

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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EPIPHANY LIGHT REVEALS BAPTISM, MISSION, UNITY

JANUARY 8—EPIPHANY 1

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; St. Mark 1:4-11

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

EPIPHANY BAPTISM

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". Wise Men, as told by St. Matthew, worship the "Word Made Flesh" bringing gifts reflecting the life to be lived by the Christ child. **January 8**, the **Baptism of our Lord**, incorporates the community of the baptized into the story of salvation for all humanity. Gethsemane members **Chris & Sarah Clark Crenshaw** and son **Elijah "Eli"** bring their infant daughter/sister **Alexandra Ruth "Lexa"** to receive the eternal promise. Serving as sponsors/godparents are **Patrice Piersen Crenshaw** and **Drew Jensen**. The Gethsemane community rejoices in this family of love and faithfulness. The tradition of *Affirming Life Together In Baptism* will be utilized by the community.

HTU CAMPUS MINISTRY

Huston-Tillotson University campus ministry pastor, **Rev. Don Brewington** returns to Gethsemane for worship and Sunday Church School Sunday, **January 8**. 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.

GETHSEMANE WELCA

Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, **January 10**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room. Hostess, **Verline Berkman** and **Pastor Bohls** will talk on the Border Mission-Vision trip.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship gathers Tuesday, **January 10**, 7 p.m. **The Frisco Shop**, 6801 Burnet Rd, hosted by **Art & Glenda Tiemann**. All are welcome at the table.

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 "Kathleen Norris" with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle

12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

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

6:15-8:00 English as Second Language

6:15-7:10 Conversational Spanish (Music Rm)

7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands

7:45-8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

JANUARY 15—EPIPHANY 2

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EMPHASIS
SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; St. John 1:43-51

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

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Senior High youth Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Chris Antu, Riley Brown, Kady Crump, Kolton Crawford, Irie Crenshaw, Bailey Domel, Carson Domel, Janine Dworin, Kendall Evans, Chris Greinert, Daniel Holmstrom, Stephanie Huston, Caleb Johnson, Grant Johnson, Megan Jones, Hannah Jurgens, Ryan Kuenast, Harley Malin, Ross Malin and sponsors **Dar Krenek, Raymund Kuenast, Pastor Schnelle** will attend the **Southwestern Texas Synod** gathering **January 14-16** at the Omni in Austin. The youth will prepare for the 2012 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana July 18-22 with programming focused on the theme: "WORD...for the citizens with the saints."

MLK, JR. WALK

Monday, **January 16**, 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 God for decades of leadership provided by Gethsemane representing the Reformation/Lutheran tradition with people of faith in the Austin community.

MEN-IN-MISSION

Men-in-Mission tour The Moody Theater, home of the new Austin City Limits Live on Thursday, **January 19**. You may recall that we toured the past home of Austin City Limits on the UT Campus a number of years ago. The Moody Theater venue, located downtown on Willie Nelson Blvd, has a seating capacity of over 2700 people and offers 60-100 concerts per year. It serves as the location of the KLRU-TV produced PBS program, Austin City Limits. Austin City Limits is the longest running music series in American television history. The venue also includes a historical music exhibit. There will be a \$6.00 charge for this tour. Further information will be forthcoming. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

JANUARY 22 — EPIPHANY 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY
SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; St. Mark 1:14-20

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

PEACE MISSION

Gethsemane member **Tammie Danielsen** sends Christmas/Epiphany greetings to Gethsemane congregation. She is in the second month of her three month peace mission with the **Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel**. Tammie is sharing, with sponsoring individuals and groups, her observations of life for Palestinians living in "an occupied land." **Bishop Munib Younan** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land serves as Chair of the EAPPI Local Reference Group. Tammie and her team give witness by supporting farmers, students and Palestinian citizens cut off from access to their fields, schools and places of employment. In correspondence with **Pastor Karl Gronberg**, Tammie expresses thanks to the Gethsemane community for support, prayers and commitment to justice.

GETHSEMANE HOSTS CHORALE

The **Pacific Lutheran University Chorale** will be in concert at Gethsemane Lutheran January 28, 7:30 p.m.

PLU is a university of the Evangelical Lutheran church in America. the university hosted Gethsemane Lutheran adults and senior high youth in June, 2011 prior to the **Holden Village** trip. PLU is located in Tacoma, Washington at the foot of Mt. Rainier. Host families will be needed for Saturday evening. The chorale will sing at Gethsemane Sunday morning. Contact **Pastor Karl Gronberg** for information.

GLCM NEWS

Kitchen renovations will be completed soon with installation of new flooring. GLCM staff, children and families are grateful for the quality work, professionalism and customer service provided by **Claradon Construction and Pounds Floor and Tile**. The welcome mat is out for Gethsemane members to stop by and see the new kitchen.

SEMINARY EDUCATION

Jeremy & Amanda Schnelle Ullrich, Luther Seminary students, have been endorsed for internship by their candidacy committees. The interview process begins soon with decisions about internship location made by April. The prayers of the Gethsemane community are with Jeremy, Amanda and those called to the ministry of word and sacrament. **Luther Seminary**, a seminary of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church In America**, has announced a newly revamped scholarship program designed to provide merit and/or need based aid to all qualifying students pursuing an M.Div., M.A. or M.S.M. degree.

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VISION MISSION TRIP—JANUARY 6-8 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—JANUARY 8 CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK—JAN. 18-25

MEMORIAL

Ingrid Berkman Warren, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Ingrid was a life long member of Gethsemane having been baptized December 5, 1920 by Pastor Frank Oscar Linder. She served the nation in the US Navy during World War II. Along with Jimmy, her beloved husband of 57 years, Ingrid was a devout member of the Gethsemane community sharing the love of God with children, grandchildren and great grandsons. The Christian message of eternal grace is expressed by Gethsemane congregation to daughter Joyce and husband Don; son James and wife Vicki; grandchildren Jared, Brittany, Mason; great-grandsons Caden and Jackson. The words of scripture speak of the invitation given to this faithful woman: *“Come, O blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.”* (St. Matthew 25:34) Blessed be the memory of Ingrid B. Warren.

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

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

December Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of **Stanley** and in celebration of his 86th birthday by **Verline Berkman & family**; in loving memory of **Frank Corbett** by the **Corbett family**; in honor of **Kathy** graduating from Concordia, M.Ed & certified reading specialist by the **Jurgens family**; in honor

and in loving memory of my cousin, **John Prentice**, by **Dr. Thom Prentice**; in honor of **Texas Lutheran University** choirs and band and in celebration of the **TLU Christmas Vespers** by the **Jurgens family**; in honor of **Jim Buehring** on his birthday by **Adelle Rolls**; in honor of **Becky** and in celebration of her birthday by the **Rippy Family**; in honor of **Hannah** and in celebration of her 16th birthday and in honor of **Granny Pat Jurgens** and in celebration of her 88th birthday by the **Jurgens Family**; in loving memory of **LaRue Olson** on the anniversary of his birthday by **Donna and family**; in celebration of **Pimjai's** December 21st birthday by **Khem Saythongkham**; in loving memory of **Charles Bornemann** on the anniversary of his birthday by **Frances and family**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: family of **Ethel Zellmer**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Alvina Traugott** (St. David's South Austin), **Norma Wendlandt** (NAMC Rehab), **Carl Candoli** (NAMC)—remember these Christian friends in daily prayer...**THANKS FROM:** **Christine Berkland** for Gethsemane hospitality to **The Daughters of the Republic of Texas**; **Chaplain Tom Wicker**, **Trinity Care Center**, for Gethsemane children carolers; **Water 2 Thrive** for Gethsemane \$12,500 gift for water well in **Robit, Ethiopia**; **Edith Rodgers, Joe & Barbara Torn and family, Flo Kerr, Ria Corbett, Laura Riddell, Viola Hall, Gladys Hanson** for Gethsemane carolers; **Elizabeth Ketteman & family, Terry Driskell, Sherri Cauthen, Patricia Woodley,**

Valerie Murphy, Alton & Sandy Jones, Eddie Westling, George Wendlandt, Virginia Marek, Cameron Woods, Evelyn Haight, Dan Roberts, Minnie Pihlgren, Flo Kerr, Billy Peel, Jacki Snowden, Mabel Krenek, Margie Edmiston, Harriet Gardner, Mary Jo Hindman, Dottie Sigerist, Earle Sigerist, Dean Zellmer for congregation prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex...**THANKS TO:** **Max & Beverly Helsel** for showing “Christmas trains” to Gethsemane children carolers; **Selena Renee Sanchez** and **Paige Elizabeth Anderson** Christmas eve 2011 Santa Lucia; **George Creager, Martin Gonzales, Joel Gronberg, Dave Haight, Dean Haight, Valerie Johnson, Garth Mailman, Reva Quakenbush, Ron Tigue** assisting December Altar Guild with Christmas/Epiphany chancel decorations; **poinsettia donors** for largest number of flowers given for the Gethsemane Chancel Garden; **Ingrid Edlund-Berry, Elisabeth Kihlberg, David Skoglund** leading Swedish Julotta worship; **Sheryl Johnson Evans, JoAnn Gerbig** and musicians for Christmas/Epiphany festival music; **Carmen Retzlaff**, Gethsemane intern 2010-2011 for participation in Wednesday noon eucharist December 21 and 28...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Alex Bolton & Todd Lee, Chris Petrosky & Bonnie Barton** married recently; **Joy Elizabeth Peterson, PhD-Clinical Psychology, Pacifica Graduate Institute-Carpinteria, California; Joel Gronberg, Dean's List Fall Semester, 2011 Texas Lutheran University...****FUTURE DATES:** 30th annual *“Family of Gethsemane”* retreat February 25-26; VBS June 18-22.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 7

Vision Mission Border Trip

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, Jan. 8 - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

Vision Mission Border Trip

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

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

MONDAY, January 9

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. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, January 10

9:00 a.m. English as 2nd Language

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

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (The Frisco Shop)

WEDNESDAY, January 11

Midweek Connection — see front page

THURSDAY, January 12

FRIDAY, January 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, January 14

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

9:45 a.m. CROP Walk Recruiters Orientation

SUNDAY, January 15—EPIPHANY 2

Week of Prayer—Christian Unity

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

MONDAY, Jan. 16—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Children's Ministry/GLC Office Closed

9:00 a.m. MLK Walk

TUESDAY, January 17

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

9:00 a.m. English as Second Language

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

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

WEDNESDAY, January 18

Midweek Connection — see front page

THURSDAY, January 19

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

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

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

FRIDAY, January 20

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

SATURDAY, January 21

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, January 22—Epiphany 3

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, January 23

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

1:00 p.m. Daughters of Republic of Texas (MR)

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

TUESDAY, January 24

9:00 a.m. English as Second Language

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

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

WEDNESDAY, January 25

Midweek Connection — see front page

THURSDAY, January 26

FRIDAY, January 27

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

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

SATURDAY, January 28

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

7:30 p.m. P L U Chorale (Sanctuary)