

# 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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## EASTER COMMUNITY CELEBRATES FOR FIFTY DAYS

### APRIL 25—EASTER 4

#### ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; St. John 10:22-30

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran monthly ministers on the fourth Sunday to the residents of Heatherwilde with a worship of hymns, scripture, meditation and eucharist. Thanks to **Tom & Kay Rodgers** for coordination. Gethsemane members are invited to participate in this monthly ministry to senior adults.

### MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

#### EASTER SEASON, 2010

#### WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 7-MAY 12

11:00 a.m.	Maya Angelou Study with Bohls & Schnelle
12 Noon	Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:00	Guitar with Dar Joy
6:00-8:45	Baby sitting available
5:30-6:30	Supper (\$4 each; \$12 family) (MPR)
6:00-7:10	Children's activities (MPR)
6:15-7:10	Confirmation, Pastor Schnelle
6:15-7:10	Little Lutherans, Becky Rippy
6:15-7:10	JAM, (MPR)
6:15-7:10	Sr. High, Dar Krenek
6:15-7:10	"Parenting" with Elizabeth Kite
6:15-7:10	"A Gardner, Two Travelers and a Cheat", Pastor Bohls
7:15-7:30	Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30-7:45	Mentors & Confirmands
7:40-8:40	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIENDS VISIT SUNDAY

Former Gethsemane members **Jerry & Jean Bartholomay** presently living in Nevada plan to worship with the Gethsemane congregation Sunday, April 25th. Jerry & Jean were active participants in the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran with Jerry providing leadership for the Men in Mission. While visiting Austin, they will stay with friends with the hope to see many Gethsemane Lutheran friends. A big Texas welcome to Austin and Gethsemane to Jerry & Jean Bartholomay.

### GETHSEMANE IS GREEN

April 22, 1970, was the first Earth Day celebrated in the United States. For over 35 years, Gethsemane Lutheran has recognized the invitation to people of faith to live a creation stewardship. Gethsemane members have planted trees, learned recycling techniques, taught to adults and children the value of caring for the earth. Gethsemane Lutheran has supported for decades the work of **Ecology Action**. With the City of Austin implementing **Single Stream Recycling** all materials generated from the Gethsemane office, Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry and other ministries of the congregation are daily placed in recycle bins. Thanks to Gethsemane member **Larry Pounds** for providing a resource for cardboard materials; **Cycled Plastics** for taking styrofoam; **Ecology Action** for taking plastic bags and to Gethsemane custodians **Martin & Raquel Gonzalez** for helping to coordinate this stewardship ministry. Go Green!

### MAY 2—EASTER 5

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; St. John 13:31-35

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Southwestern Texas Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 2010 Synod Assembly will be held May 1-2 New Braunfels Civic Center hosted by the San Antonio Conference with the theme: "United in Ministry-God's work. Our hands." **Pastors Bohls, Gronberg, Schnelle** along with **Elisabeth Kihlberg** and **Dr. Erik Svenkerud** are registered. Gethsemane members interested in attending the assembly are invited to contact a pastor. Prayers for **Bishop Ray Tiemann** and those attending the assembly will be offered by Gethsemane congregation on Sunday May 2.

### YOUTH DINNER THEATER

Gethsemane Youth Dinner Theater Saturday evening, **May 1** and Sunday noon **May 2**. Plan to get your tickets to attend, contribute items to the silent auction, or advertise in the program. All proceeds benefit Gethsemane summer youth activities. **Lane Holmstrom** has written another creative, fun play, "Is That You, Agnes?" **Becky Rippy** is co-director.

### AAIM HOPE AWARDS

The annual **Hope Awards Celebration & Fundraiser for Austin Area Interreligious Ministries** will be held at the University of Texas Alumni Center Tuesday, **May 4**. Special guests will include **Evan Smith**, Editor-In-Chief of **The Texas Tribune** and **Dan Rather**, former CBS News Anchor. Gethsemane Lutheran is a charter member of AAIM. Persons interested in interfaith ministry are invited to speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry thanks Spring Work Day participants. There was an excellent response from GLCM staff and parents with needed cleaning, repairs and painting being accomplished. A special thanks to Gethsemane member **Don Roefer** for generously providing materials and building shelves for the 2 yr. old class; **Kimball Baker Painting Co.** completed the job. The teachers and children appreciate having these new "cubbies".

GLCM concluded the annual **Week of the Young Child "The Early Years are Learning Years"** with a chapel service followed by **Valerie Johnson** presenting, on behalf of GLCM and the Christian Education Team a special stole to **Pastor Gronberg**. **Pastors Bohls** and **Schnelle** received their stoles on Sunday. Gethsemane pastors live their commitment to children and family ministry. GLCM staff members were given tote bags with a quote from Mother Teresa: "How could there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers".

### MAY 9—EASTER 6

#### ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23-29

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and 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

### MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Gethsemane joins in the nation wide Mother's Day observance. Special music and prayers will be offered. Gethsemane children will present their mother's with an expression of love. Give thanks to God for faithful mothers guiding children to know beauty, grace and truth.

### GETHSEMANE WOMEN

**Mary/Martha Unit**, Tuesday, **May 11** 9:30 a.m., Music Room. **Gloria Cooper**, Program Leader, **Wilma Wheatley**, Hostess. **Deanie Martinets**, Unit Leader, invites all women to be part of this group.

Gethsemane WELCA hosts a **Bunco Night** for Gethsemane women Thursday, **May 20**, 6:30 p.m., Music Room. Bring a snack or dessert to share. No experience necessary. Come enjoy an evening of friends, food, and fun. Contact **Dianne Dietz**.

### GLADOFFF

Adults are invited to GLADOFFF to dine together Tuesday **May 11**, 7 p.m. Antonio's Mexican Restaurant 12602 Research Blvd. (the former Kirby Lane Café) hosted by **Adelle Rolls**. There is room at the table for all!

### "TEAM GETHSEMANE"

**Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Gat Rodgers** have met with the new Care Partner. He is a native Austinite, 49 years old., has multiple health problems, requiring frequent visits to several doctors. He gets much of his food from the AIDS Services of Austin food pantry. He needs help with cooking, transportation, errands, and household chores. He attended Martin Junior High and Austin High School. He worked for many years in construction. He has 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren. "Team Gethsemane" invites persons of the community interested in participating in this ministry to contact **Gat Rodgers**. Thanks to The Care Communities for their support and guidance in this ministry.

### GLCM GOLF TOURNAMENT

**May 16 Birdie Brothers Chip-in-for-Charity Golf Tournament** benefiting Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry. Sign-up to play either as a single or a team (\$100 per player). Check in Shadow Glen Clubhouse 11 a.m. with 1 p.m. shotgun start. A boxed lunch provided at registration and appetizers following the tournament. All donations and entry fees are tax deductible. Beverages, snacks, boxed lunch, carts and a great time are all included. Thanks to **Weldon, Barb** and **Megan Jones** for their faithful support to GLCM. Everyone is welcome!

### NCC GARAGE SALE

North Central Caregivers Garage and Bake Sale Saturday **May 22** in the activity room of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Small and large items needed. Contact **Gloria Cooper** (331-4116) or **Care Giver Office** (453 2273) for pick up. Your support to this ministry is appreciated.

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## FAMILIES DEVOTIONAL BOOKS IN NARTHEX YOUTH DINNER THEATRE MAY 1&2

### APRIL ALTAR GUILD

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

April Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of our **Aunts Hazel Bergstrom and Bessie Bergstrom** by **Allie, Paige, Kate and Carly Anderson**; in loving memory of **James Bracken II** on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birthday by **David N. Smith**; in loving memory of **Rachel Mato** by family and Family Elder Care friends; in celebration of our 11<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by **Walt & Peggy Horton**; in loving memory of **Jim Laubach** and in commemoration of his birthday by **Flo** and family.

### GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** TO families of: **Marvin Otto Dietz, Rachel Mato, Don, H. "Gus" Gustafson M.D., Kathryn Ann "Kay" Hollman**—may those who mourn be comforted by the promise of the **Risen Christ...KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Bill Corbell, NAMC; Harvey Hackbarth, Seton Central MC**—remember these Christian friends in daily prayer...**THANKS FROM: Helen Enders, Doris Minnix, Mabel Krenek, Harvey & Ann Hackbarth, Russell & Marilyn Holmstrom, Buddy Holmstrom, Carroll**

& **Karen Holmstrom, Pat & Ludy Malone, Lucille Parker, Edith Rodgers, Mimi Raven, Pastor Will & Virgie Erickson, Don & Anne Roefer, Gloria Cooper, Laura Riddell, Inez Rice** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Adam & Kimberly Johnson Crump** for Easter morning baptism of daughter **Addison Shay**; **Family Elder Care** expresses thanks for Gethsemane pastoral support; **Pastor Fred Krebs, Pastor Tom Anderson** Austin Conference Southwestern Texas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for Gethsemane hospitality in hosting conference business meeting, multi-cultural worship service and meal Sunday, April 18—over 100 persons attended the liturgy and meal; **Jay Rubin**, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Community Association of Austin for the opportunity to host Gethsemane Men in Mission: **Pastor Karl Gronberg, Pastor Kent Bohls, Jim Baylor, Ron Becker, James Gardner, Frank Greinert, Buddy Holmstrom, Curtis Johnson, Jack Kriens, Gene Olson, Robert Rekart, Walt Horton, Gaylord Magnuson, Ken Schulz, Erik Svenkerud, Don Swenson, Walter Toll, Art Ulbrich, George Wendlandt, Jack Westerman**—the May tour will be hosted by **Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng** Lutheran Campus Ministry for the University of Texas-Austin—sign up Men

in Mission Bulletin Board; **Heinz, Lucia, Victoria Fey** German visitors hosted by **Tom & Kay Rodgers** for the "beautiful, happy and friendly" visit to Gethsemane on Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday"; **Trudy Marshall** thanks to Gethsemane Men in Mission for gift to Libraries of Love; **The Care Communities** for Gethsemane support and partnership in ministry; **United States Census Bureau** for Gethsemane providing space for training sessions; **Justin & Andre Titus Gaspard** for baptism of son **Grayson James...CONGRATULATIONS TO: Rebecca Suzanne Rippy**—Beta Gamma Sigma Spring 2010 Inductee Texas State University McCoy College of Business Administration) Bachelor of Business Administration, Texas State University; **Amy Sharon Kingsbury**, Hutto High; 2010 Spring graduates please send graduation announcements for recognition by the Gethsemane community—announcements posted in narthex...**THANKS TO: Martin Swoda and Lori Althaus** April Congregation Council deacons; **Gethsemane musicians** for glorious Resurrection morning music—the Easter faithful were inspired by your gift of music—to God be the glory!...**FUTURE DATES: SJO-PRO Tours** "Backroads of Indiana Amish Country plus Magic in Michigan" **April 29-May 6; Confirmation Dinner, May 19; Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday, June 21-25.**

## GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, April 24

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild  
9:30 a.m. Dinner Theatre rehearsal (Music Rm)

### SUNDAY, April 25—Easter 4

8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
9:30 a.m. Dinner Theatre rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy  
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

### MONDAY, April 26

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

### TUESDAY, April 27

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 28—Midweek Connections

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### THURSDAY, April 29

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
5:00 p.m. Kickball Practice (Baseball Diamond)

### FRIDAY, April 30

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
6-10 p.m. Dinner Theatre rehearsal (MPR)  
6:00 p.m. Synod Assembly (New Braunfels)

### SATURDAY, May 1

Synod Assembly (New Braunfels)  
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild  
6:00 p.m. Dinner Theater—Doors open (MPR)  
7:00 p.m. Dinner Theater (Multi-Purpose Rm)

### SUNDAY, May 2—EASTER 5

Synod Assembly (New Braunfels)  
8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy  
12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Meal Served (MPR)  
1:00 p.m. Dinner Theater (Multi-Purpose Rm)

### MONDAY, May 3

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

### TUESDAY, May 4

1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. AAIM Hope Awards (UT)  
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club (Music Room)

### WEDNESDAY, May 5—Midweek Connections

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

2:00 p.m. Austin Interfaith (St. Albert the Great)  
7:00 p.m. Disabled American Veteran (Parlor)

### THURSDAY, May 6

5:00 p.m. Kickball Practice (Baseball Diamond)  
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

### FRIDAY, May 7

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

### SATURDAY, May 8

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild  
**SUNDAY, May 9—Easter 6—Mother's Day**

### ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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

### MONDAY, May 10

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

### TUESDAY, May 11

9:30 a.m. Mary/Martha Unit (Music Room)  
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (location TBA)

### WEDNESDAY, May 12—Midweek Connections

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### THURSDAY, May 13

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
5:00 p.m. Kickball Practice (Baseball Diamond)

### FRIDAY, May 14

9:00 a.m. GLCM Pre-K Graduation (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

### SATURDAY, May 15

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild