

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 FEAST ENDS: PENTECOST-HOLY TRINITY CELEBRATED

MAY 16—EASTER 7

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; St. John 17:20-26

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHIP-IN-FOR-CHARITY

Birdie Brothers Chip-in-for-Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry, Sunday, **May 16.** Sign-up to play either as a single or a team (\$100 per player). Check in ShadowGlen 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 generously supporting GLCM. Everyone is welcome!

CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The annual confirmation banquet, honoring Gethsemane youth preparing to affirm their baptism in October, will be held Wednesday **May 19**, 7 p.m. in the MPR. **Kelly Bartko, Riley Brown, Kolton Crawford, Sydney Denton, Kendall Evans, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Huston, Hannah Jurgens, Harley Malin, James Pfeiffer** have completed two years of catechetical study. Gethsemane member **Craig McConaughy**, a 2010 graduating senior Westwood High, will speak to the confirmands and their families. Seventh grade confirmands are recognized and current sixth graders welcomed into catechetical study.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour the **University Lutheran Center** at UT and visit with **Pastor Collinson-Streng** Thursday, **May 20.** During 9 a.m. fellowship, **Pastor Carol Spencer** speaks on the **ELCA Mission Investment Fund.** 9:00 a.m. coffee and donuts in the Music Room. **Lunch** at **Kerbey Lane** on Guadalupe. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Thirty five Gethsemane women continued a Mother's Day tradition by having a picture taken with their children. Thanks to **Becky Rippy** being the photographer. Pictures posted on GWELCA Bulletin Board: **Sylvia Driskell, Viola Hall, Sandi Dodd, Barb Jones, Linda Schulz, Vicki Morgan, Norma Wendlandt, Doris Smith, Claire Kingsbury, Shannon Errett, Sharon Gronberg, Belinda Malin, Babs Chandrasoma, Alice Banks, Kay Goodlow, Pastor Susie Schnelle, Kristy Compton, Rue Dwyer, Donna Olson, Patricia Woodley, Christine Bohls, Kathi Allen, Wilma Wheatley, Diana Dworin, Kay Rodgers, Sheryl Evans, Daisy Horton, Elizabeth Kite, Georganna Swenson, Heather Wilson, Sharon Kite, Alice Mueller, Kathy Jurgens, Mabel Krenek, Louis Ann Rippy.**

Gethsemane WELCA host a **Bunco Night** Thurs., **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.**

MAY 23

DAY OF PENTECOST

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; St. John 14:8-17, 25-27

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, 2009: **Marilyn Thomas Antu** (7/28/2009), **Kyndal Renee Jarl** (8/5/2009), **Jessica Emma Galbraith** (8/21/2009), **Christopher Antu** (9/6/2009), **Charles Ransom Rice** (10/11/2009), **William Elias Erickson** (12/20/2009), **Kendrick Deangel Candeh** (12/20/2009), **Kingston Toma Candeh** (12/20/2009), **Caleb Robert Allen** (12/24/2009), **Cory Cowden Van Court** (12/27/2009), **Jaeger William Pottebaum** (12/27/2009), **Viienne Samantha Nichols Keller** (3/7/2010), **Addison Shay Crump** (4/4/2010), **Grayson James Gaspard** (4/18/2010). May the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit bless the baptized to live as the people of God.

GRADUATIONS/HONORS

Gethsemane Lutheran congratulates members/friends: **Ashley Nicole Saucedo**, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science Texas A&M University; **Brandy Ann Brown**, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science emphasis in Equine, Minor in Chemistry & Biology Tarleton State University; **Michael Andrew Murphy**, Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree with Honors University of Texas at Austin; **Laura Anne Mueller**, PhD in Polymer Chemistry, Carnegie Mellon University; **Joel K. Gronberg**, Distinguished Academic All-Conference, Texas Lutheran University; **Dr. Sharon Gronberg**, Texas State University Department of Mathematics Honors Day, Faculty Academic Advising Award Texas Academic Advising Network; **Rebecca Suzanne Rippy**—Beta Gamma Sigma Spring 2010 Inductee Texas State University McCoy College of Business Administration) Bachelor of Business Administration, Texas State University; **Jordan Avery Dwyer**, Cedar Park High; **Carrie Mae Eubank**, Vista Ridge High; **Kevin Michael Eubank**, Vista Ridge High; **David Ryan Riley**, Stony Point High; **Amy Sharon Kingsbury**, Hutto High; **Aaron Joseph Streeter**, PACE Pflugerville I.S.D.; **Craig Michael McConaughy**, Westwood High; **Nicholas James Laubach**, Akins High. Graduation announcements posted in the narthex.

MAY 30

THE HOLY TRINITY YOUTH SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; St. John 16:12-15

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.

YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP

Gethsemane seniors and other youth give thanks to the congregation for many years of love and support as they lead worship Sunday, May 30th. **David Riley** represents the senior class as he delivers the homily. Gethsemane celebrates with the 2010 class: **Jordan Dwyer, Carrie Eubank, Kevin Eubank, Amy Kingsbury, Nicholas Laubach, Craig McConaughy, David Riley, Aaron Streeter.** The prayers and best wishes of Gethsemane congregation go with these young people of faith.

THANKS YOUTH

Thank you Gethsemane youth for giving laughter, community and celebration with the 2010 Dinner Theater "Is that you, Agnes?" Thanks to: advertisers (ads are posted in the narthex with the pictures) cooks, wait staff, live and silent auction donors and purchasers, MEC for equipment. Director: **Lane Holmstrom**, Assistant Directors: **Becky Rippy, Jeremy Ulrich**, Support staff **Ross Malin, David Riley** Cast: **Amy Kingsbury, Janine Dworin, Megan Jones, Andrew Davitt, Paige Anderson, Tyler Kuenast, Hannah Jurgens, Kendall Evans, Craig McConaughy, Kelly Bartko, Sebastian Wilhelm, Kate Anderson, Carly Anderson, Catherine Hillmer, Allie Anderson, Daniel Holmstrom, Evan Spielvogel**; The Not Agnes Band: **Dan Dworin; Joe Dan Johnson, Michael Hillmer, Lane Holmstrom, Amanda Holmstrom, Wait staff—Chris Greinert, Harley Malin, Stephanie Huston, Colby Chandrasoma, James Pfeifer, Katie Crump**; Sound, lights, set up/clean up—**Ron Tighe, Ross Malin, Ken Malin, Martin Gonzales; Gordon Feller** of Media Events Concepts; **Lee Schnelle, Phil Berkland, Marilyn & Gordon Ketteman, Jeff Ketteman, Colleen Krasinski, Brad & Karyn Jensen, Steve & Jane Greinert, Timothy Huston, Rusty Johnson, Marsha McConaughy, Erik Svenkerud, Pam Vetter, Kim Sanchez and Dawn McCasland, Belinda Malin, George Creager, Tracy Anderson, Renita Feller, Diana Dworin, Jim and Dee Riley, Barb & Weldon Jones** and everyone having purchased tickets supporting Gethsemane youth.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and **American Legion Post 76** invite Gethsemane congregants to the **2nd Annual "Honoring Fallen Heroes" Memorial Day Event** **May 31, 10am-3:30 pm** Austin Park Memorial Cemetery. Plans are for a picnic, live music, fly over and much more. Registration and additional information at www.lutheranonline.com/memorialday.

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GLCM GOLF SUNDAY MAY 16

“WEAR RED” PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23

HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL MAY 30

MEMORIAL

Dr. Richard James Lagow, claimed the eternal promise of grace and love Monday, April 26, 2010. The memorial liturgy for the faithful was held at Gethsemane Friday, April 30.

Richard lived life to the fullest. A college athlete, brilliant academic, having taught at three of the finest universities in the United States, faithful friend, avid traveler, loving family man, he came to Gethsemane congregation when he married Roxann. The Gethsemane Lutheran community expresses Christian hope to his devoted wife Roxann and members of the extended family. The words of scripture proclaim the hope of the faith community: *“And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you ...so where I am you may be also ”* (St. John 14: 3)

Blessed be the memory of Richard Lagow

MEMORIAL

Alvina Seaholm Sassman, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran, claimed the promise of her baptism Friday, May 7, 2010. The memorial liturgy for the faithful was held at Gethsemane Monday, May 10.

Alvina was born on the family farm in Lund, Texas October 29, 1915, the first child of Carl and Ida Berggren Seaholm. Alvina married in 1936 George Wesley Sassman. Alvina & Wes joined Gethsemane Lutheran in 1946. Through the years they blessed the congregations ministries in a variety of ways. They both assisted the Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry with Alvina serving on the Altar Guild and the Gethsemane Women of the ELCA. In recent years,

Alvina was Tour Guide with Sjo-Pro Tours coordinating over 200 trips throughout the U.S. and Canada for members and friends of the Austin Scandinavian Club. Christian sympathy is expressed to her sisters Marie Pannell, Leona Abrahamson and members of the extended family. The words of scripture proclaim the hope of the faith community: *“I am the True vine; abide in me; As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; these things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and your joy may be full”* (St. John 15: 1, 4, 9, 11)

Blessed be the memory of Alvina Sassman

GLCM GRADUATION

Congratulations to 2010 Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry graduates: **Aubrey Adams, Caden Binder, Elizabeth Cobine, Andrei Dierking, Anna Fox, Connor Freeman, Carolyn (Shondrea) Garrison, James Green, Garrett Hill, Robert Hudson, Jillian Iselt, Alex Kalakanis, Madeleine Novinger, Adam Ramirez, Nicolette Safflekos, Ramses Sanchez-Lara, Cal Soisson, Benjamin Toedtman and Gracie Yocum**. Several of these children have been enrolled since infancy. Thanks parents for sharing your children with. GLCM.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO families of: **Richard Lagow, Clifford Smith, Alvina Sassman, Carolyn Mathis, Gwendolyn Reynolds**—may those who mourn be comforted by the promise of the **Risen Christ**...**THANKS FROM: Viola Hall, Rose Jones, Inez Rice, Diana Dworin, Deanie Martinets, Joann Rees, Martha Johnson, Greta Gustafson, Roxann Lagow, Sandra Tipton, Lois Johnson** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral

ministries; **Dave Haight, Dean Haight, Harry Amon** and members of the Mopar Muscle Car Club of Austin for Gethsemane providing meeting facilities; **Austin Area Interreligious Ministries** for Gethsemane support of HOPE Awards by sponsoring a table attended by: **Virginia Marek, Christine Berkland, Umid Azimov, Kholida Badalbaeva, Carolyn Smith, Sandy Wilder, Terry & Mary Lou Newman, Pastor Karl Gronberg** represented Gethsemane; **Heart to Heart Hospice** for use of Gethsemane sanctuary for their memorial service...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Lizzy & Yousef Seedham** on birth of son **Yuri Titus**—grandson of **Cindy & David Doerfler; Ascension Lutheran** celebrating 50 years of ministry May 16; **Pastor M. David Fetter, Jr.** celebrating fortieth anniversary of ordination and retirement from active ministry May 23...**THANKS TO: Ken & Linda Schulz** gift of eucharistic chalice; Midweek Connection meal coordinators: **Colleen Krasinski, Marilyn Ketteman, Christine Bohls, Peggy & Walt Horton, Donna Olson, Sharon Hillmer, Jamie Swening**; May Congregational Council deacons **Martin Swoda and Michael Candeh; Ken Schulz and Mike Anderson** for remodeling the Food Pantry/Clothes Closet...**FUTURE DATES: Gethsemane Cowboy Worship** (Dress appropriately) June 6, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Noon BBQ Lunch followed by piano concert by **Johann Sebastian Wilhelm**—free will offering benefits Border Ministries; **Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday, June 21-25**; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans—**Lutheran Night at the Ball Park, Monday June 21**—Sign up with **Terry Brown or Pastor Bohls**—Tickets free for Thrivent members, \$6 all others!

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 15

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, May 16—EASTER 7

8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy

1:30 p.m. GLCM Golf Tournament Tee-off

MONDAY, May 17

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

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel

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

TUESDAY, May 18

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

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartment Chapel

6:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, May 19

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

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

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner (MPR)

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

THURSDAY, May 20

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

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

FRIDAY, May 21

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

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

SATURDAY, May 22

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, May 23—DAY OF PENTECOST

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 Service

3:00 p.m. Event (Multi-Purpose Room)

MONDAY, May 24

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

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

TUESDAY, May 25

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

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

WEDNESDAY, May 26

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

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

THURSDAY, May 27

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

FRIDAY, May 28

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

SATURDAY, May 29

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, May 30—THE HOLY TRINITY

8:15 a.m. Easter Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy

MONDAY, May 31—MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, June 1

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)

WEDNESDAY, June 2

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

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

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

THURSDAY, June 3

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

FRIDAY, June 4

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

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

SATURDAY, June 5

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild