

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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BAPTIZED COMMUNITY CELEBRATES VOCATION, MINISTRY

AUGUST 31 PENTECOST 16

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, Jesus dignified human labor by sharing our toil. Be with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will, and to all of us, give pride in what we do and a just return for our labor; through the Beloved One, our co-laborer, Jesus the Christ. Amen

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Labor Day Weekend, the Gethsemane Lutheran community continues a 35 year tradition gathering beneath the beautiful **Charles Bornemann Live Oak Tree** affirming Christian vocation, sharing "faith stories" of God's people during Summer 2008, living the grace of God.

Following the 8:15 a.m. outdoor liturgy, everyone is invited into the MPR for **Labor Day Weekend** "Texas Toast Brunch" coordinated by **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel**, visiting with friends to hear of summer adventures. **David Skoglund** shares his two month visit to Sweden; Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest information courtesy of **David Johnson**, Director of Advancement; **Paul Spock**, Ph.D provides information on "*Stress Management for Life*". The 10:30 a.m. liturgy will be held in the sanctuary. Conclude summer 2008 with worship, learning, fellowship; dress casually!

SCREENING

Gethsemane Congregation Council has discussed for several years the benefits of professional screening for persons volunteering to work with youth and children. A committee of **Glenda Holmstrom**, **Ray Kuenast**, **Belinda Malin**, **Pastor Schnelle** have drawn up guidelines and procedures for all adult volunteers. Sunday School staff, Gethsemane staff, and volunteers will go through the screening process by early September, 2008. The guidelines will be posted on the Gethsemane website. This is an important step to protect children and youth, as well as persons generously offering their time and talent working and ministering to Gethsemane children and youth.

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

Gethsemane members are invited to participate in the annual Out of Darkness Walk to prevent suicide Saturday, **September 6** Texas State Capitol Grounds. Registration 9 a.m./walk 10 a.m. Family members and friends are invited to support one another remembering loved ones lost to suicide, post photos, send a message balloon and have name honored. Education Wing Bulletin Board for information.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Faith In Action Caregivers sponsors a Senior Ministry Conference **September 9** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., North West Hills Methodist. Gethsemane Lutheran is a charter member of the North Central Caregivers. **Dr. James Ellor**, director of the Center for Gerontological Studies Baylor University School of Social Work, will present "*Isolation & Loneliness in Older Adults*". If interested in attending please speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

SEPTEMBER 7 PENTECOST 17

RALLY SUNDAY

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.

RALLY SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Rally Sunday, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School kick-off in the Multi-Purpose Room. During 10:30 a.m. service special music by **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** students and "*blessing of the GLCM staff and Gethsemane Sunday School teachers and staff*". **Men in Mission** host a delicious lunch (\$7 for adults, \$3 for children). Vendor booths (tables available for \$15), silent auction baskets, raffle, face painting, clown, moonwalk and a fire truck. 12:45 p.m. tours of the truck and fire safety information. Children are invited to bring new or gently used teddy bears collected for the firefighters to be given to distressed children when Austin Fire Department is called. Call GLCM office 339-6335 to secure a booth/table. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds benefit GLCM.

Gethsemane Congregation Council Christian Education Deacons **Belinda & Ken Malin** and **Lori Althaus** invite everyone *age two to adult* to participate in Sunday Church School. Fall staff includes: **Angelica Lundquist** (ages 2-3), **Elizabeth Kite** and **Christine Berkland** (pre-K & K), **Christine Bohls** and **Glenda Holmstrom** (grades 1-2), **Tracy Anderson** (grades 3-4), **Ray Kuenast** and **Beth Collier** (grades 5-6), workshop leaders: **Tim Huston**, **Louise Eidbo**, **Geth Rodgers**, **Trish Woodley**, **Lane Holmstrom**, **Becky Rippy**, **Tiffany Goodlow**, **Cheryl Swening**, **Dar Krenek**, confirmation class-junior high, **Pastor Schnelle**, senior high, **Pastor Gronberg**, Encounter Class, **Pastor Bohls**, **Dan & Diana Dworin**, a new Bible Study on the ELCA emphasis on Scriptures. The coffee pot is on every Sunday prepared by **Viola Hall** and **Robert Rekart**. Beginning September 14, Sunday Church School for ages 2-6th grade 9:15 a.m. concluding 10:20 a.m.

FAIR TRADE

Fair Trade coffee, tea and other items offered for sale **September 7** supporting workers around the world.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship Tuesday, **Sept. 9, 7 p.m.** Olive Garden, SE corner Burnet & Hwy 183, hosted by **Christine & Phil Berkland**. All are welcome at the table.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

"**Jesus, Justice, and Jazz**", the **2009 ELCA National Youth Gathering** in New Orleans, is not until next summer, **July 22-26**, but registrations are due mid-September. Look for registrations in the mail, which must be returned to **Dar Krenek** or **Pastor Schnelle** by **September 10** to be included in this life changing event! Informational meeting for Senior High and parents in the Music Room on Rally Sunday, September 7, following the Sunday School opening.

SEPTEMBER 14 PENTECOST 18

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

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.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission start the 2008-2009 year touring **STAR Flight** rescue headquarters Thursday, **Sept. 18**. See and hear about the Aero-medical Rescue Program. Lunch follows at Fuddrucker's. Coffee, donuts and fellowship 9 a.m. in Music Room. During fellowship, **Dr. Erik Svenkerud** speaks on lessons he learned in public health practice experienced in West Africa. Men in Mission Bulletin Board for sign up.

2008 HEART GALLERY

The Adoption Coalition of Texas and CASA sponsor the unveiling of The Heart Gallery of Central Texas 2008 Gala Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 6:30 p.m. Contact **Pastor Gronberg** or **Karalyn Heimlich** for more information.

WOUNDED HEALER

Gethsemane member, **David Doerfler**, Master of Divinity, Chaplain Hospice Austin, will offer "*On Becoming a Wounded Healer*" **Sept. 19-21** (Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday at Gethsemane and Doerfler Ranch, Smithville). Immediate registration is encouraged so individual pre-training work can begin. Cost-\$50.

The self-awareness participants receive is applicable to the healing process at any level and circumstance for all have been violated and all have violated others, for all have experienced loss, grief and trauma, for all of us seek common ground alternatives toward healing and justice. Contact David Doerfler: david@concentricjourneys.com, (512) 237-4690, Cell: (512) 659-8356.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Mary Martha Unit Tuesday, **Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.**, Music Room. Leader, **Charlotte McCord**; Hostess, **Tutty Maixner**, Program **Janet Davenport** and **Becky Moczygmbaof** with Christ Lutheran.

21st Annual Southwestern Texas Synodical Women's Convention **Sept. 26-28** in Corpus Christi with the theme: "*I have called you by name; you are mine*" (Isaiah 43:1). The physical offering this year is for the Women's Shelter of South Texas. Please bring a large lidded plastic storage container with some of these suggested items: air mattress, set of sheets (twin or double), blanket, pillow, alarm clock, small lamp, shower curtain, shower curtain rings, bath mat, bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, dishtowels, sponges. There will be a plastic storage container in the Gethsemane narthex to donations. Cash gifts for this ministry are welcomed. See a member of the board. Need items by September 21. Registration on GWELCA Bulletin Board.

Note the annual women's fall retreat at **Diane Streeter's** home **October 4th**.

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

Fall Wednesday Midweek Connections commences **October 1 - November 19**.

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Labor Day
September 1

FAMILY/CHILDREN DEVOTIONAL IN NARTHEX 8:15 A.M. OUTDOOR WORSHIP AUGUST 31 RALLY SUNDAY/LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 7

BORDER MINISTRY

You are invited to participate in a Medical Mission Clinic in Piedras Negras Nov. 9-12; the Jan. 9-11 weekend will be a Fiesta to dedicate the new building.

PILGRIM TRAVEL NEWS

Travel with **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls** Sep. 21-Oct. 2, 2010 to the Passion Play Oberammergau, Germany, takes place every ten years. kentbohls@gmail.com Brochures in the narthex and office.

STRENGTHEN OUTREACH

Money invested with the **ELCA Mission Investment Fund** is loaned to ELCA mission congregations, established congregations and ministries throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for land, new facilities, renovations, and additions. Mission congregations depend almost exclusively on the Mission Investment Fund for loans. The money you invest is a real investment in ELCA outreach. Visit www.MissionInvestmentFund.org for additional information, competitive current interest rates, an application, or call toll free 877-886-3522, or check with **Pastor Bohls**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: Family of **Mitchell Ross Denton, Elmer William Lundgren**—may those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Sandy Jones,**

Cornerstone Rehab; Ron Kingsbury, Texas Neuro Rehab Center; remember in prayer...**THANKS FROM:** **Ingrid Warren, Sandy Jones, Alford Johnson, Elmer Lundgren, Oliver Strom, Debbie Pitts, Dean Lundquist, Edith Rodgers, Ken Tate, Tom & Liz McFarling, Tiffany & Michael Candeh, Amanda Petrosky, Jim Werchan, John & Jan McKnight, Bob & Elizabeth Hoferkamp** for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital. birthday, pastoral ministries-greetings on narthex bulletin board; **John, Clare & Amy Kingsbury** for pastoral blessings of their new home; **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** congratulation greetings on 44th wedding anniversary; **Roger Temme** and **Carol Johnson** on behalf of Care Communities for Gethsemane support of "6th Annual Byron E. Cox I Care Gala" held at the Dell Jewish Community Center attended by **Karalyn Heimlich, Jim & M.J. Bradley, Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Umid Azimov, Virginia Marek, Geth Rodgers, David & Julia Marek; ELCA Southwestern Texas Synod** for Gethsemane hosting stewardship workshop; **Cory & Dawn Vachalek Smith** for baptism of daughter **Kaylee Verna... CONGRATULATIONS:** **Ryan & Caitlyn Ayers Curbow** recently married; **Joseph & Catie Travis** birth of son **Joseph Earl, Jr.;** **Kathy Jurgens** on position with AISD Walnut Creek

Elementary; George & Norma Wendlandt celebrating 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, August 31st; **Will Jurgens** passed the Board of Review and will be recognized as an Eagle Scout once the BSA National Council certifies his application—well done; **Michael & Tiffany Candeh** birth of son **Trevin Charles Joseph; Steve & Martha Althaus** birth of granddaughter **Megan Jean**, sister to **Ella** and **Audrey**—proud parents are **Greg & Staci Althaus DeKunder; Reverend Elroy Haverlah** retiring following 35 years as ELCA pastor—luncheon in his honor August 31, Palm Valley Lutheran...**THANKS TO:** **Girl Scouts** gift of plaque recognizing Gethsemane Lutheran support of scouting...**GREETINGS FROM:** **George & Susie Hamm** enjoying visit to Holland—the land of canals, boats and Dutch history; **Valerie Virta, Evelyn University of Washington Ph.D candidate, Evelyn Gray & family** visiting with Pastor Gronberg in Seattle; **Ken, Joyce, Brie Ludwig**, former Gethsemane members living in Pennsylvania, **Pastor Jimmy Madsen** recent visitors...**FUTURE DATES:** **RE:formation—Lutheran Roots and Shoots**, Saturday, **Oct. 18**, TLU, Seguin; Lutheran Sunset Ministries Open House **Nov. 2;** Stewardship of Environment Task Force **Nov. 22** First English; SeniorFest 2009, **Feb. 7**, Christ Lutheran, Georgetown.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 30

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, August 31—Pentecost 16

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Outdoors)

9:30 a.m. "Texas Toast Brunch" (MPR)

10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

3:00 p.m. Family Reunion (Multi-Purpose Rm)

MONDAY, September 1—Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 2

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

1:30 p.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, September 3

12 & 7 p.m. Eucharist (Narthex)

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

7:00p.m. LSSS President's Council (Crossings)

THURSDAY, September 4

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

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

FRIDAY, September 5

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

SATURDAY, September 6

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

9:00 a.m. Out of Darkness Walk (State Capitol)

SUNDAY, September 7—Pentecost 17

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Outdoors)

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

10:30 a.m. ELW Liturgy (Sanctuary)

12 Noon Rally Sunday Luncheon (MPR)

7:30 p.m. Institute of Interfaith Dialog (Hyatt Regency)

MONDAY, September 8

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

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Parlor)

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

TUESDAY, September 9

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

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

7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Olive Garden)

WEDNESDAY, September 10

12 & 7 p.m. Eucharist (sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch (narthex)

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 11

FRIDAY, September 12

7 am-7pm Eyes Wide Open (Auditorium Shores)

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, September 13

8:00 a.m. Disaster Planning (Faith Lutheran)

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

6:30 p.m. Candle Light Remembrance (Aud Shores)

SUNDAY, September 14—Pentecost 18

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

GWELCA—Blanket Offering

7 am-7pm Eyes Wide Open (Auditorium Shores)

8:00 a.m. Austin Faith Dialog (KNVA 54/cable 12)

8:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

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

MONDAY, September 15

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

10:00 a.m. Trinity Car Center Chapel

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

TUESDAY, September 16

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

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

6:00 p.m. GWELCA Board Meeting (Parlor)

7:30 p.m. GWELCA Miriam Unit (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

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

WEDNESDAY, September 17

12 & 7 p.m. Eucharist (Narthex)

11:30 a.m. Long Term Care Guild (Music Rm)

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 18

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. Heart Gallery of Central Texas Gala

FRIDAY, September 19

evening "Wounded Healer" workshop

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

SATURDAY, September 20

all day "Wounded Healer" workshop

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

3:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy