth.)
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 11, 2009

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2009 LENTEN THEME: "BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY

MARCH 15 — LENT 3

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; St. John 2:13-22

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
LEARNING HOUR THEME:
"Sabbath: Taking time in God's Honor"**

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Spring Break service event **March 16** 9:30-Noon. Sr. & Jr. work in food pantry/clothes closet. Bring nonperishable food item to donate. Lunch included.

The annual **Gethsemane Musical Dinner Theater, May 2 & 3**. Be entertained by amazing talented youth & original musical production by Gethsemane's own **Lane Holmstrom**.

A recent article in the Austin American Statesman quoted **Norm Jones**, Texas Lutheran University vice-president for enrollment services that students academically qualified to attend the University of Texas-Austin or Texas A&M University are eligible for a TLU academic scholarship equal to the cost of attending either of the state flagship universities. The scholarship is available to first-time freshman and transfer students having been offered admission at either UT-Austin or A&M meeting TLU admission requirements. Senior High youth-hit the books! Scholarships available!

SEMINARIAN THANKS

For two years, **Joan Iker** has been a Lutheran Seminary of the Southwest student. A resident of Oklahoma, Joan has participated in the worship life/ministries of Gethsemane. She has worked with the Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet. Gethsemane has assisted Joan with financial gifts to help with seminary expenses. LSPSW has chosen to "suspend the Master of Divinity program effective at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year." This decision necessitates Joan transferring to another ELCA seminary. Joan has thanked Pastor Karl Gronberg "for his mentoring spirit and the financial support of Gethsemane Lutheran". She will be a guest on Austin Faith Dialogue, Sunday **March 15** 8 a.m. KNVA 54, cable 12, along with Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest senior student **Freda-Marie Brown**. Thanks Gethsemane for supporting ELCA seminaries and students preparing to be pastors.

AUGSBURG COLLEGE CHOIR

Monday, **March 16, 7 p.m.** Gethsemane Lutheran hosts the **Augsburg College Choir** directed by **Dr. Peter Hendrickson**. Peter is brother to Gethsemane members **Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg**, uncle to **Rhia Gronberg** both Augsburg alums. Persons interested in housing choir members or assisting with the evening meal may speak with Sharon or Pastor Gronberg. Plan to welcome the Augsburg College choir to Gethsemane. A free will offering will be received.

MARCH 22 — LENT 4

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; St. John 3:14-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
LEARNING HOUR THEME:
"Divine Design"
ELCA THANKS**

Thank You
Gethsemane Lutheran -Austin, Texas
from the
Southwestern Texas Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
for faithful giving in 2008
to synod and church wide ministries.
Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop
Ray Teemann, Synod Bishop
"God's Work. Our Hands"

The Christian stewards of Gethsemane Lutheran/Austin generously gave in 2008 over \$55,000 to the following ministries: monthly benevolence, World Hunger Appeal, Texas Lutheran University, Lutheran Sunset Ministries, Global Mission, synod wide events plus gifts to Gethsemane Pastoral Local Benevolence Fund, Border Mission, Salvation Army, North Central Care Givers, Huston-Tillotson University, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries.

In his book *Generous People*, **Dr. Eugene Grimm**, ELCA stewardship staff, says this about stewardship as a faith response. "People know that giving their money is a spiritual response to God's gift of salvation. Giving liberally is a direct consequence of commitment to Christ. Christian stewardship is a spiritual matter. The writer of 1 John declares: *We love because Christ first loved us.* (4:19). *We know how to express Christian love because we give to express our appreciation to God for the greatest gift of all - the gift of our redemption.*" Thanks *Gethsemane for faithful stewardship.*

MEN-IN-MISSION

Men-in-Mission tour the relocated **Concordia University Texas** campus Thursday, **March 19**. See the new home of Concordia on FM 620—hear about the expanded vision/mission of the school founded in 1926. Oasis Restaurant for a lunch overlooking Lake Travis. 9 a.m. Music Room fellowship with "mates" **Pastor Bohls, Curtis Johnson, Jack Kriens, Terry Newman, Don Swenson** recently returned from "down under" talking about Australia and New Zealand experiences. Tour departs 10 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR

The **Nordic Choir of Luther College** Decorah, Iowa concert Wednesday, **March 25**, 8:15 p.m. St. Martin's Lutheran Tickets: \$18 adults; \$10 students.

MARCH 29 — LENT 5

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; St. John 12:20-33

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
LEARNING HOUR THEME:
"Gather in Grace"**

GLCM NEWS

March 28 Work Party 8:00 a.m. – noon. GLCM has 2 work parties per school year (one in the fall and one in the spring). Parents are asked to participate in at least one per year. Teachers provide list of "honey do's" that usually involve cleaning, painting, working on the playgrounds, etc. Come help for a few hours or for the whole morning. Snacks and Childcare are provided.

GLCM Golf Tournament, Balcones Golf Course **April 26**, 1 p.m. Help needed in making this tournament a success: need players, hole sponsors (\$250 per hole), and prizes (rounds of golf, restaurant gift certificates, etc.) and items for goody bags (i.e. coupons, samples, advertisement items like pencils/pens/koozies). Sign-up as a team or individual. This is GLCM's largest fundraiser and has always been a lot of fun.

CAP 10 ANNUAL WORSHIP

Gethsemane members/friends Sunday, **March 29** for Annual Cap 10 Run/Walk. For over 25 years, the 8:00 a.m. (time change) ecumenical pre-race scripture readings/prayer time prior to the 9 a.m. start has been offered by Gethsemane Lutheran as a gift to Austin area runners. The worship was previously held on the steps of historic Gethsemane Church 16th & Congress. With the start location relocated, the "running/walking community" gather at Riverside & Congress. **Pastors Gronberg & Schnelle** lead this time of praise to God for life, exercise, health, vitality and community.

FRIEND HONORED

Reverend Hector Vasquez, an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been a friend of Gethsemane Lutheran for many years. Through the mission partnership between Cristo Rey, Piedras Negras, Mexico and Iglesia Luterana San Lucas, Eagle Pass the ministry of grace, peace and justice has been proclaimed. Pastor Vasquez will be honored by Gethsemane congregation Sunday, **March 29** followed by a meal in the MPR. Plan to express thanks to Pastor Vasquez for his faithful ministry and congratulate him on retirement.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Monday evenings, through May 4 (no classes March 16 & April 6), Gethsemane women study **Anita Diamant's** novel **The Red Tent** led by Pastor Schnelle. Purchase book at local book store. Explore/reflect on the life and times of Old Testament women.

Saturday, April 25 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Gethsemane **WELCA Spring Retreat** Pastor Schnelle's home. Reflect on faith and friendship based on story of Mary and Martha in St. Luke 10. Contact Pastor Schnelle to register, deadline is April 17.

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AUGSBURG CHOIR CONCERT MARCH 16, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 12 NOON, 7 P.M. CAP 10 WORSHIP MARCH 29, 8 A.M.

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Gwen Ericson** and all members, Co-Chairs, **Sandra Baylor, Claudia Gann, Dee Riley, Wilma Wheatley.**

February Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of **Kathy** and in celebration of her birthday by **Chris, Will and Hannah Jurgens**; in loving memory of my brother, **Alan Paylor**, by **Laura Riddell**; in loving memory of **Dorothy "Dotty" Franz** by **Don** and family; in loving memory of **Waymon J. Kendall** by his family; in loving memory of **Frances Pearl Jackson Rodgers** by her family; in thankfulness for our daughters **Angela** and **Katharine** by **Sandi & Randy Dodd**; in loving memory of our daughter, **Wendy Kouts**, by **Jack & Judy Westerman**; in loving memory of **Lori Leigh Woods** by her family.

CAN YOU CARRY A TUNE?

The **Sanctuary Choir** is looking for new or returning members. Rehearsals 7:40 p.m.—8:40 p.m. Wednesdays, Music Room. No audition necessary, buckets available for carrying tunes. Contact **Ann Moeller**, 331-9715, for information.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Marvin J. Bergstrom, Lori Leigh Woods, Frank D. McGill, Ann Elizabeth Gutshall, Veda LeVain Schoen, Michael K. Phillips** may those who mourn be comforted by the promise of grace given in the Obedient One...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Bill Corbell**, St. David's Rehab; **Sharon Kite**, Seton Medical Center: remember in daily Lenten prayers/devotionals...**THANKS TO:** **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel** for Lenten soup/sandwich meals; **Virginia Marek** and **Jim Riley** CROP Walk coordination-Gethsemane members participated for the 31st time — well done!...**THANKS FROM:** **Lester & Lois Johnson** for congregational support of 6th Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Stride and Ride— Pictures in narthex; **Gethsemane Men in Mission** for congregational response to Shrove Tuesday Pancakes-proceeds to Gethsemane youth; **David & Helen Maidment** for annual congregation retreat leadership of **Pastors Bohls, Schnelle and Dar Krenek; John Fort** for prayers during recent illness— John and son **Paul Fort** visited with **Pastor Gronberg** on recent trip to work on Gethsemane Memorial Pipe Organ; the families of **Phoebe Elizabeth Herbert,**

Trevin Charles Joseph Candeh, Christopher Corbett Ozuna for baptism celebrations; **Lutheran Sunset Ministries President/CEO Rodney Rueter** for participation of **Pastor Karl Gronberg** in LSM Corporation Annual Meeting with financial gifts **Gethsemane** and **Carl & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation** for ministry to senior adults; **Jeanette Buehring, Joy Kovar, Lucille Tipton, Sandy Jones, Oliver Nelson, Lone Star Lambdas, Sharon Kite, Dorothea Borchers, Alice Mueller, Ron & Joyce Kingsbury, Dorothy Hecht, Olga George, Alford & Evelyn Johnson, Col. Pat Malone, Edith Rodgers, Viola Hall, Gloria Cooper, Vivian Swenson** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **David Cantu** for use of the Gethsemane softball diamond...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Johnny Walker**, Texas Lutheran University Distinguished Staff Award recipient at TLU Board of Regents Honors Dinner; **Sean David Hopper & Kimberly Diann Hardi** married recently; **Pastor Scott, Jen, Stephen McAnally** birth of son/brother **Jacob Connor**...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Ann Alton** and children **Amelia, Emily** and **William Kurth** former Gethsemane members, living in Iowa.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 14

WELCA Austin Conference Event (Faith Luth.)

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, March 15—LENT 3

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)

8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult

10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, March 16

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

5:00 p.m. Augsburg Choir meal (MPR)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Music Rm)

7:00 p.m. Augsburg College Choir (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, March 17

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

5:30 p.m. Mustang Div softball practice (Ball Field)

7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, March 18—see March 25

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Steffans Parlor)

11:30 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

12 Noon Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Sack lunch fellowship (bring your own)

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich (narthex)

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Mentor Time

7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, March 19

5:30 p.m. GLCM Board (Steffans Parlor)

FRIDAY, March 20

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, March 21

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

6-10 p.m. Austin Area Lutheran Friends (MR)

SUNDAY, March 22—LENT 4

GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)

8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult

10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, March 23

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry

6:30 p.m. Women's study (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, March 24

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

5:30 p.m. Mustang Div softball practice (Ball Field)

6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, March 25

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Steffans Parlor)

12 Noon Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich (narthex)

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Mentor Time

7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, March 26

FRIDAY, March 27

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, March 28

8 a.m.-noon GLCM Work Party

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, March 29 - Lent 5

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/Cable 12)

8:00 a.m. Cap 10 worship (Riverside & Congress)

8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult

10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, March 30

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry

6:30 p.m. Women's study (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, March 31

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

5:30 p.m. Mustang Div softball practice (Ball Field)

7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, April 1

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study (Steffans Parlor)

12 Noon Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich (mpr)

6:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Disabled American Vets (Parlor)

7:30 p.m. Mentor Time

7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, April 2

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Assn of Austin Product Fair (MPR)

FRIDAY, April 3

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, April 4

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 1, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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PALMS BLESSED, HOLY WEEK, RESURRECTION MORNING

APRIL 5—PALM SUNDAY

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; St. Mark:14:1—15:47

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 5 BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

8:15 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Seder Meal for confirmands & families
10:30 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses
12 noon First Communion instruction

MONDAY – THURSDAY, APRIL 6-9

12 noon & 7 p.m. Reading of Passion Narrative, Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 p.m. Eucharist, foot washing
Council Installation
First Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 a.m. Eucharist/ stripping of altar
11:00 a.m. Procession of the Cross
12 noon-12 midnight — Prayer Vigil
12 - 3 p.m. "Seven Last Words from the Cross"
(First English)

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 11

PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK

The Lenten community receives palm cross **Passion Palm Sunday**, the first day of **Holy Week**, upon entering the sanctuary for worship. The crosses are made throughout the year by families in 7 villages in Tanzania, Africa. These Palm Crosses are given as a symbol of "Standing with the People of Africa" and a commitment to the Holy Week journey. Thanks to **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman** and friends for creating crosses presented to the congregation during eucharist.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

The annual Passover Seder, **April 5**, 9:30 a.m. Multi-Purpose Room for confirmands, family members, and those planning for first communion. The SCS classes will consider Holy Week; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday.

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday **April 5**, Gethsemane youth third grade and above are invited, with a parent and/or grandparent, for First Communion preparation following 10:30 liturgy. First communion Maundy Thursday, **April 9**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, **April 10**, 10 a.m. eucharist and stripping of the altar; 11 a.m., journey around Gethsemane carrying the cross remembering the 14 stations of the cross.

THE EASTER TRIUMPH

The **Easter Triumph**, passion play depicting Holy Week events, Saturday, **April 11**, 3 & 6 p.m., Manor High School auditorium; free admission. Thanks to Gethsemane members **Walt & Peggy Horton** for their participation.

APRIL 12

RESURRECTION DAY

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Colossians 15:1-11; St. Mark 16:1-8

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Easter Sunday, April 12

7:30 a.m. Easter *Son-Rise* worship Narthex/Garden
7:30-10 a.m. Easter breakfast (Multi-Purpose Rm)
8:15 a.m. Easter Resurrection Celebration/
Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Easter Songfest, Flowering of Cross
10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Resurrection
Celebration
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
12 noon Easter Holy Communion at the Altar

Easter is the primary celebration of the Christian community. The festival season begins the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox. The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar used by the Hebrew community to identify Passover, which is why Easter moves on the Roman calendar. **The 2009 Easter community praises the God of life.**

EASTER BREAKFAST

Saturday, **April 11, 10 a.m.** youth set-up and decorate for the Easter breakfast. Gethsemane youth continue their tradition offering **Easter morning breakfast, 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Proceeds benefit Gethsemane Youth attending ELCA New Orleans Youth Gathering.

GLADOFFF

Adults are invited to dine out together at Brick Oven on Jollyville Road **April 14, 7 p.m.**, **Jim & Sandra Baylor** hosts.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour the **Salvation Army Metropolitan Area Command Center and Shelter** Thurs., **April 16**. Lunch follows at Scholz Garten. Fellowship hour with coffee and donuts 9 a.m., Music Room. **Art Tiemann** speaks about his experiences as a WWII B-17 pilot. Tour departs 10 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

EASTER SEASON, 2009

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 15-MAY 13

11:00 a.m. Word of the Cross in World of Glory
Bible Study with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:00 Guitar with Dar Joy
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10 Little Lutherans, Becky Rippy
6:15-7:10 JAM, (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Sr. High, Dar Krenek
6:15-7:10 "12 steps for Personal Growth",
Pastor Bohls and David Doerfler
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:40-8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

APRIL 19—EASTER 2

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; St. John 20:19-31

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Gethsemane members **Ryan & Heather DuBose Hamm** bring their infant daughter **Carly Denise** to receive the covenant promise of the Easter community. The Gethsemane Lutheran community joins those in heaven and earth praying the blessings of the God of life on Carly and her family.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Gather in Grace"—The Steffans Parlor Adult Class introduces the new **Lutheran Study Bible**.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Blessing of the Quilts, Sunday, **April 5** for Lutheran World Relief. **GWELCA Quilters**, Tuesday, **April 7**, 1:30 p.m., Music Room. Lutheran World Relief items delivered, Tuesday, **April 14**.

Mary/Martha Unit, Tuesday, **April 14**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. **Gloria Cooper**, Program Leader, **Joann Rees**, Hostess. **Deanie Martinets**, Unit Leader, invites all women to be part of the unit.

Saturday, **April 25 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** **Gethsemane Women's Spring Retreat** **Pastor Schnelle's** home. Reflect on faith and friendship based on Mary and Martha story St. Luke 10. Contact Pastor Schnelle to register, deadline April 17. Meet 8:30 a.m. lower parking for van & car pooling.

GLCM

April 9 Easter Egg Hunt; **April 16 Hop-A-Thon 9:30 a.m.** Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry students/staff bunny hop for charity. Proceeds benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association; **April 20-24 Annual Week of the Young Child**. Theme: "Bringing Communities Together for Children" recognizing young children and caregivers: **Day 1** Caring for Others; **Day 2** Conserve Energy; **Day 3** Earth Day - Recycling; **Day 4** Bring clothing or non-perishable food items to help the community; **Day 5** Conservation of the Earth; **April 26 GLCM Chip-in-for-Charity Golf Tournament**—Sign-up to play either as a single or a team. 11 a.m. check in Spicewood Clubhouse; 1 p.m. start. Carts, beverages, snack included and fajita meal follows tournament. All donations and entry fees are tax deductible. **SCRIP** gift cards available: 2-\$15 I Tune, 2-\$10 Barnes & Noble, 2-\$10 Bath & Body Works, 2-\$25 HEB, 1-\$25 Starbucks, 2-\$10 Starbucks. Thanks for supporting Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry.

EASTER LILY SIGN UP

Sign up for the Gethsemane Easter Lily Chancel Garden by using the "SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS" envelopes available in the narthex. Please mail your request to the Gethsemane office, place in the offering plate, indicating memorial or honorarium along with a check for \$12, or you may sign up on the Gethsemane website, <http://www.gethsemane.austin.org/donate.html>. \$2 of each is support for Gethsemane Youth attending the **ELCA New Orleans Youth Gathering**.

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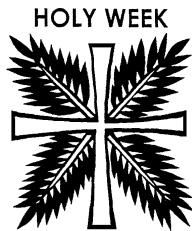
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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY APRIL 5 RESURRECTION FESTIVAL APRIL 12 EASTER LILY \$12—SIGN UP

MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Sharon Kite**, Chairperson; **JoAnn Gerbig**, **Amy Kingsbury**, **John & Clare Kingsbury**, **Joyce Kingsbury**, **Mackenzie Kite**, **Dawn McCasland**, **Valerie Murphy**, **Darlene Werchan**.

March Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of the baptism of **Christopher Corbett Ozuna** by **Ria Corbett**; in celebration of our wedding anniversary by **John & Clare Kingsbury**; in celebration of the wedding of **Eric Austin & Leigh Anne Graf** by **Merrill & Pat Austin**; in loving memory of **Alice Warren**, mother and grandmother, on her birthday by **Inez, Jennifer & Chuck Rice**; in loving memory of grandfather **Ray Anderson** by **Allie, Paige, Kate and Carly Anderson**; in loving memory of **James** on our 55th wedding anniversary by **Flo Laubach**; in honor of **Harley** and in celebration of her 13th birthday by **Ken, Belinda, Ross, Katey and Denver Malin**; in honor of **Dan's Big Four-Oh** by **Diana Dworin**.

MUSICAL DINNER THEATER

Gethsemane Musical Dinner Theater Friday evening & Sunday afternoon, **May 1 & 3**. Be entertained by amazing talented youth & original musical production of *"Not Yet, Ethel!"* written and directed by **Lane Holmstrom**, with Co-Director **Becky Rippy**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Alan McPherson "Blue" Taylor, S.L. Kruse, James Thomas "Tommy" Lane, Jr;** may those who mourn be comforted by the Christ of the cross...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Lisa Holmstrom**, Round Rock Medical Center; remember this Christian friend in daily Lenten prayers...**THANKS FROM:** **Megan Jones** for Girl Scout cookie drive support—Megan reached her goal of 540 boxes sold; **Augsburg College Choir** for Gethsemane hospitality—choir enjoyed Texas Bar-B-Q meal coordinated by **Sharon Gronberg, Verline Berkman** and host families: **John & Ingrid Edlund-Berry, Mark & Marsha McConaughy, George & Susie Hamm, Phil & Christine Berkland, Lane & Glenda Holmstrom, Pastor Susie & Lee Schnelle, Dar Krennek, Ria Corbett, Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** and choir family members; **Mae Lundgren, Gene Barrow, Art & Maxine Leatherwood, Kelly Mortland, Ron Kingsbury, Laura Riddell, Sandy Jones, Margareta Smith, Sharon Kite, Nell Rundell, Lisa Holmstrom, Mary Jane Riley, Dottie Sigerist, Bill Corbell** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Stanley & Verline Berkman** and **George & Norma Wendlandt** recognized during Men-in-Mission March luncheon for decades of faithful married life...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Eric Austin & Leigh Anne Graf, J.D. Brooks, III & Annemarie Foster** wedding celebrations; **Laura Mueller,**

2005 Texas Lutheran University graduate, Carnegie Mellon University PhD chemistry student, invited by TLU faculty to make academic presentation in honor of **Dr. David Wasmund** on retirement; **Diana Dworin** serving on ELCA SWT Synod Council; **Kathy Jurgens** chosen by AISD Walnut Creek Elementary administrative team 2008-2009 "Teacher of Promise" award for first year teachers; **Sydney Denton**, daughter of Gethsemane member **Amanda Lundquist Denton**, qualified academically to attend Duke University Talent Identification Program Summer Studies Academy; **Craig McConaughy** for leadership on Westwood High baseball team...**THANKS TO:** **Valerie Johnson** for stewardship of Gethsemane Garden; GLCM parents & families for Spring work day; **Pastor Don Holmstrom, John Berry, Lane Holmstrom, Pastors Gronberg & Schnelle** for CAP 10 pre-run/walk prayer service; **Pastor Kent Bohls & Gethsemane Mission Team** hosting **Pastor Hector & Mirtha Vasquez; Dr Erik Svenkerud** representing Gethsemane for the Piedras Negras Medical Mission Clinic; **Dr Hoeferkamp** for translating sermon...**FUTURE DATES:** **T.A. Brown Elementary** vaccination clinic for dogs/cats **April 8, 5-7 p.m.**; **AAIM Hope Award Celebration, May 6; Texas Lutheran University Front Row** with **Verne Lundquist June 9; Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday, June 22-28.**

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 4

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, April 5—1st Day of Holy Week

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

MONDAY, April 6—2nd Day of Holy Week

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-Th)

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Parlor)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, April 7—3rd Day of Holy Week

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WED., April 8—4th Day of Holy Week

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9

5th Day of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

12 noon Holy Week Readings, eucharist

7:00 p.m. foot washing, eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10—6th Day of Holy Week

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Closed

10:00 a.m. eucharist, stripping of altar

7:00 p.m. Ancient Tennebrae liturgy

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

7th Day of Holy Week

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

10:00 a.m. Youth Set up for Easter Breakfast

3 & 6 p.m. Easter Triumph Play (Manor H.S.)

SUNDAY, April 12—RESURRECTION DAY

ELCA Global Mission Sunday

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

MONDAY, April 13

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, April 14

9:00 a.m. GWELCA LWR delivery to Austin Conf.

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (Music Rm)

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Brick Oven)

WED., April 15—Midweek Connections

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

11:30 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

THURSDAY, April 16

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour (Music Room)

5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, April 17

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, April 18

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

12:30 p.m. Memorial Liturgy

SUNDAY, April 19—Easter 2

Week of the Young Child—April 19-25

Fair Trade products available in narthex

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy

9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School age 2-6th grade

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 7th grade-adult

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy

MONDAY, April 20

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, April 21

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WED., April 22—Midweek Connections

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

1:15 p.m. LSPS Chapel

THURSDAY, April 23

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, April 24

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Women's Spring Retreat (Schnelle home)

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 22, 2009-EARTH DAY "Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36 VOLUME 15, NUMBER 6 AUSTIN, TEXAS

50 DAY EASTER SEASON PROCLAIMS "THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA"

APRIL 26—EASTER 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; St. Luke 24:36b-48

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

BIRDIE BROTHERS

CHIP-IN FOR CHARITY!!

BENEFITING

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

BALCONES COUNTRY CLUB

SPICEWOOD GOLF COURSE

REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE
NARTHEX OR

SIGN UP BY CALLING BARB OR
WELDON JONES, 219-1329

The North Travis County Chapter Board of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has approved providing supplemental funding of \$1.00 for every \$5.00 raised up to a \$1600.00 maximum grant. This special Thrivent Financial Care Abounds in Communities grant is made in support of this important Gethsemane ministry in the surrounding community. Special thanks to James Preece, former Gethsemane member, Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, for coordination of this grant.

GLOBAL FORMATION EVENTS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invites congregations to explore how to live out the gospel in and beyond congregational, cultural and national borders; engage, serve, support, learn and receive more effectively; take home new perspectives and resources for ministry—all of this by attending a 2009 ELCA Global Formation Event being held in Texas, Nebraska and Washington. For more information contact **Pastor Gronberg**. Gethsemane congregants are invited, on the fourth Sunday of each month, to give an offering for ELCA Global Missions. Have a world perspective. Learn about Global Formation Events.

MOBILIZATION TO END POVERTY

Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman** has been invited to attend the ecumenical "Mobilization to End Poverty Event" in Washington D.C. April 26-29. The event is hosted by the **Sojourners Community** and sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other faith communities. This will be a history making gathering with Christians from across the United States of America coming together in a powerful movement to the biblical imperative of reducing domestic and global poverty. Mary Lou has served on the Southwestern Texas Synod Poverty Task Force, hosted by Gethsemane earlier this year. Through her leadership Gethsemane Lutheran, through the Pastoral Benevolent Fund, gave gifts to the Medical Mission Team of Grace Lutheran in Harlingen, Texas and Mision Luterana Aqua Viva in Laredo, Texas. Pastor Gronberg shared, on Maundy Thursday, the thank you note from **Janet Demro** of Grace Church and the cross from Aqua Viva expressing thanks to Gethsemane for supporting their ministries.

MAY 3—EASTER 4

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; St. John 10:11-18

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Gethsemane's Annual Dinner Theater

Not Yet, Ethel

written and directed by Lane Holmstrom,
with Co-Director Becky Rippy.

TWO SHOWS

Friday, May 1 — 6:30 p.m.

Featuring a Silent & Live Auction

Sunday, May 3 — 12:15 p.m.

Tickets on Sale Now — \$8 for Adults & \$5 for kids

MUSICAL DINNER THEATER

Gethsemane Musical Dinner Theater Friday evening & Sunday afternoon, **May 1 & 3**. Be entertained by amazing talented youth & original musical production of "Not Yet, Ethel!" written and directed by **Lane Holmstrom**, with Co-Director **Becky Rippy**. Friday night performance includes a silent and live auction—how about a bid on a quilt from Gethsemane women or a plane ride with Gethsemane's resident pilot? Dinner will be served at both performances. Proceeds benefit Gethsemane Youth Ministry participation in the national Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Youth Gathering in New Orleans and junior high summer activities

AAIM HOPE AWARDS

Austin Area Interreligious Ministries hosts the 2009 HOPE Awards Wednesday, May 6, 2009 University of Texas Alumni Center 2110 San Jacinto Blvd. **Alan Graham & Mobile Loaves and Fishes** and **The Institute for Interfaith Dialog** will be the recipients of the awards. Both of these organizations are Gethsemane friends having been interviewed by Pastor Gronberg on Austin Faith Dialogue. Gethsemane Lutheran members will be in attendance at this event. **The Honorable Bill White**, Mayor of Houston and a pioneer of interfaith engagement at the civic level will be the featured speaker. Gethsemane Lutheran is a charter member of Austin Area Interreligious Ministries expressing the historic commitment of the congregation to interfaith cooperation.

SUPPORTING TROOPS

The **Third Annual National Day of Prayer Luncheon** will be hosted by the Texas Military at Camp Mabry Friday, **May 8**. A box lunch is served, a keynote address, and music by the Texas Guard Choir. Gethsemane members attended the luncheon/prayer service in 2008. The Wednesday, April 15 "Christ In Our Home" encouraged prayer for those serving in the military. Gethsemane Lutheran prays for peace and a safe return home "for those in uniform."

THANKS GETHSEMANE

Huston-Tillotson University Campus Ministry recognized Gethsemane Lutheran and other "outstanding supporters" at an appreciation dinner. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** represented Gethsemane and congregational members giving gifts to HTU campus ministry. Thanks to **Reverend Don Brewington**, campus ministry pastor and HTU students for expressions of partnership in ministry.

MAY 10—EASTER 5

MOTHER'S DAY

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; St. John 15:1-8

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHILDREN SING

Traditionally on **Mother's Day**, children sing blessing the congregation and honoring their mother's with a floral tribute. **Sharon Gronberg** and **JoAnn Gerbig** thank parents for providing their children with the opportunity to sing praises to God. This music ministry for children K-6 begins in the fall continuing throughout the Sunday Church School year concluding on Pentecost. "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the Kingdom of God" (St. Luke 18:16)

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

The Gethsemane women's book study, led by **Pastor Schnelle**, concludes Monday, **May 4**. Gethsemane Women's Spring Retreat, hosted by Pastor Schnelle, focuses on the theme: "Growing in God's love" with Bible Study, prayer and fellowship. An offering will be received for **Lutheran World Relief**.

Church Women United May Friendship Day "Building on Our Stories" 9:30 a.m. Friday, **May 1**, United Christian Church. **GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit** meets 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, **May 12**, **Charlotte McCord** program leader, **Donna Olson** hostess.

Gethsemane women gave 22 quilts and blankets, 150 school kits, 100 health kits to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you women for blessing people at home and around the world with your witness.

GLADOFFF

Adults are invited to dine out together at Jim's Restaurants, Hwy 183 & Burnet Rd, **May 12**, 7 p.m., **Lois & Lester Johnson** hosts.

GLCM GRADUATION

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Leadership Team, **Valerie Johnson**, **Angelica Lundquist**, **Dar Krenek** and staff are pleased to announce the graduation of 26 children from the Pre-K program Wednesday, **May 13**, 9 a.m. in the Gethsemane Lutheran sanctuary. A high percentage of these children have been attending GLCM from infancy, a tribute to the quality program offered to families. Gethsemane Lutheran members are invited to attend the graduation. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** will present certificates to each graduate.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour the **LCRA Redbud Center** Thursday, **May 21**. See how the LCRA manages the Colorado River at their River and Emergency Operation Centers. Lunch follows at Fuddrucker's. 9 a.m. coffee, donuts and fellowship in Music Room. **Don Swenson** tells of his experiences living and working in the Austin area. Tour departs 10 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE

Augsburg Fortress has published a new study Bible with added information on Martin Luther and a Lutheran view of the Bible. You may order your copy with **Pastor Bohls** for a reduced price of \$28. Regular price is \$35 plus shipping.

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WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT—APRIL 25 GOLF TOURNAMENT-APRIL 26 DINNER THEATER-MAY 1&3

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Gethsemane team of **Belinda Malin, Lori Althaus, Brenda Brown, Marsha McConaughy** are planning a great week of Vacation Bible School, **June 22-26** with the Augsburg-Fortress material "*Discovery Canyon*". Sign up early and receive a CD of all the VBS music.

APRIL ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Virginia Marek, Chairperson; Frank & Pat Greinert, Lester & Lois Johnson, Mary Lou Newman, Joann Rees, Glenda Tiemann.**

April Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Gordon Bailey** by **Cheryl Swening**; in loving memory of our **Aunts Hazel Bergstrom** and **Bessie Bergstrom** by **Allie, Paige, Kate** and **Carly Anderson**; in celebration of the baptism of **Carly Denise Hamm** by **George & Susie Hamm**; in celebration of our 10th wedding anniversary by **Walt & Peggy Horton**; in celebration of the wedding of **Anders Nils Enquist** and **Jessica Leigh O'Mary** by Anders' parents **Bjorn Engquist & Elisabeth Engquist Kihlberg.**

Thanks to April Altar Guild for extra preparation for Passion-Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday/Season. **Anna Callahan, Gloria Cooper, Virginia Marek, Donna Olson, Inez Rice, Lloydine**

Vinyard, Anne Walker assisted with the Good Friday Stripping of the altar. Thanks to the donors of 130 lilies in memory/honor of loved ones. Names are printed in the Easter Season worship bulletin insert.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of: **Arthur E. Larson, Joan Marie Bishop Norman O. Forness, Eva Mae Miller Hood, Ann Elizabeth Benninghoff Gutshall** — may those who mourn be comforted by the Easter proclamation... **KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Rose Hausmann, NAMC; Jeanette Buehring, Seton MC; Peggy Parker, Merlin Dunahoo, Seton NW; Oliver Nelson, Burnet Hospital... THANKS FROM:** **Bradley & Carla Jensen Waggle** for baptism of son **Larson Bradley; Ryan & Heather DuBose Hamm** for baptism of daughter **Carly Denise; Frances Bengtson & family** for baptism of sons **Nicholas Salvatore** and **Luke Graham; Sharon Kite, Leslie Mount, Agnes Nelson, Viola Hall, Lucille Parker, Don Roefer, Laura Riddell, Glenn Like, Trish Woodley, Gloria Cooper, Waldine Stafford, Rose Hausmann, Ann Moeller, the family of S.L. Kruse** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries... **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Leisha Annedella Johnson, Bachelor of**

Science in Exercise Science Abilene Christian University, Ryan Saxon Davidson, Doctor of Philosophy in English-Literature emphasis and Creative Writing concentration The University of Southern Mississippi, Catherine Eubank Travis, Bachelor of Science, Tarleton State University—Gethsemane Lutheran congratulates all graduates requesting notification of all academic honors to be shared with congregation; Walt & Peggy Horton and Ross Malin for participation in the 51st Annual Easter Triumph Pageant—pictures in narthex; **Adam & Kelly Shoenfelt** birth of **Andrew Wesley**, grandson of Gethsemane members **Henry & Vicki Shoenfelt; Tom & Amanda Jenkins** birth of daughter **Sofia Taylor**, grandparents **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls; Don Jung** competing in Regional UIL in math and being on the Smithville High School golf team; **St. Martins Lutheran 125th anniversary celebration... THANKS TO:** **Gethsemane musicians** for the inspiring music during Holy Week and Easter; **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** for supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association Hop-a-Thon—Five minutes of hoppin' raising over \$250 for MDA research... **FUTURE DATES:** **Texas Lutheran University Front Row** with **Verne Lundquist June 9; Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday, June 22-26.**

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Women's Spring Retreat (Schnelle home)
6:30 p.m. Wedding

SUNDAY, April 26—Easter 3

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy
1:00 p.m. GLCM Golf Tournament (Balcones)
1:00 p.m. Wedding/Blessing (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, April 27

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)

TUESDAY, April 28

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn. (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, April 29—Midweek Connections

THURSDAY, April 30

4:30 p.m. Youth Dress Rehearsal (MPR)

FRIDAY, May 1

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
6:30 p.m. Dinner Theater (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 2

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, May 3

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS EASTER SEASON, 2009

WEDNESDAYS, THRU MAY 13

11:00 a.m. Word of the Cross in World of Glory
Bible Study with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:00 Guitar with Dar Joy
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10 Little Lutherans, Becky Rippy
6:15-7:10 JAM, (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Sr. High, Dar Krenek
6:15-7:10 "12 Steps for Personal Growth", Pastor Bohls and David Doerfler
6:15-7:10 Let's Talk, James Riley
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:40-8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy
12:15 p.m. Dinner Theater (Multi-Purpose Rm)

MONDAY, May 4

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting ((Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, May 5

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, May 6—Midweek Connections

7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, May 7

7-9 a.m. GLCM "Muffins for Mom"
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

FRIDAY, May 8

7-9 a.m. GLCM "Muffins for Mom"
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 9

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
SUNDAY, May 10—Easter 5—Mother's Day
8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School

MONDAY, May 11

10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, May 12

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Jim's—183 & Burnet)

WEDNESDAY, May 13—Midweek Connections

9:00 a.m. GLCM Pre-K Graduation (Sanctuary)
12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Narthex)
6:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

THURSDAY, May 14

FRIDAY, May 15

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 16

Synod Gathering (McAllen Convention Center)
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 13, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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EASTER FESTIVAL ENDS-PENTECOST CELEBRATES SPIRIT/COMMUNITY BIRTH

MAY 17—EASTER 6

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; St. John 15:9-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME: THANK YOU!
Gethsemane Lutheran Council Deacons **Ken & Belinda Malin** and **Lori Althaus** recognizes Sunday, May 17th the 2008-2009 SCS staff: **Angelica Lundquist, Elizabeth Kite, Christine Berkland, Christine Bohls, Glenda Holmstrom, Greg Althaus, Tracy Anderson, Ray Kuenast, Beth Collier, Tim Huston, Louise Eidbo, Gat Rodgers, Trish Woodley, Lane Holmstrom, Becky Rippy, Tiffany Goodlow, Jeff Ketteman, Sharon Gronberg, JoAnn Gerbig, Marsha McConaughy, Dar Krenek, Pastors Bohls, Gronberg, Schnelle, and Dr. Robert Hoferkamp.**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Southwestern Texas Synod meets **May 16 & 17** in McAllen. Gethsemane will be represented by **Pastors Karl Gronberg** and **Susan Schnelle**; **Mary Lou Newman** and Gethsemane treasurer **Larry Pounds**. Thanks for generous response Sunday, May 10 matching the \$2,000 gift for the Synod Assembly Offering in support of the Poverty Task Force. **Diana Dworin**, Synod Council member and **Tammie Danielsen**, Synod Task Force "Building Peace Not Walls" will also attend. Gethsemane Lutheran offers prayers for the ELCA and synod during May 17 liturgy. "God's Work. Our Hands"

EASTER BAPTISM

Kevin & Bridget Credeur Lonseth bring their infant daughter **Ayza Marie** to receive promise of the Easter community in the blessed sacrament of holy baptism. The Gethsemane community rejoices with this young family in their life together. Ayza is the fifth person baptized through the ministry of Gethsemane congregation during the fifty day Easter festival.

CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The 2008/2009 Gethsemane Lutheran confirmands were feted at the Annual Confirmation Banquet Wednesday, May 13. **Kimberly Corbell**, Anderson High senior shared her faith journey. Congratulations 8th grade confirmands: **Grant Cardwell, Johannah Dwyer, Chris Greinert, Caleb Johnson, Selena Sanchez, Dustin Swening** having completed two years of confirmation instruction. Congratulations 7th grade Gethsemane confirmands: **Kelly Bartko, Riley Brown, Kolton Crawford, Sydney Denton, Kendall Evans, Harley Malin, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Huston, Hannah Jurgens, James Pfeifer** having completed their first year of confirmation.

MEN IN MISSION

Gethsemane Men tour the LCRA Redbud Center **May 21st**, 9 a.m. **Don Swenson** tells of growing up in Central Texas. Fuddruckers for lunch.

MAY 24—EASTER 7

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; St. John 17:6-19

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Gethsemane Lutheran recognizes veterans having served the nation in the cause of peace. A group picture will be taken.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with other Fraternal Benefit Societies in partnership with the American Legion sponsors a family event to remember Veterans, Memorial Day, **May 25**. Contact **Cathy Kopp** 452-5733 for information.

LUTHERAN CAMPING

Summer camping is a Gethsemane Lutheran tradition. Pastors and youth spend a week together at a Lutheran camp. **Pastor Gronberg** recently received a phone call from a man having spent his youth/teen years (early 1970's) participating in Gethsemane youth ministry/summer camping. He told Pastor the camp experience was an important step in his relationship with God and the church community. He offered to send an anonymous gift for Gethsemane youth camping. He was blessed; he is a blessing.

The confirmation class is registered for **Ebert Ranch, June 14-19**. Information on **Camp Chrysalis** and **Camp Lutherhill** available in the Gethsemane office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Discover Canyon" Gethsemane Vacation Bible School **June 22-26** will be led by **Belinda Malin, Lori Althaus, Marsha McConaughy** and **Brenda Brown**. Plan to experience this annual learning opportunity for ages 3 through 6th grade. Sign up and receive a music CD.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Belinda Malin and **Lori Althaus** thank mothers and children for having their pictures taken on Mother's Day. Thanks to **Becky Rippy** for being the "official photographer". The pictures will be on the Education Wing Bulletin Board.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry special summer program, "Discovery Canyon", explores the wonders of God's World and Word! "I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart and tell about the wonders of you have worked." Psalm 9:1, June 1 – August 14. Weekly themes and activities. Sign-up weekly or monthly. Enrollment begins May 4.

MISSION THANKS

Pastor Alma Morales, Colonia 21 de Marzo in Reynosa, sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran, McAllen and Cristo Rey Lutheran, Pharr and **Jan Demro**, Medical Mission Team of Grace Lutheran, Harlingen express thanks for prayers, encouragement and financial gifts given by Gethsemane to border ministries. Grace Lutheran has purchased a washing machine with a portion of their financial grant and other needs are being considered. Thanks Gethsemane for assisting these ministries highlighted by 2009 Synod Assembly offering.

MAY 31—DAY OF PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; St. John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

Happy Birthday Church-Wear Red

PENTECOST FESTIVAL

The **Festival of Pentecost**, fifty days after Easter, celebrates the promise of the **Holy Spirit**. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit gives re-birth as brothers and sisters of all ages-infants to senior adults, races, tribes, ethnicities, sexuality; are united by the grace of God within the **inclusive community**. The Easter community is transformed by the Holy Spirit into the church universal.

Pentecost is the third major festival in the life of the church catholic. Gethsemane continues the tradition of calling the names of persons baptized into the "one holy catholic and apostolic church" through congregational ministry since Pentecost, 2008: **Giuseppe Carlo Ditommaso** (5/18/08), **Mya Isabelle Kircher** (6/29/08), **Ella Sedell Erickson** (7/3/08), **Sean Dominic Davila** (7/13/08), **Cody Austin Yount** (7/13/08), **Addison Faith Lundquist** (7/27/08), **Kaylee Verna Smith** (8/24/08), **Sydney Grace Pacheco** (9/21/08), **Joseph Earl Travis, Jr.** (11/30/08), **Elijah Luke Crenshaw** (12/7/08), **Phoebe Elizabeth Herbert** (2/22/09), **Trevin Charles Joseph Candeh** (2/22/09), **Christopher Corbett Ozuna** (3/1/09), **Larsen Bradley Waggle** (4/9/09), **Carly Denise Hamm** (4/19/09), **Nicholas Salvatore Nardecchia** (4/22/09), **Luke Graham Nardecchia** (4/22/09), **Aysa Marie Lonseth** (5/17/09). May the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit bless the baptized to live as the people of God.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Gethsemane high school seniors lead worship Pentecost Sunday, **May 31**. Join the community in giving thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in the lives of these young Christians praying the blessings of God upon them as they make choices reflecting their commitment to God, family and community.

Congratulation and thanks to Directors **Lane Holmstrom** and **Becky Rippy**; **Allie Anderson, Paige Anderson, Kimberley Corbell, Andrew Davitt, Janine Dworin, Kendall Evans, Erin Feller, Catherine Hillmer, Daniel Holmstrom, Megan Jones, Hannah Jurgens, Don Jung, Amy Kingsbury, Tyler Kuenast, Harley Malin, David Riley, Evan Spielvogel**, cast members for the successful youth dinner theater; **Dan Dworin, Michael Hillmer, Amanda Holmstrom, Lane Holmstrom, Joe Dan Johnson**, band members; youth meal servers; others having assisted: **Ron Tigue, Ross Malin, Ken Malin, Martin Gonzales, Jim & Dee Riley, Allan Bailey, Renita & Gordon Feller, Lee Schnelle, Colleen Krasinski, Beth Collier, Terry & Brenda Brown, Steve & Jane Greinert, Peggy Horton, Timothy Huston, Raymund & Bev Kuenast, Rusty Johnson, Chris Jurgens, Jamie & Wayne Swening, Dana Johnson, Babs Chandrasoma, Tiffany and Kay Goodlow, Diana Dworin, Tracy Anderson, Gethsemane Quilters**, playbill ad sponsors, silent/live auction items. Thanks everyone!

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AAIM THANKS GETHSEMANE

Tom Spencer, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries Director, expressed thanks to Gethsemane for support of the 2009 HOPE Awards held at the University of Texas Alumni Center. **Virginia Marek, Carolyn Smith, Sandy Wilder, Umid Azimov, Julie Candoli, Pastor Will Erickson, Zach Courter, Laura Riddell, Chaplain Don Brewington, Pastor Karl Gronberg** enjoyed the evening. Gethsemane is a charter member of AAIM bringing together people of faith in the Austin community. Those interested in knowing more about AAIM, speak with Pastor Gronberg.

SEMINARIANS GRATEFUL

Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest students **Joan Iker** and **Marilyn Larsen** have completed their year. They will continue their studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary in August. Their goal is to become pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Joan and Marilyn expressed thanks for the opportunity to share in the ministries of Gethsemane while students at LSPS. They assisted with the Food Pantry & Clothes Closet and other congregational ministries. Both received gifts from the Gethsemane Lutheran Seminary Fund. Their thank you notes are posted on the Gethsemane WELCA Bulletin Board. **Zach Courter**, a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison, presently enrolled in the LSPSW, is now assisting with Food Pantry/Clothes Closet. Zach's wife is a University of Texas Law School student. Gethsemane is grateful for young people of faith sharing in ministry.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Jake Allen Wendlandt, Mary Louise Schmidt, Rose Hausmann, Mamie Eller Andrews**—may those who mourn be comforted...
KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED: **Jeanette Buehring**, Texas Neurorehab Center; **Lisa Holmstrom**, RRM; **Peggy Parker** Seton Medical Center...
THANKS FROM: **Dr. Faye Schott**, Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest, for participation of **Pastors Gronberg** and **Schnelle** in seminary chapel services; **Viola Hall, Verline Berkman, Inez Rice, Mary Hall Nicol, Greg Pitts, Don Franz, Alice Timmerman, Rose Marie Jones, Martha Johnson, Erin Rosales, Bill Corbell, Arlene Taylor, Louis Eidbo, Rose Hausmann family, Merlin Dunahoo, Oliver Nelson, June Stuckey, Pam Atkins, Jake Wendlandt family** for prayers, cards, phone calls, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; (thank you notes posted on narthex and education wing bulletin boards); **Ecology Action of Austin** for Gethsemane financial support; **Julie Rolls Herm** and **Pastor Jeff Bethke** for gift of Augsburg-Fortress Lutheran Study Bible presented to them on their recent visit...
CONGRATULATIONS TO: **Jeff Gardner** inducted into Marathon Mania Club as bronze member for running three 26.2 mile marathons in three months—he recently completed the Big Sur California Marathon—well done, Jeff; **John Kevin**

Byrne & Jessica Lauren Lightfoot, Anders Nils Engquist & Jessica Leigh O'Mary wedding celebrations; **Harry Evans** promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, Austin Fire Department; **Don Jung** representing Smithville High at UIL math competition; **Alice Timmerman** and **Martha Johnson** 90th birthdays celebrated with family & friends; **Kimberly Yvonne Hart**, Bachelor of Science Degree in Retail Merchandising, University of Texas-Austin; **Umid Azimov**, Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, University of Texas-Austin; **Jeremy Ullrich**, Theology and Philosophy Degrees, Magna Cum Laude, Texas Lutheran University; **Amanda Schnelle, Angela Schnelle** TLU Provost List; graduates and families send graduation information/ honors—Gethsemane is proud of you; **Erin Rosales** and **We Are The Chorus** for Mother's Day "Mary Poppins"...
THANKS TO: anonymous donor of **Lutheran Study Bibles** for Steffans Parlor; **Easter Season Midweek Connection:** leaders, meals preparers, and mentors; **Valerie Johnson** and **Allen Bailey** for Gethsemane Garden stewardship; **Kevin Kubiak** air conditioning maintenance; **Roger Temme-The Care Communities** presentation to **TEAM GETHSEMANE—Gat Rodgers** for information;...
GREETING FROM: **Jerry & Jean Bartholomay; Malte Cedzich**, Hamburg, Germany; **Jiwoh Abdulai**, Sierra Leone, Africa.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 16

Synod Gathering (McAllen Convention Center)
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
7:00 p.m. Songs of Hope Friends Meeting

SUNDAY, May 17—Easter 6

Synod Gathering (McAllen Convention Center)
8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy/Holy Baptism

MONDAY, May 18

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

TUESDAY, May 19

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 20

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

THURSDAY, May 21

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour (Music Room)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, May 22

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 23

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
10:30 a.m. Reception (Multi-Purpose Rm)

SUNDAY, May 24—Easter 7

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION APPEAL SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, May 25—MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, May 26

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (T-F)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, May 27

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

THURSDAY, May 28

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, May 29

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 30

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, May 31, DAY OF PENTECOST; YOUTH

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy

MONDAY, June 1

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
5:30 p.m. Congregation Council (Music Rm)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, June 2

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilters (Music Room)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Thrivent Event (Multi-Purpose Rm)
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, June 3

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
7:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

THURSDAY, June 4

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

FRIDAY, June 5

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 6

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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FESTIVAL SEASON CONCLUDES-SEASON OF CHURCH BEGINS

JUNE 7—THE HOLY TRINITY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; St. John 3:1-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Adult Class discusses Holy Trinity doctrine.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Senior High youth say farewell to Don Jung, with an overnight at 9E Ranch in Bastrop, June 5/6. Meet 7 p.m. south parking lot. Bring sleeping bag, pillow, snacks, games. Sleep in camper next to one of the cabins, campfire with S'mores, play games, hike, return noon Saturday.

TLU "FRONT ROW"

Gethsemane members continue a six year tradition by attending the annual Texas Lutheran University "Front Row" fundraising gala supporting Bulldog intercollegiate athletics Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m. CBS-TV sportscaster and TLU graduate Verne Lundquist shares video highlights and "behind the-scenes" stories of his four decades broadcasting some of the greatest moments in recent sports history—from Winter Olympics, college and pro football and basketball, to PGA golf tournaments, including the 2005 Masters where Verne called Tiger Woods' famous chip-in on the 16th hole.

Proceeds benefit TLU's 14 NCAA intercollegiate athletic teams. Verne, son of the late Pastor M.L. & Arda Lundquist, (Gethsemane pastoral family 1952-1964) continues to benefit his alma mater with the "Front Row" gift.

GLADOFFF

Adults dine together at Fujian Grand China Buffet, 8709 N IH35, 7 p.m., June 9. Carol Laubach and Flo Laubach, hosts.

POVERTY OFFERING

Gethsemane member Mary Lou Newman, Southwestern Texas Synod Poverty Task Force Chair, expresses thanks to Gethsemane members for gifts to the seven faith based projects working to make systemic change in the fight against poverty. Over \$70,000 was given for the synod offering by 95 congregations. Gethsemane gave \$4,000. Thanks for partnership in the fight against poverty.

JUNE 14—PENTECOST 2

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; St. Mark 4:26-34

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Foreign Exchange Students. Jayne Allen, with Joan & Kent Bohls, lead Adult Class discussion.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Thanks to the Senior High youth for Pentecost Sunday worship leadership: Allie Anderson, Kimberly Corbell, Andrew Davitt, Carson Domel, Carrie Eubank, Kevin Eubank, Erin Feller, Don Jung, Amy Kingsbury, Ross Malin, Nicole McCasland, Craig McConaughy, Mikey Orf, Elisabeth Pounds, David Riley, Chase Tullos.

The confirmation class is registered for Ebert Ranch, June 14-19. Christopher Antu, Kelly Bartko, Riley Brown, Grant Cardwell, Kolton Crawford, Kendall Evans, Chris Greinert, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Huston, Caleb Johnson, Hannah Jurgens, Harley Malin, James Pfeifer, Dustin Swening, Pastor Schnelle. Information on Camp Chrysalis and Camp Lutherhill available in the Gethsemane office.

VISIT HISTORIC GETHSEMANE

"Team Gethsemane", a ministry of the Care Communities, tours historic Gethsemane Church Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. Gethsemane, 16th & Congress, was the home of Gethsemane Lutheran congregation from 1883 to 1963. The congregation has been allowed by the Texas Historical Commission to hold worship liturgies and tours during the past years. Gethan "Gat" Rodgers, Jr. invites members and friends of the Gethsemane Lutheran to participate in the tour followed by hamburgers at Player's with Gethsemane staff member David Doerfler speaking about his ministry at the Christopher House and community programs to assist those in need.

GLCM NEWS

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry families and staff held their 3rd Annual Picnic at Beverly Sheffield Northwest Park Saturday past. Everyone enjoyed the warm summer day, food and fellowship. Thanks to GLCM Leadership Team: Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist and Dar Krenek.

GLCM expresses gratitude to the Carl and Marie Jo Anderson Foundation for continued support of children's ministry providing tuition assistance and teacher enrichment. The economic challenges of today make the support of the foundation a blessing to staff, students and families. GLCM Summer program has begun.

JUNE 21—PENTECOST 3

FATHER'S DAY

SCRIPTURE: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Breast Cancer: a male and female health issue. Alice Mueller leads Adult Class discussion.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Alice & Mark Mueller host, at their home 11007 Callanish Park Drive, an Open House - Kick Off Party, Sunday, June 28 4-6 p.m. providing information on the Mamma Jamma Ride to beat Breast Cancer (October 10). Representatives from the Mamma Jamma Committee will answer questions and hand out ride materials. Learn more about joining the Gethsemane Lutheran Team, supporting the riders with financial gifts or volunteer to help on the day of the ride. Ten worthy organizations are the beneficiaries of this ride. To learn more go to www.mammajammaride.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Discovery Canyon" Gethsemane Vacation Bible School 8:45-11:45 a.m., Monday-Friday, June 22-26, led by Lori Althaus (246-1277), Brenda Brown (219-0007), Belinda Malin (219-9627), and Marsha McConaughy (331-0050) assisted by Pastor Bohls, George Creager, Sheryl Evans, Pastor Gronberg, Pastor Schnelle, adult and youth volunteers and Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry staff led by Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist and Dar Krenek.

Children, age 3 by June 1, 2009 and including those completing 6th grade are invited to attend. 7th graders and older sign up as VBS volunteers. Adults are invited to volunteer, even if they can only assist one day. Help needed in the craft area, preparing and serving snacks, storytelling room, playground, and being a guide to lead the children from one area to another. Gethsemane VBS uses Augsburg Fortress Publishing quality materials.

Each day includes a Bible story. Plan to experience this annual learning opportunity. Sign up below or on the website, www.gethsemaneAustin.org and receive a music CD.

2009 VBS "Discovery Canyon: Discover the Wonders of the World!"

June 22-26, 2009 — 8:45-11:45 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM — (Return to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 W Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78752)

VBS registration forms available in the narthex or on the Gethsemane website: <http://www.gethsemaneAustin.org/communication.htm>.

Parent _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____ (very important for emergencies)

I will assist: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday All Week

I would like to assist in: Music Playground Snacks Crafts Guide Storytelling

Saturday Set Up Craft Preparation Hot dog meal Registration T-shirt sales

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth. (mo., day, yr.) _____ Entering grade _____

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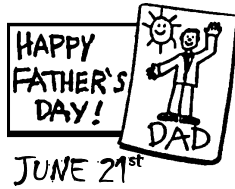
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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY—JUNE 7 FATHERS/CHILDREN PICTURES JUNE 21 VBS “DISCOVERY CANYON”—JUNE 22-26

IN MEMORY

Jeanette Hartman Buehring, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism Monday, May 18, 2009. Family and friends gathered at Gethsemane to celebrate her life on Thursday, May 21st. The Gethsemane Lutheran community was blessed by her commitment to the January Altar Guild and Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry. Christian sympathy is expressed to her husband of 37 years, Jimmy, daughter Denise Lackey & husband Greg, son Michael, grandchildren Jade and Miles Lackey. The words of scripture bring the eternal promise: *“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them”* 1 John 4:17
Blessed be the memory of Jeanette Buehring

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Sue Creech**, chairperson, **Pat Austin**, **Donna Olson**, **Cindy Pounds**, **Elisabeth Pounds**, **Cheryl Swening**.

May Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Mayme Berkman** by **Cheryl Swening**; in honor of **Alice Timmerman** and in celebration of her 90th birthday by **Kent & Joan Bohls** and family; in honor of **Ruby Boecker** on her 82nd birthday by **Mary Lou & Terry Newman**; in memory of mothers **Esther Peterson Gronberg**, **Merle Mattson Hendrickson** and in honor of **Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg** by their family; in celebration of **Leisha's** graduation from

Abilene Christian University and in remembrance of the life of **Greg Johnson** by **Valerie Johnson**; in honor of our grandmother, **Rose Katherin Anderson**, by **Allie**, **Paige**, **Kate** and **Carly Anderson**; in honor of **Denver's** 10th birthday by **Ken**, **Belinda**, **Ross**, **Harley** and **Katey Malin**; in honor of U.S. Veterans and active duty military by **David & Kathi Allen**; in loving memory of **Jeanette Hartman Buehring** by her family; in loving memory of **Bounthanh Saythongkham** by his family.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED: **Bill Corbell**, Health South Rehab; **Stanley Berkman**, Seton Medical Center—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS FROM:** the family of **Jeanette Hartman Buehring**, **Ingrid Warren**, **Tutty Maixner**, **Peggy Parker**, **Virginia Marek**, **Margaret Manz**, **Lisa Holmstrom**, **Sally Nagy**, **James Gardner**, **Karen Westerman**, **Chuck & Jennifer Rice**, **Joyce Bird**, **Rose Adair Corbell**, **Brad Jensen** for prayers, cards, phone calls, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **James Preece**, **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** for Gethsemane hosting “Town Hall” meeting (thank you notes posted on narthex/education wing bulletin boards)...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Terry & Sylvia Driskell** 50th wedding anniversary celebrated with family and friends; **Chuck & Jennifer Rice** birth of son, **Charles Ransom Rice**—grandmother **Inez** is aglow with joy; **Christine Schneider Berkland** featured in Texas State History Museum newsletter; **Pastor Erik Gronberg** invited by Harvard University class of 1999 to lead ten year reunion worship service; **2009 graduates—Kimberly Corbell**

(Anderson HS), **Sara Eames** (Stoney Point HS), **Erin Feller** (Westlake HS), **Elisabeth Pounds** (Anderson HS), **Mikey Orf** (Home-school.) **Chase Tullos** (Austin HS) **Kelly Mueller** (Bachelor of Science-Applied Mathematics—Texas A&M), **Joe Pacheco** (Master's of Business Administration-Texas State University)—announcements/pictures narthex bulletin board; **Becky Rippy**, Texas State University McCoy College of Business Administration Dean's list; **Alex Milam**, Texas State University three consecutive semesters Dean's list; **Joel Gronberg**, Texas Lutheran University Dean's list, Academic All-Conference TLU golf team, accepted by Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio, Madrid, Spain for study abroad Fall, 2009...**THANKS TO:** **Becky Rippy** taking pictures of moms and children on Mother's Day; **Anna Callahan**, **Pastor Susie Schnelle**, **Kileen Freitag**, **Lori Althaus**, **Kay Goodlow**, **Elizabeth Kite**; **Sheryl Evans**, **Belinda Malin**, **Julie Herm**, **Adelle Rolls**, **Georganna Swenson**, **Babs Chandrasoma**, **Kay Rodgers**, **Sharon Gronberg**, **Alice Mueller**, **Tracy Anderson**, **Jeanne Laubach**, **Flo Laubach**, **Brenda Lorenz**, **Mabel Krenek**, **Sharon Kite**, **Marsha McConaughy**, **Patricia Woodley**, **Louis Ann Rippy**, **Kris Crawford**, **Clare Kingsbury**, **Kristen Etheredge**, **Lucy Parker**, **Frances Bengtson**; **Veterans** recognized Memorial Week-end; **David N. Smith**, **Merrill & Pat Austin**, **Gordon Ketteman**, **Ken Schulz**, **Gaylord Magnuson**, **Jimmy Buehring**, **Alton Jones**, **Gordon Cooper**, **Stanley Berkman**, **Lester Johnson**, **Walter Tool**, **David Allen**, **Bobby Antu**...**GREETING FROM:** **Ingrid Edlund Berry** in Sweden, **Don & Anne Roefer** in Minnestoa, **Amanda Schnelle** studying abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 6

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, June 7—The Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. Holy Trinity Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Liturgy

MONDAY, June 8

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, June 9

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Fujian China Buffet)

WEDNESDAY, June 10

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Narthex)

2:30 p.m. Trinity Care Center Birthday Party

THURSDAY, June 11—St. Barnabas, Apostle

FRIDAY, June 12

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 13

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

10:00 a.m. Mier Reunion (Multi-Purpose Rm)

6:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUNDAY, June 14—Pentecost 2

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, June 15

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, June 16

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, June 17

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, June 18

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, June 19

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 20

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, June 21, PENTECOST 3—FATHER'S DAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MON., June 22—VBS “Discovery Canyon”

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

8:45-11:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

TUES., June 23—VBS “Discovery Canyon”

8:45-11:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

WEDNESDAY, June 24—St. John the Baptist

VBS “Discovery Canyon”

8:45-11:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURS., June 25—VBS “Discovery Canyon”

8:45-11:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, June 26—VBS “Discovery Canyon”

8:45-11:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 27

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

REJOICE! PRAY! ASK! TELL! SEEK! 2009 SUMMER THEMES

JUNE 28—PENTECOST 4

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; St. Mark 5:21-43

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: 2009 VBS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Alice & Mark Mueller host, at their home 11007 Callanish Park Drive, an Open House - Kick Off Party, Sunday, June 28 4-6 p.m. providing information on the Mamma Jamma Ride to beat Breast Cancer (Oct. 10). Representatives from the Mamma Jamma Committee will answer questions and hand out ride materials. Learn more about joining the Gethsemane Lutheran Team, supporting the riders with financial gifts or volunteer to help on the day of the ride. Ten worthy organizations are the beneficiaries of this ride. To learn more go to www.mammajammaride.org.

VBS REVISITED SUNDAY

"Discovery Canyon: Exploring the Wonders of the Word", the 2009 Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School theme, was a time of hearing the Good News expressed in the scriptures: Monday-REJOICE! the song of Miriam Exodus 14:21-24, 15: 19-21; Tuesday-PRAY! Hannah prays for a child 1 Samuel 1:9-27; Wednesday-ASK! A storm St. Matthew 8:23-27; Thursday-TELL! A dying girl and a sick woman St. Matthew 9: 18-26; Friday-SEEK! Jesus heals a man who cannot walk St. Luke 5: 17-26.

Thanks to the Leadership Team: Lori Althaus, Brenda Brown, Belinda Malin, Marsha McConaughy and to Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek and Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry staff. Volunteers during the week were: Lori Althaus, Sandra Baylor, Sean Beck, Christine Bohls, Joan Bohls, Pastor Kent Bohls, Brenda Brown, Riley Brown, Terry Brown, Colby Chandrasoma, Elizabeth Cortez, George Creager, Brian DeFrates, Bailey Domel, Carson Domel, Dominique Donald, Leslie Doty, Linda Dunahoo, Diana Dworin, Sandy Ericson, Kristen Etheredge, Kendall Evans, Sheryl Evans, Tania Galan, Brian Gornik, Joel Gronberg, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Sharon Gronberg, Viola Hall, Kelly Hardage, Catherine Hillmer, Sharon Hillmer, Daniel Holmstrom, Glenda Holmstrom, Peggy Horton, Walt Horton, Lorrie Huston, Stephanie Huston, Tim Huston, Liza Ibarra, Jennifer Jackson, Grant Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Grandma Jones, Eric Jordan, Jeff Kettelman, Elizabeth Kite, Crystal Kouts, Tiffany Kouts, Dar Krenek, Jordan Krenek, Ryan Kuenast, Martha Landers, Angelica Lundquist, Tori Mae, Belinda Malin, Denver Malin, Katey Malin, Ken Malin, Harley Malin, Ross Malin, Marsha McConaughy, Grandma Myrtle, Jessica Pharo, Joann Rees, David Riley, Becky Rippy, Ian Redmond, Erin Rosales, Angela Schnelle, Pastor Susan Schnelle, Jacki Snowden, Dustin Swening, Jamie Swening, Wayne Swening, Paulette Thomas, Angela Trahan, Jeremy Ullrich, Anne Walker.

The Bible theme was lived out during the week: "I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart and tell about the wonders you have worked" Psalm 9:1. Participate in worship and Summer SCS-experience Vacation Bible School 2009.

JULY 5—PENTECOST 5

PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; St. Mark 6:1-13

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



Independence Day

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Patriotic Sunday; what a joy it is to live in the United States of America

Dr. David Maidment, University of Texas/Austin College of Engineering, continues a Fourth of July tradition sharing on July 5 an annual patriotic message. David, a hydrologist, speaks on "The River of Life." Gethsemane is grateful for the Maidment family witness and participation in the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran.

HOST A STUDENT

Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls offer thanks to Gethsemane for the support in hosting Dong Hoon Jung from South Korea during the past school year. They are planning to host a student from Germany beginning in August and invite others to consider hosting a student. They would love to visit with you or you may contact Jayne Allen (215-9720) with the Center for Cultural Interchange.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN/CHILDREN

Gethsemane Women of the ELCA teamed up in June with Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry in hosting the June birthday party for Trinity Care Center residents. Thanks to: Donna Olson, Deanie Martinets, Wilma Wheatley, Nell Rundell, Tutty Maixner, Christine Bohls, Sharon Hillmer, Peggy Horton along with GLCM staff members Janie Rodriquez, Jessica Pharo and the 5 & 6 Year old Pre-K class, Dar Krenek and Pastor Karl Gronberg. Everyone enjoyed the singing and party festivities.

GWELCA will take a holiday in July and August returning to their regular monthly meetings in September.

GARDEN MEMORIAL BENCHES

Six memorial benches were installed in the Gethsemane Garden the week of June 14th. These benches fulfill the wishes of Ann Christianson Tharp and her father, Clem Christianson, the donor of the Gethsemane Garden given in memory of his wife Margaret a faithful member of Gethsemane congregation. The original wood benches were removed and placed under trees on the south lawn for the Austin Humane Society volunteers to rest while exercising the dogs. The new granite benches were purchased through the assistance of Gethsemane member Billy Peel and Jim Stotts of Hopf Monument. This installation continues the garden improvements commenced in June, 2008 with a flagstone walk area installed, a drip watering system, and native plants. Thanks to Valerie Johnson for her stewardship of the garden plants. Plans are for a dedication of these memorial benches at a future date.

JULY 12—PENTECOST 6

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; St. Mark 6:14-29

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Feeding of the 5000; World Hunger Appeal Sunday

THANKS GETHSEMANE

Dr. Wayne Menking, Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest, sends a letter of thanks for Gethsemane support of seminarians Marilyn Larsen and Joan Iker. The seminary Cultural Theology class required community involvement which Marilyn and Joan fulfilled by doing ministry with the Gethsemane Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Dr. Menking also expressed appreciation for the financial support Gethsemane Lutheran has given to seminary students.

Thank you faithful Gethsemane stewards. Offerings given faithfully provide support for many ministries. During the summer months remember to send offerings prior to summer vacations. "God's Work. Our Hands"

GLADOFFF

GLADOFFF will gather at Catfish Parlor, 11910 Highway 183, July 14, 7 p.m. Hosts will be Gordon Kettelman and Timothy Huston. All are welcome.

THANKS MUSICIANS

During the summer weeks Gethsemane members are invited to offer their music talents during the worship of the community. Please speak with JoAnn Gerbig, Sheryl Evans, Dar Krenek or a pastor if you are willing to offer your praise to God and the blessing of the congregation. Thanks!

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Gethsemane Lutheran recognized on Sunday, June 14, the 61st anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Willis Erickson, June 13, 1948, into the Lutheran ministry of Word and Sacrament. Pastor & Virgie Erickson served Gethsemane congregation from 1967-1971. They express their gratitude to Gethsemane congregation for this recognition and the beautiful chancel flowers.

HARVARD REFLECTION

Pastor Erik Gronberg, a baptized, confirmed, ordained son of Gethsemane Lutheran, presided at the June 7th memorial service held during the 2009 Harvard University commencement. Erik is a 1999 graduate of Harvard. He serves Dr. Martin Luther Church, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Gethsemane members have indicated an interest in reading his reflection. Erik has given permission for copies to be provided for those interested. They will be placed on the narthex table.

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HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY JUNE 28TH PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS JULY 5TH WORLD HUNGER APPEAL JULY 12TH

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: All members co-chairs, **David & Kathi Allen, Stephen & Christine Bohls, Jim & Dot Hecht, Tim Huston, Flo Laubach, Geth Rodgers, Kim Sanchez.**

June Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Howard Swening** by **Cheryl Swening**; in honor of **Valerie Virta** receiving her PhD from the University of Washington and in celebration of our granddaughter **Katy's** 2nd birthday by **Christine & Philip Berkland**; in celebration of our 33rd wedding anniversary by **Art & Glenda Tiemann**; in celebration of the 61st Ordination Anniversary of **Reverend Willis Erickson** by **Virgie**, family and Gethsemane Lutheran friends; in celebration of our 40th anniversary by **Merrill & Pat Austin**; in honor of **Ted Berkland** on his 80th birthday and 55th anniversary of ordination by in celebration of our 40th anniversary by **Merrill & Pat Austin**; in honor of **Ted Berkland** on his 80th birthday and 55th anniversary of ordination by **Phil & Christine Berkland**; in celebration of **Will's** 19th birthday and freshmen year at Texas Lutheran University by the **Jurgens Family**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Rev. Ted Berkland, George W. Dumont, William D. Rogers, Trudy Jarvis, Marvin W. Jewell**—may those who

mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Gwen Lindgren**, Health South-Humble, Texas; **David Ellerbeck**, RRM—remember this friend in prayer... **THANKS FROM:** **Alford Johnson, Olga George, Pastor Don Holmstrom & family, Karen Westerman, Brian Kircher, Doris Worrell, arol Laubach, Pam Atkins, Joseph Jr, & Fatmata Candeh, Will & Virgie Erickson, Gina Creager, Stanley Berkman, Helen Enders, Margaret Hankamer, Mary Jane Schaeffer, Harvey Hackbarth, Cindy Doerfler, Edra Hanson, June Stuckey, Renita Feller, Bruce Nelson, Alvina Sassman, Don Franz, Art & Maxine Leatherwood, Ozell Hewlett, Daisy Horton, Rev. Hilmer Krause, Craig Eulenfeld, Joann Meier Rees** on behalf of the Meier family reunion, **Jeannene Dumont, Judy Jewell Warr, Steven Hibbs, David Ellerbeck** for prayers, cards, phone calls, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries—thank you notes posted on narthex/education wing bulletin boards... **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Jennifer Catherine Jarl & Jason Lee McCombs** married recently; **Todd & Sheri Pottebaum** and big sister Savannah on birth of son/brother **Jaeger William Pottebaum**-grandparents **Art & Marilyn Peterson LaValle** rejoice; **Joseph Jr. & Fatama Candeh** on birth of son **Kingston Thomas**-grandfather **Joseph Candeh** and family rejoice; **Valerie Virta** PhD, University of Washington-Seattle; **Keith**

Fitzgerald, RN-Master's Degree in Business Administration, recently promoted to Clinical Manager for Labor and Delivery Seton Medical Hays County Facility; **Jeanette Chavarria**, (Sidney Lanier HS) the Gethsemane community joins family in friends in celebrating with all of you...**THANKS TO:** **Becky Rippy** taking pictures of fathers and children on Father's Day: **David Allen, Rodger Anderson, Greg Althaus, Dan Dworin, Glenn Dyess, Harry Evans, Karl Gronberg, Michael Hillmer, Timothy Huston, Gordon Ketteman, John Kingsbury, Brian Kircher, Bryant Kite, Danny Lundquist, Keith Lundquist, Ken Malin, AJ Muller, Jim Riley, Tom Rodgers, Robert Rosales, Lee Schnelle, David N. Smith, Johnny Walker**—Thanks Gethsemane fathers for your faithful witness to the grace of God. Pictures are on the bulletin board; Gethsemane men attending TLU "Front Row" event: **Rodger Anderson, Robert Anderson, Joseph Candeh, Gordon Feller, Josh Goodlow, Joel Gronberg, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Keith Lundquist, Ben Pounds, Larry Pounds; Gat Rodgers, Jr.** for arranging the tour of historic Gethsemane Church; **Catherine Hillmer** for donating her hair to "Locks of Love"...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Pastor Don Holmstrom & family, Dan & Bobbie Griffith, Dr. Mike Smith, Dottie Sigerist and Earle Sigerist, Jr.** recent Gethsemane visitors; **Dennis Palmer & family; Verne Lundquist** visiting with Gethsemane men at Texas Lutheran University fund raising event.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 27

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, June 28—Pentecost 4

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service
4-6 p.m. Mamma Jamma Kickoff Party (Mueller Home)

MONDAY, June 29

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, June 30

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

WEDNESDAY, July 1

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary/Garden)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, July 2

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, July 3

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, July 4

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, July 5—Pentecost 5

PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, July 6

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (GLCM Work Rm)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, July 7

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, July 8

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary/Garden)

THURSDAY, July 9

FRIDAY, July 10

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, July 11

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, July 12, PENTECOST 6

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, July 13

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, July 14

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Catfish Parlor-Hwy 183)

WEDNESDAY, July 15

11:45 a.m. Long Term Care Guild (Music Rm)
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary/Garden)
7:00 p.m. GWELCA Book Review & Desert (Parlor)

THURSDAY, July 16

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, July 17

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, July 18

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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JESUS, JUSTICE & JAZZ: ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

JULY 19—PENTECOST 7

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SCRIPTURE: *Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; St. Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: "Christmas in July"
Summer Bell Camp every Sunday

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

This annual summer event reminds the baptized community of the incarnation message proclaimed throughout the year in the July Texas heat as well as the cool of December. The promise of God given to humanity in the birth of a baby in Bethlehem is lived in all the seasons of the year.

Gethsemane annually claims this tradition from Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the beautiful Cascade mountain range in Washington state. Two groups of Gethsemane members visited Holden Village returning with never to be forgotten images of faith and celebration. The 9:30 a.m. Summer SCS Hour will offer crafts and Christmas stories. Come in July and sing the angel message.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH TO NEW ORLEANS

Gethsemane youth have participated in every national ELCA Youth Gathering. They have traveled by train, bus and van to San Antonio-three time; Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Dallas, St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans. This year will be different! Gethsemane youth and sponsors will travel by plane thanks to the generous support given by congregational members and friends. They will leave Austin Bergstrom International Wednesday morning, July 22 returning from New Orleans Sunday, July 26. While in New Orleans the youth will participate in a program somewhat different from previous Gatherings with a focus on service and justice assisting New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region still recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. What remains the same about the Gathering will worship, music, Bible study, service, learning, play, prayer, the witness of faithful leaders from around the world, reflection, caring for others and new friendships. The 2009 Gathering Bible theme is Philippians 2:1-8. At the center of the Bible theme and the Gathering program is an awareness of God's call to servanthood expressing basic Christian practices by which we live our baptismal calling to servanthood throughout life. Pray for the 35,000 youth and adults including the "super Gethsemane youth": **Allie Anderson, Paige Anderson, Colby Chandrasoma, Kallie Crawford, Andrew Davitt, Carson Domel, Carrie Eubank, Kevin Eubank, Tyler Kuenast, Evan Spielvogel, Ross Malin, Craig McConaughy, Joel Gronberg and Erin Rosales** will be Gathering leaders. **Pastors Karl Gronberg, Susan Schnelle, and Darlene Krenek** will be adult sponsors. Thanks Gethsemane for nurturing youth in the faith of the church community.

JULY 26—PENTECOST 8

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: *2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: "Jacob and Esau"
Summer Bell Camp every Sunday

MISSION OUTREACH

Gethsemane has recently assisted in the repair of the old Gethsemane van which is still doing ministry for **Cristo Rey - San Lucas** along the border. Funds were also sent to put a new roof on **Lydia Espinosa's** home in Piedras Negras. Pastor Nelson Velasquez sends his deep thanks to the Gethsemane community for the long and faithful ministry partnership. Additional gifts were given for **Theresa Kajage**, friend of **Dr. Cal Streeter** and her organization, **WAMATA** in Tanzania, Africa which works to combat the AIDS problem. Theresa has been a guest at Gethsemane.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

The Gethsemane pastoral staff, assisted by Gethsemane members, have been leading a fourth Sunday of the month Holy Communion service with the residents of Heatherwilde Assisted Living Center in Pflugerville. The residents come from a variety of denominational backgrounds with the majority having Lutheran "roots". Thanks to **Tom & Kay Rodgers, Erik Svenkerud** for coordinating the Sunday liturgy and the many others having given their time and witness to this ministry. Persons interested in participating in the Fourth Sunday ministry may contact the coordinators.

MILLIONS FOR MINISTRY

To be about the work of God takes faithful people supported by a community of generous believers. A vehicle for ministry is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Mission Investment Fund. In a time of financial turmoil, the MIF has experienced record growth. This good news helps the ELCA to share the love of God by providing loans to congregations and related ministries. Gethsemane Lutheran is one of 14,099 investors. With many portfolios shrinking, the Mission Investment Fund grew. Throughout the nearly 100 year history of the MIF, the fund has always paid investors their principal and interest in accordance with the terms of their investments. To help ensure the fund's stability, capital of more than \$160 million, reflects a net worth of over 26 percent of total assets. The percentage is over five times the amount required by regulation and is much higher than what most financial institutions maintain. MIF has total assets of \$617,875,358. The work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is blessed by congregations and persons of faith committed to the ministries of the church. For more information speak with **Pastor Karl Gronberg**.

AUGUST 2—PENTECOST 9

SCRIPTURE: *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; St. John 6:24-35*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: "Manna in the wilderness"
Summer Bell Camp!

GLCM NEWS

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry celebrated Independence Day with a bicycle parade. The children decorated their bikes and paraded around the parking lot. It was great to see them having a wonderful time showing their red, white and blue to their parents. Through July, we continue to learn of God's love with Lizzie Lizard, Blossom the Burro, and other VBS creatures. Thank you to **Alice Timmerman** for generous support of this congregational ministry and to **James Preece**, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, for assistance in helping GLCM receive \$1,387 in matching funds. Summer program ends August 19th.

GLCM students invite Gethsemane members to attend the **2nd Annual Summer Musical**, "Discovery Canyon, exploring the wonders of God's world and word!" August 13, 9:30 a.m. MPR. The children will dress as canyon critters and proclaim the good news through songs and scripture from VBS materials.

GLCM fall enrollment has commenced. There is a waiting list for the Infant Room. There are openings for 2 years and older. Contact **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek** 339-6335 for enrollment information.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Gethsemane Lutheran, a Reconciling in Christ community, has been invited by **Lutherans Concerned** to join other congregations providing prayer shawls for use in the chapel area of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 2009 Churchwide Assembly to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota **August 17-23**. These prayer shawls are to remind participants to prayerfully consider every issue faced by the assembly. Thanks to **Diane Streeter** and Gethsemane Lutheran members for indicating their willingness to provide one or more prayer shawls. Contact **Pastor Gronberg** for information.

"I CARE GALA"

The **Care Communities Seventh Annual Byron E. Cox "I Care Gala"** will be held Thursday, **August 20**, hosted by the Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch in Buda, Texas. **Sara Hickman, Eugene Sepulveda, and Rev. Ann Beaty** will be honored. Members of Gethsemane Lutheran have attended this Gala in support of the unconditional care expressed by this community ministry. For more information speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

ORDINATION CELEBRATED

Gethsemane Lutheran recognized on Sunday, July 12, 2009, the 35th anniversary of the ordination of **Reverend Kent L. Bohls**, July 14, 1974 into the Lutheran ministry of word and sacrament. Pastor Kent Bohls has served the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with faithfulness. Gethsemane Lutheran has been blessed by his vision and commitment. Pastor & **Joan** express their thanks for the beautiful altar flowers and expressions of love.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY—JULY 19 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING—JULY 22-26 GLOBAL MISSION EMPHASIS—JULY 26

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF/FAIR TRADE

Gethsemane has been very faithful in supporting the issues of Fair Trade around the globe. Coffee is second only to oil as the major traded commodity in the world and getting a fair price to the small growers is an important Christian witness. Other products such as tea, pecans and chocolate have become part of the ministry. If you are enjoying these items do it with a conscience. Thanks to the Gethsemane team which has been heading this ministry: **Joan Bohls, Judy & Gaylord Magnuson, Anne & Johnny Walker.**

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES

Gethsemane has ordered and sold 90 Lutheran Study Bibles from Augsburg Fortress. Individuals may order for themselves online at www.augsburgfortress.org. This Bible has many notes and articles particular to the Lutheran view of the Bible and issues of faith.

GALA RECOGNIZES SENATOR

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THANK YOU

Thank you for summer faithful giving; Gethsemane is fortunate to have members who recognize the importance of ministry throughout the year. Many have chosen to go to www.gethsemaneaustin.org and

contributed online or have set up regular electronic giving to see that your gifts are here even if you are on vacation in some cool and rainy part of the world.

The need for food and clothing continues during this hot summer and we are grateful for all the continued giving of Gethsemane members and friends.

TOMORROW'S CHILD

Lutheran Social Services/New Life Children's Center 16th Annual **Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit** Monday **Sept. 14**, Avery Ranch Golf Club, benefits abused, neglected, abandoned and special needs children. Register online at www.NewLifeChildrensCenter.org or call (512) 459-1000.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: family of **Helen Nichols**—may those who mourn be comforted...**THANKS FROM:** **Gwen Lindgren, Sally Nagy, Art Leatherwood, Phil & Christine Berkland, Ardy Davitt, Wilma Wheatley, Peter & Maxine Lammergard, Helen Enders, Bill Corbell, Erik Svenkerud, Frances Bornemann** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries—thank you notes posted on narthex/education wing bulletin boards; **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** for the wonderful Vacation Bible School—the GLCM children and staff enjoyed all the activities; **2009 Multifaith Pride Service** for Gethsemane support; **David Haight, Dean Haight** on behalf of **Mopar Muscle Car Club** for Gethsemane providing meeting space; **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls** for 35th ordination anniversary reception...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Amanda Schnelle,**

Johnny Walker, Verne Lundquist pictured in Texas Lutheran University "Torch"—spring edition; **Brad & Jessica Allen** and big brother **Nathan** on birth of son/brother **Caleb Robert**—Grandmother **Kathi** in South Korea with happy parents while grandfather **David** awaits their arrival home in August; **Rod Johnson**, president, Texas Swedish Pioneers Association for celebrating the 171st anniversary of Swedish immigrants to Texas—historic Gethsemane Church was pictured along with a congregational history...**THANKS TO:** **Dr. David Maidment** for "The River of Life" homily offered Fourth of July week-end—copies of homily available in the narthex; **John & Anne Walker, Judy & Gaylord Magnuson, Joan Bohls** for faithfully providing Fair Trade items for sale the second Sunday of each month; **Kevin Kubiak, John & Clare Kingsbury** for servicing air conditioners; **Tom & Kay Rodgers** gift of refrigerator for Altar Guild room...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Glenn Like, Gronberg Family Reunion** in Minnesota...**LOOKING AHEAD:** August 16, **College Send Off**; August 23, **Bless the Backpacks**; August 30, **Beach Party**; Sept. 6, **Labor Day Celebration**; Sept. 13, **Rally Sunday and Grandparents' Day**...**INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS:** words of **Thomas Merton** from The Book of Hours: "This is what it means to seek God perfectly: to withdraw from illusion and pleasure, from worldly anxieties and desires, from the works that God does not want, from a glory that is only human display: to keep my mind free from confusion in order that my liberty may be always at the disposal of God's will: to entertain silence in my heart and listen for the voice of God."

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, July 18

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)
4:00 p.m. Home blessing

SUNDAY, July 19—Pentecost 7

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, July 20

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUES., July 21—Sr High Youth Gathering

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WED., July 22—Sr High Youth Gathering

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary/Garden)
THURS., July 23—Sr High Youth Gathering
FRIDAY, July 24—Sr High Youth Gathering
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SAT., July 25—Sr High Youth Gathering

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
SUNDAY, July 26—Pentecost 8
Sr High Youth return from Gathering
ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, July 27

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)
TUESDAY, July 28
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

WEDNESDAY, July 29

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary/Garden)
THURSDAY, July 30
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, July 31

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, August 1
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, August 2, PENTECOST 9

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, August 3

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, August 4

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, August 5

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary/Garden)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
THURSDAY, August 6
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Assn. of Austin (Music Rm)

FRIDAY, August 7

GWELCA—Joint Synodical Convention
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, August 8
GWELCA—Joint Synodical Convention
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 5, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS, CAMPUS MINISTRY, ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 9—PENTECOST 10

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25—5:2; St. John 6:35, 41-51

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: "Amanda Schnelle shares her Texas Lutheran University 2009 summer experience in Cuernavaca Mexico; Amanda will complete her degree at TLU and is applying to an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America seminary."

Summer Bell Camp every Sunday

GLADOFFF

GLADOFFF (Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun) gather at Mighty Fine Burgers, 10515 North Mopac (just north of Hwy 183), Tuesday, August 11, 7 p.m. Hosts: **Peggy & Walt Horton**. All are welcome.

HOLMSTROM FIELD

Gethsemane Lutheran members **Buddy Holmstrom** and **Carroll Holmstrom** along with their brother **David Holmstrom** of Houston, Texas have been honored by the Hutto City Council by having the historic Park Field on the east side of downtown Hutto renamed **Holmstrom Field**. The Holmstrom brothers were well known fast-pitch softball players and successful athletes in other sports as well. Their father, **Lambert**, was instrumental in the work of the Hutto Park Association that built the ballpark in 1950. Buddy, inducted into the Texas Amateur Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1996, is regarded by many sport fans as the premier fast pitch hurler in the Central Texas area; Carroll was his catcher and David played first base. The Hutto team played in the World Softball tournament in 1958. Buddy and Carroll led Gethsemane Lutheran fast pitch team in the 1970's. Congratulations to these men of faith and family. Gethsemane celebrates with them and their loved ones. **Play ball!**

OFFERING EXCEEDS GOAL

Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman**, Chair Poverty Task Force, along with the Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA, staff thank Gethsemane Lutheran for generously supporting the 2009 Synod Assembly offering with generous gifts. **Casa Marianella** of Austin, Texas \$20,152; **Women's Co-op** in El Cenizo, Texas \$24,183; **New Creation Community** in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico \$7,053.27; **Our Savior Lutheran English Language Program** in McAllen, Texas \$5,038; **Colonia 21 de Marzo** in Reynosa, Mexico \$17,129; **Nueva Vida** in Mexico and San Juan, Texas \$8,061; **Casa Bugambilia** in Matamoros, Mexico \$7,053. The project sponsors have received their gifts with commitments to provide the synod with ministry updates. Gethsemane lived the ELCA stewardship theme: "God's work. Our hands" by giving \$14,000 to the synod offering.

AUGUST 16—PENTECOST 11

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; St. John 6:51-58

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Campus ministry with Gethsemane college/university students telling of their plans for the academic year 2009-2010. Summer Bell Camp every Sunday.

CAMPUS PASTOR GUEST

Reverend **Paul Collinson Streng**, an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serves the campus ministry at the University of Texas—Austin. He is the son of Texas Lutheran University "legend" **Dr. Evelyn Streng** and the late **Dr. Adolph Streng**. **Pastor Collinson-Streng**, a graduate of UT-Austin and (theological seminary), will participate in worship and the summer SCS Hour. Gethsemane college/university students will be "sent forth" as they commence the fall semester. Please contact the Gethsemane office with your academic plans and address for the 2009-2010 year sent off to begin and return to their college and university experiences.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Thanks Gethsemane youth of the ELCA Youth Gathering for leading worship August 2: Lectors—**Andrew Davitt, Paige Anderson**; Communion assistants: **Carrie Eubank, Allie Anderson, Colby Chandrasoma, Tyler Kuenast, Evan Spielvogel**; Blessing of Prayer Shawls. Eucharistic Vessels: **Craig McConaughy, Kevin Eubank, Erin Rosales, Joel Gronberg**.

Senior High breakfast, Monday August 10. Meet in the lower level parking lot. Bring money for breakfast.

Jr. & Sr. High youth meet August 16 following the 10:30 liturgy for lunch and an afternoon at Schlitterbahn. Bring money for lunch and entry to the park.

CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

More than 1,000 voting members, congregational observers, resource members, advisory members, ecumenical guests and visitors will gather in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the Eleventh Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America August 17-23. The assembly is the highest legislative authority of the churchwide organization dealing with all matters necessary in the pursuit of the purposes and functions of the ELCA. **Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson** has requested all congregations to keep the assembly in prayer during worship so the decisions made will reflect the faithfulness of the ELCA to the grace of God. **Lutherans Concerned**, expresses thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran, a Reconciling in Christ community, for joining other congregations providing prayer shawls for use in the chapel area of the Assembly. These prayer shawls will remind participants to prayerfully consider every issue faced by the assembly. Thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran members for willingness to provide these prayer shawls and to **Paul Waller** for mailing them to Lutherans Concerned.

AUGUST 23—PENTECOST 12

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: "Giving/Helping T.A. Brown students prepare for school" Summer Bell Camp!

BLESS THE BACKPACKS

Students of all ages are invited to bring their school backpacks to be blessed during the August 23 morning services!

"I CARE GALA"

The **Care Communities Seventh Annual Byron E. Cox "I Care Gala"** Thursday, August 20, hosted by the Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch in Buda, Texas. **Sara Hickman, Eugene Sepulveda, and Rev. Ann Beaty** will be recognized. Members of Gethsemane Lutheran attend this Gala in support of the unconditional care expressed by this community ministry. For information speak with **Virginia Marek** or **Gat Rodgers**.

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TEXAS MAMMA JAMMA RIDE

Gethsemane member **Alice Mueller**, in a Sunday morning Temple Talk, invited congregants to join in the Inaugural Texas Mamma Jamma Ride Oct. 10 "to change the odds" against breast cancer by raising \$400,000. Mamma Jamma will help save and improve lives by supporting 10 local nonprofit organizations serving thousands of Central Texans with breast cancer 365 days a year. Consider being a sponsor or joining in "Pedaling Past Breast Cancer". Information on the Gethsemane Women ELCA Bulletin Board or in the Gethsemane office.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry is accepting enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year beginning August 24. Pre-school program ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten full time M-F 7:15 a.m.-6 p.m., part time MWF/TTH 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Mother's Day Out hours M-F or MWF/TTH 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (available for 2 yrs-PreK). Hot lunch and snacks provided daily. Program includes: weekly chapel, music, quality structured program with Bible curriculum. Learn through play in organized centers such as are, music, blocks, reading, computer and home centers. Administrative Leadership Team: **Valerie Johnson**, Director; **Dar Krenek** and **Angelica Lundquist**, Assistant Directors. For more info: 339-6335, glcm@sbcglobal.net, www.glcmchildcare.org. Caring for children since 1965.

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GLCM MUSICAL AUGUST 13 9:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REGISTRATION ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

MEMORIAL

Esther Maxine Berggren Leatherwood, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism July 24, 2009. Maxine earned her nursing degree at Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. She served in the Army Nurse Corps. During World War II Maxine met and in March, 1947 married Capt. Arthur Leatherwood. During his military assignments in California, Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, and Arizona Maxine and Art joined Lutheran congregations where they lived out their baptismal faith. Maxine was a lifelong member of the Lutheran tradition faithfully sharing the grace of God. Maxine and Art joined Gethsemane congregation in July, 1997. Maxine was always concerned with the happiness and welfare of others. The Christian promise is expressed to Arthur, her devoted husband of 62 years, son Jon and daughter-in-law Joyce of Smithville, Texas, and members of the extended family. The memorial liturgy was Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Blessed be the memory of Maxine Leatherwood

JULY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Anna Callahan**, Chairperson, **Ria Corbett**, **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**, **Erin Rosales**, **Sandra Tipton**.

July Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in gratitude for the service of **Stephen Michael Prentice** to our nation and the commitment of the citizens of the United States of America to peace, justice and equality by **Thom Prentice** and **Keith Fitzgerald**; in celebration of **Pastor Kent Bohls** recognizing the 35th anniversary of

his ordination as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by Gethsemane members and friends; in loving memory of **Ethel Hull** on the anniversary of her birthday by **Mary Jane Riley**; in celebration of our 15th wedding anniversary by **Keith & Angelica Lundquist**; in honor of **Pam Vetter** and in celebration of her birthday by **Tom Groppe**. Persons wishing to remember or honor loved one with the gift of flowers are asked to sign the flower chart book indicating choice of date. Thanks to the altar guild for gifts blessing the worship life of the congregation.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Cal Streeter represented Gethsemane at a Habitat for Humanity meeting assuring them Gethsemane will participate in the fall ecumenical build. Gethsemane members will work one or two Saturdays and raise \$2000. You are encouraged to contribute any amount by purchasing squares for \$1 each. Please share in providing safe and affordable housing!

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: family of **Maxine Leatherwood**—may those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Gene Barrow**, Brackenridge; **Bill Corbell**, St. Davids MC; **Karalyn Heimlich**, Seton-Central; **Art Leatherwood**, NAMC—remember these friends in daily devotional prayers...**THANKS FROM:** **Alvina Sassman**, **Don Franz**, **Ingrid Warren**, **Kelly Mortland**, **Helen Enders**, **Bernice Johnson**, **Gene Barrow**, **Karalyn Heimlich**, **Chuck Rice**, **Paulette Akers**, **Dr. Erik Svenkerud**, **Heatherwilde residents**, **George Wendlandt**, **Rusty Johnson**, **Oliver Strom**, **Bobby & Marilyn Antu**, **Wyatt Driskell**, **Larry Crenshaw**, **Dave & Barb Anderson**, **Jim & Sandra Baylor**, family of **Maxine Leatherwood**, for prayers,

cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries—thank you notes posted on narthex/education wing bulletin boards...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Adam & Jennifer Jensen**, birth of **Lainey Kay** July 23—Grandparents **Brad & Karyn** rejoice over the gift of life; **Michelle Muenzler** having completed her junior year University of Texas-Tyler majoring in Biology with a Criminal Justice minor—Michelle was inducted into two academic honor societies based upon her being in top 3.5% of her class; **Kyndal Renee Jarl**, daughter of **Christine Renee Jarl**, Godparents/Sponsors **Jason & Jennifer Jarl McCombs** on her baptism...**THANKS TO:** **Stephen Greinert** and **Alan Bergstrom** July congregation council deacons; **Gethsemane musicians** for summer special music...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Kathi Allen**, **Marilyn Antu**—grandmothers visiting grandson **Caleb Robert Allen** and parents in South Korea—**Brad**, **Jessica**, **Nathaniel & Caleb** return to Austin next week; **Susan Haydon**, former Gethsemane member/GLCM director, recent worship visitor; **Gwen Lindgren** recent visitor; **Chaplain Rachel Larson**, Gustavus Adolphus College campus ministry, **Dr. Chip & Rev. Ramona Bouzard**, Wartburg College faculty and staff; **Pastor Kim Little Brooks**, former Gethsemane member serving ELCA Louisiana congregation; **Katy Stewart**, daughter of former Gethsemane member **Corky Stewart**; **Emily Petrosky**, youth minister, Salina, KS—persons attended ELCA New Orleans Youth Gathering expressed gratitude for connection with Gethsemane; **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls** enjoying renewal time in beautiful New Mexico...**LOOKING AHEAD:** August 30, **Beach Party**; Sept. 6, **Labor Day Celebration**; Sept. 13, **Rally Sunday** and **Grandparents' Day**; Sept 19, **Lutheran Fall Festival & Family Fun Day** (Fredericksburg).

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 8

GWELCA—Joint Synodical Convention

2:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)
Wedding Reception (MPR)

SUNDAY, August 9—Pentecost 10

GWELCA—Joint Synodical Convention

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, August 10

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, August 11

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Mighty Fine Burgers)

WEDNESDAY, August 12

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)

THURSDAY, August 13

9:00 a.m. GLCM Musical/Chapel (MPR)

FRIDAY, August 14

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, August 15

7:30 a.m. Girl Scout Event (Multi-Purpose Rm)

SUNDAY, August 16—Pentecost 11

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SENDING FORTH COLLEGE STUDENTS

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, August 17

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-W)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, August 18

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 19

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)

THURSDAY, August 20

8—5 p.m. GLCM Staff Training

FRIDAY, August 21

8—4 p.m. GLCM Staff Training
4—5:30 p.m. GLCM Open House
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, August 22

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, August 23, PENTECOST 12

"BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS"

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, August 24

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, August 25

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, August 26

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)

THURSDAY, August 27

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, August 28

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, August 29

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 26, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

VOLUME 15, NUMBER 12 AUSTIN, TEXAS

SUMMER 2009 CELEBRATED: FALL MINISTRIES COMMENCE

AUGUST 30—PENTECOST 13 BEACH PARTY

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; St. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour Theme: Beach Camp
Summer Bell Camp every Sunday

LEMONADE STAND

Bellissimo offers lemonade and cookies Sunday, **August 30**, between services/ following 2nd service with proceeds helping the bell choir to participate in the Area IX Bell Convention in Arlington, **June 22-25**, 2010. Join **Bellissimo** Bell Choir directed by JoAnn Gerbig. Rehearsal following 10:30 a.m. liturgy every Sunday.

CONCORDIA UNV. THANKS

Dr. Tom Cedell, president of Concordia University, expresses thanks on behalf of the university for the annual support Gethsemane Lutheran gives to Concordia Gala with funds designated for student scholarship. For three years, Gethsemane members and friends have enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship, dancing at the beautiful Four Seasons Hotel. The 2009 honoree was **Senator Kirk Watson. Elizabeth Christian**, President of Elizabeth Christian & Associates Public Relations coordinated the program. Gethsemane guests: Concordia University graduate, **Pastor Susan & Lee Schnelle, Tony Wrubell and Billi Chandler, James & Kathi Preece, Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** had their pictures taken with Senator Watson and President Cedell. May Concordia University, and all Lutheran colleges/universities continue to bless nation and world with leaders.

WELCOME SEBASTIAN

Gethsemane welcomes **Johann Sebastian Wilhelm** of Penzberg, Germany, a foreign exchange student and junior at Smithville High School living with **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls**.

GLCM NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry began the 2009-10 school year Friday, August 21 with a great turn out for Open House. The new school year began Monday, August 24 with current children transitioning to their new classrooms and over 20 new students. GLCM has 20 staff members: **Sandra Campos, Liz Cortez, Leslie Doty, Tania Galan, Kelly Hardage, Liza Ibarra, Graciela Jimenez, Doris Jones, Denise Lackey, Martha Landers, Kathey Langham, Jessica Pharo, Janie Rodriguez, Paulette Thomas, Angela Trahan, Vickie Waddell and Katy Williams.** Administrators: **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Joy Krenek;** Foster Grandparents: **Myrtle Franklin, Johnette Jones and Ellen Hollinshead.** Thanks Gethsemane for supporting this ministry to children and their families.

SEPT. 6—PENTECOST 14 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; St. Mark 7:24-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

BAPTISM -LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Gethsemane members and friend gather beneath the **Charles Bornemann** Live Oak Tree **September 6**, for the annual 8:15 a.m. outdoor eucharist. Plan to be part of this casual relaxed worship time before heading into the Multi-Purpose Room to be rejuvenated in the Labor Day weekend time together. **Gethsemane members Bobby & Marilyn Antu** bring their son **Christopher Robert** for the blessed Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Chris will be enrolled in the confirmation ministry with **Pastor Susan Schnelle.** Dress casually as the Gethsemane Lutheran community gives thanks to God for summer 2009.

MDA TELETHON HELP

Volunteers are needed to assist in the MDA Labor Day Telethon. Please contact **Lester or Lois Johnson, 837-0860.**

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Mary Martha Unit meets **Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Gloria Cooper and Edith Rodgers** are hostesses with **Virginia Marek** program leader. **Deanie Martinets** is unit leader. The guest speaker will be from the **Austin Fire Department.**

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun gather at **Serranos Café, 11100 Pecan Park Blvd @ Lakeline Mall Dr. Tuesday, September 8, 7 p.m. Hosts: Gloria & Gordon Cooper.** All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS

Pastor Schnelle invites confirmands and parents to meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, **September 9** to go over the plans for the confirmation program for those entering the 7th and 8th grades. Please plan to be part of this important ministry. Confirmands will meet Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Midweek Connections with other activities mixed in!

"OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK"

The **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** walk Saturday, **Sept. 12, 9 a.m.** registration. 10 a.m. walk around Texas State Capitol raising funds for research, education, suicide prevention programs. Austin has the highest rate of suicide in Texas major metropolitan areas. 2,500 Texans died by suicide in 2005. For information speak with **Pastor Gronberg.**

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

Midweek Connections Wednesday evenings **September 23 to November 18, 11 a.m.** study prior to 12 noon eucharist. Evening hot meal, children through adults classes, confirmation instruction, 7:15 brief eucharist.

SEPT. 13—PENTECOST 15 RALLY SUNDAY

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; St. Mark 8:27-38

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

HONOR GRANDPARENTS

Gloria Cooper, Gethsemane Representative for over 20 years to the North Central Caregivers Board, invites Gethsemane members to purchase beautiful, one-of-a-kind, handmade greeting cards to celebrate Grandparent's Day Sunday, **September 13.** Your purchase will assist this ministry to older adults helping them stay in their homes.

RALLY SUNDAY "LA FIESTA STYLE"

Lori Althaus and Belinda Malin, Gethsemane Lutheran Congregation Council Christian Education coordinators lead a robust team of volunteers making 2009-2010 a year of growing in faith for Gethsemane children, youth and adults. Plan to be part of the Rally Sunday Fun and stay for the noon Men in Mission Mexican lunch fundraiser with proceeds for Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry. Booths will offer gift ideas for children, families and friends with related gifts and educational items.

During the 10:30 a.m. service Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry students will sing and staff members will receive a blessing. In conjunction with the beginning of the Sunday School year, there will be fun opportunities such as face painting, moonwalk, silent auction, raffle and vendors. The Gethsemane Men in Mission will serve enchiladas, tacos and all the trimmings (\$7 adults). Meal tickets available beginning August 30. Please contact the GLCM office 339-6335 for information regarding being a vendor or donating an item for the raffle/auction.

TOMORROW'S CHILD

Lutheran Social Services/New Life Children's Center 16th Annual **Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit** Monday **Sept. 14,** Avery Ranch Golf Club, benefits abused, neglected, abandoned and special needs children. Register online at www.NewLifeChildrensCenter.org or call (512) 459-1000.

MEN IN MISSION

Men-in-Mission tour the **Texas Memorial Museum** Thursday, **Sept. 17.** Guided tour \$1 per person. 9 a.m. coffee, donuts, fellowship Music Room. **Shawn Connolly,** Connolly Insurance Group, speaks on financial issues affecting the lives of seniors. Tour departs 10:15 a.m. **Lunch** follows at **Scholz Garten.** Sign up- Men in Mission Bulletin Board.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Gethsemane members plan to work the Habitat for Humanity ecumenical build **Oct. 24** and raise \$2000, with over \$700 already given. Please contribute any amount by purchasing squares for \$1 each. Please share in providing safe and affordable housing!

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GLCM NEW STUDENTS/NEW YEAR OUTDOOR WORSHIP—SEPT. 6, 8:15 A.M. RALLY SUNDAY/NOON MEAL—SEPT. 13

MEMORIAL

Preston Eugene Barrow, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism August 9, 2009. The memorial funeral liturgy was held at Gethsemane Friday, August 14. Gene was lovingly called “*Big Bear*” by family members and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors while serving the community as a police officer and Leander Volunteer Fire Department. The Gethsemane Lutheran community proclaims the promise in Christ Jesus to his faithful wife Debbie; son Robert and wife Tamra, their children Courtney, Colby and Kenzie; his loving in-laws Ron & Joyce Kingsbury and members of the extended family. The words of scripture bring comfort to those who mourn: “*God is our refuge and strength a very present help*” *Psalm 46:1*

Blessed be the memory of Gene Barrow

MEMORIAL

Oliver W. Nelson, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism Tuesday, August 12, 2009. The memorial funeral liturgy was held at Gethsemane Saturday, August 15. Oliver was born into a pastor’s family. The church community was important to him and he served leadership roles in the life of Gethsemane congregation. The Gethsemane Lutheran community expresses the Christian promise to his wife, Agnes and members of her family; son, Don and wife Carol, daughter Dean Yvonne and husband Curtis Bena; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family. The words of scripture proclaim the hope of the baptized community: “*Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life*” *St. John 6:69*

Blessed be the memory of Oliver W. Nelson

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Marsha McConaughy**, Chairperson, **Phil & Christine Berkland**, **Carl & Joan Candoli**, **Kathy Jurgens**, **Mark McConaughy**, **Joann Rees**.

August Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Tom & Kay Rodgers** by their family; in honor of **Erin Rosales** on her birthday by **Anna Callahan**; in loving memory of **Jeanette** and in celebration of our 28th wedding anniversary by **Jim Buehring**; in loving memory of father and grandfather, **Tab Warren**, and in loving memory of brother and uncle, **Ruben Warren**, by **Inez, Chuck, Jennifer and Charles Rice**; in celebration of the marriage of **Abraham & Tiffany Goodlow Canela** by **Kay Goodlow**; in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary by **Tom & Kay Rodgers**; in loving memory of **Leslie Johnson** on the 100th anniversary of his birth by his family; in loving memory of **Marvin W. Jewell** on the 95th anniversary of his birth by **Judy & Mark Warr**; in honor of **Leisha Annedella Johnson** and in celebration of her 23rd birthday by her mom, **Valerie**; in honor of **Sharon Kite** and in celebration of her birthday by her family; in loving memory of **Josephine Bailey** by **Cheryl Swening**; in loving memory of **Gene Barrow** by **Joyce & Ron Kingsbury**; in honor of **Wayne Swening** and in celebration of his birthday by his family; in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of **Karl & Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg** by their children and grandchildren; in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, **Annie**, by the **Rippy Family**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of: **Gene Barrow**, **Oliver W. Nelson**, **Ora Lea Childers**, **Opal Oana**, **Reta Jean Trauba**,

Durwood Willis, **Annie Mae Franzetti**—may those who mourn be comforted...

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED: **Karalyn Heimlich**, **Viola Hall**-Seton Medical Center; **Frank Greinert**, Heart Hospital; **Sue Nichol**, RRMC-remember in prayer...Thanks From: **Waldine Stafford**, **Tom McFarling**, **Haydon Whitsett**, **Brad & Jessica Allen**, **Frank & Pat Greinert**, **Edith Rodgers**, **Norma Wendlandt**, **Alice Timmerman**, **Helen Enders**, **Johann Sebastian Wilhelm**, **Bill Corbell**, **Karalyn Heimlich**, **Viola Hall**, **Karen & Carroll Holmstrom**; **Louise Eidbo & Bennet Spielvogel**, **David & Helen Maidment** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries-thank you notes posted on narthex/education wing bulletin boards; **Theresa Kajage**, Tanzania, Africa for gift assisting her organization WAMATA combating AIDS; **Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng**, UT-Austin Lutheran Campus Ministry for hospitality/financial support; **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** for cards, expressions of love celebrating 45th wedding anniversary...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Jessica Emma Galbraith**, infant daughter of **Patrick & Kelly Noren Galbraith**, granddaughter of Gethsemane members **George & Roxanne Noren** baptized while visiting Austin from their home in Brussels, Belgium...**THANKS TO:** **Michael Candeh**, congregation council August worship leadership; **Kevin Kubiak**, congregation council property committee...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Jim & Sandra Baylor** traveling in Russia; former Gethsemane members **Steve & Carla Kennedy**, Ft. Davis, TX; **Marian Linder Calvert**, daughter of former Gethsemane pastor **Rev. Frank Oscar Linder**...**LOOKING AHEAD:** Sept 19, **Lutheran Fall Festival & Family Fun Day** in Fredericksburg; **Texas Mamma Jamma Ride Against Breast Cancer**, Oct. 10.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 29

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Memorial Funeral Liturgy

SUN., Aug. 30—Pentecost 13—Beach Sunday

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

MONDAY, August 31

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, September 1

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, September 2

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 3

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin

FRIDAY, September 4

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, September 5

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, Sept. 6—Pentecost 14—Labor Day

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy-outdoor-NW lawn
9:30 a.m. Labor Day fellowship-MPR
10:30 a.m. Baptism/Eucharist Liturgy

TUESDAY, September 8

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry (T-F)
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Serranos Café)

WEDNESDAY, September 9

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mtg. (Music Room)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 10

FRIDAY, September 11

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, September 12

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, September 13, PENTECOST 15

RALLY SUNDAY—GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
Rally Sunday Luncheon

MONDAY, September 14

LSSS TOMORROW’S CHILD GOLF BENEFIT
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, September 15

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 16

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 17

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
9:00 a.m. Men in Mission Tour (Music Room)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, September 18

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, September 19

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SEPTEMBER EDUCATION EMPHASIS BLESSES PEOPLE OF GOD

SEPT. 20—PENTECOST 16

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; St. Mark 9:30-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FESTIVAL BENEFITS CAMPING

The Hill Country Lutheran Men-in-Mission and Thrivent Financial invite Gethsemane members to the 22nd Annual Fall Festival/Family Fun Day Saturday, **Sept. 19**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fredericksburg Marketplatz: Washers & Volleyball, Carnival Games, Live Auction, Chili Cook-off (Youth & Adult Divisions), BBQ Meal, Arts & Crafts Booths. Proceeds for Lutheran Camp Chrysalis landscaping.

FUTURE SEMINARIAN

Jeremy Ullrich, a 2009 graduate of Texas Lutheran University with degrees in Theology and Philosophy will be guest preacher Sunday, **Sept. 20**. Jeremy grew up in Brenham. He is engaged to **Amanda Schnelle**. Following their wedding in June of 2010, they will attend a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The seminary study comprises three years on campus and a year of internship. Upon completion of these requirements they will seek ordination as pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Gethsemane community prays for these young Christians preparing to serve the church. Jeremy is assisting in Gethsemane SCS coordinating a class with **Brenda Brown** for college age young adults and assisting with Sr. High in Midweek Connections. Thank you Jeremy Ullrich for participating in Gethsemane ministries.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Sept. 20 Jr. High "LOL", (Lutherans Out Loud), meet following 10:30 worship in the lower level parking lot to travel to the home of **Janine Dworin** for lunch and fellowship, returning by 3 p.m.

"SNL" Sunday Night Live, **Sept. 20 Sr. High** meets in the lower level parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns by 8 p.m. Senior high youth will visit the Anderson family boat dock hosted by **Allie and Paige Anderson**. Bring your swimsuits, towel and an appetite for dinner and fun!

TOUR BENEFITS CENTER

Friday, **Sept. 25**, Thrivent Financial offers a tour of the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center for abused girls in Canyon Lake, Texas. Participants will enjoy lunch at the center followed by a trip to the Driftwood Estate Winery for an afternoon of wine tasting before returning home. Cost is \$12 per person includes bus transportation, lunch and wine tasting opportunity. Space is limited. For information call **Karen Kracht**, LSSS 512-706-7518 or <http://thriventnewlife.eventbrite.com>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Gethsemane members work the Habitat for Humanity ecumenical build **Oct. 24**. Goal of \$2,000—over \$1,800 already given. Contribute any amount by purchasing \$1 squares. Help provide safe/affordable housing!

SEPT. 27—PENTECOST 17

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; St. Mark 9:38-50

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

FALL, 2009

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT 23—NOV. 18

11:00 a.m. Madeline L'Engle with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:00-5:30 Guitar with Dar Joy (Steffans Parlor)
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10 JAM, (grades 4-6) Jim Riley
6:15-7:10 Little Lutherans (K-3rd grades) Eve Domel
6:15-7:10 Sr. High, Jeremy Ullrich
6:15-7:10 Bible Study on Ephesians Pastor Bohls
6:15-7:10 "Being Positive Parents", Elizabeth Kite
6:15-6:45 Confirmation for 9th graders, Kathy Jurgens
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:40-8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Confirmation student and parents met with **Pastor Schnelle, Pastor Gronberg** and **Dar Krenek** Wednesday, Sept. 9 discussing the 2009-2010 catechetical ministry. Twenty nine Gethsemane youth are registered for this educational ministry of the Lutheran community: Thanks to parents, family members, sponsors for fulfilling the baptism parental promise to raise your children in the faith: **Grant Cardwell, Ashley Cardwell, Harrison Cardwell**, children of **Jason & Lisa Cardwell; Johannah Dwyer**, daughter of **Rue Ann Dwyer; Christopher Greinert, Michael Greinert** sons of **Stephen & Jane Greinert; Caleb Johnson, Grant Johnson** sons of **Russell Johnson; Selena Sanchez**, daughter of **Jessie & Kim Sanchez; Dustin Swening**, son of **Wayne & Jamie Swening; Christopher Antu**, son of **Robert & Marilyn Antu; Riley Brown**, son of **Terry & Brenda Brown; Kolton Crawford**, son of **Richard & Kristina Crawford; Sydney Denton**, daughter of **Amanda Denton; Kendall Evans**, daughter of **Harry & Sheryl Evans; Daniel Holmstrom**, son of **Lane & Glenda Holmstrom; Stephanie Huston**, daughter of **Timothy Huston and Lorrie Huston; Hannah Jurgens**, daughter **Chris & Kathy Jurgens; Harley Malin**, daughter of **Ken & Belinda Malin; James Pfeiffer** son of **John & Sandy Pfeiffer; Kelly Nicholes**, daughter of **Vernon Nicholes & Donna Bartko; Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson** daughters of **Rodger & Tracy Anderson; Irie Crenshaw**, daughter of **Lee & Patrice Crenshaw; Bailey Domel**, daughter of **Eve Domel; Janine Dworin**, daughter of **Dan & Diana Dworin; Megan Jones**, daughter of **Weldon & Barbara Jones; Meg Knighten**, daughter of **Babs & Mihira Chandrasoma; Ryan Kuenast**, son of **Raymund & Beverly Kuenast**. May God bless the confirmands, their families and Gethsemane mentors as they grow in the faith proclaimed and taught by the church. "Raise children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6)

NCCG LUNCHEON

The 20th Annual North Central Caregivers Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Tuesday, **September 29**, 11:30 a.m. Gethsemane Lutheran is a charter members of this ministry to senior adults. **Gloria Cooper** graciously serves as Gethsemane delegate.

OCT. 4—ST. FRANCIS DAY RENEWER OF CHURCH, 1226

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS:

"Lord make us instruments of your peace, Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; Grant that we many not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Amen

BIBLES PRESENTED/ LEARNING HOUR

Gethsemane 3rd grade Sunday School students participate in an annual tradition Sunday **Oct. 4** as Gethsemane Congregation Council Christian Education deacons **Belinda Malin** and **Lori Althaus** present Bibles to those enrolled in the learning ministry. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** begins **Oct. 4** a three week review of decisions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Assembly. Topics to be discussed: Full communion with United Methodist Church, HIV and AIDS Funding, Lutheran Malaria Initiative, Social Statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust", Ministry Policies Resolution, Justice for Women Social Statement, Immigration, Lutheran Disaster Response, Israel/Palestine, Braille worship materials, Project connect, Human disability message, Health Care Reform, Batak Special Interest Conference, memorials and resolutions acted upon by the assembly.

INT'L STUDY

Two Gethsemane members will study abroad beginning in October. **Alex Milam**, Texas State University senior, will study Fashion Merchandising at the American Intercontinental University London, England. **Joel Gronberg**, Texas Lutheran University junior will study Business at the University of Alfonso X The Knowledgeable, Madrid, Spain. The prayers of the Gethsemane community are with all students. Please inform the Gethsemane office with fall semester contact information.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Gethsemane women six week 1 John Bible study Monday **October 5**, 6:30 p.m. Music Room with **Pastor Schnelle**.

GWELCA Quilters meet 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, **October 6**, Music Room.

Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, **Oct. 13**, Music Rm. **Laura Riddell**, program leader, **Tutty Maixner**, hostess. Thanks to Austin Fire Department Fire Fighter **Preston Curtis** and Battalion Chief **Harry Evans** for GWELCA Mary Martha Unit Sept. meeting.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Dines Out for Food Fun and Fellowship **Oct. 13**, Pok-e-Jo's 2121 W. Parmer Lane. **Lester & Lois Johnson** hosts.

TEXAS MAMMA JAMMA RIDE

The Inaugural Texas Mamma Jamma Ride **Oct. 10** "to change the odds" against breast cancer. Consider being a sponsor or joining in "Pedaling Past Breast Cancer". See **Alice Mueller** or information on the GWELCA Bulletin Board.

LSM QUILT AUCTION

Rodney Rueter, Lutheran Sunset Ministries CEO, recently visited with **Pastor Gronberg** expressing thanks for Gethsemane support to LSM looking forward to seeing the Gethsemane quilters gift for the **October 17** quilt auction. LSM information Education Wing Bulletin Board.

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MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS SEPT. 23 CONFIRMATION MINISTRY ADULT/YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

MEMORIAL

Tom Irving McFarling, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism Friday, August 28, 2009. The memorial liturgy for the faithful was held at Gethsemane Friday, September 4. Tom lived his baptism as a loving husband, father and grandfather. Tom & LaVern Bosse McFarling joined Gethsemane in September, 1972. Tom faithfully provided leadership to Gethsemane congregation and the Lutheran Church in America Ministerial Pension and Health Plan. The Christian promise rooted in the grace of God is expressed to his wife of nine years Mary Elizabeth McFarling; son, Bill and wife Suzi; grandson Brian and wife, Terri, daughters Abby and Molly; grandson Brent and wife, Tiffany, children Anna Kate and Connor; grandsons, Blake and Brandon; extended family and friends. The words of scripture proclaim the hope of the baptized community: *"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose"* Romans 8:28

Blessed be the memory of Tom McFarling

MEMORIAL

Arthur Kenzie Leatherwood, Jr., a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism Saturday, August 29, 2009. The memorial liturgy for the faithful was held Wednesday, September 2. Art lived his baptismal faith serving nation, educating the youth of Austin through the AISD, the Lutheran community through a variety of ministries and in recent years caring for his beloved wife Maxine. The

Christian promise rooted in the grace of God is expressed to son and daughter-in-law, Jon & Joyce Leatherwood; and members of the extended family. The words of scripture bring comfort: *"For it is the God who said: "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6)*

Blessed be the memory of Arthur Leatherwood

GLCM GOAL REALIZED

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry expresses gratitude to the **Men-in-Mission** for a wonderful meal serving over 150 persons Rally Sunday; to silent auction donors; to Gethsemane congregants/GLCM parents, staff and board members for participating in the raffle, auction items, items purchased from vendors and enjoying generous servings of food, fun and fellowship. GLCM provides children with a safe, loving learning environment offering better child to staff ratio than required by the State of Texas. The staff is an experienced team in early childhood development. GLCM is accredited by the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association and an outreach ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran. Fundraisers such as Rally Sunday "La Fiesta Style" where the \$2,000 goal was realized with support from the **Carl & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation** assists the Advisory Board as they set tuition rates. Thanks Gethsemane members **AJ Muller, Brittany Binder** and all members of the GLCM Advisory Board for commitment to children and families.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of: **Durwood Gidney Mills, Muriel K. Jeanblanc, Billy Charles Collier, Werner**

William "Buddy" Dornberger Jr., Freida Neff, Radenz Allen...THANKS FROM: Pat Greinert, Edith Rodgers, Olga George, Bob & Elizabeth Hoferkamp, Pat & Ludy Malone, Jim Werchan, Stanley Berkman, Frank Greinert, Sue Nichol, Michelle Kircher, Lee & Patrice Crenshaw, Mary Jane Riley, James Gardner, Erin Rosales, Dorothy Skoglund, Families of: Rachel Annie Freeman Walsh, Annie Mae Franzetti, Gene Barrow, Oliver Nelson, Ora Lea Childers, Art Leatherwood, Tom McFarling, Buddy Dornberger, for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries—thank you notes on narthex/education wing bulletin boards; **Andrea Farrell**, Lutheran Social Services Adoptions, for **Pastor Gronberg** leading adoption placements; **Huston-Tillotson Univ. Campus Ministry** for Gethsemane support/**Pastor Gronberg** blessing new facility; **T.A. Brown Elementary** for Gethsemane partnership...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Kenneth & Nancy Candeh** birth of **Kendrick DeAngel**—grandfather **Joseph Candeh** celebrates birth of second grandson in recent weeks looking forward to both babies being baptized; **Glenn & LeAnna Hart** birth of **Gary Wallace**-grandmother **Sharon Hart**, great grandmother **Waldine Stafford** celebrate birth...**THANKS TO: Beth Collier, Max & Beverly Helsel** Labor Day Week-end Brunch; **Joel Gronberg, Jim Bradley, George Creager** represented Gethsemane in the Lutheran Social Services of the South 16th Annual Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit raising more than \$65,000 for the New Life Children's Center and adoption program—**...GREETINGS FROM: Issam & Beverly Bakir** enjoying the beauty of Alaska; **Khem & Pim Saythongkham** visiting Thailand.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 19

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
8:30 a.m. Water To Thrive kids K/5 K

SUNDAY, September 20—Pentecost 16

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
12-3:30 pm Jr. High Lunch (Dworin family)
5-8 p.m. Sr. High SNL (Anderson family)

MONDAY, September 21

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, September 22

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, September 23

MIDWEEK CONNECTION—Schedule on front page

THURSDAY, September 24

FRIDAY, September 25

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, September 26

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, September 27—Pentecost 17

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, September 28

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)

TUESDAY, September 29

11:30 a.m. NCCG 20th Annual Luncheon (NW Baptist)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, September 30

MIDWEEK CONNECTION—Schedule on front page

THURSDAY, October 1

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

FRIDAY, October 2

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, October 3

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
2:00 p.m. New Life Children's Center Dedication

SUNDAY, October 4, PENTECOST 18

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

MONDAY, October 5

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, October 6

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, October 7

MIDWEEK CONNECTION—Schedule on front page
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, October 8

FRIDAY, October 9

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, October 10

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Texas Mamma Jamma Ride

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 7, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

VOLUME 15, NUMBER 14 AUSTIN, TEXAS

OCTOBER THEMES: BAPTISM, SERVICE, AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

OCT. 11—PENTECOST 19

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; St. Mark 10:17-31

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gethsemane members **Chuck & Jennifer Ransom Rice** bring their infant son **Charles Ransom** to receive the eternal promise. The Gethsemane Lutheran community joins with the family in giving thanks to the Triune God for life and salvation. May God bless this family of faith as they grow together in love and commitment to God and one another.

WELCOME BACK MALTE

Malte Cedzich, foreign exchange student with the Gronberg family in 2007-2008 will return to Gethsemane with his parents Sunday **October 11**. During his time in Austin, Malte was involved with the ministries of Gethsemane particularly the senior high youth group. He also participated in the youth musical. Join in welcoming Malte and his parents back to Gethsemane.

PASTORAL INSTALLATION

Former Gethsemane intern, the **Rev. Scott R. McAnally**, will be installed as pastor of Lutheran Church of Hope, Broomfield, Colorado, Sunday, **October 11**, 2009. Pastor McAnally has requested his intern congregation Gethsemane Lutheran to keep him, his family and Lutheran Church of Hope in prayer.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Gethsemane women six week 1 John Bible study Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Music Room, with **Pastor Schnelle**.

Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, **Oct. 13**, Music Room. **Laura Riddell**, program leader, **Tutty Maixner**, hostess. Thanks to Austin Fire Department Fire Fighter **Preston Curtis** and Battalion Chief **Harry Evans** for GWELCA Mary Martha Unit Sept. meeting.

Gethsemane women are invited for a night of Bunco fun and fellowship Thursday, **Oct. 22**, 7 p.m., Music Room. Bring a snack or dessert to share. If you've never played Bunco before, come join us—no experience needed! Optional donations of cash or gift cards (Target, Sears, WalMart) for T.A. Brown Elementary. If you have the bunco box, please contact **Dianne Dietz**.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Dines Out for Food Fun and Fellowship Tuesday **Oct. 13**, Pok-e-Jo's 2121 W. Parmer Ln. **Lester & Lois Johnson** hosts.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour product assembly operations of **Austin Lighthouse for the Blind** Thursday, **October 15** and hear about their programs/activities. Lunch follows at Catfish Parlour. Coffee, donuts and fellowship 9 a.m. Music Room. **John Berry** presents the fascinating story of his 5000 miles bicycle adventure through Alaska, Canada and U.S. during Fellowship. Tour departs 10 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

OCT. 18—PENTECOST 20

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; St. Mark 10:35-45

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GENEROUS STEWARDSHIP

"**God's Work. Our Hands**" is the stewardship them of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and **Gethsemane congregation**. Thanks to the community is expressed by **Alan Bergstrom** and **Stephen Greinert**, congregation council, for the support Gethsemane members give to the 2009 congregational budget as well as non-budget ministries. Please look over the following ministries faithfully supported by the community:

World Hunger/Food Pantry—Through September, 2009, 1,151 families and 4,448 individuals received assistance through Gethsemane Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Ministry. Thanks for generous giving to this ministry of compassion;

Habitat for Humanity—Gethsemane members responded by exceeding the \$2000 goal for the ecumenical build. Gethsemane will provide lunch and work the Habitat for Humanity ecumenical build at 2500 Devonshire Drive 8 a.m. Saturday, **October 24**, 2500 Devonshire Dr. Additional help is needed Oct. 10 and Oct. 17. Please volunteer and help provide safe/affordable housing! Contact **Cal Streeter** (cstreeter@mail.utexas.edu) to assist or to bring food;

Mamma Jamma Ride—What an amazing response. **Alice Mueller** reports that close to \$20,000 has been pledged by **Team Gethsemane, members of the congregation and friends!** The goal of \$400,000 to "change the odds" against breast cancer will be exceeded. Alice will have a complete report following the October 10th ride. Well done and thanks!;

The Lutheran—Gethsemane Lutheran budgets for "The Lutheran" every member subscription plan. Please note article by Gethsemane member **Diana Dworin** in October edition: "Pass the Faith" page 45. The added Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Good Gifts catalog is a way to do Christmas giving: (10 chicks for \$10, a water well for \$2500.)

These ministries bless millions of people. Gethsemane Lutheran members are people of faith living their baptism by giving generously.

ANIMALS BLESSED

St. Francis Day, the members of Gethsemane Lutheran were introduced, by **Lisa Starr** of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to "Anna" a beautiful dog waiting to be adopted. **Pastor Gronberg** and the congregation offered prayers for animals and the work of the SPCA. Following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy, **Pastor, Dar Krenek, Jeff Ketteman** led the SPCA staff and visitors in a blessing of the animals. This is an annual tradition offered by Gethsemane to our neighbors. A young couple adopted "Anna" and all were joyful. The SPCA is grateful for the support Gethsemane gives to their work. Pictures of the blessing and the "happy family" are in the narthex. Gethsemane ministers to all creation—thanks be to God!

OCTOBER 25

REFORMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; St. John 8:31-36

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Gethsemane youth, having completed two years of study/participation in confirmation ministry affirm their baptism Sunday **October 25: Grant Mitchell Cardwell** (12-22-1995), **Lindsey Alice Dunahoo** (9-25-1994), **Christopher Douglas Greinert** (2-12-1995), **Johannah Ansley Dwyer** (2-26-1995), **Dustin Cody Swening** (4-16-1995), **Caleb Patrick Johnson** (5-7-1995), **Selena Renee Sanchez** (2-15-2004). Confirmation mentors, **Babs Chandrasoma, Glenda Holmstrom, Dana Johnson, Bryant Kite, Mark Mueller, Jim Riley, Erik Svenkerud**, present confirmands, family members give a candle, symbolic of confirmands baptismal candle.

Continuing a Gethsemane tradition of thirty-seven years, the confirmands introduce family members during the 9:30 a.m. SCS Hour. These baptized Christians claim their family faith heritage by affirming their gratitude for the nurturing they have received on their faith journey since baptism Congratulations parents, grandparents, and extended family for encouraging the Gethsemane Lutheran 2009 Confirmation Class to live their baptismal birthright.

BIBLES GIVEN

Gethsemane Congregation Council members **Lori Althaus** and **Belinda Malin** express thanks for the response to the 2009-2010 Sunday Church School ministry.

St. Francis Day Sunday, October 4th, Bibles were presented to **Amanda Holmstrom** daughter of Lane & Glenda; **Jody Johnson** daughter of Joe Dan & Dana; **Mitchell Dunahoo** son of Brian; **Alyssa Woodley** daughter of Patricia; **Edie Crenshaw** daughter of Lee & Patrice; **Justin Snowdon**, son of **Daren & Jacki**. The presentation of Bibles to 3rd grade SCS students is a Gethsemane tradition for decades. The hope is the children will grow in their knowledge of the salvation story as told by the people of God through the sacred writings. May these children, baptized through the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran, grow in their baptismal faith as parents share the eternal promise with their children. "*Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*" (Psalm 119:105)

The Adult Encounter Class led by **Pastor Gronberg** is looking at the decisions of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. October 4, Pastor gave a historical overview of the Lutheran tradition in the USA. October 11, the class will look at the actions taken by the delegates. The class meets in the education wing.

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ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL-OCT. 11 18TH ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION-OCT. 17 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM-REFORMATION SUNDAY OCT. 25

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Ann Walker**—Chairperson; **Sandi Dodd, Diana Dworin, Janine Dworin, Catherine Hillmer, Sharon Hillmer, Denise Schulz, Ken & Linda Schulz, John Walker.**

September Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of **George & Gina Creager** as they celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary by their family, **Shannon & Greg, Kaylee and Kamden Turner, Staci & Greg, Tyler and Cody Yount, Shellie & Jose and Sean Davila**; in honor of **Max & Beverly Helsel** and in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary by their family; in loving memory of **Charles "Mickey" Rice** by **Inez, Chuck, Jennifer and Charles Rice**; in celebration of **Chris' birthday** by the **Jurgens family**; in honor of **Alex Milam** on her 21st birthday by **James & Harriet Gardner**; in loving memory of mother, **Eathel Springer** on her birthday by **Virginia Marek**; in memory of loved ones, **Ralph Ericson, Loraine & Gunnar Johnson**, by **Gwen Ericson.**

ALTAR GUILD ROOM

Gethsemane Altar Guild members have patiently waited for the work to begin on a

new space to assist their important ministry. Work commenced the last week of September with Gethsemane member **Ken Schulz** coordinator. Generous Gethsemane friends have spoken with **Pastor Karl Gronberg** offering a commitment to fund the renovations. Gethsemane Lutheran is blessed with people of vision and commitment.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of: **Alison Friedrich Berry** niece of **Pastor Susie & Lee Schnelle**; **Pastor John Ellwanger**—may those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Benice Johnson**, Reliant Rehab Hospital, **Erik Svenkerud**, M.D. Anderson, Houston—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS FROM:** **Kay Freitag, Harriet Gardner, Waldine Stafford, Inez Rice, Ruben & Cruz Santana, Ingrid Warren and Joyce Bird, Viola Hall, Gladys Hanson, Dorothy Skoglund, Joe & Heather Pacheco, Helen Enders, Dottie Sigerist, Bernice Johnson, Erik Svenkerud**, for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries—thank you notes on narthex/education wing bulletin boards; **Pastor Susie & Lee Schnelle** for compassion during recent loss; **Pastor Kent Bohls** for birthday

kindness; **James Fulcher**, care partner for Team Gethsemane, grateful for birthday party coordinated by **Gat Rodgers** and members of the Gethsemane Care Team; **Housing Authority City of Austin** for **Pastor Gronberg** participation in the blessing of new playground for **Georgian Manor...** **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Ryan & Carlie Murphy** birth of **Teigan Andrew**—grandparents **Michael & Valeri Murphy** rejoice over the gift of life; **Joe & Heather, Haley, Sydney Pacheco**, birth of daughter/sister **Berkley Kathryn**—grandparents **Ron & Gail Tighe** rejoice over the gift of life; **Dax & Jennifer McCracken, Madeleine, ViVi, Mary Margaret McCracken** birth of daughter/sister **Elizabeth Janet**—grandparents **Jeran & Janet Hooten** rejoice over the gift of life; Congratulations to **Sharon Davis** for winning Austin Women's Golf Championship for 3rd time and 2nd year in a row; **Carol Laubach** and the **Austin Ostomy Support Group** celebrating their 36th anniversary in October...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Rodney Reuter, Lutheran Sunset Ministries** grateful for beautiful Gethsemane quilt given to support this ministry to senior adults; **Don & Anne Roefer**, enjoying the bountiful Harvest season in Minnesota; **Pastor Karl, Sharon, Joel Gronberg** visiting Spain.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 10

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Texas Mamma Jamma Ride
10:30 a.m. Wedding Liturgy
4 p.m. Festival (Prince of Peace Luth)

SUNDAY, October 11—Pentecost 19

8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, October 12

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, October 13

9:30 a.m. Mary/Martha Unit (Music Room)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. Czech Group Visitors (MPR)
7:30 p.m. GLADOFFF (Pok-e-Jo's, Parmer Ln.)

WEDNESDAY, October 14

MIDWEEK CONNECTION

8am-12noon GLCM Pictures (Parlor)

THURSDAY, October 15

8am-12noon GLCM Pictures (Parlor)
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Fellowship/Tour (MR)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, October 16

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, October 17

Lutheran Sunset Ministries Benefit Quilt Auction
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, October 18—Pentecost 20

8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
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10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

TUESDAY, October 20

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS FALL, 2009

WEDNESDAYS THRU NOVEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. Madeline L'Engle with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:00-5:30 Guitar with Dar Joy (Steffans Parlor)
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10 JAM, (grades 4-6) Jim Riley
6:15-7:10 Little Lutherans (K-3rd grades) Eve Domel
6:15-7:10 Sr. High, Jeremy Ullrich
6:15-7:10 Bible Study on Ephesians Pastor Bohls
6:15-7:10 "Being Positive Parents", Elizabeth Kite
6:15-6:45 Confirmation for 9th graders, Kathy Jurgens
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:40-8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

WEDNESDAY, October 21—MIDWEEK CONNECTION

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
THURSDAY, October 22
7:00 p.m. GWELCA Bunco Night (Music Room)

FRIDAY, October 23

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, October 24

8am-12noon GLCM Work Day
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
2:00 p.m. Abolish Death Penalty (State Capitol)

SUNDAY, October 25, REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

MONDAY, October 26

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)
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7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, October 28

MIDWEEK CONNECTION—Schedule on front page
THURSDAY, October 29

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

FRIDAY, October 30

9:30 a.m. GLCM Halloween Party (MPR)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, October 31

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

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"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. DISCOVERY, GRATITUDE, SERVICE" 2010 STEWARDSHIP THEME

NOVEMBER 1—ALL SAINTS DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; St. John 11:32-44

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The names of persons having received the final commendation of the baptized community since **All Saints' Sunday, 2008** will be read during 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. festival liturgies. Family members/friends are invited to light a candle in memory and honor of their loved ones. The faith community is blessed by saints having lived their baptism as well as those with whom the Gospel is lived today. All Saints' Sunday reminds the church community, that by the grace of God, the baptized live and die in God's mercy and love: **Billy Ray Lindholm** (11/10/2008), **Glenn Edward Johnson, Jr.** (11/28/2008), **Judie Reaks Atchison Johnson** (11/28/2008), **LaVerne Engblom Neal** (12/18/2008), **Lamar Adolph Hokanson** (12/26/2008), **Grace Johnson** (2/2/2009), **Frances Pearl Jackson Rodgers** (2/6/2009), **Waymon J. Kendall** (2/7/2009), **Lori Leigh Woods** (2/14/2009), **Michael K. Phillips** (3/6/2009), **Veda LeVain Schoen** (3/7/2009), **S. L. Kruse** (3/15/2009), **Joan Marie Bishop** (3/30/2009), **Eva Mae Miller Hood** (4/11/2009), **Mary Louise Lloyd Schmidt** (4/26/2009), **Jake Allen Wendlandt** (5/2/2009), **Mamie Eller Andres** (5/7/2009), **Jeanette Hartman Buehring** (5/19/2009), **William "Bill" Douglas Rogers** (6/2/2009), **Esther Maxine Berggren Leatherwood** (7/24/2009), **Gene Barrow** (8/9/2009), **Oliver W. Nelson** (8/11/2009), **Opal Gunn Oana** (8/15/2009), **Durwood Gidney Mills** (8/21/2009), **Annie Mae Dunk Franzetti** (8/25/2009), **Muriel K. Jeanblanc** (8/27/2009), **Tom Irving McFarling** (8/28/2009), **Billy Charles Collier** (8/28/2009), **Arthur Kenzie Leatherwood, Jr.** (8/29/2009), **Werner William Dornberger, Jr.** (9/7/2009), **Charles Earnest Plummer** (10/3/2009), **Bettie Sue Myers** (10/19/2009), **Walter Wen-tse Kao** (10/24/2009). Plans are to bless the Gethsemane Garden following the 8:15 a.m. liturgy with gratitude to those having given remembrance gifts. "For all the saints who from their labors rest. All who by faith before the world confessed... Alleluia, Alleluia!"

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Adults meet in the Steffans Parlor **Nov. 1**, All Saints Sunday, a "saintly" conversation. **Nov. 8**, **Ingrid Berry** leads discussion of the lessons for the day. **Nov. 15**, **Pastor Carol Spencer**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Mission Investment Fund representative, discusses investment options that make a difference. "Living the Church Year" is the SCS theme with classes continuing to follow the Augsburg-Fortress material with emphasis on Christmas and Epiphany.

HALLOWEEN/ALL SAINTS PARTY

Sunday, **November 1** Confirmation Jr. High & Sr. High youth enjoy a Halloween party at the home of **Walt and Peggy Horton**. Food, games, piñata, and pumpkin carving are just some of the fun activities planned. Meet in the lower level parking lot 4:00 p.m./return 7:00 p.m.

NOV. 8—PENTECOST 23 ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; St. Mark 12:38-44

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Alan Bergstrom and **Stephen Greinert**, Gethsemane Congregation Council Stewardship & Finance, encourage Gethsemane members and friends to prayerfully consider 2010 commitments of time, talent and treasure for Gethsemane, Southwestern Texas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ministries. The 2010 Stewardship Theme is "God's Work. Our Hands. Discovery, Gratitude, Service." Thank you Gethsemane stewards for faithfully ministering to all people.

ORGAN RECITAL

Gethsemane friend **Ralph Webb** offers a recital 6 p.m. Sunday, **Nov. 6** Northwest Hills United Methodist. Bach, Franck and other well loved compositions will be enjoyed. Ralph has played the Gethsemane Pipe Organ. For more information speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun gather at **Red Lobster**, 109 W Anderson Lane. Tuesday, **November 10**, 7 p.m. Host: **Donna Olson**. All are welcome.

GWELCA - T.A. BROWN

GWELCA sponsors an annual fund raiser for **T.A. Brown Elementary School** each fall. This school serves children from the neighborhood around our church, the majority of whom are from low-income families. The school administrators have asked for our help in collecting funds for families needing help to provide basic clothing for the children—such as shoes, sock, underwear, and jeans. GWELCA representatives will be in the narthex on Sunday, **Nov. 1** between services to accept donations of money or small-denomination gift cards from WalMart and Target. Contact **Dianne Dietz** 248-0147 further information.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Gethsemane was well represented on the Habitat for Humanity Ecumenical build Saturday, Oct. 24. Thanks to **Mike Anderson, Phil Berkland, Kent Bohls, Walt & Peggy Horton, Timothy Huston, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Jeff Ketteman, Terry Newman, Lee Schnelle, Cal Streeter**. Cal and Kent presented Habitat with a \$2,000 gift from Gethsemane. Thanks for donors, meal contributors, and workers! The build at 2500 Devonshire Dr. should be completed before Thanksgiving. Photos available at <http://gethsemaneaustin.org/photos.htm>.

ALTAR GUILD ROOM

The work on the new Gethsemane Altar Guild Room continues with a willing crew of workers. Thanks to **Ken & Linda Schulz, Denise Schulz, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Terri & Brenda Brown, Mike Anderson** for their hours of work. The cabinets have arrived. **Larry Pounds** will install the counter tops, backsplash and flooring. Plans are for the room to be ready by the end of November.

NOV. 15—PENTECOST 24

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; St. Mark 13:1-8

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILI COOKOFF!

Sunday, Nov. 15 following the 10:30 worship, Gethsemane will gather in the MPR to celebrate life with homemade chili from many Gethsemane chili cooks! There will be peanut butter and jelly for those so inclined but come enjoy the fellowship and vote for your favorite chili! More chili heads are invited to bring their favorite! The following have agreed to cook this year: **John Allen, Kent Bohls, Terri Brown, Timothy Huston, Lester Johnson, Gordon Ketteman, Ken Malin, James Preece, Lee Schnelle, Ken Schulz, Carol Spencer, Jamie Swening, John Walker**. Five more needed. Can you help out and prepare a pot? Contact **Pastor Bohls** (663-1005.)

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Nov. 6-8, 21 Gethsemane confirmands attend the **Southwestern Texas Synod Jr. High** youth gathering at Camp Chrysalis. Meet in the lower level parking lot at 4:45 for a 5 p.m. departure. Be sure to eat first, or pack a sack supper. Bring money for lunch on the return Sunday afternoon.

Sr. High mark your calendar for "SNL" Sunday Night Live at the home of **Craig McConaughy**, Sunday **Nov. 22** We will enjoy food, fellowship and fun! Meet in the lower level parking lot at 5 p.m. we will return by 8 p.m.

MEN-IN-MISSION

The Gethsemane Men-in-Mission meet Thursday, **Nov. 19**, 9 a.m., Music Room, for a presentation on Huston-Tillotson University. The group will leave at 10 a.m. for a tour of the HTU campus. Huston-Tillotson University is a historically black institution of higher learning affiliated with the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ and the United Negro College Fund. Gethsemane Lutheran members have, in recent years, been supportive of **Chaplain Don Brewington** and the HTU Campus Ministry. Following the campus tour the group will enjoy a complimentary lunch on campus. Sign up on Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

GLCM THANK YOU!

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry thanks: **Laura Riddell** for *Kids National Geographics* subscription; **Paul Kronberg**, and all the volunteers, for their work at the GLCM work day: new window blinds, playground monkey bars moved, reinforced log cabin and toy box, assembled a new picnic table, removed room partition from 2 yr. old class room (weighing approx 1,500 lbs—not an easy task), rearranged Infant Room, attached new Education Building hose holder, made repairs and general cleaning. Thanks crew!

The Oct. 20 GLCM Chili's fundraiser was a success. Chili's did \$1,153 in business from people referred by GLCM with 10%, \$120, returned to GLCM. This is the largest participation Chili's 6619 N I-35 has received from this program. Thanks everyone! Thursday, **Nov. 19** 11:15 a.m. Annual Thanksgiving Feast. Parents, grandparents, family members are invited to join the children for a traditional Thanksgiving lunch.

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Sunday Morning
November 1

ALL SAINTS/LIGHT CANDLES — NOV 1 NOVEMBER—STEWARDSHIP MONTH COMMITMENTS NOVEMBER 15, 22, 29

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: All members co-chairpersons: **Ria Corbett, Brad & Karyn Jensen, Flo Kerr, Deanie Martinets and Pam Vetter.**

October Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Charles Berkman** by **Cheryl Swening**; in honor of **Dustin** and in celebration of his 15th birthday by **Wayne, Jamie and Johnathan Swening**; in celebration of the baptism of **Charles Ransom Rice**, in honor of grandmothers **Margaret Ransom and Inez Rice** and in loving memory of grandfathers, the late **Jay D. Ransom** and the late **Mickey Rice** by **Chuck & Jennifer Ransom Rice**; in celebration of our 39th wedding anniversary by **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**; in honor of **Rev. Scott R. McAnally**, being installed today as pastor of Lutheran Church of Hope, Broomfield, Colorado by Gethsemane friends; in celebration of the October birthdays of **John, Dana and Robert** by **Ingrid Edlund-Berry**; in honor of the 2009 Gethsemane Lutheran Confirmation Class by their families; in honor of **Jonathan** leaving for United States Navy Boot Camp by **Wayne, Jamie and Dustin Swening**; in celebration of the Gethsemane Lutheran Confirmation Class of 2009 as they affirm their baptism and in loving memory of **John W. & Evelyn Kylberg Johnson**, great grandparents of class member **Grant Mitchell Cardwell** by **Dottie Johnson Sigerist and Earle Sigerist, Jr.**

CARE COMMUNITIES

The Care Communities, a ministry to persons with terminal illness, have moved to 4315 Guadalupe St. Suite 303. They are inviting Gethsemane friends and the community to an open house Thursday, **Nov. 12**. Members of the Gethsemane Care Team will attend along with their Care Partner **James Fulcher**. Speak with **Pastor Gronberg** or **Gat Rodgers** to learn more about this ministry.

SCANDINAVIAN CELEBRATION

Sunday **Dec. 13, Santa Lucia Day**, Gethsemane members and the Austin community are invited to a Swedish Lucia Procession and Scandinavian Celebration hosted by Swedish Women's Education Association, Sons of Norway and Vasa. Contact **Elisabeth Kihlberg** for more information

BORDER MINISTRY

St Mark's Lutheran of Cedar Rapids, Iowa will be leading a medical team to Piedras Negras **Nov. 1-5**, and you are invited to join them. Gethsemane's Mission Vision trip for all ages will be **Jan. 8-10, 2010!**

"PASSION PLAY"

Still space to attend the "Passion Play" in Germany, **Sept. 23-Oct. 2, 2010** with **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls**. Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Munich welcome us with the crown jewel attending the Passion play in Oberammergau, Germany. This incredible village hosts this play once every ten years since the 1630's. Brochures are available.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of: **Nicholas "Nick" Buida, James Powell "J.P." Word, Rev. Walter Kao**—may those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Erik Svenkerud, M.D. Anderson**—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS FROM:** **Jennifer & Chuck Rice and Charles Ransom, Walter Horton, Khem & Pim Saythongkham, Ron & Joyce Kingsbury, Alvina Sassman, Don Franz, Viola Hall, Beverly Helsel, Eve Domel, Kathy Jurgens, Chris & Jeanell Bolton, Hubert Hausman, John McKnight**, the family of **Rev. Walter Kao** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Lutheran Social Services** for **Pastor Karl Gronberg** participating in "Children's Choice Wards Ceremony" honoring **The Honorable Jim Pitts**, Texas House of Representatives and **Anne Heilingenstein**, Commissioner, Texas Department of Family and Protective Service; **Lutheran Sunset Ministries** for Gethsemane Quilters support of their annual quilt auction—\$21,000 was raised for resident programs and projects; **Rev. Dr. Jeremy Shih**, First Taiwanese Lutheran Church (ELCA) for opportunity to participate with **Pastor Gronberg** in Memorial funeral liturgy for **Rev. Walter Kao**...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **John & Paula Parker Leary, Christopher & Megan Sembera Peters** married recently; **Issam Bakir** honored by Financial Services Industry...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Ryan, Heather, Carly Hamm & Kacy** thankful for the blessings of life with Gethsemane community.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 31

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
4:00 p.m. Festival (Prince of Peace Lutheran)

SUNDAY, November 1—All Saints' Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

MONDAY, November 2

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
5:30 p.m. Congregation Council (Parlor)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Mtg (Education Building)
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, November 3

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4—MIDWEEK CONNECTION

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

THURSDAY, November 5

FRIDAY, November 6

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, November 7

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Volunteer Day
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, November 8—Pentecost 23

8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

4:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Multi-Purpose Rm)
6:00 p.m. Organ Recital (NW Hills UM)

MONDAY, November 9

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

TUESDAY, November 10

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary Martha Unit (MR)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Red Lobster)

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 11—MIDWEEK CONNECTION

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS—FALL 2009 WEDNESDAYS THRU NOVEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. Madeline L'Engle with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:00-5:30 Guitar with Dar Joy (Steffans Parlor)
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10 JAM, (grades 4-6) Jim Riley
6:15-7:10 Little Lutherans (K-3rd grades) Eve Domel
6:15-7:10 Sr. High, Jeremy Ullrich
6:15-7:10 Bible Study on Ephesians Pastor Bohls
6:15-7:10 "Being Positive Parents", Elizabeth Kite
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:40-8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, November 12

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
4:00 p.m. Care Comm. Open House

FRIDAY, November 13

9:00 a.m. Intrn'l Holiday Market (Genesis Pres.)
6:00 p.m. Libraries of Love BBQ (Immanuel LC)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, November 14

9:00 a.m. Intrn'l Holiday Market (Genesis Pres.)
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, November 15—Pentecost 24

8:15 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Eucharist Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Chili Fest (Multi-Purpose Room)
12:00 p.m. Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

MONDAY, November 16

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

TUESDAY, November 17

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18—MIDWEEK CONNECTION

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

THURSDAY, November 19

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Fellowship/Tour (MR)
11:00 a.m. GLCM Thanksgiving Feast (MPR)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, November 20

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

SATURDAY, November 21

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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2010 GETHSEMANE PLEDGE/COMMITMENTS FAITHFUL WITNESS

NOVEMBER 22

CHRIST THE KING

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Congregation Council Deacon: **Michael Candeh**

PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

"God's Work. Our Hands. Discovery, Gratitude, Service" is the 2010 Gethsemane Lutheran Every Member Response theme. Congregation Council Stewardship Deacons **Alan Bergstrom** and **Stephen Greinert** express thanks to **Chuck Rice**, Gethsemane Congregation Council member and the **Rev. Carol Spencer**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Mission Invest Fund representative for offering Stewardship Temple Talks. The 2010 Pledge Commitments for ministry may be placed in the offering plates Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 25, Advent 1 Nov. 29 or mailed to the Gethsemane office. Thanks for faithful devotion to the life and witness of Gethsemane, The Southwestern Texas Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Tom & Kay Rodgers invite Gethsemane members to the 2 p.m. 4th Sunday of the month worship service at Heatherwilde Assisted Living. The residents express thanks for this ministry.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The 25th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service & Celebration **November 22** 3:30-5:00 p.m. hosted by First Baptist. Gethsemane Lutheran, a Charter Member of AAIM, has participated in all 25 of these community wide services. Contact **Pastor Karl Gronberg** for more information.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Gethsemane senior high youth "SNL" **November 22** hosted by **Craig McConaughy**. Enjoy food, fellowship, fun! Meet lower level parking lot 5 p.m. and return 8 p.m.

DIALOG DINNER

The 6th Annual Intercultural Friendship and Dialog Dinner hosted by The Institute of Interfaith Dialog, Sunday, **November 22**. 6:30 p.m. Austin Hilton Hotel. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Umid Azimov** have been guests at all six of these dinners of friendship with the Islamic community.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Gethsemane Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve worship **November 25** 12 noon and 7 p.m. 37th Annual Youth led service: "God's Work. Our Hands. Discovery, Gratitude, Service." "Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple. come, raise the song of harvest home" (ELW 693)

NOVEMBER 29—ADVENT 1

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Congregation Council Deacon: **Michael Candeh**



SONG OF MARY

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" is the 2009 Gethsemane Lutheran Advent theme from the Advent devotional prepared by the faculty and staff of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. This devotion will daily be on www.gethsemaneAustin.org. Advent Wednesday evenings **December 2, 9 & 16** offer an opportunity to reflect upon the quiet, powerful and beautiful song of the Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord. **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel** serve soup at 6 p.m. followed by advent crafts and conversation for all ages. **Pastor Schnelle** meets with confirmands. The Advent community gathers quietly 7 p.m. for "Holden Evening Prayer" in the Gethsemane Sanctuary lighting the Advent candles, praying and receiving the eucharist. Advent is a time for "ears to hear the delicate rustle of angel wings, eyes to see the Star, feet to hurry quietly to the stable, knees to bow humbly before the child, minds to be humbled, hearts to receive the gift which God has graciously prepared for all people"

CARE TEAM

Gat Rodgers, coordinator of Team Gethsemane, a ministry to persons living with a terminal disease, will meet Monday, **November 30**, 7 p.m. for a tour of Gethsemane giving non-Lutheran members of the team a view of the church building. Gethsemane members are also invited with dinner following the tour.

ANNUAL CONCERT

Gethsemane Sanctuary Choir and **Bellissimo Handbells** participate in the 17th Annual North Central Caregivers' Choral Benefit, 7 p.m., Friday, **December 4**, St. Louis Roman Catholic Church. This is an excellent opportunity to start the Advent/Christmas festival. Information on the Gethsemane W ELCA Bulletin Board.

TLU CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Texas Lutheran University Christmas Vespers is an annual celebration of music and word under the direction of **Dr. Doug Boyer**, TLU School of Music. "How Still He Rests" is the 2009 theme. Concerts 7:30 p.m. Friday/ Saturday, **Dec. 4 & 5**; 4:30 p.m. Sunday, **Dec. 6**; 5 p.m., Sunday **Dec. 13** St. Martins-Austin. Tickets are free, but necessary due to the popularity of this TLU gift. Ticket orders may be placed by phone, e-mail, and online. When ordering tickets, be sure to include your name, phone number, address, date and time of performance you wish to attend, and the number of tickets needed. Phone orders 830-372-6217. E-mail orders at vespers@tlu.edu or by completing an online form through www.tlu.edu/vespers.

DECEMBER 6—ADVENT 2

SCRIPTURE: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;

Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation Council Deacon: **Ron Tighe**



ST. NICHOLAS DAY

December 6 is the annual observance of **St. Nicholas**, Bishop of Myra-342. There are many legends surrounding this 4th Century Christian but the main message is his generosity. During the Advent Season Gethsemane members are encouraged by the St. Nicholas example to give for the less fortunate. One such opportunity is the traditional **Angel Giving Tree**. T.A. Brown Elementary School children may be sponsored for Christmas giving as well as providing a family Christmas dinner. Please return gifts by Wednesday, **Dec. 16**. More giving opportunities will be mentioned in the December parish paper.

GRADUATE STUDY

Pastor Susan Marie Schnelle has been accepted by Austin Presbyterian Seminary for the doctor of ministry degree beginning January 4, 2010. The focus of the degree plan is Christian Nurture and Pastoral Care. Pastor Schnelle will attend classes in January and June, during the four years of study, with research work in the context of her Gethsemane pastoral ministry. This is an exciting opportunity for Pastor Schnelle, her family and Gethsemane congregation. Congratulations to her on being accepted into this respected academic program. Thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran for supporting the pastoral staff as they grow in their ordination call to serve God and humanity through the congregations and ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane adults are invited to Mann's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que, 8624 Research Blvd & Olen Rd, **Dec. 8**, 7 p.m. for the joy of dining together. Hosted by **George & Gina Creager**. There's room at the table!

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Confirmation instruction Sunday mornings with Dar Joy 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Join the fun! Grow in faith!

Gethsemane youth **Chris Antu**, **Carly Anderson**, **Kate Anderson**, **Tyra Banks**, **Ashley Cardwell**, **Harrison Cardwell**, **Kolton Crawford**, **Bailey Domel**, **Kendall Evans**, **Daniel Holmstrom**, **Stephanie Huston**, **Grant Johnson**, **Megan Jones**, **Hannah Jurgens**, **Meg Knighten**, **Ryan Kuenast**, **Harley Malin**, **Cole Turner** attended the Southwestern Texas Synod Junior High Gathering. They explored the theme, "Do You Believe in Miracles". **Lane Holmstrom**, **Dar Joy Krenck**, **Raymund Kuenast**, **Becky Rippy** and **Pastor Schnelle** served as sponsors.

Sunday, November 29, Sr. High youth usher 8:15 & 10:30 services. Sunday, **December 13th** Sr. High "SNL" Sunday Night Gathering **Spaghetti Warehouse** followed by the **Trail of Lights** 5-8 p.m.

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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP
12 NOON & 7 P.M.

2010 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS OFFERED

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP—NOV. 25

ADVENT SEASON—NOVEMBER 29

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Gloria Cooper**, Chairperson, **George & Susie Hamm**, **Edith Rodgers**, **Diane Streeter**.

November Altar and Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Conrad Scott** on the anniversary of his 100th birthday by **Adelle Scott Rolls**; in loving memory of **Kenneth Wheatley** on the anniversary of his 88th birthday by the Wheatley family; “for all the Saints who from their labors rest” by **Thom Prentice & Keith Fitzgerald**, **Stacy** and **Stephen**; in celebration of **Travis Woodliff**'s 23rd birthday by **Cheryl Swening**; in loving memory of **Dorrace Swening** by **Cheryl Swening**; in loving memory of **Gary Swening** by **Cheryl Swening**; in honor of **Ross** and in celebration of his 16th birthday by **Ken**, **Belinda**, **Harley**, **Katy** and **Denver Malin**; celebrating our 58th wedding anniversary, during this Thanksgiving Season, November 21st by **Bill & Rose Adair Corbell**; in loving memory of **Charles** on our 50th anniversary by **Adelle Rolls**.

SCANDINAVIAN CONCERT

Gethsemane Lutheran hosts Santa Lucia Day, the 2009 Scandinavian Holiday Celebration, Sunday, **Dec. 13**, 2:30 p.m. The Swedish Women's Educational Association International and Sons of Norway invite Gethsemane members and the Austin community to a traditional Lucia Procession, Christmas concert, dance performance, carol sing-along, Scandinavian baked good, coffee, glogg, and dinner. For dinner reservations contact **Phil Erickson** 512-785-9561 or philerickson@sbcglobal.net by Dec. 1.

SPANISH CLASS PLANNED

Lutheran Seminary student **Zach Courter** proposed to **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Mary Lou Newman** an offer to teach Spanish classes and coordinate a Rio Grande Valley Immersion Trip. In discussion with Austin area Lutheran pastors, the consensus is for Gethsemane to host this mission opportunity. Classes commence in January.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: the families of: **J.D. “Scottie” Brooks, Jr.**, **Patricia Hymas Pate**, **Stephen Thomas Moore**—May those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **John McKnight**, **Karalyn Heimlich**, **Seton Medical Center-Central**; **Erik Svenkerud**, M.D. Anderson—remember these friends in prayer...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Ben & Jennifer Ketteman** birth of **Addison Rose**, grandparents **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**; **Justin & Andi Gaspard**, birth of **Grayson James**, grandparents **Cindy & David Doerfler**; **Brian & Amanda Jensen** birth of **Houston Winfield**, grandparents **Brad & Karyn Jensen**; **James & Amanda Jonas** birth of **Amelia Elizabeth Dagmar**, grandparent **Frances Bengtson**, great-grandparents **Stafford & Mary Jo Bengtson**; **Jason & Janna Dake** birth of **Jacob Andrew**, grandparents **Steve & Martha Althaus**—Gethsemane rejoices with parents and family members; **Tony & Billi Wrubel** married recently; **Denise Schulz**, Texas Lutheran University Task Force for history preservation; **Amanda Schnelle**, Texas Lutheran University December graduate, Psychology degree;

Megan Jones, Gold Medal AISD Middle School One Act Play Festival...**THANKS FROM:** **Pastor Will Erickson**, **Buddy Holmstrom**, **Bill Corbell**, **Vickie Waddell**, **Evelyn Haight**, **Dorothy Ezba**, **Hazel Schiwitz**, **Carlos Canales**, **Ruben Sr. & Cruz Santa Ana**, **James & Amanda Jonas**, **Camille Hobbs**, **Paul Kay**, **Robert Berry**, “**Scottie**” **Brooks**, **Patricia Pate**, **Stephen Moore** families for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **T.A. Brown Elementary** for school supplies, \$320 in gift cards given by **GWELCA** members and congregation...**THANKS TO:** **Midweek Connections** participants; **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission** hosted Nov. 15th Chili meal; **John Allen**, **Phil Berkland**, **Kent Bohls**, **Terri Brown**, **Susie Hamm**, **Walt Horton**, **Timothy Huston**, **Lester Johnson**, **Gordon Ketteman**, **Bryant Kite**, **Raymund Kuenast**, **Ken Malin**, **James Preece**, **Lee Schnelle**, **Ken Schulz**, **Jamie Swening**, **John Walker** chili cooks; **Becky Rippy**, **Jeremy Ullrich**, judges—a good time enjoyed by all; **Dianne Dietz** and **Darla Elam** coordinated **T.A. Brown Elementary** donations; **Ken & Linda Schulz**, **Denise Schulz**, **John Richter**, **Larry Pounds**, **Jonathan Pounds**, **Mike Anderson**, **Terry & Brenda Brown**, **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**, **Grant Roach** Gethsemane Altar Guild room crew; **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** 2010 Wall Calendars gift “Where Lutherans Serve and Worship”...**FUTURE DATES:** Gethsemane's Mission Vision trip for all ages **January 8-10**; Gethsemane Family Retreat **February 27-28**.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, November 21

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, November 22—Christ the King

ELCA Global Mission Sunday

8:15 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service
3:30 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving (1st Baptist)
5-8 p.m. Sr. High Youth “Sunday Night Live”
6:30 p.m. Friendship Interfaith Dinner (Hilton)

MONDAY, November 23

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-W)
7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)

TUESDAY, November 24

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn. (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, November 25

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, Nov. 26—Thanksgiving Day

GLCM & Church Offices closed

FRIDAY, November 27

GLCM & Church Offices closed
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, November 28

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, November 29—Advent 1

8:15 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Baby Shower (Music Room)

MONDAY, November 30

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
7:00 p.m. Care Team tour Gethsemane
7:00 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, December 1

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, December 2

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Advent Soup (MPR)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, December 3

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Christmas Potluck (MPR)

FRIDAY, December 4

7:30 p.m. TLU Christmas Vespers (TLU)
7:30 p.m. NCCA Christmas Choral Benefit (St. Louis)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, December 5

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 p.m. Santa Lucia practice

12 Noon LSSS Christmas Event (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. TLU Christmas Vespers (TLU)

SUNDAY, December 6—Advent 2

8:15 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, December 7

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
7:00 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, December 8

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (Music Rm)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Mann's Bar-B-Que)

WEDNESDAY, December 9

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Advent Soup (MPR)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, December 10

FRIDAY, December 11

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, December 12

141st Anniversary First Lutheran worship
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Christmas Tree
2:00 p.m. Peace Tree (University Hills Library)
5:00 p.m. Czech Christmas Event (MPR)

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 9, 2009

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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ADVENT PROMISE: EMMANUEL "GOD WITH US" CAME, COMES, WILL COME

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

141ST ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST

GETHSEMANE WORSHIP LITURGY

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Decorate Tree/
Advent Luncheon (Music Rm)
2:00 p.m. Peace Tree Lighting (Unv Hills Library)
5:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn (MPR)
8:00 p.m. Texas Choral Consort (Central Christian)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13—ADVENT III

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SANTA LUCIA DAY

SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 3:14-20;
Psalms Isaiah 12:2-6;
Philippians 4:4-7; St. Luke 3:7-18

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up the wills of
your faithful people, Lord God,
and open our ears to the
preaching of John, that,
rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring
forth the fruits of repentance; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

8:15 a.m. Eucharist/Santa Lucia
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist/ Santa Lucia
3:00 p.m. Santa Lucia Celebration
3:00 p.m. Texas Choral Consort (Central Christian)
5:00 p.m. TLU Vespers (St. Martin's)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Ed Bdg)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apts. Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
12 Noon Advent Eucharist (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Advent Soup (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer/Communion
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel/Program (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
9:30 a.m. Angel Giving Tree distribution

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20—ADVENT IV

SCRIPTURE: Micah 5:2-5a; Psalmody Luke
1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; St. Luke 1:39-55

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power,
Lord Christ, and come. With
your abundant grace and
might, free us from the sin that
binds us, that we may receive you in joy
and serve you always, for you live and
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

8:15 a.m. Advent Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Advent/Christmas SCS Program
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Advent Liturgy
12 Noon K-6 Children's Choir lunch/caroling
2:30 p.m. Confirmation Youth caroling
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
4:30 p.m. Sr. High dinner/Trail of Lights
5:00 p.m. German Christmas Service (St. Martin's)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-W)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
12 Noon & 7 p.m. Advent Eucharist (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you
made this holy night shine
with the brightness of the
true Light. Grant that here
on earth we may walk in the
light of Jesus' presence and in the last day
wake to the brightness of his glory, through
your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with youth and the Holy
Spirit, in the mystery of the Divine Trinity,
one God, now and forever. Amen



GLCM closed

12 Noon Christmas Eve Eucharist
6:45 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
Children Sing, Carols, Santa Lucia,
Christmas Apples
11:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship, Santa Lucia,
Christmas Apples

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Good and loving
God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor to bring
the riches of your grace. As
you have blessed us with your
gifts, let them be blessing for
others. With the trees of the
field, with all earth and heaven, we shout
for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen



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8:00 a.m. Swedish Julotta (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m. Christmas Fellowship (Narthex)
10:00 a.m. Eucharist, Carols, Christmas
Story (Sanctuary)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: We give you thanks,
O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen
the first martyr, who looked to heaven and
prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we
also may pray for our enemies and seek
forgiveness for those who hurt us, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

ST. STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR

SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Colossians 3:12-17; St. Luke 2:41-52

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Shine into our hearts
the light of your wisdom, O God, and
open our minds to the knowledge of your
word, that in all things we may think and
act according to your good will and may
live continually in the light of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen

8:15 a.m. Eucharist/Christmas Carols
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Eucharist/Christmas Carols
12 Noon Sr. High Synod Gathering (Austin)
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
BLESSED TWELVE DAY
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FROM
GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN STAFF**
Kent Bohls, David Doerfler,
Karl Gronberg, Robert Hoeferkamp,
Susan M. Schnelle; George Creager, Sheryl
Evans, JoAnn Gerbig, Ann Moeller, Bruce
Ramming, Martin Gonzales; Valerie Johnson,
Dar Joy Krenek, Angelica Lundquist on
behalf of Children's Ministry.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

PRAYER OF THE DAY: We remember today,
O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents
of Bethlehem by order of King Herod.
Receive, we pray, into the arms of your
mercy all innocent victims, and by your
great might frustrate the designs of evil
tyrants and establish your rule of justice,
love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen

Sr. High Synod Gathering (Austin)

7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-TH)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sr. High Synod Gathering (Austin)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sr. High Synod Gathering (Austin)

12 Noon & 7 p.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DEC. 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal God, you
have placed us in a world of space and
time, and through the events of our lives
you bless us with your love. Grant that in
the new year we may know your presence,
see your love at work, and live in the light
of the event that gives us joy forever—the
coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

12 Noon Eucharist

11 p.m. Eucharist

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1—THE NAME OF JESUS

EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal Father, you
gave your Son the name of
Jesus to be a sign of our
salvation. Plant in every
heart the love of the
Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen



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7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (MR)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-
20; Ephesians 1:3-14; St. John 1:10-18

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you
have filled all the earth with the light of
your incarnate Word. By your grace
empower us to reflect your light in all that
we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen

8:15 a.m. Eucharist/Christmas Carols
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist/Christmas Carols

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Mtg (Parlor)

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of (Parlor)

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Vets (Parlor)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

VISION MISSION TRIP—EAGLE PASS

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (MR)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

VISION MISSION TRIP—EAGLE PASS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Five infant boys will be baptized, through the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran, during Advent/Christmas liturgies. Remember these children and their families in prayer as they grow together in the gift of life: **Kingston Toma**, infant son of **Joseph & Fatmata Bintu Candeh, Jr.**; **Kendrick Deangel**, infant son of **Kenneth & Nancy Andrews Candeh**; **William Elias "Eli"**, infant son of **Stephen & Suzanne Hofman Erickson**; to be baptized Advent 4-December 20th; **Caleb Robert**, infant son of **Brad & Jessica Hansson Allen** to be baptized Christmas Eve December 24; **Jaeger William**, infant son of **Todd & Sheri LaValle Pottebaum**. May the Babe of Bethlehem bring the promise of God to these children.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Confirmation youth gather Dec. 20 2:30-4:30 p.m. for caroling and gift exchange. South parking lot 2:30 p.m. for caroling. Bring a \$5 gift for youth gift exchange. Contact Dar or Pastor Susie with your intention to attend so transportation is arranged.

Senior High youth meet south parking lot December 20 4:30 p.m. for dinner and Trail of Lights. There will be no gift exchange. Contact Dar or Pastor Susie for transportation coordination.

Gethsemane **Senior High** youth participate in the 2009 Southwestern Texas

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

All ages are invited to share in evenings of learning, play, fellowship, fun and worship

January 13—February 10

11:00 am "Maya Angelou study" with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle
5:00-5:30 Guitar with Dar (Steffans Parlor)
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) MPR
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available
6:00-7:10 Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10 Galatians Bible Study, Pastor Bohls
6:15-7:10 "Being Positive Parents", Elizabeth Kite
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:45-8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Synod Gathering at the Omni Hotel-Austin December 28th-30th. The theme is "Change the World." Through worship, Bible study, small groups, workshops, an interaction center and service projects the youth will grow in their baptismal faith learning about their neighbors in need as they "Go and do likewise." **Allie Anderson, Paige Anderson, Colby Chandrasoma, Andrew Davitt, Chris Greinert, Catherine Hillmer, Caleb Johnson, Don Jung, Amy Kingsbury, Kallie Crawford, Tyler Kuenast, Ross Malin, Kathleen McKenney, Craig McConaughy, David Riley, Evan Spielvogel, Dustin Swening, Sebastian Wilhelm, Dar Krenek and Pastor Susie Schnelle.** Remember the youth in daily prayers.

GLCM NEWS

Thanks Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry families for generously supporting the annual Shoebox Christmas project. Over 25 boxes given to Central Texas children.

Scrip gift cards, to a variety of merchants, are available each Sunday between services. GLCM receives a percentage when a gift card is purchased. Keep recycling- catalogs, phonebooks, junk mail, magazines, Christmas wrapping paper (no foil paper) helps GLCM earn money while benefiting the environment.

Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Joy Krenek express, on behalf of the GLCM staff and families, Merry Christmas to the Gethsemane community.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: The families of: **Geraldine Plumley, Todd Syzmankiewicz, Casimir Syzmankiewicz, Aoibhin Syzmankiewicz, Emily Bethke, Lucille Waller, Herbert Lee Schumann**—may those who mourn be comforted by the God of the Advent promise...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Erik Svenkerud**, Select Specialty Hospital, Houston; **John**

McKnight, Alan Jarl SMC—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS TO: 2009 Gethsemane confirmands** for gift of Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals; **Rachel Feller, Will Jurgens, Amanda Schnelle, Angela Schnelle** Texas Lutheran University Christmas Vespers participants; **Anne Roefer, Ruben Sr. & Cruz Santa Ana, George & Susie Hamm, Ryan & Heather Hamm** and **Carly, Ria Corbett** Advent Wreath participants; **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel** for traditional Wednesday Advent soup meals gift; **Paul Waller** and **Matt Turner** for Advent candle hangings; **Kevin Kubiak** for furnace maintenance; **Jennifer Bird** and **The Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation Board** for generous gift toward renovation of Altar Guild Room; **Kimball Baker Painting Co.** for Education wing kitchen, doors, Education Building painting—a clean, fresh look; **Gethsemane stewards** for faithful giving. Please note, gifts for 2009 must be received by December 31st. "God's Work. Our Hands"...

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Christa McConaughy, Bachelor of Arts International Studies, Texas A&M University December graduate; **Josh Goodlow**, Academic All Conference American Southwest Conference-Texas Lutheran University; **SR Johnathan Stapleton**. Dec. 30 graduate USN Great Lakes Training Command; **Brian & Margaret Henry**, big brother **David** birth of **Peter Allen**-grandparents **Stuart & Virginia Erickson Henry** give thanks...**THANKS FROM: Karalyn Heimlich, Agnes Nelson, Bernice Johnson, Doris Smith, Lisa Holmstrom, Sandy Jones, Stanley Berkman, Bob Canby, Ron & Joyce Kingsbury, Virgie Erickson, Jim Hecht, Jack & Rose Jones** for prayers, cards, altar/cancel flowers, hospital, birthday pastoral ministries; **Pastor Karl Gronberg** for birthday wishes; **President Larry Earvin, Ph.D** and **Chaplain Don Brewington**, Huston-Tillotson University campus ministry, for the opportunity to host Gethsemane Men in Mission; **Ms. Scales, T.A.** Brown School counselor for GWELCA and Gethsemane Lutheran gifts; **Lone Star Lambdas** square dancers; **Carol Laubach** for The Ostomy Association of Austin; **North Central Caregivers** for Sanctuary Choir and Bellissimo participation in 17th Annual Choral Benefit; **Tammie Danielsen** and **Haithem El-Zabri** for generous response on behalf of Palestinian Children's Welfare Fund; **Lutheran Social Services of the South** for Gethsemane hosting annual Adoptive Families Christmas party.