

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 COMMUNITY MINISTRIES BRING LIGHT TO WORLD

JANUARY 9—EPIPHANY 1 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; St. Matthew 3:13-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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. **Jan. 9**, 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*.

SFK 2011 SCHEDULE BEGINS

Lori Althaus and **Belinda Malin**, Gethsemane Congregation Council, remind students and families **January 9** begins the 2011 **Spark Faith in Kids**, from Augsburg-Fortress Publishing House SPARK curriculum. Workshops for 2 year olds through 5th grade discuss Old Testament stories, starting with the story of Joseph and his family. Workshops start promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the MPR. 6th grade students, meet in downstairs kitchen at 9:30 a.m., discussing how to apply their faith to everyday social issues. Ready to share the word of God with your children!

GETHSEMANE WELCA

Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, **Jan. 11**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Program leader, **Intern Carmen Retzlaff**; Hostesses, **Verline Berkman** and **Norma Wendlandt**.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship gathers Tuesday, **January 11**, 7 p.m. **The Frisco Shop**, 6801 Burnet Rd, hosted by **Art & Glenda Tiemann**. All are welcome at the table.

VISION MISSION TRIP

The Gethsemane weekend Vision Mission trip **Jan. 14-16**. Youth, singles, couples, those with and without children, from the very young to the not so young are invited—anyone willing to roll up their sleeves and go to work. Youth under 18 must have a parent or guardian along for the weekend. You may go Thursday or Friday. Saturday will be painting, cleaning, carpentry, food pantry plus a Bible School experience Saturday afternoon area children. Spanish Sunday morning worship. Work and lodging in Texas. Return Sunday afternoon. Contact **Pastor Bohls** to register.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS"

A former member of Gethsemane living out of state has informed **Pastor Karl Gronberg** that she and her children will be giving a generous gift for Gethsemane ministries in memory of their husband/father. In conversation with the donor, plans have been made to have Gethsemane member **Craig Olson**, a close family friend and the children, meet with Pastor Gronberg to consider ministries for the gift. Thanks is expressed to faithful friends joining in "Telling the Story" of God's grace and love.

JANUARY 16—EPIPHANY 2 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EMPHASIS

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; St. John 1:29-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

HTU CAMPUS MINISTRY

Huston-Tillotson University campus ministry pastor, **Rev. Don Brewington** returns to Gethsemane for worship and Sunday Church School Sunday, **January 16**. This an annual visit by Pastor Brewington expresses the gratitude of the HTU community for support Gethsemane Lutheran members give to the Religious Life ministry of the university.

MLK, JR. WALK

Monday, **January 17**, 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 interest in participating..

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins **January 18**, The Conversion of St. Peter and concludes **January 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 for decades of leadership provided by Gethsemane representing the Reformation/Lutheran tradition with people of faith in the Austin community.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

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

January 19—March 2, 2011

11:00 am "Study Bible" with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$4 or \$12 family-suggested) 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 "Matthew", Pastor Bohls
6:15-7:10 "Spirituality and Family", Carmen Retzlaff
6:15-7:10 English as Second Language (ESL)
6:15-7:10 Beginning Spanish (downstairs)
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:45-8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

MEN-IN-MISSION

Men-in-Mission tour the **Capital Area Food Bank** Thursday, **January 20**. Gethsemane member **Dr. Erik Svenkerud** presents during fellowship the Gethsemane group tour of Europe including Oberammergau and his trip to Norway. Coffee, donuts, fellowship 9 a.m. in Music Room. Tour departs 10 a.m. Lunch follows at Catfish Parlour. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

JANUARY 23 — EPIPHANY 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; St. Matthew 4:12-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GLOBAL MISSIONS

The Epiphany Season is a time for Global Mission emphasis. Sunday, Jan. 2, **Kerry & Nhu Van Erickson** of Global Recording Network participated in a dialogue homily with **Pastor Gronberg** telling of their work in northeast Thailand. Welcoming them to Austin were Gethsemane members **Khem & Pimjai Saythongkham**. The Saythongkham family, originally from Laos, were resettled in Austin by Gethsemane Lutheran. Pimjai was a staff member of GRN in Thailand. Gethsemane members indicated their interest in partnership with Kerry & Nhu Van as they minister in Thailand.

Gethsemane members are given the opportunity on the fourth Sunday of every month to give an offering for Global Missions.

ENDOWMENT FUND SUPPORT

Gethsemane pastor **Rev. Susan Marie Schnelle** resumes Doctor of Ministry studies at Austin Presbyterian Seminary Jan. 3-14. Her class will focus on theological reflection in the ministry context in preparation for research to be completed in the Gethsemane community. Pastor Schnelle and **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** receive support in their theological studies through the **Gethsemane Lutheran Endowment Fund**. Pastor Schnelle and Intern Carmen express thanks to Gethsemane congregation and the Endowment Fund for supporting their education. Thanks to Gethsemane Congregation Council member **Alan Bergstrom** and son **Blake Bergstrom** for their stewardship of this investment for Gethsemane ministries.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Eighteen Gethsemane youth attended Southwestern Texas Synod ELCA Senior High Youth Gathering, December 28-30, Theme: "Go" **Paige Anderson**, **Chris Antu**, **Colby Chandrasoma**, **Kallie Crawford**, **Kolton Crawford**, **Andrew Davitt**, **Kendall Evans**, **Gael Garitte**, **Chris Greinert**, **Daniel Holmstrom**, **Stephanie Huston**, **Hannah Jurgens**, **Don Jung**, **Tyler Kuenast**, **Chan Lee**, **Ross Malin**, **Harley Malin**, **Evan Spielvogel**. Thanks to **Raymund Kuenast**, **Dar Joy Krenek**, and **Pastor Schnelle** sponsors. Thanks to the Gethsemane youth for their leadership in presenting the 4 Bible study themes. Thanks to generous members of Gethsemane who provided gifts that allowed the youth, sponsors, and guests **Mary Lou Newman** and **Jan Demarco** to enjoy lunch at Matamoros Restaurant.

TALKING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS: HABLAMOS JUNTOS

This winter, Gethsemane and the surrounding community will be talking with each other just a little bit more. As part of Wednesday evening Midweek Connections we will have Spanish classes offered by bilingual Gethsemane members **Jose Moreira**, **Salvador Chavarria**, and **Erik Svenkerud** and English classes led by ESL instructor **Kathryn Anderson**. If you would like to participate in these classes or volunteer, please call intern **Carmen Retzlaff** at the church office. ¡Adelante!

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VISION MISSION TRIP—JANUARY 14-16 CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK—JAN 18-25 MLK JR, WALK—JANUARY 17

MEMORIAL

Vivian Adele Martin Swenson, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism Friday, December 31, 2010. The memorial liturgy giving thanks for her faithful life was held Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Vivian was a lifelong member of Gethsemane faithfully living her baptism giving witness through the Gethsemane Women of the ELCA, assisting in the office and faithfully sharing in the worship life of the congregation. Christian ministry is expressed to son Bobby, daughter in law Paula, granddaughter Erica and sister Nell Martin Rundell. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond and parents Arthur & Anna Belle Bergstrom Martin. The words of scripture reflect the life of this woman of faith: *“Come, O blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”* (St. Matthew 25:34) Blessed be the memory of Vivian Swenson.

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

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

December Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of parents **Thomas Shreffler & Bettye Archer Prentice** by **Thom Prentice**; in honor of **Brian & Amanda's** wedding day—may they be joined together under God—by **Brad & Karyn Jensen**; in honor of **Alex Milam** graduating from Texas State University by **James & Harriet Gardner**; in loving memory of my parents, **Ernest & Martha Medack**, and brothers, **Walter and Edwin** by **Flo Kerr**; in celebration of the birth

of my granddaughter **Alicia “Allie” Nicole Canela** by **Kay Goodlow**; in celebration of the marriage of **Kelly Marie Mueller Kennedy** and **Joseph Glen Kennedy** by **Mark & Alice Mueller**; in honor of **Becky** and in celebration of her birthday by the **Rippy family**; in honor of **Hannah** and **Granny Pat Jurgens** and in celebration of their birthdays by the **Jurgens family**; in loving memory of **LaRue Olson** by **Donna and family**; in honor of **Pimjai Saythongkham** and in celebration of her birthday by **Khem Saythongkham**.

Thanks to 2010 altar/chancel flower donors. 2011 Gethsemane Lutheran altar/chancel flower chart is in the narthex. Please sign for a Sunday to remember or honor loved ones. Cost: \$35 altar, \$25 chancel.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Bertha Mae Fields, Jennie Lee Griffith, Novaline A, Heinkel, Tekla Weirich, Oehler, Thomas Robert “Coach Bob” Jayes, Jr., Vivian Martin Swenson**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light...**THANKS FROM:** **Jeanne Laubach, Michael Wrubel, Evelyn Haight, Pastor & Mrs. Inta, Debbie Rodgers Pitts, Gladys Hanson, Stanley & Verline Berkman, Rose Adair Corbell, Margareta & Ted Smith, George Wendlandt, Virginia Marek, Vivian Brown, Agnes Nelson, Billy Peel, Flo Kerr, Minnie Pihlgren, Bouanguan Saythongkham, Suzanne Hoeferkamp and parents Bob & Elizabeth Hoeferkamp, Ardy Davitt, Austin Williams, Mabel Krenek, Chaplain Tom Wicker, Trinity Care Center** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries, carolers; **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** for 2010 support of ministry to children/families with gratitude to **Kimberly Corbell** for being Santa

Lucia at their Christmas program; **Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest** for gift to annual fund; **Frances Bornemann & family** for Christmas eve worship...**THANKS TO:** **Sharon Gronberg, William Rice, Ron Tigge, Joel Gronberg, Valerie Johnson, Garth Mailman, George Creager, Kendall Campbell** for beautiful, creative decorating of Gethsemane altar, chancel, nave, Gethsemane Garden for Twelve Day Christmas festival; **Alexandra “Allie” Katherine Anderson, Kallie Gail Crawford and Catherine Elizabeth Hillmer** served as Santa Lucia; **Inez, Jennifer & Chuck and Charles Rice** for Christmas Apples a Gethsemane Christmas eve tradition; Gethsemane altar/chancel, garden poinsettia donors-over 150 listed in Christmas festival bulletin insert; **Alice Larson Mueller, Kelly Mueller Kennedy, Ethel Zeller** for Christmas Festival banners; **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission: Merrill Austin, Ron Becker, James Gardner, Pastor Karl Gronberg, George Hamm, Lester Johnson, Gene Olson, Erik Svenkerud, William Rice, George Wendlandt**, for the beautiful Gethsemane outdoor Christmas tree sharing the Christmas light with neighborhood; **Jeremy & Amanda Schnelle Ullrich**, Luther Seminary students, for leading worship Sunday December 26...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Alexandra Jordan Milam**, December graduate Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences with a Major in Fashion Merchandising & a Minor in Business Administration, Texas State University; **Kelly Marie Mueller & Joseph Glen Kennedy** blessing and celebration of marriage December 18 at Gethsemane...**GREETINGS FROM:** Christmas greetings in the narthex—thanks to everyone for loving holiday expressions...**FUTURE DATES:** **29th annual “Family of Gethsemane” retreat** February 26-27; **VBS** June 20-24.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 8

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUNDAY, Jan. 9 - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

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 10

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

TUESDAY, January 11

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

WEDNESDAY, January 12

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

THURSDAY, January 13

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

FRIDAY, January 14

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

SATURDAY, January 15

Vision Mission Border Trip

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
SUNDAY, January 16—EPIPHANY 2

Vision Mission Border Trip

Week of Prayer—Christian Unity
8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

MONDAY, Jan. 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Children's Ministry/GLC Office Closed
9:00 a.m. MLK walk

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, January 18

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

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

WEDNESDAY, January 19

Midweek Connections — see front center column

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
THURSDAY, January 20

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

FRIDAY, January 21

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, January 22

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
6:00 a.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUNDAY, January 23—Epiphany 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
9:00 a.m. “Voyager of the Seas” Tour (NW Pkg. lot)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, January 24

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 25

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

WEDNESDAY, January 26

Midweek Connections — see front center column

THURSDAY, January 27

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

FRIDAY, January 28

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

SATURDAY, January 29

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

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JANUARY 26, 2011

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

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GETHSEMANE WELCOMES EVERYONE TO LIVE IN LIGHT OF GOD

JANUARY 30—EPIPHANY 4

SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; St. Matthew 5:1-12

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AFFIRMED

Gethsemane Lutheran has a history of being a "Welcoming community". Founded by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1868, Gethsemane has welcomed, resettled, assisted persons from a variety of ethnic and nationalistic backgrounds: Germans-following WW I and II; Cambodians, Thais, Laotians, Central Americas, Africans from Sierra Leone and Nigeria. Gethsemane has also welcomed persons with diverse life experiences: addiction, divorce, abuse, compulsive behaviors. The last Sunday in January is a time to renew the "Welcoming Commitment" to hospitality rooted in the life of Gethsemane congregation. As a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** Gethsemane Lutheran of Austin, Texas "extends the extravagant welcome and genuine invitation for acceptance and full inclusion to people of every age, class, color and ethnic origin, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities; people who are single, married, divorced, separated, blessed or partnered, people who are temporarily-able, disabled or of differing abilities". "Welcome to Gethsemane" is more than a greeting—this is an expression of congregational life.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Representatives of **Workers Defense Project** will meet with the Adult Class Sunday, January 30. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** has participated in this organization "committed to economic and social justice for low-wage workers". The group relies upon volunteer and member led efforts to bring workplace justice, organizing change and leadership education. Workers Defense Project reminds people of faith that: every 2.5 days a construction worker dies in Texas, 47% of all immigrants in Austin make less than \$25,000 a year, one in five construction workers is not paid for his work, all workers have the same basic workplace rights regardless of national origin. Learn about work place justice in the Gethsemane Adult Class.

Gethsemane confirmation and high school SCS students learn "Our Neighbor's Faith" by visiting with members of the Jewish community, the Islamic community, Buddhist community and Roman Catholic and Baptist Christian denominations. The Pre-K-5th graders learn the Bible stories of Joseph, Sarah and Abraham. The 9:30 a.m. Learning Hour is for everyone.

SQUARE DANCE INVITATION

Gethsemane members interested in square dancing are invited to an introductory dance Monday, January 31, 7-8:30 p.m. MPR. Formal lessons will begin February 6 for 12 weeks. Contact Pastor Gronberg or **Terry Neal** for information.

FEBRUARY 6—EPIPHANY 5

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; St. Matthew 5:13-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

Sunday, **February 6**, 2011, millions of Americans will be tuning into the **Super Bowl** football game. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, **nearly 1 billion people around the world will be hungry**. Many will also worry about staying warm and finding shelter. This Super Bowl Sunday, **Gethsemane Lutheran youth** will join with more than 2,000 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregational youth groups** participating in "**Supper Bowl Sunday**" an ecumenical youth led grassroots movement uniting youth to a single cause: **ending hunger**. **\$10.2 million** was raised in 2009 along with 4.5 million pounds of food. One hundred percent of the money raised is donated to the hunger-related charity of the donors choice. These gifts support the **ELCA World Hunger** ministries responding to the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 50 countries including hundreds of food pantries and soup kitchens in the United States. Thanks Gethsemane Youth for making a difference by living your baptismal faith sharing in the ministries of the congregation, synod and ELCA.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Gethsemane Congregational Meeting Sunday, **Feb. 6**, follows 10:30 a.m. liturgy. The Gethsemane community gathers to give thanks for 2010 with a recognition of the grace of God manifested in the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during 2010. "*Faithfully Telling the Story: God's Work. Our Hands. Discovery, Gratitude, Service.*" **Gethsemane Men in Mission** provide a pasta meal with donations being given to **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry**.

GETHSEMANE WELCA

Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, **Feb. 8**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Program leader, foreign exchange student **Gael Garitte**, who is living with **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls**, will speak on his native country Belgium. Program Leader: **Donna Olson**; Hostesses: **Flo Kerr** and **Ria Corbett**.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship gathers Tuesday, **Feb. 8**, 7 p.m. **Molcas Mexican Restaurant**, 8127 Mesa Dr, hosted by **Donna Olson**. All are welcome at the table.

GLCM IMPROVEMENTS

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry expresses joy and thanks for the improvements to the three Gethsemane playgrounds. The new fence is aesthetically pleasing as well as providing greater security for the children. The railroad ties used in the original construction have been replaced with modular concrete blocks to keep the sand in the playground. A retaining wall is being constructed on the lower level. Trees encroaching on the new equipment shed, donated by **Martin & Mary Swoda**, have been removed. **Don Roefler** continues to use his carpentry skills building new "cubbie shelves" for the children to store their personal belongings. Gethsemane Lutheran rejoices in the faithful leadership given GLCM by **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist** and **Dar Krenek**. For information on GLCM you may call 339-6335.

FEBRUARY 13—EPIPHANY 6

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; St. Matthew 5:21-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

Intern Carmen Retzlaff continues to bless Gethsemane with her ministry. Thanks is expressed to the members of the Internship Committee: **Karalyn Heimlich**, chair person, **Jack Westerman**, **Sharon Kite**, **Carol Laubach**, **Evan Spielvogel**, **Erik Svenkerud**, **Ken Malin**, **Tiffany Candeh**, **David Doerfler**, **Becky Rippy**. These Gethsemane members assist Carmen in her discernment process seeking direction for her future as a pastor of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**.

MEN IN MISSION TOUR

Thursday, **February 17**, Gethsemane men tour **Precision Pearl/Ellis Mandolins**, maker of pearl inlays and mandolins. During 9 a.m. fellowship time in the Music Room, **Lester Johnson** speaks on his career and volunteer work with **Muscular Dystrophy Assn**. Tour departs 10 a.m. Lunch follows. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

GETHSEMANE RETREAT

The **29th annual "Family of Gethsemane" Retreat** February 26-27. "**LIGHT**" A special opportunity for friends and all members of the congregational family: singles, couples, those with and without children, from the very young to the not so young in years, but all young in spirit. Everyone is invited to a relaxed informal time sharing thoughts, histories, dreams, conversations, laughter, songs, the bread and wine of communion, the fresh air of the Hill Country, and good food. Climb to the cross on the mountain, read your Bible, play, eat, visit, rock on the porch, meet new friends. Invite friends to share in this weekend of renewal. Camp Chrysalis is a beautiful setting to experience God in a special way within the Gethsemane community. Registration deadline: Feb. 20. Pay online at www.gethsemanaustin.org Payment & registration returned to Gethsemane office or placed in Sunday offering plate by Feb. 20. Brochures in narthex.

MDA MUSCLE WALK

Gethsemane members **Lester & Lois Johnson** invite Gethsemane members to participate in the **MDA MUSCLE WALK** Saturday, February 26, 2011 Barton Creek Square Mall. Registration 8 a.m. Victory Lap 9 a.m. "*Make a Muscle-Make a Difference*"

TLU ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON

The 38th Annual Texas Lutheran University Endowed Scholarship Luncheon Sat., **Feb. 26**, 12 noon Hein Dining Hall, scholarship recipients will be in attendance along with donors. New endowed scholarships established during the past year will be announced. Congratulations to Gethsemane members—TLU students **Joel Gronberg**, **Will Jurgens**, **Angela Schnelle** academic honors.

LSSS NEWS

Lutheran Social Services of the South invites Gethsemane members to attend *Make A Difference 2011-a benefit for New Life Children's Center*, **Feb. 26** Austin Music Hall 5 p.m. Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Live Auction, Music and dancing. LSSS announces the **Bulgarian Adoption Program**. See Pastor Gronberg for information.

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WELCOMING SUNDAY-JANUARY 30 “SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY-FEB.6 2010 OFFERING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

MEMORIAL

Hubert Joseph Hausmann, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism, Friday, January 14, 2011. The memorial liturgy giving thanks to God for his faithful life was held Tuesday, January 18.. Hubert served nation and state faithfully sharing his love for God in relationship with family, friends and Gethsemane congregation. He enjoyed dancing with Rose, his wife of 58 years. Christian hope is extended to his daughter, Susan and her partner Dorsey, son Stephen and members of the extended family. The words of scripture reflect the faith of this kind and good man: *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of he Lord forever”* (Psalm 23:6)

Blessed be the memory of **Hubert Hausmann**

MEMORIAL

Kong Men claimed the eternal promise Wednesday, January 12, 2011. The memorial liturgy giving thanks for her life of love and commitment to family and friends was held Sunday, January 23, 2011. Kong and her family were resettled in Austin, Texas by Gethsemane Lutheran. She served the community bringing delight with her smile and “sweet spirit”. Christian sympathy is expressed to her husband Phat So, daughter Tammy & husband Steve, sons Vasnar, Rathanar, Bun Rath, Johnny and members of

the extended family. The words of scripture reflect the life of this woman of faith: *“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her”* (Proverbs 31:28)

Blessed be the memory of Kong Men.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Elizabeth Bilderback Guenzel, Gabriela Romero Shumway, Hubert Joseph Hausmann, Regina “Gina” Mae Murray, Kong Men**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light

...THANKS FROM: **Debbie Eubank, Alvina Traugott, Phat So, Thom Prentice, Alan Jarl, Mae Collins, Craig McConaughy, Nancy Kronbergs, Pastor Kent Bohls, Art Tiemann, Maxine Lammergard, Sharon Venza, Dottie Sigerist and Earle, Tony Sisto & Deanne Adams, Mary Jo Hindman, Pauline Schilling** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards & notes posted in narthex; **Capital Area Food Bank** staff for visit by Gethsemane Men in Mission: **Merrill Austin, Jack Westerman, Art Ulbrich, Curtis Johnson, Jim Baylor, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Jack Kriens, Tom Rodgers, William Rice, George Wendlandt, Mickey Cochran, Robert Rekart, Lester Johnson, Frank Greinert, George Turner, Tom Kelly Erik Svenkerud, Jim Bradley, Walter Toll, Ron Becker, James Gardener, Walt Horton, ...**

THANKS TO: Chaplain Don Brewington and

Huston-Tillotson University students for participation in worship/Learning Hour **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, week-end; Eagle Pass Mission Trip participants: **Phil & Christine Berkland, Steve & Christine Bohls, Byron and Ryan, Kent & Joan Bohls, Salvador Chavarria, Darla Elam, Shannon, William and Katy Errett, Gael Garitte, Sharon and Catherine Hillmer, Walt & Peggy Horton, Tim, Stephanie and Sam Huston, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Dar Krenek, Stacy Oncken, Carmen Retzlaff & Mike Macicak, Jesse and Elan, Becky Rippy, Lee & Susie Schnelle, Khem & Pim Saythongkham, Cal & Diane Streeter, Erik Svenkerud, Brian Tweedt, John & Anne Walker, Robert Westling**—thanks for supporting this mission partnership; **Kevin Kubiak and Belinda Malin** January congregation council worship deacons...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Greg & Staci Creager Yount, Tyler & Cody** on birth of daughter/sister **Morgan Paige**—grandparents **George & Gina Creager** give thanks for the gift of life; **DJ & Sally Lay Allen** married January 22...
GREETINGS FROM: **Gordon & Gloria Cooper; Frances Bornemann, Jan & Ron Munn** settling into California home; **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** enjoying Mt. Rainier...**FUTURE DATES:** **CROP** Walk March 5, 10 a.m. , March 6 1:45 a.m.; **CAP** 10 March 27; **Youth Spring Musical** April 9 & 10; **GLCM Golf** May 1; **VBS** June 20-24.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 29

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, Jan. 30—EPIPHANY 4

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
9:30-11:45 Jr. & Sr. High Inter-Faith visit
10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

MONDAY, January 31

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

TUESDAY, February 1

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Berkman home)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, February 2

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

THURSDAY, February 3

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Assn of Austin (Music Rm)

FRIDAY, February 4

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
9-11:30 am GLCM Dental Checkups (MPR)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, February 5

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
7:30 p.m. St. Olaf Choir (St Martin's)

SUNDAY, February 6—EPIPHANY 5

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
12 Noon Luncheon & Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, February 7

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

TUESDAY, February 8

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (Music Rm)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Molcas Mexican Rest.)

WEDNESDAY, February 9

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

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

Through March 2

11:00 am “Study Bible” with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30–6:30 Supper (\$4 or \$12 family-suggested) 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 “Matthew”, Pastor Bohls
6:15–7:10 “Spirituality and Family”, Carmen Retzlaff
6:15–7:10 English as Second Language (ESL)
6:15–7:10 Beginning Spanish (downstairs)
7:15–7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30–7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:45–8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, February 10

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

FRIDAY, February 11

8-11:30 am GLCM Vision/Hearing (Parlor)
5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

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

SATURDAY, February 12

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
4:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUNDAY, February 13—Epiphany 6

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist
12 Noon Internship Committee (Parlor)
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, February 14—St. Valentine's Day

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
Valentine's Day Trip (Sjo-Pro Tours)
GLCM Valentine's Day Parties
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, February 15

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

WEDNESDAY, February 16

Midweek Connections — see center column
11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

THURSDAY, February 17

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour
5:30 a.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)
8:00 p.m. NCC Benefit (1st Unitarian Ch.)

FRIDAY, February 18

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

SATURDAY, February 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
7:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Star Hill Ranch)

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

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

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EPIPHANY STAR LEADS COMMUNITY OF LIGHT TO "MORNING STAR"

FEBRUARY 20—EPIPHANY 7

SCRIPTURE: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; St. Matthew 5:38-48*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

MOSQUE VISIT

Senior High and Confirmands continue Sunday School series on "Understanding Our Neighbor's Faith" visiting the North Austin Muslim Community Center mosque for midday prayers February 20. Youth meet at Gethsemane following 10:30 worship for pizza lunch before leaving for the mosque. Return to Gethsemane south parking lot around 2:00 p.m. Thanks to **Umud Azimov** for speaking to the class about the Islamic faith February 13.

AUSTIN MARATHON

The 20th anniversary of the **Austin Marathon & Half Marathon** will be Sunday, February 20. Gethsemane members **John & Ingrid Edlund Berry** will be participating. Former Gethsemane intern, **Pastor Scott McAnally**, Lutheran Church of Hope, Broomfield, Colorado and **Pastor Erik Gronberg**, Trinity Lutheran, Ft. Worth, Texas will run the 26.2 mile course. Scott and Erik became friends at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. They will stay at the home of **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg**. Best wishes to all the runners.

AMBIS MEETING

Gethsemane Lutheran will host the annual meeting of **AMBIS** (a nonprofit, non sectarian, educational and consumer association working since 1964 to encourage informed planning about end-of-life-issues) Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m. **Doug Pauley** speaks on "Preparing An Ethical Will." Gethsemane members and friends are invited to attend.

MDA MUSCLE WALK

Gethsemane members **Lester & Lois Johnson** invite Gethsemane members to participate in the **MDA MUSCLE WALK** Saturday, **February 26**, Barton Creek Square Mall. Registration 8 a.m. Victory Lap 9 a.m. There will also be an **MDA Walk** at the Gethsemane Retreat. "*Make a Muscle-Make a Difference*"

TLU ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON

The 38th Annual **Texas Lutheran University Endowed Scholarship Luncheon** Sat., **February 26**, 12 noon Hein Dining Hall. Scholarship recipients will be in attendance along with donors.

LSSS NEWS

Lutheran Social Services of the South invites Gethsemane members to attend **Make A Difference 2011—a benefit for New Life Children's Center**, **February 26** Austin Music Hall 5 p.m. Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Live Auction, Music and dancing. LSSS announces the **Bulgarian Adoption Program**. See Pastor Gronberg for information.

FEBRUARY 27—EPIPHANY 8

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; St. Matthew 6:24-34*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *God of tender care, like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children, and you know already what we need. In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts, that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

GETHSEMANE RETREAT

The 29th annual "**Family of Gethsemane**" **Retreat February 26-27**. "**LIGHT**" A special opportunity for friends and members of the congregation to a relaxed informal time sharing thoughts, histories, dreams, conversations, laughter, songs, the bread and wine of communion, the fresh air of the Hill Country, and good food. Camp Chrysalis is a beautiful setting to experience God in a special way. Registration deadline: Feb. 20. Pay online at www.gethsemaneaustin.org, payment & registration returned to Gethsemane office or Sunday offering plate by Feb. 20. Brochures in narthex.

Thank You
Gethsemane Lutheran -Austin, Texas
from the
Southwestern Texas Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
for faithful giving in 2010
to synod and church wide ministries.
Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop
Ray Tiemann, Synod Bishop
"God's Work. Our Hands"

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Presiding **Bishop Mark Hanson** and Southwestern Texas Synod **Bishop Ray Tiemann** sent a "*Certificate of Appreciation*" and a letter of "*joy and thanksgiving on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for faithful mission support in 2010*". Gethsemane witnesses to that which matters: "*Faith in Jesus Christ matters, the Word of God matters, Worship matters, Ministries of the congregation matter, being a Lutheran matters, Commitment matters, Interdependence of ELCA, synod and congregation matters.*" Gethsemane gives thanks for shared ministry with the **ELCA**.

GETHSEMANE WELCA

WELCA—Austin Conference—"Grow and Glow Where You are Planted", **March 5**, 8:30 - 3:30, Christ Lutheran, Georgetown. "*Grow and Glow Where You are Planted.*" Registration \$12 includes continental breakfast/catered lunch. Registration by February 23. Registration forms/details on WELCA bulletin board.

Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, **March 8**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Program Leader: **Sandra Tipton**; Hostesses: **Tutty Maixner** and **Wilma Wheatley**.

SEMINARY CLUSTER

Intern Carmen Retzlaff and **Pastor Karl Gronberg** will attend the Intern/Supervisor Cluster Retreat, Briarwood Retreat Center, Argyle, Texas Sunday **Feb. 27**-Tuesday, **March 1**. The fall cluster was in New Braunfels with **Pastors Gronberg** and **Schnelle** with **Intern Retzlaff** attending coordinated by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa coordinates the Briarwood cluster retreat. Gethsemane friend **Intern Joan Iker** will attend. Keep the ELCA seminaries of in your daily prayers.

MARCH 6

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: *Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; St. Matthew 17:1-9*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry parents **Jeff Herbert & Stacia Crescenzi** bring their infant son **Isaac Thomas** to receive the eternal promise given in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. . Sister **Phoebe Elizabeth** was baptized February 22, 2009 Both children are enrolled in GLCM. "*Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God.*" (St. Mark 10:15)

32nd ANNUAL CROP WALK

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants will participate in the 32nd annual **CROP WALK** **Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park**. Registration Saturday, March 5th, 9:30 a.m. Walk begins 10 a.m. Registration Sunday, 1:45 p.m. Walk begins 2:30 p.m. Gethsemane member **Erin Rosales** will have sponsorship packets available Feb. 20 & 27. Pick up a packet—find sponsors! Be a part of the world hunger solution. All ages are invited to walk or give an offering.

PANCAKE FEAST

The Gethsemane tradition of eating pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday "Fat Tuesday"**, the day before Ash Wednesday, continues with **Viola Hall** preparing pancakes **March 8**, 12 noon and **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission** serve pancakes and sausage 5:30-7 p.m. Enjoy the fellowship. Prepare for the Lenten fast. Tickets: Adults - \$4, Children Under 10 - \$2 available in the narthex Sunday February 27 and March 6.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent commences Ash Wednesday, **March 9** 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 noon and 7 p.m. services will be bilingual English-Spanish, to intentionally welcome Gethsemane neighbors. **March 16**, 11 a.m. Lenten Study. 6 p.m. Wednesday Lent soup prepared by **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel**.

GLCM GRANT

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry was recognized by WorkSource Childcare solutions with a \$1500 grant for classroom resources. GLCM was eligible for this grant for maintaining a four star rating with the **Texas Rising Star** program. Congratulations to GLCM Leadership Team: **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek** and their staff for faithful ministry to children and families.

February is busy with Dental Health Awareness and American Heart month. The children had a puppet presentation and video explaining the importance of taking care of their teeth. A Vision & Hearing Screening was offered and the children made hearts for Valentine's Day discussing ways to have a healthy heart. GLCM children are healthy in body, mind and spirit.

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29TH ANNUAL RETREAT FEB. 26 & 27 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY MARCH 6 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES MARCH 8

MEMORIAL

Dorothy Madson Skoglund, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism, Monday, January 31, 2011. The memorial liturgy giving thanks to God for her faithful life was held at Gethsemane Saturday, February 5. Dorothy lived her baptismal faith in devotion to God and loving commitment to her beloved husband Swen. Dorothy was faithful in her worship life supporting the ministries of Gethsemane congregation. Christian sympathy is expressed to her daughter, Janet Bartles and son in law Gillis; grandson, Gannon Bartles and wife, Sylvia. The words of scripture give witness to her faithful life: *"No one lives to self, no one dies to self, we live to the Lord, we die to the Lord, so we belong-in life and death- to the Lord"* (Romans 14:8)

Blessed be the memory of Dorothy Skoglund

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

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

January Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Ed Hall** by **Viola**; in honor of

Sandra Baylor and in celebration of her birthday by **Katy & Rod Johnson**; in honor of **Katey Malin** and in celebration of her 12th birthday by **Ken, Belinda, Ross, Harley** and **Denver**; in celebration and joy of **DJ & Sally Allen** wedding January 22, 2011 by **David & Kathi Allen**; in celebration of our 20th wedding anniversary by **Ken & Belinda Malin**; in loving honor of **Inez Rice** and her forty years of service to the Gethsemane Lutheran Altar Guild; in celebration of our wedding anniversary by **John & Ingrid Berry.**

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Dorothy Skoglund, Alan Sandford**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light... **THANKS FROM:** Gladys Hanson, Eric, Claudia and Maxwell Michael Hausken, David Doerfler, Minnie Philgren, Betty Johnson, Mimi Raven, Erik Svenkerud, Olga George, Max & Beverly Helsel, LoAnn Abney, Dorothy Dunn, Pauline Schilling, Charles Cason for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards & notes posted in narthex; the family of **Hubert Hausmann** for ministry at time of loss; **Lutherans Concerned** for January "Welcoming Sunday"; the **Cleng Peerson Lodge Sons of Norway** for Gethsemane hospitality; **AMBIS Board** for Gethsemane providing space for annual meeting...**THANKS TO:** Verline Berkman for

leading Gethsemane quilters since 2006—**Wilma Wheatley** is the new quilters coordinator; Gethsemane Men in Mission: **Jack Westerman, George Hamm, John Davitt, John Berry, George Wendlandt, Gene Olson, Ken Schulz, Frank Greinert, Jim Baylor, Lester Johnson, Art Ulbrich, Erik Svenkerud, Ron Becker, Merrill Austin, Don Swenson** for annual meeting meal supporting GLCM; **Martin Swoda** and **Michael Candeh** February Congregation council deacons; **Lee Schnelle** and "G-8": **Mike Macicak, Jesse Macicak, Andrew Davitt, Chris Antu, JoAnn Gerbig, Sheryl Evans, Dar Joy Krenek** for special music;... **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Mark & Kristen Gronberg Etheredge, Peter and Miriam** birth of daughter/sister **Elise Kirsten Grace**—grandparents **Karl & Sharon Gronberg** give thanks for the gift of life; **Eric & Claudia Hausken** birth **Maxwell Michael**; **Ben & Jennifer Perry Kettman** married at Gethsemane Feb. 12; **Erik Svenkerud** elected Austin Sons of Norway chairperson; **Keith Lundquist**, chosen for induction into the **Texas Lutheran University Athletics Hall of Fame**—Keith was a two time All American golfer—Gethsemane rejoices with Keith and the Lundquist family...**FUTURE DATES:** **CAP 10** March 27; **GLCM Work Day**-April 2; **Youth Spring Musical** April 9 & 10; **GLCM Golf** May 1; **VBS** June 20-24.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, February 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
9:30 a.m. Casa Marianella Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Star Hill Ranch)

SUNDAY, February 20—EPIPHANY 7

7:00 a.m. Austin Marathon
8:15 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
12:30-2 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High visit Mosque
2:00 p.m. AMBIS (Multi-Purpose Room)

MONDAY, February 21—President's Day

GLCM & Church Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel

TUESDAY, February 22

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

WEDNESDAY, February 23

Midweek Connections — see center column

THURSDAY, February 24

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

FRIDAY, February 25

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

SATURDAY, February 26

GETHSEMANE FAMILY RETREAT (CAMP CHRYSALIS)
8:00 a.m. Gethsemane Park Work Day
8:30 a.m. MDA Walk (Barton Creek Mall)
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
12 Noon TLU Endowment Scholarship Luncheon
5:00 p.m. LSSS "Make a Difference" (Austin Music Hall)

SUNDAY, February 27—EPIPHANY 8

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY
GETHSEMANE FAMILY RETREAT (CAMP CHRYSALIS)

8:15 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service
7:00 p.m. Internship Cluster (Briarwood)

MONDAY, February 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, March 1

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

WEDNESDAY, March 2—Midweek Connections

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7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:45-8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

3:30 p.m. Day of the Fallen Worker Defense Project
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, March 3

7:00 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

FRIDAY, March 4

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

SATURDAY, March 5

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, March 6—Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:15 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Liturgy

MONDAY, March 7

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

TUESDAY, March 8

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (Music Rm)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
5:30-7 p.m. Pancake Supper (Multi-Purpose Rm)

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 9

7-8 a.m. Ashes at the altar
11:30-12 Ashes at the altar
12 Noon Holy Communion
5:30-7 p.m. Ashes at the altar
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

THURSDAY, March 10

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

FRIDAY, March 11

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Room)

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"HOLY AND GLORIOUS GOD" ACCOMPANIES LENTEN COMMUNITY

MARCH 13 — LENT 1

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME:
SPRING AHEAD

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; St. Matthew 4:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

2011 LENTEN THEME

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California are seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Their call is to the serve the ELCA by training pastors and teachers to minister to the baptized community. Staff members of these two seminaries have prepared a devotional for the 2011 Lenten Season: "*Holy and Glorious*" based on Hymn 637 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. The theme invites the Lenten community to consider a vision: "*God as holy and glorious, holy and powerful, holy and beautiful, holy and wise.*" This vision accompanies the people of God during the weeks of Lent. The seminary communities pray for Gethsemane congregation and all ELCA congregations that Lent 2011 will be a time for a vision of "*Holy God*" connecting with humanity in the Obedient Christ of the cross. Grow in the vision by practicing the Lenten Disciplines: **Worship-corporate and private, Repentance/self examination, Prayer/daily meditation, Fasting, Sacrificial giving, Works of love for the common good.**

GIRL SCOUTS

Gethsemane welcomes Girl Scout Troop 217 Sunday, March 13th, 10:30 a.m. liturgy celebrating the 99th birthday of Girl Scouts. Gethsemane members Patricia Woodley and Allysa coordinate the event thanking Gethsemane congregation for supporting scouting.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour Dresser Wayne global headquarters and gas pump assembly plant Thursday, March 17. Lunch at Bill Miller Bar-B-Q. Coffee, donuts and fellowship 9 a.m. in Music Room. David Allen talks about life and career and discusses financial security during fellowship. Tour departs at 10 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Jr. & Sr. High youth meet Thursday, March 17, 10 a.m. at GLCM to "*Go Green*" as we plant a tree for the children's ministry. Thursday Wear green, and bring money for lunch after the tree planting.

Sr. High youth meet Sunday, March 20 for "*Sunday Night Live.*" Meet lower level parking lot 5 p.m., return by 8 p.m.

MARCH 20 — LENT 2

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; St. John 3:1-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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

Pastor Schnelle continues a six week Bible Study she wrote for her Doctor of Ministry degree: "*Seeing the Scriptures through New Eyes.*" Six methods of biblical interpretation are considered. An excellent opportunity for students of the Bible to reflect on various interpretations. The class meets in the Steffans Parlor. SCS for Gethsemane children focuses on **Old Testament Bible stories: Abraham and Sarah, Jonah and the Big Fish.** Confirmants and Senior High youth continue their series on "*Understanding Our Neighbors' Faith.*" Last week youth discussed Hinduism. This week, **March 13, Khem & Pimjai Saythongkham** join the youth to discuss Buddhism. A visit to a **Buddhist temple** is scheduled for **March 20**, details to be announced.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

MARCH 16-APRIL 13

- 11:00 a.m. "Voices of Lent" Bible Study
- 12 noon Lenten Worship with Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Soup, Sandwich, children time & adult conversations
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
Estudio Biblico (intermediate level Spanish language Bible Study)
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist
- 7:30 p.m. Mentor Time
- 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

\$11.8 million to 838,302 people in 24 different countries was distributed in 2010 by Lutheran World Relief. 319,610 quilts, 213,350 school kits, 174,975 health kits, 24, 375 sewing kits, 85,100 layettes, 38,570 pounds of soup given through the ministries of LWR. Gethsemane Lutheran joins with congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America supporting these ministries. Thanks to Gethsemane women for demonstrating and educating the congregation on these ministries bringing hope and love to people around the world. Take a few minutes and look at the Lutheran World Relief information on the GWELCA Bulletin Board. "*God's work. Our Hands.*"

ELCA BISHOP NAMED

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson has been named to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The advisory council gathers secular and religious leaders, scholars and experts to make recommendations to the White House on a variety of partnerships between faith based and neighborhood organizations.

MARCH 27 — LENT 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; St. John 4:5-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

BAPTISM GIVES PROMISE

Paulina Vinyard Harper & Andrew Walker Simmons Harper bring their infant son Ian Clayton Shute Harper to receive the eternal promise given in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Paulina was baptized, confirmed and married Andrew at Gethsemane. May the blessings of the Triune God be with the faithful Harper/Vinyard family. "*Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God*" (St. Mark 10:15)

CAP 10 WORSHIP

The Austin American Statesman Cap 10, March 27, has become an annual Central Texas spring rite having become the biggest 10K in Texas. The Gethsemane Lutheran tradition of offering a pre-run Service of the Word with prayer begins at 8 a.m. near the starting line at Riverside & South Congress Ave. More than 15,000 runners/walkers are expected to participate. Come pray, read the appointed scripture and experience the energy of the CAP 10.

HOSTING DANCERS

The Stoughton Norwegian Dancers will perform their authentic Scandinavian folk dancers in the Gethsemane Lutheran MPR Sunday, March 27, 6 p.m. The dancers, are high school students from Stoughton, Wisconsin. They will be on their 2011 Spring Tour. The group began in 1952 with the goal of preserving the Norwegian ethnic heritage of the community. The Dancers were invited in 1968 to dance for the King of Norway on his visit to Wisconsin and in 1972 the group performed their dances in Norway. The founder was awarded Norway's St. Olaf Medal for her work in furthering Norwegian culture.

The group promises to offer authentic dances, gymnastics and a dash of humor giving old and young a warm appreciation of all traditions. Thanks to Gethsemane member Dr. Erik Svenkerud and the Sons of Norway for inviting the group to Austin. They will perform throughout Central Texas. Thanks also to families having offered to host the dancers in their homes. *Mange Tusen Takk*

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry celebrated "*Sharing the Love of Jesus*", Lutheran Schools Week. Bible stories were shared with Intern Carmen, music was provided by Margaret Manz on the organ, piano, and violin along with Lee Schnelle playing the hammered dulcimer and JoAnn Gerbig playing the handbells.

The children also made cards and posters for Pastor Gronberg to use in ministry visits and for children at Dell's Children's Hospital. Food and clothing was also collected and brought to the Gethsemane Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. GLCM is grateful for the educational emphasis of the Lutheran tradition encouraging all children to grow in body, mind and spirit.

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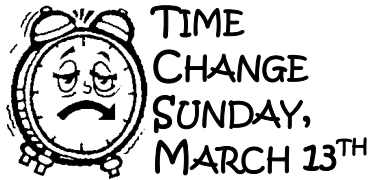
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Lent

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP 12 NOON & 7 P.M.

CAP 10 PRE-RUN WORSHIP 8 A.M.-MARCH 27

“CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS” APRIL-JUNE

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Gwen Ericson** chair- all others co-chairs, **Sandra Baylor, Claudia Gann, Ruth Lyons, Dee Riley, Mary Jane Riley, Wilma Wheatley.** Thanks to these women of faith for their generous “love gift” to the altar guild fund. These gifts provide the Gethsemane community with needed worship supplies.

February Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Ann Prentice Fogt** by her nephew **Tom Prentice**; in loving memory of **Dorothy Skoglund** by her family; in honor of **Ben & Jennifer Ketteman** as we celebrate their marriage by **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**; in loving memory of **Merle Mattson Hendrickson** by her family; in honor of daughters **Angela** and **Katie** by **Randy & Sandi Dodd.**

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT CLASS

Please pass along information to your Spanish speaking friends of the new class being formed. The class will meet on Saturdays April 9-May 14. Contact **Intern Carmen** to register. Registration forms are in the brochure rack at the south entrance. Volunteers are needed to provide a light lunch each of these Saturdays. The next English as a Second Language (ESL) class begins June 1 (6 sessions—Wednesday nights).

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Arthur Emil Rode, Peter Gomes, Jason Blackwell**—may those who mourn be comforted by the grace of God...**THANKS TO:** **Viola Hall** and the

Gethsemane Men in Mission for Shrove Tuesday pancakes: **Mike Anderson, Merrill Austin, Jim Baylor, Ron Becker, Keith Davis, John Davitt, Frank Greinert, George Hamm, Walt Horton, Lester Johnson, Gordon Ketteman, Gaylord Magnuson, Garth Mailman, Ken Schulz, Erik Svenkerud, Don Swenson, Art Ulbrich, George Wendlandt and Jack Westerman**—proceeds given to the Gethsemane Food Pantry; **Garth Mailman**, a “favorite” Canadian Lutheran blessing Gethsemane ministries during his four month winter time in Austin-safe journey north Christian brother and we look forward to seeing you in November...**THANKS FROM:** **John Berry, David & Helen Maidment, Dorothy Hecht, Margareta Smith, Ann Moeller, Elena Mendoza, Ron & Joyce Kingsbury, Louise Eidbo, Ruben Sr. & Mrs. Cruz Santa Ana, Ryan, Laura, Soren Brown** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards & notes posted in narthex; **North Central Caregivers** for Gethsemane support in 2010-**Ria Corbett** serves as Gethsemane representative to the NCC Board; **Christ Chapel Campus Ministry**, Texas State University for Gethsemane support; **Cross Trails Ministry-Camp Chrysalis** for: **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls, Gael Garitte, Pastor Susan & Lee Schnelle, Alice & Wil Bassett, Steve & Christine Bohls, Byron & Ryan, Doug & Barb Guinn and Joseph, David Caleb, Michael, Sharon and Catherine Hilmer, Walt & Peggy Horton, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Dar Joy Krenek, Jenna Sweatt, Colleen**

Krasinski, David Maidment, Robert & Matthew Williams, Mike Macicak & Intern Carmen Retzlaff, Jesse and Elan, Gordon & Gerri Slabaugh, MaryBeth Tomka and Josh, Patricia Woodley and Allysa participation in the 29th Annual Gethsemane Retreat and the butterfly gift; **Jeff Herbert & Stacia Crescenzi** for baptismal ministry to son **Isaac Thomas**; **Church World Service** for **Erin Rosales, Jacob Suarez, Marilyn Ketteman, Jeff Ketteman, Elizabeth Ketteman, Virginia Marek, Glenn Like, Erik Svenkerud, Pastor Karl Gronberg** participating in 33rd Annual **CROP Walk** raising \$1,525—**Virginia Marek**, known by some in the CWS office as Mrs. Crop Walk has participated for 30 years—She raised \$788 of the Gethsemane total—Thanks to all the donors for their generous gifts; **Workers Defense Project** for support given to their special events by **Intern Carmen Retzlaff, Pastor Karl Gronberg and Garth Mailman; Lester & Lois Johnson** and family for Gethsemane support “*For the Love of Justin*” team raising over \$8,000 the third highest amount for MDA research...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Karalyn Heimlich** recognized by **Lutheran Social Services of the South** for 36 years of service. Karalyn retires the last day of March; **Andrew Vinyard** and **Jennifer Steinhausen** married at Gethsemane...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls, George Creager** enjoying the New Mexico mountains...**FUTURE DATES:** **Youth Spring Musical** April 9 & 10; **GLCM Golf** May 1; **VBS** June 20-24.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 12

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, March 13 LENT 1

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, March 14

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

TUESDAY, March 15

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

WEDNESDAY, March 16

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study
11:30 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
12 Noon Lenten Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich; adult conversation, children's activities, confirmation
7:00 p.m. Lenten Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Confirmands and Mentors
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

7:30 a.m. Sjo-Pro Tour (Texas Stadium)
9:00 a.m. Men in Mission Conversation & Tour
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

FRIDAY, March 18

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

SATURDAY, March 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Workshop (Music Rm)
2:00 p.m. Memorial Gathering (Music Room)

SUNDAY, March 20—LENT 2

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High visit Buddhist Temple
10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, March 21

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, March 22

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

WEDNESDAY, March 23

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS-SEE FEB. 24

THURSDAY, March 24

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

FRIDAY, March 25

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

SATURDAY, March 26

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

SUNDAY, March 27 - Lent 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. CAP 10 worship (Riverside & Congress)
8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service
6:00 p.m. Norwegian Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

MONDAY, March 28

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, March 29

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

WEDNESDAY, March 30

THURSDAY, March 31

6:30 p.m. Lutheran Sunset Ministries (Clifton)

FRIDAY, April 1

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

SATURDAY, April 2

8am-Noon GLCM Work Party
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2011

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

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LENTEN JOURNEY LEADS FAITHFUL COMMUNITY TO HOLY WEEK

APRIL 3 — LENT 4

SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; St. John 9:1-41

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INTERNSHIP

Gethsemane 2010-11 Internship Committee: **Karalyn Heimlich**, chair, **Jack Westerman**, **Sharon Kite**, **Carol Laubach**, **Evan Spielvogel**, **Erik Svenkerud**, **Ken Malin**, **Tiffany Candeh**, **David Doerfler**, **Becky Rippy** meets monthly to listen/support **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** during the year. Mid-year evaluations have been completed by committee member continuing to oversee and offer guidance to the intern as she prepares for ordination as a pastor of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. During the first six months, **Intern Carmen** has expanded **Gethsemane** outreach ministries to Spanish-speaking neighbors; organized women's employment classes in Spanish in collaboration with **Casa Marianella**; offered English as a Second Language classes; prepared and participated in bilingual Ash Wednesday services; assisted in Wednesday and Sunday liturgies; taught SCS classes; led a GWELCA Bible Study; visited Gethsemane congregants in their homes; made hospital visits. The goal of the **Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago** is to offer **Intern Carmen** the opportunity to experience the many ministries of the Gethsemane community. Members of Gethsemane are invited to speak with **Pastor Karl Gronberg**, **Intern Carmen** or members of the **Internship Committee** regarding the internship participation between LSTC and Gethsemane. Thanks to the Internship Committee for their faithfulness to the intern and congregation.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT THROUGH APRIL 13

- 11:00 a.m. "Voices of Lent" Bible Study
- 12 noon Lenten Worship with Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Soup, Sandwich, children time & adult conversations
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
Estudio Biblico (intermediate level Spanish language Bible Study)
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Eucharist
- 7:30 p.m. Mentor Time
- 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

YOUTH SPRING MUSICAL

Gethsemane Lutheran Youth ministry offers their **Spring Musical Dinner Theatre "Random Campfires"**, 6 p.m. Saturday, **April 9** & 1 p.m. Sunday, **April 10**. The Dinner Theatre is a fundraising event for Youth Ministry. The creative wit and humor of Gethsemane member, **Lane Holmstrom**, is brought to life on stage by talented youth! Tickets \$10, children 4-9 years \$5 are available Sunday mornings, the Gethsemane office, or at the door.

You can help by contributing to the Silent/Live auction. Ideas for auction items: Themed Baskets, ipod or shuffle, restaurant gift cards, car washes, jewelry, and so much more! Contact **Tracy Anderson** (randerson3@austin.rr.com) indicating what you can bring and the value-asap. Themed Baskets bid sheet need itemized list and total value! Drop off items at Gethsemane no later than Wednesday April 6. Gethsemane supports youth ministry!

APRIL 10 — LENT 5

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; St. John 11:1-45

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM GIVES PROMISE

Greg & Staci Creager Yount bring their infant daughter **Morgan Paige** to receive the eternal promise given in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, **April 10**. **Staci** was baptized, confirmed and married **Greg** at Gethsemane. **Morgan's** brothers **Tyler Blake** and **Cody Austin** were baptized at Gethsemane August 27, 2006 and July 13, 2008. Serving as God-parents are **John & Julie Welch**. May the blessings of the Triune God be with the faithful **Yount/Creager** family. "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God" (St. Mark 10:15)

RESPONSE TO TRAGEDY

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** has responded to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck northern Japan March 11. Financial gifts and networking with ecumenical communities providing support to those persons facing daily survival challenges. **Kelly Mortland**, **James & Noriko Adams**, **Robert Adams**, **Keisuke Adams** of the Gethsemane community indicate family members in Japan are safe. Keep these friends and their loved ones in prayer.

DIGGING AFRICAN WELL

Robit, Ethiopia has a population of 11,171 people. The only source of water is from a contaminated river running directly through the center of the village. The river is used for bathing, washing clothes, watering livestock, and for drinking water. The current water situation results in a large amount of suffering from water-borne diseases (particularly Acute Watery Diarrhea) which has a devastating effect on the community. The children are affected most by these **water-borne diseases which kill an estimated 250,000 children under the age of five every year in Ethiopia**. Gethsemane members are invited to co-sponsor the digging of a water well to provide a sustainable, long-term source of clean water. Sponsors will be recognized at a water point with signage, and a combined sign at the main reservoir. **Gethsemane congregants** have given gifts of over \$1,500 toward the \$12,500 goal. **Water ministry envelopes** available in the narthex numbered between 1 and 155. The number is unique to each envelope corresponding to the amount of money placed in the envelope. Numbers 1 to 20 are reserved for Gethsemane children. In envelope selected, place cash or a check made to "Gethsemane Lutheran" with "W2T Robit" on the "For" line, in the dollar amount shown on the envelope. Place the envelope with gift enclosed in the offering plate or mail to the Gethsemane office. When all envelopes are returned, the combined amount will total \$12,500. Return envelopes by Easter Sunday, April 24. Project Timeline: April 2011: Robit Water Project construction starts; December 2011: Robit Water Project complete. "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me" (St. John 7:37)

FORMER MISSIONARY VISITS

Jim Sorensen, a former Lutheran missionary to Ethiopia, will visit Gethsemane Sunday, **April 10**, inviting Gethsemane members to travel to Ethiopia June 3-20.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship Tuesday, **April 12**, 7 p.m. Catfish Parlor, 11910 Research Blvd, hosted by **Ken & Linda Schulz**. All are welcome at the table.

APRIL 17 — PALM SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; St. Matthew 26:14-27:66

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.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

Gethsemane Lutheran annually commences **Holy Week** receiving crosses as a symbol of entrance into the high holy days of the Christian faith. The Palm crosses will be given to the Holy Week pilgrims upon entering the narthex; crosses made by **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman** will be given during the eucharist. Lenten Coin Boxes for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal may be returned during Holy Week. \$19,500,000 was raised in 2009 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2009.

HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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 18-APRIL 21

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharist/ stripping of altar
- 11:00 a.m. Procession of the Cross
- 12 noon-12 midnight — Prayer Vigil
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 23

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 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. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- 10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Resurrection Celebration
- 12 noon Easter Holy Communion at the Altar

PASSOVER MEAL

The annual Passover Seder, Passion-Palm Sunday, **April 17**, 9:30 a.m. for confirmands, family members and those preparing for first communion on Maundy Thursday. Contact **Pastors Gronberg or Schnelle**.

GETHSEMANE MEN

Gethsemane Men-in-Mission tour **KXAN TV** studios Maundy Thursday, **April 21**. Lunch follows at the "always ready for Men in Mission" **Scholz Garten**. Coffee, donuts and fellowship 9 a.m. in Music Room. Tour departs 10:30a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

FIRST COMMUNION

First communion instruction Palm Sunday **April 17**, following worship for 3rd graders and above, parents and/or grandparents. Lunch provided; Contact **Pastors Bohls or Schnelle**.

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, www.gethsemane.austin.org. \$2 of each is support for Gethsemane Youth Ministry.

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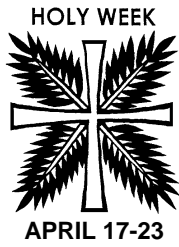
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WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP 12 NOON & 7 P.M. PASSION/PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 17 “CHRIST IN OUR HOME” DEVOTIONALS

MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Sharon Kite**, Chairperson; **JoAnn Gerbig, John & Clare Kingsbury, Mackenzie Kite, Madison Kite, Valerie Murphy, Becky Rippy, Darlene Werchan.**

March Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary by **John & Claire Kingsbury**; in celebration of our 15th wedding anniversary by **Don & Georganna Swenson**; in celebration of wedding of **Jennifer Steinhausen & Andrew Vinyard** by **Jerry & Lloydine Vinyard**; in loving memory of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother **Alice Warren** on her birthday by **Inez, Jennifer & Chuck** and **Charles Rice**; in loving memory of our grandfather **Ray Anderson** by **Allie, Paige, Kate and Carly Anderson**; in honor of **Ben & Heather** as they celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary by the **Rippy family**; in loving memory of **Keith Leslie Johnson** on his 75th birthday by his family; in loving memory of **Margaret Koehler Moore Hankamer** by her family.

QUILT TICKETS

Gethsemane Women of the ELCA will offer tickets Sunday between services and on Wednesday evenings for a quilt to be awarded **April 17**. Contributions given to fund **GWELCA Lutheran World Relief** projects. Tickets \$1 each/\$5 for 6.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Marcia Carol Lehman, Margaret Koehler Moore Hankamer, Carmen Caridad Shindle**—may those who mourn be comforted by the grace of God...**THANKS TO:** **Viola Hall** and **Max & Beverly Helsel** for Lent soup meals; **Martin Swoda** and **Chris Crenshaw** March Congregation Council Deacons; **Austin Northeast Kiwanis Club** for gifts to the Gethsemane Food Pantry; **David Tran** of the Buddhist Temple for hosting Gethsemane youth in their study of “*Our Neighbors Faith*”; **Texas Historical Commission** for nominating Gethsemane Lutheran 200 West Anderson to the **National Register of Historical Places**. this nomination will be considered by the State Board of Review at their May meeting—Contact **Pastor Karl Gronberg** for information as to what this designation means for Gethsemane property; Gethsemane members **Merrill & Pat Austin, Phil & Christine Berkland, Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Tutty Maixner, Mike Maciak & Carmen Retzlaff, Erik Svenkerud** for hosting Wisconsin student dancers...**THANKS FROM:** **Mae Lundgren, Paulette Akers, Laura Riddell, Patience Jones, Gwen Ericson, Kelly Mortland, Cathy Jarl, Intern Carmen Retzlaff, Rachel Feller, Vivian Brown, Ron Kingsbury, Alvina Traugott, Vernon Worrell, Lane & Glenda Holmstrom, Robert Waestling, Bob Hoeferkamp, Norma Wendlandt** for prayers, cards, altar-chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, Pastoral calls/

ministries-cards & notes posted in narthex; **Girl Scouts of Central Texas** for Gethsemane support; **Erik Svenkerud** and **Sons of Norway** for Gethsemane hosting **The Stoughton (Wisconsin) Norwegian Dancers-Mange Tusen Takk-a thousand thanks!**; **Alan & Cathy Jarl** for ministry at time of loss; **Andrew & Jennifer Vinyard** for wedding celebration; **Eric Mellenbruch**, Organist & Director of Music Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for hospitality; **Workers Defense Project** for participation of **Pastor Karl Gronberg, Intern Carmen Retzlaff, Garth Mailman** in the *Day of the Fallen*; **Andrew & Paulina Vinyard Harper** for baptism of son **Ian Clayton Shute**; ...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Lukas Facile** won first place UIL for AISD Modern Oratory competition; **Angela Schnelle** and **Rachel Feller** final tour with the Texas Lutheran University choir; **Karalyn Heimlich** recognized by **Dr. Kurt Senske** and **Lutheran Social Services of the South** for her 36 years of service—**Pastor Karl Gronberg** spoke on behalf of Gethsemane Lutheran and **Pastor Erik Gronberg** spoke on behalf of the Gronberg family at the celebration...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Thom Prentice** having moved to San Marcos—planning to remain active in the Gethsemane community; **Becky King**, Trinity Care Center grateful for Gethsemane support—Interested in this ministry?—Becky is looking for volunteers-call 634-3015...**FUTURE DATES:** **GLCM Golf** May 1; **VBS** June 20-24.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 2

8am-Noon GLCM Work Party

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, April 3 LENT 4

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

9:30 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High visit

10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, April 4

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

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Mtg (Education Bdg)

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

TUESDAY, April 5

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting

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

6:00 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WED., April 6—LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study

12 Noon Lenten Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich; adult conversation, children's activities, confirmation

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

7:00 p.m. Lenten Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Confirmands and Mentors

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

THURSDAY, April 7

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

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

FRIDAY, April 8

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

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

SATURDAY, April 9

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

10:00 a.m. Women's Empowerment Class (MR)

6:00 p.m. UT Luth. Campus Ministry Spg Gathering

7:00 p.m. Youth Dinner Theater (MPR)

SUNDAY, April 10—LENT 5

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

10:30 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

1:00 p.m. Youth Dinner Theater (MPR)

5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, April 11

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

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

TUESDAY, April 12

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

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

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Catfish Parlor)

WED., April 13—LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

THURSDAY, April 14

FRIDAY, April 15

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

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

SATURDAY, April 16

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

8-11 a.m. Girl Scouts Breakfast Fundraiser (MPR)

10:00 a.m. Women's Empowerment Class (MR)

7-9 p.m. Girl Scouts father/daughter Sock Hop (MPR)

SUNDAY, April 17—1st Day of Holy Week

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

MONDAY, April 18—2nd Day of Holy Week

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

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

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

TUESDAY, April 19—3rd Day of Holy Week

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

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

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

WED., April 20—4th Day of Holy Week

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21

5th Day of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. Wildflower Mystery Tour

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

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

5:00 p.m. Kickball (Baseball Diamond)

7:00 p.m. Foot washing, eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, April 22—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 23

7th Day of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

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

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

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 20, 2011

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

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EASTER FESTIVAL PROCLAIMS "THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE"

APRIL 24

RESURRECTION DAY

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; St. Matthew 28:1-10

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 is the primary festival of the Christian community. The 50 day 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 2011 Easter community praises the God of life.

ETHIOPIA WELL OFFERING

Thank you Gethsemane members and friends having given generously for the **Water to Thrive** well project in Ethiopia. The \$12,500 goal is attainable. Please give your gift **Easter Sunday** to bring clean water to the people of **Robit, Ethiopia** celebrating *new life in the Risen Christ*.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. youth set-up/decorate for the Easter annual 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.

Easter Sunday, April 24

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
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Resurrection
Celebration
12 noon Easter Holy Communion at the Altar

THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

TCC VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Becky King, Volunteer Coordinator, and **Chaplain Tom Wicker**, **Trinity Care Center**, invite Trinity Volunteers to a luncheon hosted by TCC Easter Tuesday, **April 26, 10 a.m.** **Pastor Karl Gronberg** will be the speaker. Pastor Gronberg has been leading chapel services at Trinity for 39 years. Thanks from **Trinity Care Center** (formerly Trinity Lutheran Home) to the volunteers making life better for the residents.

iACT HOPE AWARDS

iACT (formerly Austin Area Interreligious Ministries) annual Hope Awards honor three inspiring leaders: **Bishop John McCarthy**; singer-songwriter **Sara Hickman** and **Rev. Joseph C. Parker, Jr.** of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Tuesday, **April 26**, University of Texas Alumni Center. **Dr. Betty Sue Flowers** will be the speaker. Contact **Pastor Karl Gronberg** for more information.

MAY 1—EASTER 2

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 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.

GLCM GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Chip-in-for Charity** golf tournament Sunday, **May 1**, Forest Creek Country Club with 12 noon registration and 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Everyone is welcome to participate with beverages, snacks, boxed lunch, hamburger dinner, carts and a great time included in the \$100 entry fee. Thanks to **Weldon, Barb & Megan Jones** (a GLCM alum) for their leadership and to everyone in the community for supporting this fund raising event. For more information contact **Angelica Lundquist** 339-6335.

NEIGHBORS FAITH

"Understanding Our Neighbors Faith Series" continues for Gethsemane youth visiting **Father Larry Covington** (a Texas Lutheran University alum) St. Louis Roman Catholic community Sunday, **May 1, 9 a.m.** Father Larry is a long time friend to the Gethsemane community. Thanks to all the faith communities: Jewish, Buddhist, Islamic, Baptist, having hosted the youth of Gethsemane Lutheran during this interesting series

CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The annual **Gethsemane Lutheran Confirmation Banquet** will be held Wednesday, 7 p.m. **May 4** in the MPR honoring 7th & 8th grade confirmands and meeting their mentors. Sixth grade youth, entering the seventh grade this fall will be welcomed into the confirmation ministry. Gethsemane member **Evan Spielvogel** will be the featured speaker. Evan, a senior at **Austin High**, plans to attend Texas State University. He was baptized and confirmed at Gethsemane. Evan will share his remembrances of growing up in the Gethsemane community as well as his future plans. Thanks to **Alice & Mark Mueller** for preparing the meal. Suggested donation is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family. Gethsemane families support their youth as they grow in their baptismal faith.

GWELCA NEWS

Beautiful quilts made by **Gethsemane quilters** were blessed on **Palm/Passion Sunday**. **Diane Streeter** has prepared the quilts for shipment to **Lutheran World Relief**. The women have donated a quilt to the synod assembly for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. The goal is to raise \$100,000 to support the fight against malaria. Thanks Gethsemane quilters for all you do. They meet Tuesday, **May 3, 1:30 p.m.**

Gethsemane women are invited to the **Streeter** home **May 7, 9 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.** for the annual retreat. The Gethsemane van leaves at 8:30 a.m. Snacks and lunch provided. Sign up sheet on the GWELCA Women's Bulletin Board Contact **Peggy Horton** (825-6732) for details.

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gethsemane senior men (over 50??) interested in playing basketball are invited to meet in MPR 6 p.m. Tuesday, **May 3**. For information contact **Pastor Karl Gronberg**.

MAY 8—EASTER 3

MOTHER' DAY

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; St. Luke 24:13-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HTU COMMENCEMENT

Larry. L. Earvin, Ph.D, president of **Huston-Tillotson University** has invited **Pastor Karl Gronberg** to participate in HTU Commencement Convocation Saturday, **May 7, 8:30 a.m.** Pastor Gronberg will offer the invocation. This is the first time in the 136 year history of the oldest university in Austin, Texas that a Lutheran clergy person has been given this honor. Gethsemane Lutheran congregants have been generous to HTU assisting the university in expanding their Campus Ministry. **Reverend Don Brewington**, campus pastor, annually visits Gethsemane with HTU students sharing in the Gethsemane worship life. Blessings to **Huston-Tillotson University** and the class of 2011.

POVERTY TASK FORCE

Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman**, chair of the Southwestern Texas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **Poverty Task Force** and **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** offer products produced by projects funded by the 2009 synod assembly offering. \$100,000 was given by synod congregations to fund seven projects chosen by the Task Force to receive funding. Six of the projects are along the Texas-Mexico border. The seventh is **Casa Marianella** in Austin. Border ministries made small loans to enterprising women. These women started businesses to support themselves and their families. Various crosses and hand bags made by these women will be offered for sale. Your support for these women on Mother's Day is appreciated.

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT CLASSES

The second round of women's employment and empowerment classes through **Casa Marianella** are being offered at Gethsemane in April and May. The classes help women learn job-seeking skills and raise their self-esteem. An hour of English instruction has been added to each class. The classes are funded by the Southwestern Texas Synod through the work of the Poverty Task Force. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** interviewed women from the previous class to hire a community liaison and childcare providers. **Gethsemane is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors**. Thanks to **Sherri Cauthen**, **Erik Svenkerud**, **Mary Lou Newman**, and **Jeanette Chavarria** for volunteering to be role play helpers for the class, to the **North Lamar Neighborhood Association**, **Marsha McConaughy**, **Mary Lou Newman**, and **Karalyn Heimlich** for providing lunches for the women and children, and to teachers **Arely Achenbach** and **Kathryn Anderson**.

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TLU "FRONT ROW WITH VERNE"

The annual **Texas Lutheran University Front Row with Verne Lundquist** is Thursday, 6 p.m. May 19, The Westin Galleria Houston, Texas. Houston Texans quarterback **Matt Schaub** will be the special guest. Since 2004, CBS-TV sportscaster and Texas Lutheran University alum and regent **Verne Lundquist** has hosted this fundraising gala raising over \$450,000 benefitting TLU's 14 Division 111 intercollegiate athletic teams. Gethsemane Lutheran has supported the Gala every year with a table. Contact Pastor Karl Gronberg for more information.

LSPS SERVES

The **Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest** was established in 1975. The program has 140 Master of Divinity graduates serving in 24 states and 4 countries. 14 Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) graduates serve in 7 states; students enrolled from the U.S. and 12 other countries. LSPS has the only two Ph.D. pastors of Mexican heritage in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There are currently 10 TEEM students, and more being recruited. LSPS also serves the Episcopal Seminary Hispanic constituency, and has a strong loyal donor base. Gethsemane Lutheran has been blessed by students and pastors from LSPS.

GETHSEMANE HOSTS YOUTH

Joan Iker, ELCA intern at Clifton and Meridian Lutheran congregations, brings youth to Austin for a mission trip in early June. The group will stay at Gethsemane volunteering at the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, as well as doing other service projects in Austin. While a student at Lutheran Seminary Program of the SW, Joan participated in Gethsemane ministries.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of The Reverend Professor Peter Gomes, Joyce Magnuson Hartmann, Leon S. Endsley —may those who mourn be comforted by the Risen Christ...**THANKS FROM:** **Laura Riddell, Margareta Smith, Inez Rice, Darla Elam, Lucile Parker, Herbie Lundquist, Dorothy Franke, Minnie Pihlgren, Bob Hoferkamp, Pauline Kroll Schilling, Gillis & Janet Bartles, Gannon & Sylvia Bartles, Alfred Hewitt, Sally Nagy, Alford Johnson, Kay Goodlow, Don Bird, Alice Rabideau, Kathy Jurgens** for congregational prayers, cards, altar-chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards & notes posted in narthex; Gethsemane youth: the dinner theater,

"*Random Campfires*", was a huge success!— thanks to: production crew, meal preparers/servers, donated items, made auction bids, purchased tickets for shows supporting Gethsemane youth— special thanks to **Lane Holmstrom, Becky Rippy**, the musicians for creativity, patience and support; **Matthew & Heather Kennedy Powell** for baptism of daughter **Lark LeClaire**; **Eric & Claudia Loehrke Hausken** for baptism of son **Maxwell Michael**; **Greg & Staci Creager Yount** for baptism of daughter **Morgan Paige**; **Abraham & Tiffany Goodlow Canela** for baptism of daughter **Alicia Nicole**...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Alice Mueller, Alice & Wil Bassett, Jeff Gardner** biked Houston to Austin MS 150 April 16-17— thanks sponsors; **Will Jurgens**, TLU student, selected to travel around the United States 2011 summer marching with San Antonio Crossmen of Drum Corps International...**THANKS TO:** **Martin Swoda** and **Ron Tigue** April congregation council deacons...**GREETINGS FROM:** **John Berry** biking through Spain, **Lucy Speaker Grant** reunion with UT-Austin and Gethsemane friends...**FUTURE DATES:** **Youth Sunday**, May 15, **VBS** June 20-24.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

HOLY SATURDAY, April 23

7th Day of Holy Week

9:00 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 24—EASTER FESTIVAL

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

MONDAY, April 25, St. Mark Evangelist

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, April 26

10:00 a.m. Volunteer Luncheon (Trinity Care Ctr)
1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. iACT Hope Awards (UT Alumni Ctr.)
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn. (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, April 27

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, April 28

11:00 a.m. Workers Defense Project (Capitol)

FRIDAY, April 29

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
7:30 p.m. TLU Concert (Jackson Auditorium)

SATURDAY, April 30

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Women's Empowerment Class (MR)
4:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, May 1—Easter 2

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m. Jr & Sr High visit St. Louis Catholic
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
12 noon GLCM Golf Tournament (Forest Creek)

MONDAY, May 2

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

TUESDAY, May 3

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

WEDNESDAY, May 4

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

THURSDAY, May 5

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

FRIDAY, May 6

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

SATURDAY, May 7

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
8:30 a.m. GWELCA Retreat (Van leaves)
10:00 a.m. Women's Empowerment Class (MR)

SUNDAY, May 8—Easter 3—Mother's Day

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, May 9

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

TUESDAY, May 10

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Senior Basketball

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Burger Tex on 183)

WEDNESDAY, May 11

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, May 12

FRIDAY, May 13

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, May 14

9:00 a.m. SW TX Synod Assembly (Victoria)
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
11:00 a.m. GLCM Picnic (Balconies Park)
4:00 p.m. Wedding (German Free School)

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 11, 2011

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

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FIFTY DAY EASTER SEASON CELEBRATES GIFT OF BAPTISMAL LIFE

MAY 15—EASTER 4

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; St. John 10:1-10

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

The 2011 high school seniors assisted by other youth lead worship Easter Four, **May 15** giving witness to their faith in the Risen Christ: **Allie Anderson-Westlake High; Andrew Davitt-Anderson High; Catherine Hillmer-Hendrickson High; Tyler Kuenast-Anderson High; Evan Spielvogel-Austin High Kallie Crawford-Round Rock High Kathleen McKenney Anderson High; Gael Garitte-Smithville High.** These youth will be recognized during the Sunday Church School hour. The prayers of Gethsemane Lutheran are with these young Christians as they and their families celebrate their graduation. Thanks seniors for sharing your witness.

CANOEING

Following the 10:30 worship **May 15th**, senior high youth will eat lunch at Sandy's Hamburgers and go canoeing on Town Lake. Bring money for lunch and canoe rental, comfortable clothes and towel. Plan to return to Gethsemane by 3 p.m.

BAPTISMS CELEBRATE LIFE

The 50 day Easter festival is a time for life in the Risen Christ to be celebrated by the Resurrection community. **Adauto Gonzalez Chavarria** baptized Easter Sunday, April 24, **Adauto Gonzalez Godoy & Jeanette Chavarria**, parents, **Seth & Maricela Hargrove**, sponsors; **Jackson Kyle Lundquist** baptized Easter Sunday April 24, **Dean & Lauri Calk Lundquist**, parents, **Amanda Denton and Matt Calk**, sponsors; **Vaughn Carlsen Waggle** baptized Easter Sunday, April 24, **Bradley Edward & Carla Annette Jensen Waggle**, parents, **Alex & Carrie Jensen Richter**, sponsors; **Willem David Roberts** baptized Wednesday in Easter Week, April 27, **Joshua Roberts & Katharine Dodd**, parents, **Ned & Angela Arthur, Megan Williams and Cameron Riley**, sponsors.

Sunday, May 15, **Mark & Kristen Gronberg Etheredge** bring their infant daughter **Elise Kirsten Grace** to receive the gift of new life in the **Risen Christ**. Kristen was confirmed and married Mark through the ministry of Gethsemane congregation. Elise's brother **Peter Stanley Karl** and sister **Miriam Elizabeth Alice** were baptized at Gethsemane November 23, 2003 and September 24, 2006. Serving as sponsors/god-parents are: **Jason & Allison Mull, Scott & Kelly Etheredge**. May the blessings of the Triune God be upon the **Etheredge/Gronberg** family. "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God." (St. Mark 10:15)

PASTOR INSTALLED

Former Gethsemane Lutheran Intern, **Reverend Heriberto Prudencio** will be installed as Senior Pastor of La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ Sunday, **May 15**. The prayers of Gethsemane congregation are offered on behalf of this faithful man and his beautiful family.

MAY 22—EASTER 5

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; St. John 14:1-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TASK FORCE THANKS

Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman**, chair of the Southwestern Texas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Poverty Task Force, **Intern Carmen Retzlaff**, and **Glenda Holmstrom** express thanks to Gethsemane members for purchasing \$320 worth of products from projects funded by the 2009 synod assembly offering. Border ministries made small loans to enterprising women. The businesses support their families. Crosses, hand bags, head bands were offered May 8-Mother's Day. Thanks for your support.

GLCM GRADUATION

The annual **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** graduation will be held in the sanctuary, 9 a.m. Friday, **May 20**. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** presents each child with a diploma indicating the years enrolled at GLCM: **Ari Barak, Josiah Bell, Carys Blaney, Colton Casey, Isabella Hurtado, Gage Lewis, Adyn Meredith, Cameron McEachron, Anila Modak, Avery Parks, Danielle Todd-Harris, Taliyah Wright**. Many of these children have been enrolled at GLCM since infancy, a tribute to the leadership of **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek** and the staff. Gethsemane congregation congratulates the children and their families praying for their continued growth in body, mind and spirit.

The 20th annual **GLCM Birdie Brother's Golf Tournament** was May 1st. Thanks to GLCM Advisory Board, Gethsemane members and GLCM parents for generosity and commitment. There were 24 hole sponsors and 84 players (highest number of players ever) raising \$8,500 for GLCM. **Forest Creek Club** did an excellent job running the tournament, food was good, weather was a "cool" surprise, the camaraderie perfect! Thanks to **Barb & Weldon Jones**, parents of GLCM alum **Megan**, for time and effort in making the tournament fun and successful. See you on the links next year.

EAGLE PASS PARTNERSHIP

As part of Gethsemane's long history with ELCA border congregation San Lucas in Eagle Pass, **Intern Carmen Retzlaff**, with **Sharolyn Browning** of St. Martin's Lutheran, will bring materials and training for VBS teachers. Intern Carmen will deliver 60 Spanish hymnals. Gethsemane is grateful for this mission partnership.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Confirmation/Senior High Youth discuss the Spring series: "Understanding Our Neighbor's Faith" **May 22**. The class visited Thien Hau Taoist Temple, Congregation Agudas Achim, North Austin Muslim Community Center, St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, and University Baptist Church. Don't miss this year-end wrap up (with treats).

Sunday Church School Teacher Recognition May 22—come and make a card for your teachers!

MAY 29—EASTER 6

SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; St. John 14:15-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COVENANT PLAYERS

When **Covenant Players** began in 1963, drama in the church was an unknown, untried idea for many congregations. A professional touring drama ministry serving the church was not only unthinkable, but seemingly impossible! But through faith and vision the ministry became a reality. The **Covenant Players'** touring units have performed throughout 82 countries on 6 continents in over 20 languages. In addition to live drama, the ministry includes live music, sound recordings and workshops in drama, communications and missions. Whether it is a worship service, Sunday school, fellowship program or special emphasis program, **Covenant Players** seeks to fit into the life of each congregation, utilizing dynamic plays crafted to bring to life the challenges and opportunities Christians have every day to give witness to the Risen Christ. Gethsemane Lutheran welcomes back the **Covenant Players** Easter Six, **May 29**. The **Covenant Players** look to the future, hopeful, expectant and eager to serve the people of God.

HOLDEN VILLAGE

Gethsemane Senior High Youth are preparing for their June trip to the **Pacific Northwest** and **Holden Village**, a **Lutheran Retreat Center** located in the Cascade Mountain range of Washington state. The group includes: **Chris Antu, Riley Brown, Grant Cardwell, Kallie Crawford, Kolton Crawford, Carson Domel, Kendall Evans, Chris Greinert, Catherine Hillmer, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Huston, Hannah Jurgens, Tyler Kuenast, Caleb Johnson, Harley Malin, Ross Malin, Evan Spielvogel** and sponsors, **Pastors Bohls, Gronberg and Schnelle, Dar Krenek and Lee Schnelle**. They leave Austin Bergstrom International Airport June 9th returning June 17th. Itinerary and plans will be in the next *Gethsemane Lutheran*. Keep these youth and sponsors in prayer as they prepare to see more of the beauty of God's world and ministries of the Lutheran community.

GWELCA NEWS

Gethsemane Women held their annual Spring Retreat May 7th at the home of **Diane Streeter**. **Pastor Susan Schnelle** presented the theme: "Our Daily Bread". Gethsemane women in attendance: **Sherri Cauthen, Linda Dunahoo, Sharon Gronberg, Daisy Horton, Peggy Horton, Dar Krenek, Virginia Marek, Deanie Martinets, Tutti Maixner, Donna Olson, Carmen Retzlaff, Denise Schultz, Linda Schultz**.

ENGLISH CLASSES

Gethsemane will again offer English as a Second Language classes for our neighbors this summer. Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. **June 1-July 6**, taught by **Kathryn Anderson**. Please contact **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** if you are interested in helping with these classes or learning more about being part of this ongoing ministry.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 14-15
SR. HIGH GRADS LEAD WORSHIP MAY 15
GLCM GRADUATION MAY 20 9 A.M.

APRIL ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Pat & Frank Greinert, Lois & Lester Johnson, Mary Lou Newman, Donna Olson, Glenda Tiemann.**

April Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Aunt Norma Archer, Cousin Donny Archer and Cousin Carla Archer** by **Thomas Archer Prentice**; in celebration of our 30th wedding anniversary by **Randy & Sandi Dodd**; in celebration of the baptism of **Morgan Paige Yount** and in honor of **Kaylee Grace Turner** on her recent baptism by their family; in celebration of our 12th wedding anniversary by **Walt & Peggy Horton**; in thanks for the Gethsemane community by **Carmen Retzlaff & Mike Macicak, and family.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plan to be part of Gethsemane Vacation Bible School **June 20-24**, 8:45 a.m.-12 noon. for ages 3 and above; junior high, senior high, college age and adults are invited to participate.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of; **Bruno C. Schmidt, Joseph Kenneth Fisher, Sr.; Vivian Agnes Ruth Anderson Brown; Paul Eugene Green**—may those who mourn

be comforted by the **Risen Christ...KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED: Mary Jane Riley**, Seton NW, **Inez Rice, Joe Torn** Seton MC—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS FROM: Verline Berkman, Edith Rodgers, Viola Hall, Jack & Rose Marie Jones, Deanie Martinets, Joann Rees, Inez Rice, Paulette Akers, George Wendlandt, Mary Jo Hindman, Saythongkham family, Mary Jane Riley, Martha Johnson, Hilda Werchan, Hazel Schiwitz**, for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday pastoral calls/ministries-cards & notes posted in narthex; **Dr. Larry Earvin**, Huston-Tillotson University and **Reverend Don Brewington** HTU campus ministry for participation of **Pastor Karl Gronberg** in the 2011 commencement; **African Palms USA-An Outreach Ministry to Africa** grateful to **Gethsemane Lutheran Altar Guild** for purchase of Palm crosses given on Palm/Passion Sunday; **Chris & Kathy Fisher Jurgens** on behalf of the family of **Joe Fisher, Sr.** for ministry at the time of their loss; **Rodger & Traci Anderson** on behalf of the family of **Vivian Anderson Brown** for ministry at the time of their loss; **The Care Communities** for 20 years of “*unconditional care*” by Gethsemane Lutheran...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Filippo & Rebecca Vinyard Liverini** married recently at Gethsemane; **Irie Bianca Crenshaw**

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday past; **Don Jung**, St. Anthony High School, San Antonio; **George Andreas Becker**, Bachelor of Business Administration, Management/Accounting, Texas Christian University; **Jonathan Price Vetter**, Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago; **Trevor Laith Bakir**, Bachelor of Business, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin; **Brittni Carol Chandrasoma**, Bachelor of Science Degree Nutritional Science, Texas A&M University; **Rachel Alexandra Feller**, Bachelor of Business Administration/International Business, Texas Lutheran University; **Kelly Mueller Kennedy**, Master of Science with a major in Statistics, Texas A&M University; **Michelle Renee Muenzler**, Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Criminal Justice, University of Texas at Tyler—Gethsemane rejoices with the graduates and their families—Announcements posted in narthex...**THANKS TO: Martin Swoda and Lori Althaus**, May congregation council deacons; **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman** and friends for crosses given to Holy Week faithful; **GLCM families/friends** raised \$460 for **MDA Hop-A-Thon**; **Lois & Lester Johnson** shared at Hop-A-Thon about grandson, Jason...**FUTURE DATES:** Cowboy Sunday, BBQ and concert, **June 5**; Internship Committee Meeting **June 5**.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 14

9:00 a.m. SW TX Synod Assembly (Victoria)
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
 10:00 a.m. Women's Empowerment Class (MR)
 11:00 a.m. GLCM Picnic (Balconies Park)
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUNDAY, May 15—Easter 4

YOUTH LED WORSHIP

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
 10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 4:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Multi-Purpose Rm)

MONDAY, May 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. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, May 17

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
 1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:30 p.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
 7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 18

11:30 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)
 12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, May 19

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour (Music Rm)
 6:00 p.m. TLU Front Row with Verne Lundquist

FRIDAY, May 20

8:30 a.m. "Partner in Education" (TA Brown School)
 9:00 a.m. GLCM Graduation (Sanctuary)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 21

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
 10:30 a.m. Square Dancing (MPR)
 5:00 p.m. Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, May 22—Easter 5

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

COVENANT PLAYERS

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, May 23

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

TUESDAY, May 24

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

WEDNESDAY, May 25

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, May 26

FRIDAY, May 27

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

SATURDAY, May 28

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, May 29—Easter 6

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, May 30—Memorial Day

GLCM & Church Offices closed

TUESDAY, May 31

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

WEDNESDAY, June 1

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. ESL (Music Room)
 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, June 2

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

FRIDAY, June 3

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

SATURDAY, June 4

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 1, 2011

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

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EASTER COMMUNITY CELEBRATES BIRTH/THEOLOGY OF CHURCH

JUNE 5—EASTER 7

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; St. John 17:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COWBOY WORSHIP/CONCERT

The Second Annual Gethsemane Lutheran "Cowboy Worship" June 5, 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. All are invited to dress in western attire. The liturgy will be informal with gospel style music, 9:30 story telling with **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** in the Steffans Parlor. BBQ meal follows in the MPR. Free will offering will defray the cost of the meal and benefit **Cristo Rey, Piedras Negras, Mexico**. Following the meal **Dar Krenek** offers a CD release concert. We give farewell to **Gael Garitte** as he returns to La Louviere, Belgium. Y'all come.

YOUTH "SENT FORTH"

Seventeen Gethsemane Lutheran senior high youth along with five adults will be "sent forth" Sunday, June 5 as they participate in a trip to the Pacific Northwest. The group includes: **Chris Antu, Riley Brown, Grant Cardwell, Kalle Crawford, Kolton Crawford, Carson Domel, Kendall Evans, Chris Greinert, Catherine Hillmer, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Houston, Hanna Jurgens, Tyler Kuenast, Caleb Johnson, Harley Malin, Ross Malin, Evan Paul Spielvogel, Pastor Kent Bohls, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Pastor Susan & Lee Schnelle, Dar Krenek**. They fly to **Seattle-Tacoma International Airport** on Thursday, June 9. **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** will greet them having left on Wednesday to prepare for their stay at **Pacific Lutheran University** in Tacoma, the alma mater of **Pastor Gronberg** and Gethsemane member **Judy Warr**. The group will tour the PLU campus Friday morning with a trip to **Mt. Rainier** planned for Friday afternoon. Saturday morning plans include a visit to the Olympic Peninsula, Port Orchard and Bremerton with a ride on a Washington State Ferry to Seattle with a visit to the world famous **Pike Street Market**. The travelers will spend Saturday night in Chelan prior to the boat ride up Lake Chelan Sunday morning to Holden Village. Thanks for supporting youth ministry. Remember to keep these young Christians in your prayers for safe travel and growth in their awareness of the witness of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**.

TEXAS MAMMA JAMMA RIDE

Grab your bike for the **Texas Mamma Jamma Ride October 1** to leave breast cancer behind. Contact Gethsemane member **Alice Mueller** (258-5119) for details.

JUNE 12—DAY OF PENTECOST

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; St. John 20:19-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PENTECOST FESTIVAL

The Festival of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, celebrates the gift of the **Holy Spirit**. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit gives rebirth 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, 2010: **Kyle Sebastian Arthur** (6/19/2010), **Addison Rose Ketteman** (7/11/2010), **Luke Andrew Dickerson** (7/18/2010), **David Lynn Morrow** (8/15/2010), **Cody Wyatt Morrow** (8/15/2010), **Jaxon Bishop Sapp** (9/5/2010), **Yuri Seedhom** (9/12/2010), **Amelia Elizabeth Dagmar Jonas** (10/10/2010), **Angel Kay Stonehouse** (11/5/2010), **Isaac Thomas Herbert** (3/6/2011), **Ian Clayton Shute Harper** (3/27/2011), **Lark LeClair Powell** (4/3/2011), **Morgan Paige Yount** (4/10/2011), **Maxwell Michael Hausken** (4/10/2011), **Alicia Nicole Canela** (4/17/2011), **Vaughn Carlsen Waggle** (4/24/2011), **Adauto Chavarria Gonzalez** (4/24/2011), **Jackson Kyle Lundquist** (4/24/2011), **Willem David Roberts** (4/27/2011), **Elise Kirsten Grace Etheredge** (5/15/2011). May the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit bless the baptized to live as the people of God.

Paul Bailie will be installed as the new pastor of Gethsemane Mission Partner congregation San Lucas, Eagle Pass Pentecost Sunday, **June 12**. Gethsemane congregation will offer prayers for pastor and community.

GWELCA NEWS

Mary/Martha Unit meets **June 14, 9:30 a.m.**, Music Room. Program Leader: **Joann Rees**. Please bring your wedding picture secretly and give to Joann. We are going to have some fun. Hostesses: **Deanie Martinets** and **Charlotte McCord**.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship gathers Tuesday, **June 14, 7 p.m.** **Chop Sticks Restaurant** (6929 Airport Blvd., Ste. #175, Highland Village Shopping Center) hosted by **Walt & Peggy Horton**. Go to www.chopstickaustin.com for menu. All are welcome at the table.

JUNE 19—THE HOLY TRINITY

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1--2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; St. Matthew 28:16-20

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.

COMMUNITY TEACHES

The church community teaches the wholeness of **God: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier**. The Trinitarian formula teaches the baptized faithful the fullness of the grace of God in creation; love in Jesus; life within community. Gethsemane expresses thanks to the 2010-2011 teaching staff led by **Greg & Lori Althaus, Ken & Belinda Malin**. The following words written by Ken Malin were given to the SCS staff on **Teacher Recognition Sunday**.

"A task before needed to be done. A test of skill for mind and body as one. Work time is spent Completing the task at hand Knowing how and what to do And doing it behind which you'll stand. A goal was set And then it was achieved Having the ability to do this feat Is a gift; one that is believed. Those who believe, give thanks for their blessings, each and every one. And hidden within their thanks is their own praise for a job well done. Love is...the gift of serving." Remember to participate in Summer Sunday Church School and Vacation Bible School.

FATHER'S DAY BAPTISM

Gethsemane members **Ryan & Laura Hauge Brown** bring their infant son **Soren James** to receive the eternal promise, being baptized into **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**, the ancient Trinitarian formula. Gethsemane rejoices with Christian families living/ sharing the teachings of the church community with their children.

INTERN HISPANIC PROGRAM

The **Hispanic Summer Program** is an ecumenical summer intensive experience for Latino master's and doctoral level theological students bringing together Latino faculty for collaborative education at Mundelein Roman Catholic Seminary in Illinois, **June 25–July 8**. Each year a few non-Latino students are invited to participate, Gethsemane **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** has been accepted to attend taking a course entitled "The Prophetic Voice in the World: the Case of Amos." This course fulfills a MDiv requirement. The class is taught in Spanish. Intern Carmen says: "This course will challenge my language skills, so I appreciate your prayers! I am grateful to Gethsemane for allowing me to participate in this summer program."

2011 VBS "Son Surf Beach Bash"

June 20-24, 2011 — 8:45 a.m. to 12 Noon

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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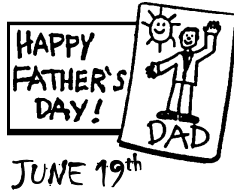
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COWBOY WORSHIP/BBQ/CONCERT JUNE 5 "WEAR RED" PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 12 HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL—FATHERS/CHILDREN PICTURES JUNE 19

MEMORIAL

Mary Jane Riley, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism Tuesday, May 24, 2011. The memorial liturgy was held at Gethsemane Friday, May 27. Mary Jane lived her baptismal faith in the ecumenical tradition of her family returning to her Lutheran roots when she joined Gethsemane reuniting with family members and supporting Gethsemane ministries her mother Ethel Hull had blessed for many years. Mary Jane was faithful in worship, altar guild and neighborhood outreach with love for the people of Mexico and the Spanish language. She rejoiced with her grandsons as they grew in faith through the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran. Mary Jane and beloved husband Albert gave an example of marriage commitment and service to the Austin community. She was affectionately called Janie and loved being a mom, granny, aunt, sister, sister-in-law, and friend. The Gethsemane community expresses Christian love to sons Albert Riley, Jr. & wife Lana; James (Jim) Riley & wife Dee grandsons Jimmy, David, Nick; brother John Hull & wife Joyce and members of the extended family. The promise proclaimed by the Easter community conveys the grace of God: "Because I live, you also will live" (St. John 14:19)

Blessed be the memory of Mary Jane Riley

MAY ALTAR GUILD

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

May Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of the wedding of **Rebecca Vinyard & Filippo Liverini** by **Jerry & Lloydine Vinyard**; in honor of **Lee Schnelle** and in celebration of his 50th birthday by **Alice & Wil Bassett, Amanda & Jeremy Ullrich, Angela Schnelle, Brian Gornik and Susie Schnelle**; in loving memory of **Mayme Berkman and Gwen McEachern Reynolds** by **Cheryl Swening**; in honor of our beloved mother and grandmother, **Donna Olson**, for her life in service to God and church and her love of family

by the **Olson family**; in celebration of **Irie Bianca Crenshaw** on her Affirmation of Baptism giving thanks to God for the loving memory of great-grandparents **Melvin & Myrtle Nelson Beckham** and in honor of grandparents **Larry & Janice Beckham Crenshaw, Chris & Nancy Vogt Pierson** by **Lee, Patrice and Edie Crenshaw**; in loving memory of **Joe Fisher** by **Chris, Kathy, Will and Hannah Jurgens**; in honor of **Adrian Wheatley** graduating from University of Texas-Arlington, and receiving her nursing pin, by the **Wheatley family**; in celebration of the baptism of **Elise Kirsten Grace Etheredge** by **Pop & Granmom Gronberg**; in loving memory of the life of **Jean Swoda** and her birthday by **Martin, Mary, Jim and Donald Swoda**; in celebration of **Denver Malin's** 12th birthday by **Mom, Dad, Ross, Harley and Katey**; in loving memory of **Dad Tommy W. Childers** on his birthday by **Karen L. Holmstrom**; in honor of **Charles Ransom Rice** on his 2nd birthday by his mother & father, **Jennifer & Chuck Rice** and his grandmothers, **Inez Rice and Margaret Ransom**; in loving memory of **Bounthanh Lee Saythongkham** by his family; in loving memory of **Frank** on our 46th anniversary by **Ria Corbett**; in loving memory of **Mary Jane Riley** by her family.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

THANKS TO: **Kevin Kubiak**, Gethsemane Congregation Council repairing/maintaining Air conditioning units; **Martin Swoda** and **Lori Althaus** May congregation deacons; **Jim & Darlene Werchan** faithfully serving as financial secretaries; **David Allen, Merrill & Pat Austin, Ron Becker, Stanley Berkman, Jim Buehring, George Creager, Harry Evans, James Gardner, Lester Johnson, Alton Jones, Paul Kronbergs, Gordon Ketteman, Tom Kelly, Wes Lokken, Gaylord Magnuson, Ken Schulz, David N. Smith, Guy Theriot, Walter Toll, Don Ray Swenson** veterans participating in the annual Gethsemane Memorial Day Week-End...**THANKS FROM:** **Mark & Kristen Gronberg Etheredge** for baptism of daughter **Elise Kirsten Grace**; **Lyn Galbrith**, North Lamar Contact team for support

of neighborhood efforts; **Lisa Starr, SPCA** for "love, support, and generosity" for animal adoption day—record 148 dogs and cats were adopted Saturday, May 28. **Covenant Players: Bert & Pam Cowser, David & Allison Graham** and **Theresa** for hospitality during visit; **Jim & Dee Gann Riley, Jimmy and David Ryan** on behalf of the **Mary Jane Hull Riley** family for ministry at time of loss; **Alvina Traugott, Ingrid Warren, Joe Torn, Inez Rice, Phat So, Oliver Strom, Jim Baylor, Tutty Maixner, Kay Rodgers, James & Harriet Gardner, Art LaValle, Olga George**; the families of **Paul Eugene Green, Frances Rose Gordon** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards and notes posted in narthex...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Alexandra Katherine Anderson**, Westlake High; **Kallie Gail Crawford**, Round Rock High; **Catherine Hillmer**, Hendrickson High; **Kyle Austin Frels-Henry**, Bowie High; **Andrew John Davitt**, Anderson High; **Tyler Breed Kuenast**, Anderson High; **Kathleen Michelle McKenney**, Anderson High; **Evan Paul Spielvogel**, Austin High-graduation announcements posted on bulletin board in narthex along with college/university announcements; **Cindy Doerfler** received the **PPD Inc. Impact Leadership Award** for work with Phasel pharmaceutical services; **Joel Gronberg** recognized by **Texas Lutheran University** placed on **Provost's list**—Joel has accepted an offer from **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP** for summer internship in the Houston, Texas office; **Umid Azimov**, University of Texas/Austin Civil Engineering school Master's degree candidate in Structural Engineering for earning a 4.0 grade point average; contact the Gethsemane office with graduation/ academic honors; **Sheryl Johnson Evans**, Gethsemane organist, on her retirement following 29 years as an classroom educator and librarian. Sheryl is a graduate of **Texas Lutheran University...GREETINGS FROM:** **Pastor Susan Schnelle, Lee** and family enjoying Hawaii-Aloha to Gethsemane; **Don & Anne Roefer** in Jeffers, Minnesota send greetings and "yummy rhubarb."

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 4

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, June 5—EASTER 7—COWBOY SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy
12 Noon BBQ Luncheon (Multi-Purpose Rm)
12 Noon Internship Committee Mtg (Parlor)
1:00 p.m. "On This Day" Concert (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Youth (MR)

MONDAY, June 6

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Mtg (Ed. Bdg.)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Narthex)

TUESDAY, June 7

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 (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, June 8

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. ESL (Music Room)
7:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

THURSDAY, June 9

Senior High Youth depart to Pacific Northwest

FRIDAY, June 10

Gethsemane youth PLU & Mt. Rainier
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 11

Gethsemane Youth Seattle, Washington

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

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

SUNDAY, June 12—DAY OF PENTECOST

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Gethsemane youth to Holden Village
8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, June 13

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

TUESDAY, June 14

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (Music Rm)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFF (Chop Sticks, 6929 Airport)

WEDNESDAY, June 15

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. ESL (Music Room)
7:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

THURSDAY, June 16

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

FRIDAY, June 17

Noon Gethsemane Youth return home
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 18

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
5:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy
6:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

SUN., June 19—THE HOLY TRINITY—FATHER'S DAY

8:15 a.m. Holy Trinity Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Liturgy

MON., June 20—"SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (T-F)
8:45 a.m.-12 Noon Vacation Bible School

TUES., June 21—"SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS

8:45 a.m.-12 Noon Vacation Bible School
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., June 22—"SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS

8:45 a.m.-12 Noon Vacation Bible School
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. ELS (Music Room)
7:40 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

THUR., June 23—"SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS

8:45 a.m.-12 Noon Vacation Bible School

FRI., June 24—"SonSurf Beach Bash" VBS

8:45 a.m.-12 Noon Vacation Bible School
11 a.m. VBS Closing Program
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, June 25

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)

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JUNE 22, 2011

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

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"THE WAY, THE TRUTH. THE LIFE" 2011 VBS THEME

JUNE 26—PENTECOST 2

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; St. Matthew 10:40-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

VBS MINISTRY

The 2011 Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School continues a tradition of providing children and youth the opportunity to grow in the faith of the Christian community. Through the leadership of **Lori Althaus, Belinda Malin** (Gethsemane Congregation Council) **Brenda Brown**, the entire week has been a blessing to the 120 children and youth.. Thanks is to the volunteer staff: **Sheryl Evans, JoAnn Gerbig, Dar Krenek, Patience Jones, Intern Carmen Retzlaff, Pastors Bohls, Gronberg, Schnelle, George Creager, Ken Malin, Harley Malin, Greg Althaus, Weldon Jones, Sandra Baylor, Jacki Snowden, Becky Rippy, Joyce Bird, Irma Castanon, Lorrie Huston, Sarah Crenshaw, Sandy Ericson, Timothy Huston, Stephanie Huston, Sam Huston, Sharon Gronberg, Martha Althaus, Shellie Davila, Joan Bohls, Sherri Cauthen, Hannah Jurgens, Tanya DaMommio, Sharon Hillmer, Catherine Hillmer, Sharon Kite, Karalyn Heimlich, Elizabeth Kite, Mackenzie Kite, Kate Noren, Sandra Tipton, Pam Atkins, Edie Crenshaw, Diana Dworin, Heather Wilson, Terri Brown, Walt Horton, Peggy Horton, Carlson Domel, Lane Holmstrom, Daniel Holmstrom, Megan Jones, Bailey Domel, Chris Greinert, Kolton Crawford, Ross Malin, Bridgit Simmons, Ashlynn Althaus, Avery Althaus, Denver Malin, Kinie Candeh, Quintel Candeh, Corie Prosper, Irie Crenshaw, Katey Malin.** Special thanks to **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist** and the **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** staff. The theme: **"I am the way, the truth, the life"** (St. John 14:6) was explored each day: Who is Jesus? Why do I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How does Jesus help me when I mess up? What does Jesus want me to do? The theme for each day was introduced during the 8:45 a.m. gathering in the sanctuary. Offerings of money and food were given for the **Gethsemane Food Pantry**. The students experienced special time for music, outdoor play, crafts in the MPR. The closing program will be held Friday 11:30 a.m. in the Gethsemane sanctuary. 2011 Gethsemane VBS t-shirts are available for \$10 or \$15. Thanks to everyone for telling to story of the grace of God revealed in "the way, the truth, and the life."

THAILAND MINISTRY

Gethsemane members **Khem & Pim Saythongkham** introduced to the Gethsemane community the **Global Recording Network** ministry. The goal of this faith group is to tell the story of the grace of God in 10,000 languages. The ministry is in the process of completing a building in Thailand to be used for recording the Gospel to be shared with people having never heard the Good News. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** has visited with Global Recordings leadership team. They indicated help with completing the building will bless their ministry. A gift has been given by Gethsemane Lutheran congregants in honor of the **Saythongkham family** for their love and loyalty to the Gospel. Persons interested in knowing the story of this refugee family and the role Gethsemane has played in their lives are invited to speak with **Pastor Gronberg**. May God bless GRN.

JULY 3—PENTECOST 3

INDEPENDENCE DAY PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS

SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

PRAYER OF THE DAY: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



Independence Day

ANNUAL GIFT

Gethsemane member **Dr. David Maidment**, a native of New Zealand, a citizen of the United States of America, recent grandfather, is a tenured professor at the University of Texas/Austin College of Engineering. Since 1986, Dr. Maidment offers his annual homily gift. Sunday, **July 3**. Gethsemane is grateful for the Maidment family witness and participation in the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran.

SUMMER SCS

Participate in summer Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30. All ages are invited to the Steffans Parlor where there will be fun bell playing with **JoAnn Gerbig** followed by a story telling, free play, crafts and conversation. Enjoy summer SCS!

DEVOTIONALS

Through the Gethsemane Lutheran annual Christian education budget devotional materials are offered members of the congregation. **"Christ In Our Home"** for July, August, September is available in the narthex. This **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** daily devotional provides reflections from a variety of writers giving witness to their faith. The writes come from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, South Dakota. Reading the daily devotional is a discipline benefiting the baptized child of God. **"SPLASH IN GOD'S WORD"** provides an opportunity for parents and children to bring the excitement of God's word home. This ELCA Augsburg Fortress publication is provided for Gethsemane families. Pick up your copy in the narthex or **Keith Leslie Johnson** Education Wing.

SEMINARY THANKS

Dr. Rosanne A. Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology Chicago in a note to **Pastor Karl Gronberg** expressed her personal thanks and the thanks of the seminary for the willingness of Gethsemane congregation to be a partner with LSTC in the seminary education of **Intern Carmen Retzlaff**. Thanks Gethsemane for supporting theological education.

GWELCA NEWS

Ladies of Gethsemane are invited to attend the **Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Convention** in Fredericksburg Friday-Sunday, **Sept. 9-11**. Registration and information about the convention is on the GWELCA Bulletin Board. Registration by **July 15** is less expensive. Contact **Peggy Horton** 825-6732, to let her know if you plan to attend they know how many are going. It will be a lot of fun.

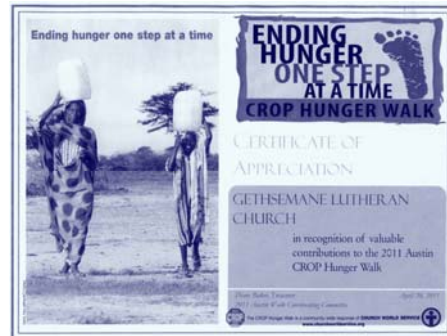
JULY 10—PENTECOST 4

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CROP THANKS



The annual **CROP Hunger Walk** is a community-wide response of **Church World Service**. In recognition of valuable contributions to the 2011 Austin Crop Hunger Walk a **Certificate of Appreciation** has been given to **Gethsemane Lutheran** "for the continued support Gethsemane has given this social justice ecumenical community wide walk". From the first CROP Walk, Gethsemane congregants have organized, walked and given to help **"end hunger one step at a time"**. **\$1,535.00** was given by Gethsemane in 2011. The Second Sunday of every month Gethsemane members have the opportunity to give an offering for the **World Hunger Appeal** of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Please continue this ministry to rid the world of hunger by using the envelope provided in the Sunday worship bulletin.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun (GLADOFFF) Tuesday, **July 12**, 7 p.m. Casa Garcia, Pflugerville, hosted by **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**. There's always room at the table!

FAITHFUL SERVICE

Ebenezer Baptist Church invites **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and Gethsemane Lutheran members to join them in a celebration of the **42nd Anniversary and Retirement** of their faithful pastor **Dr. Marvin C. Griffin**. A banquet will be held Wednesday, July 8th, 7 p.m. with an Anniversary and Retirement celebration worship service July 10, 3 p.m. Dr. Griffin has served Ebenezer Church faithfully as well as being involved in the Austin community. Gethsemane congregants interested in attending either event are asked to speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK!

Thrivent Financial for Lutheran presents **"Lutheran Night at the Ball Park"** Monday, **July 18**. Tailgate 5:30-6:45 p.m. Round Rock Express vs. New Orleans Zephyrs 7:05 at the Dell Diamond. \$6 cost per box seat. \$1 drink & dog night! See **Walt Horton** for more information or to sign up by Friday, July 8.

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JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: All members co-chairs, **David & Kathi Allen, Pam Atkins, Stephen & Christine Bohls, Jim & Dot Hecht, Tim Huston, Gat Rodgers, Kim Sanchez, Lloydine Vinyard.**

June Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of **Evan and Ezra Spielvogel** graduation from high school and 5th grades by **Louis Eidbo & Bennet Spielvogel**; in honor of **Dar Joy Krenek** on her concert and CD release by her friends; in thanks for hospitality shown to **Gael Garitte** as he prepares to return to Belgium; in loving memory of **Howard Swening** by **Cheryl Swening**; in celebration of our 35th wedding anniversary by **Art & Glenda Tiemann**; in loving memory of **Rev. Ted Berkland** by **Philip & Christine Berkland**; in celebration of the baptism of our grandson, **Jacob Scott Erickson**, by **Jack & Judy Westerman**; in celebration of the wedding of **Scott & Katie Merkord**; in honor of **Will's** and in celebration of his 21st birthday by the **Jurgens family**.

SR HIGH TRIP REVISITED

Thanks Gethsemane for the great support in making the Senior High trip to the Pacific Northwest possible. The Dinner Theater particularly made it happen for 17 youth along with **Pastor Schnelle & Lee, Dar Joy Krenek** and **Pastor Bohls**. **Pastor Gronberg** was with the group in Seattle, Pacific Lutheran University, and Mount Rainier. The group experienced the Lutheran Retreat Center, **Holden Village** in the Cascade Mountains. This was a faith expanding, bonding experience. Gethsemane senior high youth are reminded registration for the July, 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering October 9, 2011. Plan to be "citizens with the saints" New Orleans July 18-22, 2012.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Gethsemane member **Craig McConaughy**, a member of the **Navarro College**, Corsicana, Texas, baseball team—Navarro Bulldogs recently won the Junior College Division 1 World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado to become the 2011 National Champions. Craig was injured at the beginning of the season, but returned to play at third base and shortstop. Navarro went 37-20 in the regular season and won their conference. They swept the Region 14 play-offs going 4-0 earning a spot in the World Series with nine other Regional Champions from around the country. The championship game was tied 4-4 after nine innings. In the bottom of the tenth, Navarro won with a 2-run walk-off home run! Craig, a freshman, celebrated the victory with his team. Next year, as a sophomore shortstop Craig plans to help his team make a return trip to the JuCo World Series. **Gethsemane Lutheran** congratulates Craig and his team.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO families of: **Sandra Eby, Karen Lynn Maynard**—may those who mourn be comforted by the promise of eternal life...**THANKS FROM:** **Ryan & Laura Hauge Brown** baptism of son **Soren James**; **Steig & Sheri Westerman Erickson** baptism of son **Jacob Scott**; **Curtis & Mary Southworth, Kallie Crawford, Sally Nagy, Bob Hoeferkamp, Evelyn Haight, Erik Strom, Jeremy & Amanda Ullrich, Jeanne Laubach, Tom Rodgers, Inez Rice, Gordon Ketteman, Alford Johnson, LoAnn Abney, Edra Hanson, June Stuckey, Louise Eidbo** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday pastoral calls/

ministries—cards posted in narthex; **Joann Rees** on behalf of the **Meier Family** for use of the MPR for family reunion; **Texas Lutheran Univ.** to **David Doerfler, Steig Erickson, Joel Gronberg, Jim Baylor, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Jack Westerman, David "D.J." Johnson, Robert Anderson, Mark Hester, Matt Lorenz** for attending the annual TLU "Front Row with **Verne Lundquist**" with special guest **Matt Schaub-Houston Texans**—The event has raised over \$500,000 for TLU athletics. Group picture with **Verne Lundquist** posted in the narthex...**THANKS TO:** those helping host Lutheran youth from Clifton and Meridian with **Intern Joan Iker**: food pantry/clothes closet volunteers **Ken Schulz, Mike Anderson, Lois Johnson, Merrill Austin, Debbie Peterson** and quilters **Wilma Wheatley, Deanie Martinets, Virginia Marek, Sandra Tipton, Verline Berkman**—youth had a great time volunteering—They stayed in the Gethsemane Steffans house...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Derek & Kathleen Warr** birth of daughter **Olivia Mae Warr**—joyous grandparents **Mark & Judy Warr; Todd, Sheri, Savannah, Jaeger Pottebaum** birth of son/brother **Jax**, joyous grandparents **Art & Marilyn LaValle; John & Julie Laymon Welch** birth of daughter **Addison Elise**, joyous grandparents **John & Veta Welch; John & Tracy Wolczanski Traeger, Curtis & Mary Gallaway Southworth, Frank & Jennifer Berry McEachern, Jeriad & Abby Ullrich Wood, Brian & Stacey Ingram Kaleh** married recently through the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Jerry & Jean Bartholomay**—having purchased a new home in Henderson, Nev; **Gordon & Gloria Cooper** moving into a new home in Winter Park, Florida; **Jiwoh Abdulai** in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 25

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, June 26—Pentecost 2

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion

MONDAY, June 27

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

TUESDAY, June 28

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

WEDNESDAY, June 29

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)

THURSDAY, June 30

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

FRIDAY, July 1

9:00 a.m. GLCM Bike parade (MPR)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, July 2

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, July 3—PENTECOST 3

PATRIOTIC EMPHASIS

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. SCS all ages (Steffans Parlor)
10:00 a.m. ESL tutoring (Music Room)
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, July 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

GLCM and Church Offices Closed

7:30 a.m. SJO-PRO Tours "Frolic on the Fourth"

TUESDAY, July 5

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (T-F)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:15 p.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, July 6

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, July 7

FRIDAY, July 8

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 9

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, July 10—PENTECOST 4

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. SCS all ages (Steffans Parlor)
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
12 Noon Internship Committee Meeting (Parlor)

MONDAY, July 11

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

TUESDAY, July 12

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:15 p.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Casa Garcia)

WEDNESDAY, July 13

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

THURSDAY, July 14

9 a.m. -Noon GLCM "Summer Fun Relays" (MPR)
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, July 15

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

SATURDAY, July 16

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

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JULY 13, 2011

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SUMMER MINISTRIES FOCUS COMMUNITY ON GROWTH IN DISCIPLESHIP

JULY 17—PENTECOST 5

SCRIPTURE: *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; St. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*
PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

INTERN RETURNS

Gethsemane Intern, 2010-2011, Carmen Retzlaff participated in the Hispanic Summer Program at **Mundelein Seminary** June 24–July 8. Sixty seminarians from across the United States and Puerto Rico were invited for intensive study, ecumenical worship, and connecting with each other. Latino/a professors from various seminaries taught masters and doctoral level courses providing students with an opportunity to focus on preaching, biblical studies, and theology in a specific cultural context. This was a rich opportunity for Intern Carmen to study the message of prophets, focusing on **Amos**, and what their voices say for the United States and Latin America today. The ecumenical experience was diverse, with mainline protestants sharing worship and study with Roman Catholics and a wide variety of people from Pentecostal and charismatic traditions. Intern Carmen is grateful for this opportunity to learn and study and further prepare for service to the church community.

GETHSEMANE HOSTS YOUTH GROUP

Sunday evening **July 17**, Gethsemane hosts youth from **Peace Lutheran**, College Station (home congregation to **Wil Basset**, husband to **Alice Schnelle** and son-law-law to **Pastor Susie & Lee Schnelle**). The youth will stay in the Gethsemane Music Room, be involved in a service project before leaving Monday morning. This is the second youth group hosted by Gethsemane this summer. The community rejoices in showing hospitality.

TAKE ME TO THE BALL GAME

Fifty Gethsemane members will be in attendance Monday, **July 18** for the **Thrivent Financial "Lutheran Night at the Ball Park"** Tailgate 5:30-6:45 p.m. Round Rock Express vs. New Orleans Zephyrs 7:05 first pitch at the Dell Diamond. Thanks to **Walt Horton** for coordinating this annual summer event. Pick up your tickets on Sunday, July 17. *"Take me out to the ball park—buy me \$1 hot dogs and a cool drink"*.

JULY 24—PENTECOST 6

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: *1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; St. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*
PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

FAMILY CELEBRATES BAPTISM

Gethsemane members **Ryan & Heather Dubose Hamm**, sister **Carly Denise** baptized May 19, 2009 bring their infant daughter/sister **Victoria Peyton Hamm** to receive the eternal promise of the **grace of God in Jesus Christ**. Ryan was baptized at Gethsemane May 11, 1975 the infant son of **George Hamm** and the late **Carolyn Vogel Hamm**. Gethsemane congregation gives thanks to God for this faithful family rejoicing with **Ryan & Heather** and grandparents **George & Susie Hamm, Dennis & Vicki Dubose**. *"Let the little children come unto me and do not stop them for to them belongs the kingdom of God"* (St. Mark 10:14)

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

In the heat of a Texas summer, the Gethsemane Lutheran community is reminded of the Christmas "Good News". The promise of God, given to humanity in the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, is celebrated by the baptized community in every season—Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. The message of peace and hope, brought so clearly in the child of Mary, is needed by all humanity in days of war and fear.

Gethsemane claimed the "Christmas in July" tradition over 35 years ago when members of the congregation visited **Holden Village**, the Lutheran retreat center in the beautiful Cascade mountains of Washington state. Holden has given many gifts to the Christian community and "Christmas in July" is one of the most enduring. Enjoy this ancient story of the birth of a baby being reminded again of the presence "*present*" of "the holy" in all days of life. Come to the MPR for the singing of Christmas carols, craft making, **Intern Carmen** retelling the Christmas story. For more information on Holden Village visit: www.holdenvillage.org

JULY 31—PENTECOST 7

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; St. Matthew 14:13-21*
PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

CONFIRMATION CAMP

July 24-29 Gethsemane confirmation youth **Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Quintel Candeh, Ashley Cardwell, Harrison Cardwell, Kady Crump, Matthew Davitt, Bailey Domel, Janine Dworin, Lukas Facile, Michael Greinert, Sam Huston, Grant Johnson, Megan Jones, Ryan Kuenast, Cole Turner** and sponsors **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** and **Pastor Schnelle** go to Ebert Ranch Camp. The youth will participate in worship leadership Sunday July 31. Please keep the confirmands, **Pastor Schnelle** and **Intern Carmen** in your prayers as they grow in the baptismal faith within the community of God's people.

SUMMER MUSICAL & LUAU

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Summer Musical & Luau lunch Friday, **July 29**, 11 a.m. Multi-Purpose Room. The children will participate in the GLCM annual musical by sharing songs learned throughout the summer while "Surfing with the Son!" "Come to the beach" to hear God's word in song! A Luau lunch will be provided for family and friends following the musical. GLCM is receiving applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Contact **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek** for enrollment information. GLCM anticipates the installation of a playground shade structure during July. *"Good Beginnings Never End"*.

JAPANESE STUDENTS VISIT

Texas International Education Consortium invites Gethsemane members to provide housing for Japanese students studying English. Dates for a homestay host are July 24–August 20; weekend of July 29–31; December 13–January 20, 2012. Gethsemane members have previously hosted Japanese students. Contact **Pastor Gronberg** or **Woody Smith**, Ph.D 477-9283 ext. 138.

AUGUST 7—PENTECOST 8

SCRIPTURE: *1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33*
PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen*

SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

Summer time is giving time; even if you travel far away you may **make your gift to Gethsemane via the website at www.gethsemaneAustin.org/donate**. It's easy to make one time gifts or set up a regular monthly gift with electronic transfers from your checking, saving account, or by the credit card of your choice on the website. Thanks for generous giving all year. **"God's Work. Our Hands."**

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 9**, 7 p.m. Hosts: **Peggy & Walt Horton**. All are welcome.

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET

Gethsemane Lutheran responds to the needs of people at home and around the world through the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Appeal** and the **Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet**. Through June, 2011 1,997 individuals, 591 families received assistance from the Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet. Thanks to: **Lois & Lester Johnson, Frank & Pat Greinert, Tom & Kay Rodgers, Carol Laubach, Merrill Austin, Mike Anderson, Babs Chandrasoma, Ken & Linda Schulz, Renita Feller, Janice Bergstrom, Roxanne Noren, Virginia Marek, Marsha McConaughy, Jack Westerman, Betsy Orf, Debbie Peterson, Karalyn Heimlich, Tammie Danielsen** and numerous youth along with donors of food and clothing. Faithful people doing "God's Work. Our Hands." The Food Pantry/Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

**“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” JULY 24TH
 GLCM SUMMER MUSICAL JULY 29TH
 HOST JAPANESE STUDENTS JULY 29TH**

Gethsemane intern 1971-72, grateful for Gethsemane and the faithful life of **Pastor Will Erickson; Pastor Erik Gronberg** grateful for Gethsemane ministries and the blessing of **Pastor Will Erickson** in baptizing him and placing the stole of ordination when he became a pastor of the ELCA.

Gethsemane; **Umid Azimov** and **Dildora Ahmedova** recently married in Uzbekistan-Umid is the **Gronberg family** “international son”...*GREETINGS FROM: Ria Corbett* visiting Romania and Hungary; **Ann Moeller**, participating in choral festival in Greece; **Pastor Tom & Anne Corbell**,

GETHESEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, July 30
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
 5:30 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Star Ranch)
SUNDAY, July 31—PENTECOST 7
 8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
 9:30 a.m. SCS all ages (Steffans Parlor)
 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
 12 Noon Family Reunion (MPR)
MONDAY, August 1
 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 (MPR)
TUESDAY, August 2
 1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:15 p.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
 6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
WEDNESDAY, August 3
 12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
THURSDAY, August 4
FRIDAY, August 5
 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, August 6
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
SUNDAY, August 7—PENTECOST 8
 8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
 9:30 a.m. SCS all ages (Steffans Parlor)
 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
 12 Noon Internship Committee Mtg (Parlor)
MONDAY, August 8
 7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, August 9
 1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:15 p.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
 7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Mighty Fine Burgers)
WEDNESDAY, August 10
 12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, August 11
 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
FRIDAY, August 12
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
 7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)
SATURDAY, August 13
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SATURDAY, July 16
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
SUNDAY, July 17—Pentecost 5
 8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
 9:30 a.m. SCS all ages (Steffans Parlor)
 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
MONDAY, July 18
 7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
 10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
 5:30 p.m. Lutheran Night @ Dell Diamond
 tailgate gathering; 7:05 p.m. game
 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, July 19
 10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
 1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 7:30 p.m. OCD (MR)
WEDNESDAY, July 20
 12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, July 21
FRIDAY, July 22
 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, July 23
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Baylor Family Reunion (MPR)
SUNDAY, July 24—PENTECOST 6
ELCA Global Mission Sunday
Confirmation Camp
 8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
 9:30 a.m. SCS all ages (MPR)
 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
MONDAY, July 25
 7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
TUESDAY, July 26
 1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:15 p.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
WEDNESDAY, July 27
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. GLCM “Summer Musical & Luau Lunch (Multi-Purpose Room)
 12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, July 28
 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
FRIDAY, July 29
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Star Ranch)
 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SYNODICAL CONVENTION

Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Convention Fredericksburg, Texas Friday-Sunday, **September 9-11**. Registration and information on the GWELCA Bulletin Board. Registration by July 15 is less expensive. Contact **Peggy Horton** 825-6732 for more information—you will have fun.

GETHESEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF: **Richard “Dick” Glenn Wucher, Rev. Paul Youngdahl, Rev. Will Erickson, Lois Mae Johnson**—may those who mourn be comforted by the promise of eternal life...*KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:* **Jeanne Laubach**, Seton Medical Center; **LoAnn Abney** remember these friends in daily devotional prayers...*THANKS FROM: “Wings of Love”-Water to Thrive* for Gethsemane members **Karalyn Heimlich, Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Terry & Mary Lou Newman** supporting fund raiser; **Pastor Lee Kluth**, Pacific Lutheran University, Office of Congregation Relations, for visit of Gethsemane youth to PLU; **Alvina Traugott, Inez Rice, Gladys Talley, Frances Bornemann, Sally Nagy, Ardy Davitt, Wilma Wheatley, Flo Laubach, Maxine & Peter Lammergard, Virgie Erickson, Pat & Ludy Malone, Gladys Hanson, Tony & Deanne Sisto, Greg Pitts, Jim & Dorothy Hecht, Rose Adair Corbell, Terry & Mary Lou Newman, David Doerfler** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Rev. Dr. Marvin Griffin, Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church** for Gethsemane support of his 42nd Anniversary/Retirement celebration...*THANKS TO: Gethsemane Dads* for pictures taken with their children on **Father's Day**-pictures posted in narthex; **Dr. David Maidment** for his 25th annual homily on Sunday, July 3—Copies of the homily are available in the narthex; Gethsemane Bereavement Leadership Team: **Adelle Rolls, Joann Rees, Susie Hamm** and their volunteers for ministry to families at time of loss...*CONGRATULATIONS TO: Scott Merkord Katie Baker* married recently at

MEMORIAL

Rev. Willis F. Erickson, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran, claimed the promise of his baptism July 4, 2011. A celebration of his life was held at Gethsemane, Monday, July 11, 2 p.m.

Will Erickson attended Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, ILL. and was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1948. Will met Virgie Piesold at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN. They married in 1951 and pastored congregations in Oregon, Washington, California, Texas, (Gethsemane-Austin 1967-1971) and Arizona. Will served in leadership positions for the Augustana Lutheran Synod and the Texas-Louisiana Synod, Lutheran Church in America. He retired in 1988. Retirement led to “newness of life” as Will & Virgie accepted volunteer assignments in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Otjimbingwe, Namibia (Africa). Will also held leadership positions with ALOA (Assoc. of Lutheran Older Adults) and LCLA (Lutheran Church Library Assn). The Gethsemane Lutheran community gives thanks to God for Pastor Will Erickson expressing Christian love to Virgie, daughters, Marlys Erickson and Miriam Parris, their partners/spouses, Chris Hurley and Clarke Parris, and grandson Scott Parris and fiancé Maryann Gnuechtel. The scriptural promise, read at the memorial liturgy, expresses well the life Will Erickson lived: “*We, the baptized, have been buried with Christ.. so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life*” (Romans 6:3-6)

Blessed be the memory of Willis Erickson

CONTRACT SIGNED

A contract has been signed with **Texas Custom Signs** for construction of a sign on the south lawn of the Gethsemane property. **Ken Schulz, Pastors Gronberg** and **Schnelle** met with representatives of the sign company. A proof of the sign has been on the narthex table for the past two weeks enabling Gethsemane members to see the proposal and give suggestions. Plans are for the sign to be in place by the middle of August.

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 10, 2011

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

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FAREWELL HOT SUMMER 2011—A TIME FOR “*THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE*”

AUGUST 14—PENTECOST 9

ELCA WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; St. Matthew 15:10-28

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

INTERNSHIP CONCLUDES

The 2010-2011 Gethsemane Lutheran partnership with the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago concludes Sunday, August 14 with the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship and a 9:30 a.m. reception in the Multi-Purpose Room, hosted by the Gethsemane Internship Committee, for Intern Carmen Retzlaff and her family. Dr. Rosanne Swason, LSTC Field Education Director, has sent greetings for Pastor Karl Gronberg to read to the Gethsemane community expressing the thanks of the seminary for this partnership in the theological education of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Plan to share in this celebration giving thanks to God for Intern Carmen, Michael, Jesse and Elan. Gethsemane has been chosen as a site for the internship ministry having been blessed by each seminarian preparing to serve as ordained pastors. Gethsemane congregants wishing to give a gift in honor of Intern Carmen and her family may use the Special Gifts envelope. All gifts will assist in purchase of the Godly Play educational ministry.

SCHLITTERBAHN TRIP

The annual Gethsemane Youth Ministry “end of summer” trip to Schlitterbahn Water Park Sunday, August 14. Lunch with Dar Krenek following 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Bring swim suit, money for lunch and park entrance. Contact Pastor Karl Gronberg or Weldon Jones indicating your intention to enjoy this fun time “splashing in the water”.

ELCA CHURCH WIDE GATHERING

“Freed in Christ to Serve” is the theme of the 2011 Church Wide Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America August 15-19 in Orlando, Florida. Gethsemane congregation will offer prayers Sunday, August 14 for Bishop Mark Hanson and delegates from 65 synods.

AUGUST 21—PENTECOST 10

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; St. Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: Gethsemane member Kelly Thorstad M.D. describes her recent mission trip.

BLESSING OF BACK PACKS

Students of all ages are invited August 21 to bring backpacks to worship for a blessing as they begin their new adventure in the 2011-2012 school year.

GLCM IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

The Gethsemane Lutheran community was informed in August, 2010 of planned changes to the playground enjoyed by Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry students and neighborhood children. GLCM staff members Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, GLCM Advisory Board Chairperson Lisa Kalakanis and Pastor Karl Gronberg became the Playground Task Force overseeing the proposed changes. Bids were received for leveling the playground; construction of a retaining wall, wrought iron fence around the perimeter of the playground, installation of a shade awning for the main playground. These significant improvements are completed offering a safer, aesthetically pleasing place for children to play. Thanks is expressed for the generous gift left to GLCM by the late Alvina Seaholm Sassman in memory of her beloved husband George Wesley Sassman. GLCM children and neighborhood children are blessed by faithful saints.

August is an exciting month for Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry. The staff and children have been taking “field trips” to their new classrooms. The Pre-K class moves on with the prayers and well wishes of the Gethsemane Lutheran community.

GLCM will be closed for two days. August 18 & 19 for teacher work and training days. The annual Open House is planned for August 19. The 2011-2012 staff and advisory board will be introduced to the parents. The new school years begins August 22. Enrollments for the 2011-2012 school year are being accepted.

AUGUST 28—PENTECOST 11

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; St. Matthew 16:21-28

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: Gethsemane member Mary Lou Newman describes her June trip to Africa.

FAMILY CELEBRATES BAPTISM

Gethsemane members Jeff & Stacey Jagge Dunahoo, daughter Marley Renee, baptized January 5, 2006, bring their infant son/brother Dylan Vaughan to receive the eternal promise of the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Jeff and Stacey were raised by their parents in the Lutheran and Roman traditions of the church catholic. Jeff affirmed his baptism through the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Oct. 25, 1992, the son of Gethsemane members Merlin & Linda Dunahoo. Gethsemane congregation gives thanks to the Triune God for the Dunahoo and Jagge families rejoicing with faithful parents, grandparents and godparents/sponsors Dana Dunahoo Johnson and Kevin Jagge. “Let the little children come unto me and do not stop them for to them belongs the kingdom of God”. (St. Mark 10:14)

THAILAND MINISTRY THANKS

Gethsemane members Khem & Pim Saythongkham introduced the community to the ministry of Global Recordings Network Thailand. Following a January presentation by Kerry Erickson, Vice Chairman, Sounds of Language Foundation, gifts were given by Gethsemane members for this ministry. Pastor Gronberg received the following expression of gratitude: “Please give our greetings and thanks to the members of Gethsemane Lutheran for their part in the work going on in Thailand translating the Bible into the language of the people.”

CARE COMMUNITIES GALA

The “9th Annual iCARE Gala”, hosted by The Care Communities, celebrates unconditional care in the Greater Austin community, will be held Thursday, August 25, Holiday Inn Hotel Midtown. Gethsemane members continue to support this ministry for terminally ill persons. Thanks to Virginia Marek and Gat Rodgers for their leadership in this interfaith ministry.

SEPTEMBER 4—PENTECOST 12

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; St. Matthew 18:15-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

LABOR DAY WEEK-END

Gethsemane members and friends gather beneath the Charles Bornemann Live Oak Tree Sunday, September 4th for the annual 8:15 a.m. outdoor worship symbolizing the conclusion of Gethsemane 2011 summer ministries: come early-dress casually. Give thanks for the summer 2011 theme: “The Way, The Truth, The Life.” Following worship congregants are invited into the Multi—Purpose Room for a time of visiting and sharing summer adventures. The 10:30 a.m. Labor Day Week-End eucharist will be in the Gethsemane sanctuary.

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language classes begin September 13 at Gethsemane. Gethsemane has a wonderful group of volunteer teachers lined up and now we need students! Please tell any friends and family you know who would like English classes about our program, which is free and offers childcare. Orange brochures are in the narthex and the downstairs brochure rack—spread the word!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

By directing designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating Lutheran nonprofit organizations and congregations. Thanks to Thrivent Financial members having directing Choice Dollars to Gethsemane Lutheran.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP GALA

Concordia University “Excellence in Leadership Gala” honors Rebecca Powers, founder of Impact Austin. This annual event is Friday, August 26, Four Seasons Hotel. Thanks to Gethsemane women belonging to and supporting Impact Austin with their financial commitment.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Incoming freshmen were welcomed into Senior High Youth ministry August 2 at an early morning breakfast with fun and festivities. We look forward to time together as these youth journey through their high school years growing in faith through new friendships nurtured in the Gethsemane Lutheran community. Welcome to: **Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Tyra Banks, Ashley Cardwell, Harrison Cardwell, Meg Knighten, Kady Crump, Ethan DaMommio, Bailey Domel, Janine Dworin, Grant Johnson, Megan Jones, Ryan Kuenast, Cole Turner.** Thanks to Senior High Youth ministry attending the breakfast with **Pastor Schnelle, Dar Krenek, and Tracy Anderson: Allie Anderson, Kallie Crawford, Kolton Crawford, Andrew Davitt, Carson Domel, Kendall Evans, Chris Greinert, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Huston, Caleb Johnson, Hannah Jurgens, Tyler Kuenast, Harley Malin, Ross Malin,** Thanks Gethsemane youth for blessing the community.

JULY ALTAR GUILD

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

July Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of our 63rd wedding anniversary by **Stanley & Verline Berkman**; in loving memory of **Reverend Will Erickson**, Gethsemane pastor 1967-1971, by **Virgie and family**; in loving memory of **mother** by **JoAnn Gerbig**; in celebration of summer birthdays by **Clifford & Sharon Kite**; in loving memory of **Lois Mae Johnson** by **Ron & Joyce Kingsbury**; in celebration of the baptism of **Victoria Peyton Hamm** by **Ryan & Heather Hamm**; in loving memory of **Jeanette** by **Jim Buehring.**

Altar/chancel flowers may be given for the worship services of Gethsemane Lutheran by indicating in the flower book on the narthex table. Cost: \$35 - altar; \$25-chancel. Thanks to **Jack & Sandy Brown** of Brown Floral for their preparation of these floral tributes.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to families of: **Dorothy Anderson Franke, Pauline Schwarz Lester, David Gray**—may those who mourn be comforted...**THANKS FROM: Lo Ann Abney, Mae Lundgren, Thelma Lucas, Mimi Raven, Dave Nicol, Billy Peel, Ingrid Warren, Sandy Jones, Angela Schnelle, Umid Azimov & Dildora Ahmedova, Jeanne Laubach, Carl Candoli, Ruby Plante, Gwen Lindgren, Paulette Akers, Dottie Sigerist, Stephen & Jane Greinert, Deanie Martinets, Chris & Sarah Crenshaw, Inez Rice, Waldine Stafford** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Ryan, Heather, Carly Hamm** for baptism of daughter/sister **Victoria Peyton**; **Pastor Erik Gronberg** and the **Trinity Lutheran Church-Ft. Worth African Marimba Choir** for the hospitality received on visit to Gethsemane; **T.A. Brown Elementary** for Gethsemane WELCA and congregation support-appreciation certificates in narthex...**THANKS TO: Sharon Gronberg, Lori Althaus, Tammie Danielsen** annual “*Christmas in July*” celebration a gift from **Holden Village; Martin Swoda, Alan Bergstrom** July Congregation council deacons...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Spencer & Laura Perez Stott** recently married; **Paul & Nancy Kronbergs** celebrated 50th wedding anniversary with family members and friends; **Leisha Annedella Johnson** graduating from Abilene Christian University with Master of Science in Organizational and Human Resource Development and celebration of her 25th birthday August 12; **Chris, Sarah, Eli Crenshaw** birth of daughter/sister **Alexandra Ruth**-grandparents **Larry & Janice Crenshaw** and the entire family give thanks; **iAct** (Interfaith Action of Central Texas) on new office 2921 E. 17th St. **Pastor Gronberg** has been invited to attend the Open House and Blessing... **FUTURE EVENTS: Rally Sunday & Blood Drive** Sept. 11; **Men-in-Mission tour** Solar Energy System Sept. 15.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 13

9:00 a.m. Carpet cleaning (Ed. Wing/bldg.)
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
3:00 p.m. Birthday Party
6:00 p.m. Tropical Dinner/movie night (Horton home)

SUNDAY, August 14—PENTECOST 9

ELCA WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Intern Reception (MPR)
10:30 a.m. Eucharist
12 Noon Schlitterbahn (meet lower level)

MONDAY, August 15

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 16

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, August 17

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)

THURSDAY, August 18

GLCM Closed—Teacher Work Day / Training

FRIDAY, August 19

GLCM Closed—Teacher Work Day / Training
4—5:30 p.m. GLCM Open House
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, August 20

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
2:00 p.m. Baby Shower (Steffens Parlor)

SUNDAY, August 21—PENTECOST 10

8:15 a.m. Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist

MONDAY, August 22

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
First Day 2011-12 School Year
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, August 23

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

WEDNESDAY, August 24

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)
3 p.m. Bench dedication (Garden)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, August 25

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Care Communities Gala (Holiday Inn)

FRIDAY, August 26

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
6:30 p.m. Concordia U. Gala (Four Season)

SATURDAY, August 27

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, August 28—PENTECOST 11

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, August 29

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

TUESDAY, August 30

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

WEDNESDAY, August 31

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, September 1

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

FRIDAY, September 2

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

SATURDAY, September 3

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, September 4—PENTECOST 12

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

8:15 a.m. Eucharist (Outside)
9:30 a.m. Labor Day Fellowship (MPR)
10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, September 5—Labor Day

GLCM & GLC offices closed

TUESDAY, September 6

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (T-F)
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)

WEDNESDAY, September 7

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Narthex/Garden)
7:00 p.m. ESL (Lower Level Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, September 8

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

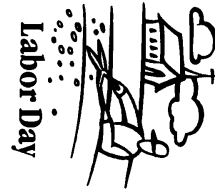
FRIDAY, September 9

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

SATURDAY, September 10

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

**INTERN CARMEN RECEPTION 9:30 AUGUST 14
BLESSING OF BACK PACKS AUGUST 21
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AUGUST 28
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 4**



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

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SEPTEMBER EDUCATION EMPHASIS BLESSES BAPTIZED COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 11—PENTECOST 13

ELCA WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

RALLY SUNDAY/GRANDPARENT'S DAY

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; St. Matthew 18:21-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RALLY SUNDAY

Rally Sunday September 11. begins the 2011-2012 Sunday Church School year. Gethsemane Congregation Council Christian Education leaders **Lori Althaus** and **Belinda Malin** invite children and adults to participation in the Learning Hour. **Gethsemane Men in Mission** host a pasta lunch. Meal tickets available Sunday morning and the **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** office (339-6335) during the week (\$5 in advance, \$7 at the door for adults, \$4 for children up to 12 yrs, children 3 and under free). There will be game booths, face painting, raffle and silent auction benefiting **GLCM**. The **Austin Police Department** mounted patrol will speak with children and parents. **GLCM** is accepting donations for the raffle and auction. Thanks for supporting ministry to children and their families. Gethsemane members are faithful supporters. The **GLCM**, children and families express thanks for helping to provide a safe environment in which to care for the children of the Austin community.

GETHSEMANE BLOOD DRIVE

Twenty three Gethsemane congregants have signed up for the annual Gethsemane Lutheran Blood Drive Rally Sunday **September 11**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The "gift of life" is an appropriate offering in memory of **September 11, 2001** and those who lost their lives. The **Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas** expresses thanks to Gethsemane members for decades of support.

TOMORROW'S CHILD

Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit, Sept. 12, Onion Creek Golf Club sponsored by **Lutheran Social Services of the South**. Money raised benefits *New Life Children's Center* and *Foster in Texas (FIT)*. Register today at: www.LSSS.org/golf or call **Nicole Griesse** at 512-459-1000.

SEPTEMBER 18—PENTECOST 14

GWELCA BLANKET OFFERING EMPHASIS

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; St. Matthew 20:1-16

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN ELCA

Mary/Martha meet **Sept. 13**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Program: **Pastor Susie Schnelle**; Hostesses: **Joann Rees** and **Sandra Tipton**. **Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** encourage congregants to give a gift for the annual **Blanket Appeal**. Offering envelope is in the packet of September envelopes mailed to your home. Thanks for providing blankets for needy around the world.

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language classes **Sept. 13-Oct. 16** Tues. and Wed. 6-8 p.m. and Sun. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Gethsemane has a wonderful group of volunteer teachers lined up. Please tell friends and family about this free ministry. Orange brochures in the narthex/ downstairs brochure rack—spread the word!

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship & Fun Tuesday, **September 13**, 7 p.m. Logan's Roadhouse, Round Rock, West Louis Henna Blvd. & Parker Dr., Round Rock, hosted by **Lester & Lois Johnson**. Sign up to host the fun!

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Gethsemane Men-in-Mission tour large solar energy installation at **J.J. Pickle Research Campus** Thursday, **September, 15**. Lunch at Pickle cafeteria. During 9 a.m. coffee, donuts, fellowship **John Berry** tells of his visit to Rift Valley/Africa and Spain/Portugal bike tour. Tour departs 10 a.m.

NCC APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The **North Central Caregivers Annual Appreciation luncheon** is Tuesday, **September 27**. **Gethsemane Lutheran** is a charter member of this ministry to senior adults. Thanks to **Ria Corbett** for her service as Gethsemane representative to the NCC Board.

SEPTEMBER 25—PENTECOST 15

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; St. Matthew 21:23-32

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY/ORDINATION

Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg have been invited to participate in the 50th anniversary of **Faith Church**, Wichita Falls, Texas, Sunday, **Sept. 25**. **Faith Lutheran** called Pastor Gronberg to serve the community in 1967. While there **Kristen Miriam Sharon** was born. The congregation and community hold many memories for the Gronberg family. Pastor, Sharon & Kristen moved from Wichita Falls in April, 1972 to join Gethsemane congregation. Prayers will be offered for the anniversary congregation and all communities of the **ELCA**.

Gethsemane friend and **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** ordination candidate **Joan Iker** will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament Sunday, **Sept. 25**. 4:30 p.m. Our Saviour's Lutheran Durant, Oklahoma. Joan has been called as pastor of **St. Olaf Lutheran** Cranfills Gap and **Faith Lutheran** Meridian, Texas. While in seminary, Joan participated in the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran. May God bless Joan and the communities she will serve.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Mondays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 6:30-8 p.m., Gethsemane women are invited to participate in a Bible Study: "Introduction to the World of the New Testament" led by **Pastor Schnelle** in Music Room. **Wed.** 11 a.m.-Noon meet in the **Steffans Parlor** with **Pastors Bohls** and **Schnelle** for a study: "40 Days with Parker Palmer". **Wednesdays** 6:15-7:10 **Pastor Kent Bohls** and **David Doerfler** lead a study of Matthew and Proverbs in the **Steffans Parlor**. **Wed. 6:15-7:10** "Equipping Households of Faith" led by **Jim Riley** explores the Baptismal theme that home is the primary place for nurturing and passing on the faith, and offers practical "how to's" for you and your family. **Sundays** are times for learning for people of all ages. **K-5th grade** engage in workshops; **6th graders** meet with **Beth Collier** and **Raymund Kuenast**; **7th-8th graders** meet in the Music Room with **Dar Joy Krenek** discussing "Faith Out Loud"; **Senior High Youth** meet in the Youth Loft with **Pastor Schnelle**; **Young Adults** (18-25) meet with **Brenda Brown** to discuss relevant issues; **Adults** meet with **Pastor Bohls, David Doerfler, Dan & Diana Dworin** to discuss "Immigration, the church and the Bible."

OCTOBER 2—PENTECOST 16

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; St. Matthew 21:33-46

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

TEXAS MAMMA JAMMA RIDE

Texas Mamma Jamma Ride to leave breast cancer behind **Oct. 1**. Contact **Alice Mueller** for information. Since 2009 over \$1,000,000 has been raised to help neighbors facing breast cancer. All levels of riders are welcome.

BIBLES GIVEN TO 3RD GRADERS

Gethsemane Lutheran **Third grade Sunday Church School students** receive Bibles **Oct. 2** from Gethsemane Congregation Council members **Belinda Malin** and **Lori Althaus** during the 10:30 worship service as students and families are recognized. This annual gift from Gethsemane Lutheran nurtures children in their baptismal life.

ELEA TEAM VISITS

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry is up for a 7 year reaccreditation. **Evangelical Lutheran Education Association** Team Leaders, **Hugh Kress** and **Marge Robison** and 2 other members will visit **Oct. 2-4**. They will participate in worship, visit with staff, parents and Gethsemane members. The team will assess classrooms, curriculum, facilities and the overall program. **GLCM** staff requests the prayers of the congregation as they go through the reaccreditation process. Gethsemane members interested in speaking on behalf of **GLCM** may contact **Valerie, Dar** or **Angelica-339-6335**.

GETHSEMANE MEMBER INVITED

Tammie Danielsen, a member of Gethsemane Lutheran for over ten years, has been invited by the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel** to participate in a ministry of witnessing to **love of God** in the strife between people in **Jerusalem and the West Bank**. With other volunteers, Tammie will accompany farmers cut off from access to their fields, provide a presence at checkpoints, assist Israeli and Palestinian human rights groups, ensure children safe travel to and from school, provide vocational training and sessions on non-violence; share with peace groups and ecumenical non government organizations; engage in efforts to end the occupation and support a just peace; share her experience and knowledge with congregations and groups supporting her witness. Gethsemane members interested in knowing more about this ministry may contact **Tammie** or **Pastor Gronberg**.

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

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

August Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary by **Paul & Nancy Kronbergs**; in celebration of **Erin Rosales'** birthday by **Anna Callahan**; in loving memory of **Josephine Bailey** by **Cheryl Swening**; in celebration of Gethsemane Lutheran 2010-2011 **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** and her family, **Michael, Jesse and Elan**; 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 40th wedding anniversary of **Marci & Nick Nichols** by **Diane & Don Davis**; in honor of our great Aunt **Vivian Brown** by **Allie, Paige, Kate, Carly Anderson**; in celebration of the 47th wedding anniversary of **Karl & Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg** by their children and grandchildren.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED: **Sue Nichol**, St. David's Medical Center; **Ron Kingsbury** Seton Medical Center.. remember these Christian friends in prayer; **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to families of: **Juanita Agnes Paddock Malin Dodson**, **Doris Ruth Williams Scott**, **Lester Nelson**—may those who mourn be comforted...**THANKS FROM:** **Rev. Bob Hoferkamp**, **Paul & Nancy Kronbergs**, **Pauline Kroll Schilling**, **Gordon Ketteman**, **Mae Lundgren**, **Inez Rice**, **Donna Olson**, **Louis Eidbo**, **Norma Wendlandt**, **Edith Rodgers**, **Nick & Marci Barker Nichols**, **Ron Kingsbury**, **Cindy Doerfler**, **Elizabeth Hoferkamp**, **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg**, **Nell Rundell**, **Jim Werchan**, **David**, **Mary & Andrew Nicol** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in the narthex; **Care Communities** for Gethsemane participation in the **9th Annual iCare Gala**; **Concordia University** for Gethsemane

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

FALL — 2011

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 14—NOV. 16

11:00 a.m. Parker Palmer with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30–6:30 Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00–8:00 English as 2nd Language (Lower Kitchen)
6:00–7:45 Baby sitting available
6:15–7:10 Conversational Spanish (Music Rm)
6:15–7:10 ages 2-4, children's activities (MPR)
6:15–7:10 Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle (Youth Loft)
6:15–7:10 JAM, grades 4-6 (MPR)
6:15–7:10 Little Lutherans, K-3rd grades (MPR)
6:15–7:10 Senior High
6:15–7:10 Matthew/Proverbs, Bohls & Doerfler (Parlor)
6:15–7:10 "Teaching the Bible with Children, Youth and Families", Jim Riley (across from MPR)
6:15–6:45 Confirmation for 9th graders, Kathy Jurgens & Eve Domel
7:15–7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30–7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:40–8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

members attending the annual **Excellence in Leadership Gala**; 2010-2011 seminary intern **Carmen Retzlaff** and family for the reception hosted by the Gethsemane Internship Committee and gifts given by congregants for **Godly Play** educational ministry. **Pastor Dick & Renee Strait** for welcome extended to them on recent visit. Dick served as Gethsemane lay assistant; **THANKS TO: Dr. Kelly Thorstad**, **Mary Lou Newman** and **Angela Schnelle** for sharing in Summer SCS; **Martin Swoda**, **Michael Candeh**, **Alan Bergstrom** August Congregation Council deacons; **Viola Hall**, **Beverly Helsel**, **Mary Swoda**, **Tammie Danielsen** for the Labor Day Sunday brunch; ...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Josh & Kelly Wendlandt** Curtis birth of daughter **Aisley Elizabeth**-great grandparents **George & Norma Wendlandt** rejoice; **Kayla Cox & Charles Spradley** birth of daughter **Kiarra DaNaye**-grandparents **Barry & Sherri Driskell** Cauthen and great grandparents **Terry & Sylvia Driskell** rejoice...
GREETINGS FROM: Tom & Donna Kelly, Don & Anne Roefer, Kimberly Hart

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, September 10

Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Convention (Fredericksburg)

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, September 11—PENTECOST 13

RALLY SUNDAY/GRANDPARENT'S DAY

ELCA WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

SW Texas Synodical Women's Convention

8:15 a.m. Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

11:30-1:30 Blood Drive

12 Noon Rally Sunday Luncheon (MPR)

12 Noon Bellissimo Rehearsal (balcony)

5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, September 12

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

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

TUESDAY, September 13

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

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

6:00 p.m. ESL (Music Room/Kitchen area)

6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Logan's, Round Rock)

WEDNESDAY, September 14

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

THURSDAY, September 15

9:30 a.m. Men-in-Mission (Music Room)

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

FRIDAY, September 16

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

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

SATURDAY, September 17

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, September 18—PENTECOST 14

GWELCA BLANKET OFFERING EMPHASIS

8:15 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)

12 Noon Bellissimo Rehearsal (balcony)

12 Noon Dinner Theater Committee (Parlor)

MONDAY, September 19

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 Rm)

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

TUESDAY, September 20

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)

6:00 p.m. English as Second Language (MR)

(ELS children in kitchen area)

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

WEDNESDAY, September 21

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

THURSDAY, September 22

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

FRIDAY, September 23

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

2:00 p.m. Global Mission Gathering

SATURDAY, September 24

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, September 25—PENTECOST 15

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)

12 Noon Bellissimo Rehearsal (balcony)

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, September 26

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

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Rm)

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

TUESDAY, September 27

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

6:00 p.m. English as Second Language (MR)

(ELS children in kitchen area)

6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Narthex)

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

WEDNESDAY, September 28

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

THURSDAY, September 29

FRIDAY, September 30

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

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

SATURDAY, October 1

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, October 2—PENTECOST 16

8:15 a.m. Eucharist (Outside)

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)

MONDAY, October 3

7 am-6pm ELEA Accreditation Mtg (Parlor)

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

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Ed. Bdg.)

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Music Rm)

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

6:30 p.m. ELEA Reaccreditation Dinner (MPR)

TUESDAY, October 4

7 am-6pm ELEA Reaccreditation Mtg (Parlor)

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)

WEDNESDAY, October 5

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

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

THURSDAY, October 6

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

FRIDAY, October 7

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

SATURDAY, October 8

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

RALLY SUNDAY/MEAL/9-11 REMEMBRANCE
GWELCA BLANKET OFFERING SEPT. 18
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ELEA APPROVES SEVEN YEAR REACCREDITATION FOR GLCM

OCT. 9—PENTECOST 17

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23;

Philippians 4:1-9; St. Matthew 22:1-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GLCM ACCREDITATION

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry was approved for a seven year reaccreditation by the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association following three days of reviewing schedules, procedures, assessing classrooms, curriculum, touring facilities, meeting with staff, parents, observing classes, attending chapel and interviewing Gethsemane pastors. Eighteen persons from around the country were involved in the process and training. GLCM Leadership Team of Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek, along with entire staff worked hard to host the visitors. Congratulations are expressed to everyone connected with this ministry to children and their parents. Gethsemane congregation rejoices in this quality educational opportunity. "Good Beginnings Never end."

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

The choir of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will join the Gethsemane Lutheran Sanctuary Choir Sunday Oct. 9 with a special musical gift. Gethsemane welcomes the choir with gratitude for the ministry of music glorifying God and blessing the baptized communities.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun (GLADOFFF) Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m., Threadgill's 6416 North Lamar, hosted by Kent & Joan Bohls. There's always room at the table!

20TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT AUCTION

The Lutheran Sunset Ministries Annual Quilt Auction is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15 in Clifton, Texas. Gethsemane Quilters have provided a beautiful quilt for the event. This tradition began in 1992 through the vision of Teryl Friberg Anderson, a childhood friend of Gethsemane member, Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg. \$29,000 was raised that day with the top quilt selling for \$1,500. Over the twenty years 180 congregations and 160 individuals have donated quilts raising a total of \$593,509 for projects and equipments to benefits the residents of LSM. The 2011 Gethsemane quilt was delivered to President/CEO Rodney Reuter by Pastor Karl Gronberg and David Skoglund. Thanks Gethsemane quilters for blessings the residents of Lutheran Sunset Ministries.

NIGHT UNDER ONE SKY

Interfaith Action of Central Texas invites Gethsemane members to attend the annual "A Night Under One Sky" October 11, 6:30 p.m. This is an evening of dining and dialogue celebrating interfaith relationships. Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum hosts the gathering. Contact Pastor Karl Gronberg for information.

OCT. 16—PENTECOST 18

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; St. Matthew 22:15-22

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GIDEONS SUNDAY

Mark Erickson, Gideons International, will present a Temple Talk on the work of this Christian organization, Sunday, Oct. 16. The late Art Leatherwood and his beloved wife Maxine came to Gethsemane Lutheran when Art presented the Gideons ministry. Plan to welcome Mark Erickson and hear the good work of Gideons International.

GWELCA NEWS

Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gratefully acknowledge the generous gifts of Gethsemane members supporting their annual Blanket Appeal. GWELCA member Diane Streeter reports that over \$730 was given in September offerings. Persons interested in participating in this appeal may give their offering to Diane or a GWELCA member.

Thanks to the following persons who toured the New Life Center for Girls, Canyon Lake, Texas, Friday, Sept. 23: Pastor Susan Schnelle, Donna Olson, Wilma Wheatley, Tutty Maixner, Peggy Horton, Christine Bohls, Darla Elam, Sharon Hillmer, Catherine Hillmer, Sherri Cauthen, Christine Berkland, and Deanie Martinets.

The Women of the Church Synod Convention was wonderful and spiritually uplifting for Christine Bohls, Catherine Hillmer, Sharon Hillmer, Diane Streeter and Peggy Horton. next year's convention will be at The Pearl Hotel, South Padre Island, Oct. 5-7, 2012. GWELCA continues the Monday night study with Pastor Susan Schnelle, "Introduction to The World of the New Testament", 6:30-8 p.m., Music Room.

Mary/Martha Unit meets Tuesday, Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Hostesses are Wilma Wheatley & Tutty Maixner; Program by Charlotte McCord and Deanie Martinets, "The Blind Quilter" film.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour the new Austin Executive Airport in Manor on Thursday, Oct. 20. Lunch at Good Luck Grill. During fellowship, Jim Baylor will talk about his life and career. Coffee, donuts, fellowship 9 a.m. Tour departs 10 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education deacons, Lori & Greg Althaus and Belinda & Ken Malin presented Bibles to Gethsemane 3rd graders October 4: Amesley Davis, Will Errett, Lexi Guebara, Ashlyn Kircher, Madison Kite, Miranda Noren, Lindsey Snowden. Sundays learning for all ages: 2-4 years meet in Preschool room #2; K-5th grade engage in workshops in the Multi-Purpose Room; 6th graders meet in the Godly Play Room; 7th-8th graders meet in the Music Room discussing "Faith Out Loud"; Senior High Youth meet in the Youth Loft; Young Adults (18-25) discuss contemporary issues; adults meet in the Parlor discussing "Immigration, the Church and the Bible."

OCT. 23—PENTECOST 19

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1;

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; St. Matthew 22:34-46

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM GIVES PROMISE

Kevin & Linda Maidment Meyers bring their infant son David Austin Meyers to receive the eternal promise given in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May the blessings of the Triune God be with the faithful Meyers/Maidment family. "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God" (St. Mark 10:15)

ACLUTHERAN FESTIVAL

Austin City Lutherans have scheduled an exchange of pastors and choirs for Sunday, October 23. St. Martin's and First English, Faith and Abiding Love, Lord of Life and Ascension, Holy Cross and Shepherd of the Hills, Triumphant Love and Peace, Prince of Peace and St. John/San Juan have been assigned to one another. Gethsemane and Messiah have already exchanged with Pastor Karl Gronberg leading worship at Messiah. Sunday afternoon, 2-4 pm the Lutheran Seminary in the Southwest will host an exchange festival with congregations invited to Howell Dining Hall, Episcopal Seminary, 32nd & Duval, to visit with one another sharing their unique ministries. Gethsemane members are invited to contact Pastors Bohls, Gronberg, Schnelle for more information.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Tom & Kay Rodgers coordinate a ministry to the residents of Heatherwilde, a residence for senior adults, October 23. Gethsemane members interested in participating may contact Tom & Kay.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation youth will attend the annual Southwestern Texas Synod Junior High retreat Nov. 11-13 at Camp Chrysalis. Contact Pastor Schnelle for registration information.

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, "Citizens With the Saints", New Orleans, LA., July 17-22. Cost of the trip will be \$550 (registration and hotel only). Those senior high (current 9th—12th graders) register now! Contact Pastor Schnelle or Dar Joy.

HTU SYMPOSIUM

Pastor Karl Gronberg and Dr. Kurt Senske, Lutheran Social Services of the South will participate in the Huston Tillotson University Charter Day Symposium Thursday and Friday, October 27 & 28. HTU Campus minister Pastor Don Brewington chairs the committee making the arrangements for this annual university event.

TLU INSTALLATION

Texas Lutheran University will install Stuart Dorsey, Ph.D as the Fifteenth president of the university Friday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Jackson Auditorium. Gethsemane Lutheran has a long history of supporting higher education of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America. Gethsemane members have attended and graduated from TLU. Prayers are requested for the TLU community as they commence a new chapter.

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SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

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

September Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **grandparents** by the **Rippy family**; in celebration of our 63rd wedding anniversary by **George & Norma Wendlandt**; in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary by **George & Gina Creager**; in loving memory of **Ralph Ericson** and **Loraine & Gunnar Johnson** by **Gwen**; in loving memory of friends that died in the World Trade Center by **Dottie Sigerist** and **Earle Sigerist, Jr.**; in loving memory of **Micky Rice**, husband, father and grandfather, by **Inez, Jenifer, Chuck** and **Charles Rice**; in honor of August and September birthdays of parents **Terry & Sylvia Driskell** by **Barry & Sherri Cauthen**; in celebration of our 3rd anniversary by **Khem & Pim Saythongkham.**

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

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GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO families of: **Ruby Meschke, Bob Haugen, Larry Nelson, Roy Bockhorn**—may those who mourn be comforted by the promise of eternal life...

THANKS TO: Wes, Karen and Carys Blaney of **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** for gifting Gethsemane with a triple top load recycling station placed in the education wing—**Gethsemane recycles** for the sake of family, community and world; **Ron Tighe** for electrical work on SGW windows lighting; **Elisabeth Kihlberg** for helping neighborhood leaders organize the Gethsemane sponsored **Neighbors Night Out**—Austin Police Department officers attended along with a good group from the neighborhood—**Pastor Gronberg** was elected vice-chair of the Georgian Acres-Lamar Contact Team Leadership Team—everyone enjoyed the **Blue Bell Ice Cream...THANKS FROM: Jeff, Stacey & Marley Dunahoo** for the baptism of son/brother **Dylan Vaughan**; **Greg & Jessica Hart** for baptism of daughter **Trentyn Ellie**; **Pastor Erik Gronberg, Dave & Mary Hall Nicol, Sue Nichol, Frances Sommerfeld, Charles Ericson, Dar Krenek, Adelle Rolls & Jim Buehring, Stanley & Verline Berkman, Carroll & Karen Holmstrom, James & Harriet Gardner, Joseph & Fatmata Candeh, Ann Nelson, Gladys Hanson, Dorothea Borchers** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries—cards posted in the narthex; **Alice Larson Mueller** for Mamma Jamma support and members of Team Gethsemane:

Mark & Alice Mueller, Bill & Lynn Larson, John Berry, Glenda Holmstrom, Daniel Holmstrom, Amanda Holmstrom, Fred & Kathy Walters; Pastor Joan Iker—for prayers and support of Gethsemane Lutheran in her seminary preparation, ordination and installation as pastor of **Faith Lutheran-Meridian, Texas** and **St. Olaf Lutheran-Cranfills Gap, Texas**; the staff of the **Austin Humane Society** for **St. Francis Day** blessing by **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Dar Krenek**—Gethsemane partners with SPCA in numerous ways to serve the community; the **Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas** for Gethsemane blood donors: **John Berry, Adelle Rolls, Brad Jensen, Cindy Pounds, Greg Althaus, David Ellerbeck, Lee Schnelle, Juanita Smith, Darren Fuller, Karl Falken, Pastor Susan Schnelle, Dan Dworin, Chris Jurgens, Kathy Jurgens, Tanya DaMommio, Aaron DaMommio, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Dean Haight, Dave Haight, Bob Person** giving *the gift of life* on **Rally Sunday**; **GLCM** for congregational support of Rally Sunday—their goal of \$3,000 was achieved...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Joseph Jr., Fatmata Bintu Candeh** and **Kingston Toma** birth of daughter/sister **Margaret Konie**; **Ann Moeller**, Gethsemane Sanctuary Choir will sing with Austin Civic Chorus "*Petite Messe Solenelle*" **October 14 & 16**—Ticket information and details on www.austinchorus.org...**GREETINGS FROM: Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls** visiting midwest; **Tom & Kay Rodgers** enjoying Wisconsin—good to hear from travelers;

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 8

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, October 9—Pentecost 17

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, October 10

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

TUESDAY, October 11

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (Music Rm)
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Thredgill's 6416 N. Lamar)

WEDNESDAY, October 12

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

THURSDAY, October 13

FRIDAY, October 14

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 15

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
12:00 noon Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)
12:00 noon LSM Quilt Auction (Clifton)

SUNDAY, October 16—PENTECOST 18

Gideons Sunday
8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. SCS all ages
10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, October 17

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

TUESDAY, October 18

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, October 19

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

THURSDAY, October 20

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

9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour

FRIDAY, October 21

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

SATURDAY, October 22

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Synod Mtg (TLU)

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, October 23—PENTECOST 19

ELCA Global Mission Sunday

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. SCS all ages
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion

MONDAY, October 24

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

TUESDAY, October 25

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, October 26

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)

THURSDAY, October 27

FRIDAY, October 28

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

SATURDAY, October 29

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

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

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BAPTISM AFFIRMED, ALL SAINTS, CANDLES LIGHTED

OCTOBER 30

REFORMATION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION 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 30: Carly Rose Anderson (5/11/1997), Kate Jeanette Anderson (5/11/1997), Tyra Jade Banks (3/29/1997), Ashley Chandler Cardwell (9/26/1997), Harrison Kirk Cardwell (9/26/1997), Kathleen Gayle Crump (11/18/1996), Ethan Michael DaMommio (8/17/1997), Bailey Elizabeth Domel (6/15/1997), Janine Elizabeth Dworin (7/18/1997), Grant Ransom Johnson (8/24/1997), Megan Renae Jones (4/12/1997), Meg Elise Knighten (8/22/2004), Ryan James Kuenast (12/1/1996), Cole Harrison Turner (12/24/1997).** Confirmation mentors **David Allen, Greg Althaus, Pam Atkins, Linda Dunahoo, Renita Feller, Lester Johnson, Lois Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Marilyn Ketteman, Gaylord Magnuson, Virginia Marek, Donna Olson, Jim Riley, Georganna Swenson, Pam Vetter** present confirmands. Family members give a candle, symbolic of confirmand's baptismal candle.

Continuing a Gethsemane tradition of almost four decades, the confirmands introduce family members during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 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 2011 Confirmation Class to live their baptismal birthright.

PASTORS PARTICIPATE

Pastor Karl Gronberg and **Pastor Susan Schnelle** have been invited by **Chaplain Don Brewington**, **Huston Tillotson University** campus ministry, to participate in the **HTU Charter Week Celebration**. **Pastor Gronberg** has been on the Charter Week Steering Committee and will serve as facilitator for the symposium based on the theme: "*Living the Call to Health and Wholeness.*" **Dr. Kurt Senske**, Chief Executive Officer, Lutheran Social Services of the South and author of *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance* will be one of five participants in the symposium. **Pastor Schnelle** will be a clergy participant in the Sunday, **Oct. 30**, 4 p.m. liturgy in the **HTU King Seabrook Chapel**. Clergy from the Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Church of Christ, Lutheran traditions will lead the celebration. **Rev. Tyrone D. Gordon**, Senior Pastor, St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas will give the homily. The HTU choir will sing. For more information speak with Pastors Gronberg or Schnelle.

NOVEMBER 6—ALL SAINTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; St. Matthew 5:1-12

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, 2010** 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: **Barbara Wanell Lanfear Ludwig (11/30/2010), Miseann Hilliker-Roszler (12/4/2010), Novaline A. Heinkel (12/7/2010), Bertha Mae Fields (12/8/2010), Jennie Lee Griffith (12/8/2010), Elizabeth Bilderback Guenzel (12/16/2010), Vivian Adele Martin Swenson (12/31/2010), Gabriela Romero Shumway (1/4/2011), Kong Men So (1/12/2011), Hubert Joseph Hausmann (1/14/2011), Regina Mae Murray (1/17/2011), Dorothy Madson Skoglund (1/31/2011), Marcia Carol Lehman (3/8/2011), Margaret Koehler Moore Hankamer (3/16/2011), Carmen Caridad Shindle (3/21/2011), Dorris Mary Smith (3/31/2011), Vivian Anderson Brown (5/6/2011), Paul Eugene Green (5/8/2011), Francis Rose Gordon (5/20/11), Mary Jane Riley (5/24/2011), Karen Lynn Maynard (6/17/2011), Willis F. Erickson (7/4/2011) Dorothy Mae Anderson Franke (7/26/2011), Pauline Lester (8/6/2011), Doris Ruth Williams Scott (8/27/2011), Shawn Wayne Sommerfeld (10/1/2011), Ingrid Berkman Warren (10/25/2011), Inez Marie Warren Rice (10/31/2011).** "*For all the saints who from their labors rest. All who by faith before the world confessed...Alleluia, Alleluia!*"

ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS

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CHILI COOK-OFF BENEFIT

Chili Cook-off (and peanut butter & jelly) 12 noon, Sunday, **November 6**, in the MPR with special music, face painting, cake walk and silent auction. Free will offering will assist Gethsemane member **Tammie Danielsen** in her mission to the Middle East. She will work with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel witnessing to love of God in the strife between people in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Thanks for supporting this mission to the Holy Land.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Mary/Martha unit meets **November 8**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Program Leader: **Virginia Marek**; Hostesses: **Donna Olson** and **Nell Rundell**.

NOV. 13—PENTECOST 22

SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; St. Matthew 25:14-30

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Reverend Elroy Haverlah, a retired pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been serving for the past year Messiah Lutheran, a congregation of the ELCA, located on Cameron Road as interim pastor. **Rev Haverlah** contacted **Pastor Karl Gronberg** in July asking to discuss a possible mutual ministry between Messiah and Gethsemane. **Pastor Gronberg** met with a leadership team from Messiah during August and September. **Pastors Bohls and Schnelle** became a part of the conversation in October with the Gethsemane pastors meeting the synod bishop and the Messiah leadership. Gethsemane pastors have agreed to enter into a mutual ministry agreement with Messiah Lutheran for a four month period of time to assist in their ministry as Messiah congregation evaluates future ministries in witness to the Cameron Road neighborhood. Thanks are expressed to Gethsemane congregation for continued support of ELCA congregations. Prayers are requested for this ministry.

GLCM NEWS

November is time for the children and staff of **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** to join in Thanksgiving traditions. The annual **Thanksgiving Feast** will be held Thursday, **Nov. 17**, 11:15 a.m. with parents, grandparents and family members joining the children for a traditional Thanksgiving lunch prepared by **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist** and **Dar Krenek**. **GLCM** will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 24 & 25. Gethsemane congregation gives thanks for the nurturing environment of **GLCM**.

GETHSEMANE CONFIRMANDS

Confirmation youth **Quintel Candeh, Lukas Facile, Michael Greinert, Sam Huston, Denver Malin, Katey Malin, Jesse Sanchez** will attend the annual **Southwestern Texas Synod Junior High Retreat Nov. 11-13** at Camp Chrysalis. The theme is "**OMG**" taking them on a journey discovering who God is in their lives. Contact **Pastor Schnelle**.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour large solar energy installation at **J.J. Pickle Research Campus** Thursday, **Nov. 17**. Lunch at Pickle cafeteria. During fellowship **Ken Schulz** talks about his life and career. Coffee, donuts, fellowship 9 a.m. Tour departs 10 a.m. Sign up **Men in Mission** Bulletin Board.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Save the date, **Jan. 14-16**, 2012 for the **Southwestern Texas Synod Senior High Gathering** in Austin. The theme is "**WORD... for the citizens and the saints**" and will prepare our youth for both the ELCA gathering and to live out their vocation with a living word by which to find comfort, guidance, help, and discernment as they learn marks of discipleship.

LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest invites Gethsemane members to consider a Charitable Gift Annuity providing lifetime fixed payments and upon death a gift for the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran. Contact **David Johnson**, 1-800-424-0447. Information on narthex bulletin board.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY-OCT 30 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOV 6 CHILI COOK-OFF BENEFIT—NOV 6

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Ria Corbett, Brad & Karyn Jensen, Deanie Martinets, Donna Olson, Joann Rees and Pam Vetter.**

October Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving member of **Charles Berkman** by **Cheryl Swening**; in loving memory of **Douangta Saythongkham** by the **Saythongkham family**; in loving memory of **Gerald Kubiak** by **Peter & Maxine Lammergard**; in loving memory of my mother **Ora Lea Childers** and in honor of **Carroll's** birthday by **Karen & Carroll Holmstrom**; in honor of my daughter, **Jeanie**, by **Flo Laubach**; in celebration of our 41st wedding anniversary by **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman**; in loving memory of our daughter, **Michelle Otto**, by **Kent & Joan Bohls**; in gratitude for the generous support by Gethsemane congregation for ministry to children and their families and encouragement during the recent successful reaccreditation process by **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek** and the **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry staff**; in celebration of **Adelle Rolls' 70th** birthday by **Julie and Chris** and their families; in celebration of the baptism of our grandson, **David Austin Meyers**, by **David & Helen Maidment**; in honor of the **2011 Confirmation Class** by their families; in loving memory of my mom, **Nina Scott** on the 100th

anniversary of her birth by **Adelle Rolls**; in celebration of **Katharine's** marriage to **Joshua Roberts** on October 29 by **Randy & Sandi Dodd**; in honor of mom, **Dottie Sigerist**, and in celebration of her 86th birthday by **Earle Jr.**; in honor of **John Berry's 70th** birthday by **Ingrid, Dana, and Robert.**

Altar/chancel flowers may be given for the worship services of Gethsemane Lutheran by indicating in the flower book located on the narthex table. Cost: \$35-altar arrangements; \$25 chancel. Thanks to **Jack & Sandy Brown** of **Brown Floral** for their preparation of these beautiful floral tributes.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO the families of: **Anita Itz, Rev. Julius Holm**—may those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Russell Parker**, Seton Medical Center—remember this Christian friend in daily prayer...**THANKS FROM:** **Mark Erickson, Gideons International** for generous gifts supporting their ministry; **Frances & Bob Sommerfeld, Viola Hall, Beverly Helsel, Jason & Jennifer Jarl McCombs, Inez Rice, Dottie Sigerist, Harriet Gardner, Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry staff, David N. Smith, Janine Dworin, Joyce Kingsbury, Oliver Strom, Joe Torn, Virgie Erickson, Margie Edmiston** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/

ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Kevin & Linda Maidment Meyers** for baptism of their infant son **David Austin**-grandparents Gethsemane members **David & Helen Maidment** give thanks for the promise given to their grandson; **Ria Corbett** for generous support to **7th Annual Faith In Action Caregivers-North Central** fundraisers held at *Genuine Joe Coffeehouse...***THANKS TO:** **Dave Haight** for building four new flower carrying containers and repairing/painting older containers for altar guild ministry; **Reva Quakenbush** on gift of fabrics from **Philip Bohr** and **Interior Fabrics...** **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Jason & Jennifer Jarl McCombs** on birth of their daughter **Hadley Elin**—grandparents **Alan & Cathy Jarl** rejoice over the wonderful of life; **Akshara & Katrina Spivey Garner** married recently; **Janine Dworin** and **McCallum High Choir** directed by former Gethsemane choir director **Malcolm Nelson** for their 2011 Cabaret *"The Road to Broadway"*; **Austin City Lutherans** for the *Exchange Festival*—**Tammie Danielsen** represented Gethsemane; **Keith Lundquist** induction into **Texas Lutheran University Athletics Hall of Fame** Homecoming week-end-Gethsemane rejoices with Keith and the Lundquist family...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Ingrid Edlund-Berry** visiting Lund, Sweden. **Weldon, Barb & Megan Jones** enjoying the beauty of Hawaii.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, October 29

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
4:00 p.m. TLU Homecoming game/induction

SUNDAY, October 30—Pentecost 20

Confirmation / Reformation Sunday

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)
4:00 p.m. HTU Worship (King Seabrook Chapel)

MONDAY, October 31-All Saints Eve

(95 Theses nailed to Wittenberg, Germany Church Door
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
9:30 a.m. GLCM Halloween Parade/Parties

TUESDAY, November 1-All Saints 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.
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. English as 2nd Language (Kitchen)
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, November 2

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (Parlor)

THURSDAY, November 3

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

FRIDAY, November 4

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

SATURDAY, November 5

8 am-1 pm Faith Lutheran Holiday Bazaar
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
9 am-1 pm Trinity Place Annual Bazaar

SUNDAY, November 6—PENTECOST 21

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR)

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School all ages
10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
12 Noon Chili Cook-off Fundraiser
12 Noon Altar Guild Coordinator (Altar Guild Rm)

MONDAY, November 7

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, November 8

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (Music Rm)
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Chuy's—10520 N Lamar)

WEDNESDAY, November 9

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. ESL (Downstairs Kitchen)

THURSDAY, November 10

FRIDAY, November 11
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

6:00 p.m. Libraries of Love (Immanuel Ch.)
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, November 12

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, November 13—PENTECOST 22

ELCA World Hunger Sunday

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

MONDAY, November 14

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

TUESDAY, November 15

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, November 16

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language (MR)

THURSDAY, November 17

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour
11:15 a.m. GLCM Thanksgiving Feast (MPR)

FRIDAY, November 18

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

SATURDAY, November 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 16, 2011 "Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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GETHSEMANE NOVEMBER THEME: "COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

NOVEMBER 20

CHRIST THE KING

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; St. Matthew 25:31-46

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE MISSION SENDING FORTH

Tammie Danielsen, a member of Gethsemane Lutheran for over ten years, will be **Sent Forth Sunday, Nov. 20** to serve with the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel** participating in a ministry of witnessing to the **love of God** in the strife between people in **Jerusalem and the West Bank**. With other volunteers from around the world, Tammie will accompany farmers cut off from access to their fields; provide a presence at checkpoints; assist Israeli and Palestinian human rights groups; ensure children safe travel to and from school; provide vocational training and sessions on non-violence; share with peace groups and ecumenical non government organizations; engage in efforts to end the occupation and support a just peace. During the three months of this ministry, Tammie will share her experiences through a blog with congregations, groups and individuals having given gifts to support her witness. Gethsemane Lutheran members have generously supported Tammie in her fund raising efforts. The November 6 Chili Cook-Off raised over \$1,000. Thanks to the **Gethsemane Men in Mission, Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Interfaith Community for Palestinian Rights, Prince of Peace Lutheran/Austin, Texas Nazareth Lutheran/Cedar Falls, Texas** and a host of friends for their support. The gifts are matched by a generous donation from the **Gethsemane Lutheran Pastoral Benevolent Fund**. Keep Tammie and the **EAPPI** in your prayers.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Gethsemane Lutheran youth will lead the 40th annual Thanksgiving Eve eucharist Wed., **Nov. 23**, 7 p.m. Gethsemane congregants are encouraged to share the spirit of Thanksgiving by bringing food items for the Gethsemane Pantry and returning offering boxes.

Quintel Candeh, Lukas Facile, Michael Greinert, Sam Huston, Denver Malin, Katey Malin, Jesse Sanchez attended the annual Southwestern Texas Synod Junior High Retreat November 11-13 at Camp Chrysalis with **Dar Krenek** and **Pastor Schnelle**. The theme was "OMG" taking the confirmands on a journey exploring the grace of God is in their lives.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

The 27th Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service hosted by Agudas Achim, 7300 Hart Lane, Sunday **November 20**, 4:00 p.m. For information speak with **Pastor Karl Gronberg**.

HYMN FESTIVAL

St. Paul Lutheran hosts a Hymn Festival, 7 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 20**. The **Children's Choir from Zion Lutheran Church** in Dallas will be leading this **Festival of Hymns** employing voices, handbells, recorders, and organ in praise of the Triune God.

NOVEMBER 27—ADVENT 1

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; St. Mark 13:24-37

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ADVENT TIME

The liturgical church year invites the baptized community to be transformed into the **Advent Community** lighting candles in the Advent wreath, singing the traditional Advent carols, commemorating **St. Nicholas**, 4th century Bishop of Myra December 6; the **first Lutheran worship service** in Austin leading to the birth of **Gethsemane congregation**, December 12, 1868; learning from **Santa Lucia** to share with others, December 13. **Advent** is a time of **hope, watching, preparing, rejoicing, beholding** the coming of God manifested in the waiting community. **Advent** is for the faithful anticipating the celebration of the **One who came, comes, will come again—"Come, Lord Jesus. Come"**

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Advent is a special time for parents, children, families to grow in the faith. Advent Sundays will focus on preparing for the gift Gethsemane children will give to the congregation, **Dec. 11**. The preschool thru Sixth grade will offer "**The Mouse's Tale**". Thanks to Gethsemane Congregation Council members **Lori & Greg Althaus, Belinda & Ken Malin** for their leadership.

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

Advent soup prepared by **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel** 5:30 p.m. **Nov. 30, Dec 7, 14**. Learning/ fellowship for all ages 6:00 p.m.: Bible Study conversation led by **Pastor Kent Bohls** and **David Doerfler**; craft time preparing for border mission trip; confirmands with **Pastor Susan Schnelle**. 7 p.m. "Holden Evening Prayer" eucharist.

Thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran 2011 confirmands **Carly Rose Anderson, Kate Jeanette Anderson, Tyra Jade Banks, Ashley Chandler Cardwell, Harrison Kirk Cardwell, Irie Bianca Crenshaw, Kathleen Gayle Crump, Ethan Michael DaMommio, Bailey Elizabeth Domel, Janine Elizabeth Dworin, Grant Ransom Johnson, Megan Renae Jones, Meg Elise Knighten, Ryan James Kuenast, Cole Harrison Turner** for donating a GaGa Ball game as their class gift to the congregation. This gift continues a decades long tradition of giving back to the congregation expressing stewardship commitment.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS 2011

Texas Lutheran University hosts the annual **Christmas Vespers "Silent Starlight Fell"** Friday, **Dec. 2**, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, **Dec. 3**, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, **Dec. 4**, 4 p.m. Jackson Auditorium. This celebration honors the integral role music has played in curriculum and cultural history of the university. The TLU Choir, Women's Choir, Kantorei Chamber Choir and the TLU Symphonic Winds/Percussion will be featured along with San Antonio based actress, **Sam Carter Gilliam**, telling the nativity story from a unique viewpoint. Ticket Reservations are free but required. To order: online www.tlu.edu/vespers, by e-mail vespers@tlu.edu, calling 830-372-8063, or TLU Bookstore.

DECEMBER 4—ADVENT 2

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; St. Mark 1:1-8

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORLD AIDS DAY

Gethsemane members are invited to the 14th annual Central Texas World AIDS Day Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Hope, sponsored by **The Care Communities**, Thursday, December 1, 7 p.m. St. David's Episcopal, 301 E. 8th Street. This service consists of reflection, music, drama, poetry, prayer and the annual AIDS Bell banner. For information speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

ANGEL GIVING TREE

Gethsemane Lutheran members and families are invited to continue a holiday tradition by sponsoring **T.A. Brown Elementary School** children and families. Names will be on the **Angel Giving Tree** in the narthex beginning Wednesday, **November 23**. Please return gifts by Wednesday, **December 14**. Delivery of gifts by Gethsemane youth will be **December 17**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Salvation Army** needs volunteers for **Christmas Kettles, Nov. 14—Dec. 24**, Monday—Saturday, 4 hour minimum. Choose a location nearest you: Walmart, Sam's, Walgreen's, Lakeline Mall, Barton Creek Square, Macy's at the Domain, Hobby Lobby, Frye's, J.C. Penny's. Contact **Emily Diaz**, Volunteer Coordinator, 442-3212, emilygtasac@gmail.com.

GLCM THANKFUL

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry during November celebrates the Thanksgiving holiday. The annual Thanksgiving Feast is a time of praising God for the blessings of family, friends, GLCM staff and students. GLCM is also thankful for the many improvements made during 2011. These improvements continue with **kitchen renovations**: cabinets stove and sink replaced. The kitchen is an important place for GLCM. The students and staff are provided a hot lunch and snacks everyday. The kitchen is a busy/ utilized area. This much needed "facelift" is being headed up Don Milligan with Claradon Construction. The project begins Nov. 28th.

GLCM is also thankful for Gethsemane members assisting in fundraising by: using a **Randall's Good Neighbor Card**. GLCM number is 1588. A percentage is given to GLCM; **Recycling paper**-unused paper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, computer paper may be placed in the **Paper Retriever Bin** located on the south parking lot near the Humane Society. Please no cardboard!; SCRIP Shopping Cards are great for weekly shopping. HEB, Walmart, Target, restaurants, movies and clothing stores-all take Scrip. Stop by the GLCM office or go GLScrip.com for a list of merchants. For every card sold through GLCM, a percentage goes back to the school. **Thanks for your support!**

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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP 12 & 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY ADVENT SOUP 5:30 P.M. ANGEL GIVING TREE IN NARTHEX

MEMORIAL

Inez Marie Warren Rice, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism All Saints Eve October 31, 2011. The memorial liturgy giving thanks for her faithful life was held Wednesday, November 2, 2011. Inez was born in Meridian, Texas May 3, 1925, to Tab L. and Alice Marie Lundberg Warren Inez married Inez, husband Charles "Mickey" Rice and son Chuck joined Gethsemane Lutheran joined Gethsemane Lutheran Church in 1963. Inez assisted in Christian education ministries when Chuck was a child. Her love was the Gethsemane altar Guild where she coordinated the January committee. Inez loved the Gethsemane community. Her courageous battle with cancer, she was five time survivor, was an inspiration to many family members and friends. She loved completely and lived life fully with a joyful spirit. Advent hopefulness in the Promised One is expressed to son Chuck & wife Jennifer Ransom Rice, grandson Charles and members of the extended family.

The words of scripture bring comfort: *"Come, O blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"* (St. Matthew 25:34)

Blessed be the memory of
Inez Marie Warren Rice.

MEMORIAL

Shawn Wayne Sommerfeld, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism October 1, 2011. A celebration

of his life will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Friday, November 18, 2 p.m.

Shawn was born on October 20, 1973 to Bob & Frances Peterson Sommerfeld. He was baptized November 27, 1974 at Gethsemane Lutheran and affirmed his baptism October 30, 1988. Shawn was known by family and friends as a loving, kind, gentle and thoughtful person. Shawn faithfully lived his commitment to God, family and friends. The Advent promise of beholding the love of God is expressed to Shawn's family: Bob & Frances Sommerfeld, brother Keith Jordan and wife Stefanie; sister Katrina Chaudoin and husband Jason; sister, Samantha; niece Kourtney Jordan; nephews Colton Jordan and Blake Chaudoin; uncles James Peterson, Bob Peterson, and wife Debbie and extended family members. Shawn's confirmation Bible verse brings comfort: *O the depth of the riches and wisdom of God! How unsearchable are the judgments and ways of the Lord. To our God be glory for ever. Amen* (Romans 11:33,36)

Blessed be the memory of
Shawn Wayne Sommerfeld

BIG BUCKS FOR MINISTRY

The 2011 Lutheran Sunset Ministries 20th Annual Quilt Auction raised \$43,075. This total combined with previous years totals \$636,584. These monies benefit LSM residents. Thanks to Gethsemane quilters for supporting this ministry every year with a beautiful gift. Pictures and story are posted on the **Gethsemane Women ELCA** Bulletin Board.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: The families of: **Inez Warren Rice, James Randall Neeley, Shawn Wayne Sommerfeld**—may those who mourn be comforted ...

CONGRATULATIONS TO: **Susie Muenzler** honored for 35 years as an RN, Seton Medical Center; **Karl Allen Julian & Julianne Jowers Bedford** married recently in Birmingham, Alabama. The **Gronberg-Hendrickson** family was together to celebrate with the couple; **Ria Corbett** and **North Central Caregivers** received almost \$6,000 in recent fundraiser...**THANKS FROM: Joann Rees, Buddy Holmstrom, Viola Hall, Elisabeth Kihlberg, Ben, Jennifer & Addy Ketteman, Dorothy Dunn, Virgie Erickson, James & Harriet Gardner, Hazel Schiwitz, Martha Johnson, Hilda Werchan, Susie Muenzler, Diane Cantrell**, for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Becky King, Trinity Care Center Activity Director**, for gift to the Residents Christmas Fund; the families of **Inez Rice** and **Shawn Sommerfeld** for ministry at time of loss...**GREETINGS FROM: Phil & Christine Burkland** enjoying visit to Paris, France; **Nancy & Paul Kronbergs** visiting family/friends at First Lutheran, Edinburg, Texas; **Tom & Donna Kelly** returning to Austin in November; former Gethsemane intern **Pastor Scott McAnally** & family sending Thanksgiving greetings.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, November 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
12 Noon Family Gathering (Multi-Purpose Rm)

SUNDAY, November 20—CHRIST THE KING

8:15 a.m. Eucharist/Sending Forth
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist/Sending Forth
10:30 a.m. English as Second Language (MR)
4:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving (Aguds Achim)
7:00 p.m. Hymn Festival (St. Paul Lutheran)

MONDAY, November 21

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-W)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
3:00 p.m. Daughters of the Republic of Texas (MR)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, November 22

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

WEDNESDAY, November 23—THANKSGIVING EVE

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Sanctuary)
12 Noon Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Youth Led Thanksgiving Worship

THURSDAY, Nov. 24—THANKSGIVING Day

GLCM & Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, November 25

GLCM & Church Offices Closed

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

SATURDAY, November 26

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, November 27—ADVENT 1

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, November 28

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

TUESDAY, November 29

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Room)

WEDNESDAY, November 30

12 & 7 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Advent supper
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, December 1

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

FRIDAY, December 2

7:30 p.m. Caregiver Concert (St. Louis RC)
7:30 p.m. TLU Vespers Jackson Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Room)

SATURDAY, December 3

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
7:30 p.m. TLU Vespers Jackson Auditorium

SUNDAY, December 4—ADVENT 2

8:15 a.m. Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Eucharist
3:30 p.m. SWEA Lucia Event
4:00 p.m. TLU Vespers Jackson Auditorium

MONDAY, December 5

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

TUESDAY, December 6

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7—Pearl Harbor Anv.

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

THURSDAY, December 8

FRIDAY, December 9

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

SATURDAY, December 10

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
10:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission install Christmas Tree
3:00 p.m. Daughters of Republic of Texas (MR)
4:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Christmas Event (MPR)

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2011

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ADVENT COMMUNITY ANTICIPATES 12 DAY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
- 9:00 a.m. Men-in-Mission Decorate Tree/Advent Luncheon (Music Rm)
- 3:00 p.m. Daughters of Republic of Texas (MR)
- 4:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Christmas Event (MPR)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11—ADVENT 3

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; St. John 1:6-8, 19-28



PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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. Advent Liturgy (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Advent-Christmas Program, Sunday Church School (MPR)
- 10:30 a.m. Advent Liturgy (Sanctuary)
- 12 Noon Youth Group Christmas Party—7th-12th grades (Music Room)
- 4:00 p.m. TLU Vespers (St. Martin's)
- 5:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assn. Event (MPR)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

143RD ANNIVERSARY-1ST LUTHERAN WORSHIP IN AUSTIN, TX., DECEMBER 12, 1868 BIRTH OF GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

7:15 a.m.-6p.m. GLCM (M-F)

6:15 P.M. GLCM staff party

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



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

SANTA LUCIA DAY

- 9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- 6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (MPR)
- 7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Mann's Smokehouse BBQ)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- Bring Angel Tree Gifts to Gethsemane
- 12 Noon Advent Eucharist (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Advent Soup (MPR)
- 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc.)
- 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

2:00 p.m. Sjo -Pro Tour (Lake Belton)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Chapel/Program (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (MR)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
- 9:00 a.m. Family Gathering (MPR)
- 9:30 a.m. Angel Tree Gift distribution

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18—ADVENT 4

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27; St. Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



- 8:15 a.m. Advent/Christmas Cantata: "Shout the Good News"
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Advent/Christmas Cantata: "Shout the Good News"
- 12 Noon K-6 Children lunch/caroling
- 2:30 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-Th)
- 10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- 6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (MPR)
- 7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

12 Noon & 7 p.m. Advent Eucharist (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

GLCM Closed

SATURDAY, 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 you and the Holy Spirit, in the mystery of the Divine Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.



- 12 Noon Christmas Eve Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Family Worship, Santa Lucia, Christmas apples
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship, Santa Lucia, Christmas apples

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; St. John 1:1-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth 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



- 8:00 a.m. Swedish Julotta (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Fellowship (Narthex)
- 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, Carols, Christmas Story (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS

ST. STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR

GLCM closed; Gethsemane holiday schedule; leave messages 836-8560

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Merciful God, through John the apostle and evangelist you have revealed the mysteries of your Word made flesh. Let the brightness of your light shine on your church, so that all your people, instructed in the holy gospel, may walk in the light of your truth and attain

eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

7:15a.m.-6p.m. GLCM (T-F)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

12 Noon & 7 p.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

SATURDAY, 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

12 Noon Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Wedding liturgy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1—THE NAME OF JESUS

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; St. Luke 2:15-21

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



- 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 2

NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 7:15a.m.-6p.m. GLCM (T-F)
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- 1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Rm)
- 6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)
- 6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of (MR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 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)

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; St. Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O 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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

VISION MISSION TRIP

January 6-8 is the Gethsemane Lutheran Vision Mission Trip to Eagle Pass, Texas—four hours from Austin. Youth 18 and under must have a parent or guardian with them. This is a ministry opportunity adding meaning and purpose to life. Activities will include Habitat style work: painting, cleaning and carpentry; a modified Bible School and worship in Spanish Sunday morning returning Sunday afternoon. Brochures available in the narthex.

2011 FAITHFUL GIVING

Gethsemane treasurer **Larry Pounds** and the 2011 Gethsemane Congregation Council express thanks for faithful stewardship by Gethsemane members and friends. End of 2011 ministry gifts for Gethsemane, synod and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America must be received by **December 31**. Thank you for generous stewardship.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Confirmation and Senior High youth meet in the Music Room immediately following the 10:30 service Sunday, **December 11** for the annual G.Y.M. holiday party. Come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, games, and bring a \$5 gift to share in the exchange.

Senior High youth and sponsors will attend the **Southwestern Texas Synod** gathering **Jan. 14-16** at the Omni in Austin.

ANGEL TREE

Saturday, **December 17**, Gethsemane youth gather in the Music Room 9:30 a.m. to prepare and deliver the gifts for Angel Tree families. Please return your gifts for our families at T.A. Brown Elementary by Wednesday, December 14.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

All ages are invited to share in evenings of learning, play, fellowship, fun and worship
January 11—February 15, 2012

11:00 am "Study Bible" with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle
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 "Proverbs", Pastor Bohls
TBA English as Second Language
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:45-8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

MEMORIAL

Carroll Lee Petrosky, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism Tuesday, November 16, 2011. The memorial liturgy giving thanks for his faithful life was held at Gethsemane, Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

Carroll was born February 22, 1949, in Georgetown, Texas. He grew up with a love for sports and competition. A talented and accomplished athlete, Carroll received numerous awards in football, baseball, and track; including All-Centex and All Super-Centex in football. He lived his baptismal faith devoting his life to teaching and coaching. He was lovingly called "Coach P" by the many students influenced by his mentorship and guidance. Carroll was a family man supporting his wife and children in their chosen activities at school and church. The Gethsemane community expresses the Advent hope to Mary his beloved wife of 32 years; daughters: Amanda; Emily and husband, Jim Komarek; son, Christopher, and fiancé, Bonnie; and members of the extended family. The words of scripture bring comfort: "*Come, O blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*" (St. Matthew 25:34)

Blessed be the memory of
Carroll Lee Petrosky.

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Louise Eidbo, Susie & George Hamm, Tammie Danielsen**.

November Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of husband and father, **Willis Erickson**, by **Virgie, Marlys and Miriam**; Given to the glory of the Triune God and in loving memory of **Inez Marie Warren Rice** by **Chuck, Jennifer and Charles Rice**; in celebration of **Pat's** birthday by **Merrill Austin**; in loving memory of **Dorrace Swening and Gary Swening**; in honor of **Travis Swening** on his 25th birthday by **Cheryl Swening**; in honor of **Ross Malin**

and in celebration of his 18th birthday by **Mom, Dad, Harley, Katey and Denver**; in loving memory of **Shawn Wayne Sommerfeld** by his family; in honor of **Pastor Karl Grönberg** and in celebration of his birthday by the **Grönberg** family.

Brown's Floral has faithfully served Gethsemane congregation for many years. Due to increased product cost altar arrangements will be \$40.00 and chancel flowers \$30.00 in 2012. Please sign the book in the narthex indicating the Sunday (s) you desire to give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. Thank you.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: The families of: **Sara L. Offutt, Carroll Lee Petrosky, Emily Anderson Van Niel, Shawn Patrick Williams, Frances Brooks, Lois Walker**—may those who mourn be comforted...**THANKS TO:** **Viola Hall and Beverly Helsel** for warm & yummy Advent soup; **Martin Swoda, Michael Candeh, Ron Tigie** Gethsemane Congregation Council November/December deacons; **Jack Westerman, George Hamm, Art Ulbrich** and Gethsemane **Men in Mission**, 10 years gifting congregation with beautiful outdoor Christmas trees; **Lori Althaus, Belinda Malin, SCS staff and students** for their annual Advent/Christmas program "*The Mouse's Tale*"...**THANKS FROM:** **Helen Cochran, Janice Bergstrom, Laura Riddell, Bernice Johnson, Valerie Murphy, Agnes Nelson, Ted & Margareta Smith, Edith Rodgers, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Don Snowden, Sr., Barbara Torn, Trine Jones & family, Stanley Berkman, Virgie Erickson, Jim Hecht, Nancy Kronbergs, Lester Johnson, Lydia Wolff** (Heatherwilde resident 100 years-young) for congregation prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Carol Laubach** for decades long support to the **Austin Ostomy Association**; **Elisabeth Kihlberg-Engquist** for Gethsemane hospitality and support of 7th Annual **Swedish Women's Education Association (SWEA)** holiday celebration with Lucia Procession; **Laura Riddell** for Gethsemane participation in 11th Annual Peace Tree Lighting...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Will Jurgens**, Senior Recital in Bass Trombone performance Texas Lutheran University; **Angela Schnelle**, Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts in Communication and International Studies, Texas Lutheran University; **Verne Lundquist** recipient of "*Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football*" award from National Football and College Foundation; **Alice Mueller** named Interim Director Mama Jamma Ride-Breast Cancer Awareness...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Tammie Danielsen** settling into Ecumenical accompaniment Program in Jerusalem; **Intern Carmen Retzlaff** grateful for theological education...**FUTURE DATES:** **Pacific Lutheran University Chorale** Saturday, **January 28, 2012, 7:30 p.m.**