

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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“BAOBAB TREE” CENTER OF SUMMER 2010 GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

JULY 18—PENTECOST 8

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; St. Luke 10:38-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour theme: Mystery Tour Revisited

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Mark & Terra Dickerson and **Dylan** bring their infant son/brother **Luke Andrew** to receive the eternal promise in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The Gethsemane Lutheran community rejoices with this Christian family. May they grow together in the grace of God.

MYSTERY TOUR

Senior High youth were “sent forth” on the “Mystery Tour” Sunday, July 11. For over 35 years, Gethsemane senior high youth have participated in summer travel opportunities. The 2010 “Mystery Tour” offers opportunities to meet Christian youth, visit museums, libraries, church buildings, doing service projects as they grow together in Christian community. Prayers are offered every day for: **Kelly Bartko, Grant Cardwell, Kallie Crawford, Kevin Eubank, Catherine Hillmer, Tyler Kuenast, Ross Malin, Evan Spielvogel** touring with **Dar Krenek, Pastors Bohls and Schnelle**. Their Bible passage is St. Matthew 14: 28-29. Gethsemane Lutheran supports youth ministry.

GETHSEMANE GIFTS NEW COMMUNITY

The Rev. Al Hoerig, a retired ELCA pastor, expresses gratitude to Gethsemane Lutheran for gifts supporting the ministry of Grace Lutheran/Giddings, a synodically authorized worshipping community. Gethsemane has provided hymn books and a financial gift assisting Pastor Hoerig and Grace community witnessing as an inclusive Christian community in Giddings.

JULY 25—PENTECOST 9

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; St. Luke 11:1-13

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour theme: Christmas in July: Holden Village gift

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”

The Summer 2010 **Holden Village** Theme “*All the Promises of God*” is a fitting expression of the annual Gethsemane “Christmas in July” Sunday July 25th. This annual summer celebration, a gift of Holden Village—the Lutheran Retreat Center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state, reminds the baptized community of the promise given by God in the birth of Jesus Christ. **The promise** is proclaimed throughout the year in the July Texas heat as well as the cool of December. The promise of God, given to humanity in the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, is lived in all the seasons of the year. Gethsemane members have visited Holden Village returning with never to be forgotten images of faith and celebration. The 9:30 a.m. Summer SCS Hour offers crafts and Christmas stories. Come Sunday July 25th and sing the angel message.

GLCM SUMMER MUSICAL

The GLCM annual musical 9:30 a.m. July 30th. The children sing songs learned throughout the summer during their Vacation Bible School “Baobab Blast!” Gethsemane members are invited to gather under the Baobab tree in the MPR with GLCM students, staff and families to hear God’s word in song as told by the animals of Africa.

GLCM enrolling now for 2010-11 school year. Contact **Valerie Johnson** 339-6335 for information.

AUGUST 1—PENTECOST 10

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; St. Luke 12:13-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour theme: The Baobab Tree, from 2010 Vacation Bible School, stands in the center of the MPR. This gigantic tree found in Africa creates its own ecosystem. The hollowed-out trunk, leaves, nectar, fruit and bark provide basic life needs for many different creatures. For two months out of the year, when the rain falls and the grasses are green in the African Savannah, the baobab tree produces leaves and flowers. The enormous tree can grow to 98 feet tall and 36 feet wide. Baobab trees are one of the world’s oldest life forms. The baobab tree serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss and share stories. The Gethsemane Vacation Bible School Baobab Tree stands in the middle of the MPR inviting adults and children to gather around for stories and play supporting life and community—indeed the baobab tree is a symbol of community. Thanks to **Greg Althaus** and **Ken Malin** for their creativity with the 2010 Gethsemane Baobab Tree—a symbol of activity, energy, life and community. Gather around the Baobab tree, 9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday Church School.

HOSPICE PARTNERSHIP

Gethsemane members affirm every year the ministry of **Chaplain David Doerfler** with Hospice Austin Christopher House. Gethsemane members provide Chaplain Doerfler with a Benevolent Fund to assist the needs of Christopher House residents. The Hospice partnership was expanded recently to include the ministry of **Rev. Tom Corbell**, Gethsemane intern 1971-72; a retired Evangelical Lutheran Church in America pastor serving as a chaplain for Hospice Palliative Care Statesville, North Carolina. Chaplain Corbell contacted **Pastor Gronberg** regarding a patient. Through the generosity of Gethsemane, the patient and her daughter were provided airplane tickets home to North Carolina. Thanks Gethsemane for supporting Hospice ministries. God bless Chaplains Doerfler and Corbell in their ministries.

AUGUST 8—PENTECOST 11

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; St. Luke 12:32-40

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUMMER SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Learning Hour theme:

ELCA World Hunger Appeal: Poverty Task Force

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET

Gethsemane Lutheran responds to the needs of people at home and around the world through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet. ELCA World Hunger Appeal Offering envelopes are available in the worship bulletins. Non-perishable food items for the food pantry may be placed in the narthex cart. Through June, 2010 2,329 persons, 767 families received assistance from the Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet. Thanks to: **Lois & Lester Johnson, Frank & Pat Greinert, Tom & Kay Rodgers, Carol Laubach, Flo Laubach, Sharon Kite, Merrill Austin, Mike Anderson, Babs Chandrasoma, Ken & Linda Schulz, Renita Feller, Rachel Feller, Erin Feller, Janis Bergstrom, Roxanne Noren, Joel Gronberg, Virginia Marek, Marsha McConaughy, Jack Westerman, Alice Mueller, Betsy Orf, Elisabeth Kihlberg**, and donors of food and clothing. Faithful people doing “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

The Southwestern Texas Synod Poverty Task Force, chaired by Gethsemane member, **Mary Lou Newman**, offers opportunities for Gethsemane members to learn about justice issues. Contact Mary Lou for information.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun (GLADOFFF) Tuesday, **August 10, 7 p.m.** Baris Pizza & Pasta, 1501 West Pecan Plaza (Heatherwilde & FM 1825) Pflugerville, hosted by **Walt & Peggy Horton**. There is room at the table!

**“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” JULY 25TH
 GLCM SUMMER MUSICAL JULY 30TH
 GLCM ENROLLING FOR 2010-11**

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

THURSDAY, July 29

7:30 a.m. Colorado/New Mexico Tour

FRIDAY, July 30

9:30 a.m. GLCM Baobab Blast (MPR)

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

SATURDAY, July 31

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

10:00 a.m. Music video (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, August 1—PENTECOST 10

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, August 2

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

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting

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

TUESDAY, August 3

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

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

WEDNESDAY, August 4

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

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

THURSDAY, August 5

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

FRIDAY, August 6

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

SATURDAY, August 7

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, August 8—PENTECOST 11

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, August 9

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

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

TUESDAY, August 10

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

7:00 p.m. GLADOFF (Baris Pizza & Pasta)

WEDNESDAY, August 11

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

THURSDAY, August 12

FRIDAY, August 13

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

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)

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

SATURDAY, August 14

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

10:30 a.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

SATURDAY, July 17

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

9:00 a.m. Community Event (Music Room)

SUNDAY, July 18—Pentecost 8

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

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

TUESDAY, July 20

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

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

6:15 p.m. Basketball (Multi-Purpose Room)

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

WEDNESDAY, July 21

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

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

THURSDAY, July 22

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

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

FRIDAY, July 23

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

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

SATURDAY, July 24

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

6:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy

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

SUNDAY, July 25—PENTECOST 9

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion

MONDAY, July 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, July 27

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

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

WEDNESDAY, July 28

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

friend in daily prayer...*THANKS FROM:* Joann Meier Rees for use of the Gethsemane MPR for the Meier Family Reunion; Bill Corbell, Vernice Erlanson, Olga George, Frances Bornemann, Lester Johnson, Sally Nagy, Ardy Davitt, Cindy Doerfler, Wilma Wheatley, Evelyn Haight, Peter & Maxine Lammergard, Dorothy Martin, June Stuckey, Thom Prentice, Helen Enders, Gwen Lindgren, Bob Canby for the family of Evelyn Ecklund Canby, for prayers, cards, altar-chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; Ned & Angela Arthur for the baptism of their infant son Kyle Sebastian; Ben Ketteman & Jennifer Perry for baptism of their infant daughter Addison Rose; Austin Humane Society for Gethsemane partnership; Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gige for Gethsemane hospitality to Lutheran Men in Mission Tri-Synod leaders meeting...*THANKS TO:* Dr. David Maidment for June 27th homily—“The Flag”; Kevin Kubiak for air conditioning maintenance; Robert Rekart, John Kingsbury, Nick Laubach for work in Control Room; Adelle Rolls, Joann Rees, Susie Hamm coordinating Gethsemane Bereavement Committee; Chaplain David Doerfler, Hospice Austin Christopher House, for dialogue sermon with Pastor Gronberg; Elisabeth Kihlberg for work at the Heritage House; Martin Swoda and Ron Tigue July congregation council deacons; ...*CONGRATULATIONS TO:* Emily Petrosky & Jim Komarek, Michael & Ashley Hager Swoda married this month—Gethsemane rejoices with these faithful Christian families; Gethsemane confirmand Chris Antu, selected for Connally High marching band drum line; Lutherans since 1996 when the LWR Coffee Project began being the largest customer group for Equal Exchange with thousands of Lutherans advocating for Fair Trade in congregations and communities—coffee with a Lutheran flavor!!...*WELCOME TO:* Richard Kaiser and Dorothy Martin joining Gethsemane congregation—persons interested in Gethsemane Lutheran membership are invited to speak with one of the pastors...*FUTURE EVENTS:* Tour Colorado/New Mexico SJO-PRO July 29-August 5; Care Communities Gala August 26 Hilton Austin Airport; Concordia University Gala August 27 Four Seasons Hotel.

MEMORIAL

Evelyn Ecklund Canby claimed the promise of her baptism Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The memorial liturgy was held at Gethsemane Saturday, July 10.

After raising six children, Evelyn attended the University of Iowa with her degree and some master's credits obtained in social work. After moving to Texas, she was employed as a social worker with Marywood Children and Family Services. Evelyn joined Gethsemane Lutheran June 16, 1985. She married Robert James Canby, a childhood friend, August 18, 2001 at Gethsemane. The blessed hope, rooted in the grace of God, is extended to Bob and the members of the family. The words of Evelyn's confirmation Bible verse express her faithful life: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Blessed be the memory of Evelyn Ecklund Canby

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, Flo Laubach, Gat Rodgers.

June Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of Howard Swening by Cheryl Swening; in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary by Mike & Pat Anderson; in celebration of granddaughter Katy's 3rd birthday by Phil & Christine Berkland; in Blessings to Sebastian and thanks for all the Gethsemane hospitality by Kent & Joan Bohls; in celebration of the marriage of Jeremy & Amanda Schnelle Ullrich by Lee & Susan Schnelle; in celebration of our 34th wedding anniversary by Art & Glenda Tiemann; in loving memory of Norris “Smokey” Kerr by Flo Kerr; in celebration of the baptism of Kyle Sebastian Arthur by his grandparents Sandi & Randy Dodd; in celebration of our 62nd wedding anniversary by Stanley & Verline Berkman; in loving memory of Frank Corbett by Ria Corbett.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO families of: Christy Lynn Hansell, Vernice Noren Erlanson—may those who mourn be comforted...*KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:* Don Bartko, Baylor Medical, Dallas—remember this Christian