

GETHESEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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LENTEN JOURNEY CALLS BAPTIZED TO DISCIPLINED LIVES

FEBRUARY 21 — LENT 1

GWELCA SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; St. Luke 4:1-13

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Experience Easter"

GWELCA SUNDAY

"As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our calling, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world."

Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America live the above "Purpose Statement" blessing congregation, synod and ELCA. Gethsemane members are invited to give an offering supporting the women of the community and enjoy this Sunday a luncheon of King Ranch Casseroles, salad and dessert luncheon benefiting GWELCA Lutheran World Relief work for 2010. Darla Elam, Coordinator, Dianne Dietz, Secretary, Diane Streeter, Treasurer, Peggy Horton, Monday Night Bible Study Representative, Deanie Martinets, Mary Martha Unit Representative, serve on the Gethsemane WELCA Board. For information speak to board member regarding this important ministry. Thanks Gethsemane women!

Mark your calendar for the GWELCA Spring retreat with Pastor Schnelle at the home of Louis Ann Rippey Saturday, March 27.

DISCIPLINE EMPHASIZED

The Lenten Season is like no other time in the church year. This is not small pilgrimage. We share in the struggle of Jesus as we claim the disciplines of worship-corporate and private, repentance, daily prayer, fasting, meditation, works for the common good blessing the Christian faithful with lessons for life. The 2010 Lenten theme is: *"Beneath the Cross, Letters from a Good Friday World"*. The annual Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday with opportunities for the Gethsemane Lutheran community to grow in grace following the **Obedient One, the Suffering Servant, Jesus**. The *"Living Simply With God: 40-Day Hunger Calendar"* provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Appeal are available to assist the disciplined people of God in the Lenten Season. Prayers from **"Bread for the World"** will be offered Wednesdays and Sundays. *"God's Work. Our Hands. Discovery. Gratitude. Service."*

CHILDREN PRESENT GIFTS

Gethsemane members of all ages participated in the 2010 Annual Muscular Dystrophy Stride & Ride Benefit Feb. 6. Sunday, February 21, **Katey Malin** and **Denver Malin** present to **Lester & Lois Johnson** monies they have raised *"For the Love of Justin."* Give thanks for parents raising their children to value the gift of life sharing their love for God with others. Together all of us will *"Make Strides to Find a Cure"*.

FEBRUARY 28 — LENT 2

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; St. Luke 13:31-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Assembly-Family Games"

GETHESEMANE RETREAT

Gethsemane's 28th Annual Retreat **February 27-28**. Participate in this congregational experience at beautiful Camp Chrysalis near Kerrville. Theme: "God's Work Our Hands!" Enjoy the new cabins! Sign up in the narthex or on line!

GETHESEMANE HOSTS AMBIS

The Annual meeting of **Austin Memorial and Burial Information Society (AMBIS)** will be hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran **Feb. 21, 2 p.m.** This organization is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational and consumer association working since 1964 to encourage informed planning about end-of-life issues. Gethsemane member **Billy Peel** of Austin-Peel & Son Funeral Home is a supporter of AMBIS.

GETHESEMANE YOUTH

Senior High and Confirmation youth meet following the 10:30 worship service **March 7** for lunch and participation in the annual the CROP WALK.

Senior High mark your calendars for the next 'SNL' Sunday Night Live, **March 21**. Meet at church at 5 p.m., return by 8 p.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America National Youth Gathering return to New Orleans **July 2012** to continue the good work and learn about the new house God is building, *"a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."* Ephesians 2:21b-22

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24

11:00 am Maya Angelou Lenten Study
12 noon Lenten Worship with Holy Communion
6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich; adult conversation, children's activities, confirmation
7:00 pm "Beneath the Cross, Letter From a Good Friday World" Worship with Holy Communion
7:30 pm Confirmands and Mentors
7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

RESPONSE BRINGS COMFORT

"Comfort, O Comfort my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). Gethsemane Lutheran and members of the ELCA have responded to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. These gifts are already being comfort to the people of Haiti. Immediately following the earthquake, the ELCA Disaster Response partners helped to provide emergency food and medical supplies. Within days, gifts of ELCA congregations helped to bring water purification systems and temporary shelter to 10,000 people. Members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans received a match for their gifts with \$3 million being given. Gethsemane and ELCA congregations have given \$3 million with more donations being anticipated. For updated response of the ELCA to this disaster please visit www.elca.org/disaster. Thanks Gethsemane for being faithful stewards. "God's Work. Our Hands".

MARCH 7 — LENT 3

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; St. Luke 13:1-9

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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LEARNING HOUR THEME:

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HOLY BAPTISM

Peter & Valeri Nichols-Keller bring their infant daughter **Vivienne Samantha Nichols Keller** to receive the eternal promise of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Sunday **March 7**. Grandparents are **Nick & Marci Barker Nichols**; great-grandparents the late **C.O. "Dick" & Evelyn Barker** faithful members of Gethsemane Lutheran. Pastor Karl Gronberg baptized the mother, Valeri, thirty years ago. May the traditions of this Christian family continue to express the faith of the Lenten Community in the gift of grace given to all humanity. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come onto me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of God."*

CROP WALK FOR ALL AGES

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty 32nd annual **Austin CROP Walk of Church World Service Sat., March 6**, 9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. walk and Sunday **March 7** 1:45 p.m. registration, 2:30 p.m. walk. Walter E. Long Park is new location for the 2010 walk. Gethsemane Lutheran has participated in every CROP walk. Plan to make this event a Lenten discipline-walking for the hungry of the world. In 2009 2,000 walkers raised \$132,000 for the hungry around the world and in Austin, Texas. Pick up your packet in the narthex-find people to sponsor your walk. Thanks to **Virginia Marek** and **Erin Rosales** for coordination.

GLCM NEWS

Friday February 19, **Kathy Tacquard**, RN provided Vision and Hearing testing for children ages 3-5 yrs. **Coach Bob** promoted Stretch-N-Grow for Heart. This is a national community service and education program for children to participate to help fight America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers - heart disease and stroke. It also teaches children the importance of physical activity and a healthy heart. There was an obstacle course which children used a variety of loco-motor skills to work their way through the course. The children had fun, getting fit and raising money for cardiovascular disease research and education. In observance of Dental Health Awareness the children will have a visit from Pediatric Dental Professionals to learn the importance of dental hygiene.

INTERNSHIP SITE

The **Lutheran School of Theology** in Chicago, IL has asked Gethsemane Lutheran to be an internship site for 2010-2011. A candidate from the Austin area is being recommended by the LSTC faculty. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** has been in conversation with the seminary. Gethsemane members at the February annual congregational meeting approved this educational opportunity. The seminary will be sending appropriate forms and an internship committee will be formed. Thanks Gethsemane for supporting ELCA Theological Education.

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Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship gathers Tuesday, **March 9**, 7 p.m. Chopstick Restaurant, 6920 Airport Blvd off N Lamar, hosted by **Walt & Peggy Horton**. All are welcome at the table.

CONCORDIA EVENT

Gregg Braun, Senior Development Officer, **Concordia University-Texas** has spoken to **Pastor Karl Gronberg** regarding an information meeting with Gethsemane Lutheran members having graduated from Concordia and interested persons. Plans are for the meeting to be held at Gethsemane during the Easter Season. Persons interested in knowing more about Concordia University are asked to contact Pastor Gronberg.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Jimmie Mae Lee, Edith I. Webb, Rev. Alfred W. Doerfler**—may those who mourn be comforted by the Epiphany light...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Alan Jarl, Seton MC; Sylvia Driskell, Bll Corbell St. David's MC**—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS TO:** **Belinda Malin and Kevin Kubiak** January Congregational Council deacons; **Bruce Ramming** for accompanying the Sanctuary Choir and assisting Gethsemane organist **Sheryl Johnson Evans**; **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission** for annual meeting luncheon supporting **African Libraries of Love** and

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes supporting **Haiti Relief**—great job men!...**THANKS FROM:** **Gethsemane Youth** for generous response of \$450 to “Souper Bowl” offering—for the Gethsemane Food Pantry; **Mildred Gerding, Minnie Pihlgren, Rev. Mel Swoyer, Eddie Westling, Mildred “Mimi” Raven, Alan Jarl, Oliver Strom, Sylvia Driskell, Inez Rice, Paul Waller**, for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Lester & Lois Johnson** and family for Gethsemane generous support **“For the Love of Justin”**; T.A. Brown Elementary School counselor **Ms. Scales** for the continuing support of Gethsemane Lutheran-**Pastor Gronberg** shared the story of the child needing shoes and the gift cards from Gethsemane given to the family for shoes; Texas Lutheran University **President Ann Svennungsen** for Gethsemane members **David & Kathi Allen, Chris Crenshaw, David & Cindy Doerfler, Joel Gronberg, Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Joel Gronberg, Dean Lundquist, Dan Lundquist, Keith Lundquist, Blake Newman, Terry Newman, Chuck Rice, Inez Rice, Johnny & Anne Walker** participation in the 2010 “Front Row with **Verne Lundquist** and guests **Roger Staubach & Troy Aikman**—the Gethsemane members were joined at table by **Mark & Kristen Gronberg Etheredge** and their guests—Gethsemane has been represented by over 65 members at the six events hosted by Texas Lutheran University benefiting the athletic department of the university; **Mary Bell** on

behalf of the Cedar View Rehabilitation/Healthcare Center residents and staff for Gethsemane members leading a Valentine’s Day worship service; **Chaplain Tom Wicker** and **Becky King**, Activities Director, **Trinity Care Center** for Gethsemane ministry to residents and staff; **Sherry Houston**, manager, **Kym Brown**, asst. manager Trinity Place Apartments, a ministry of Lutheran Social Services for Gethsemane ministry to residents and staff; **Cindy Meek**, treasurer North Central Caregivers for Gethsemane gifts to senior citizens—thank you notes posted on narthex/education wing bulletin boards...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **David & Sarah Shoenfelt Morrow** and big sister **Emma** on the birth of **Cody Wyatt**—Gethsemane rejoices with this Christian family and Grandparents **Henry & Vicki Shoenfelt**; Lutheran Social Services **Care-Connect Senior Services** received a \$40,000 grant from **Wheat Ridge Ministries**; Gethsemane members invited to attend the **37th Annual Texas Lutheran University Endowed Scholarship Luncheon**, February 27th...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Pam Vetter** visiting Bethel Lutheran, Avoca, Texas; **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls** and **Sebastian** enjoying skiing and visit to New Mexico; **Huston-Tillotson University** inviting interested students to “University Day”—contact Pastor Gronberg for information...**FUTURE DATES:** Lutheran Sunset Ministries **March 14**; Easter **April 4**; Cap 10K worship/run **April 11**; GLCM Golf **May 16**; ELCA Youth Gathering, New Orleans, July 18-22, 2012 “Who dat?”

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, February 20

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, February 21—LENT 1

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, February 22

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

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

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

TUESDAY, February 23

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

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

WED., Feb. 24—LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

11:00 a.m. Maya Angelou Lenten Study

12 Noon Lenten Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich; adult conversation, children's activities, confirmation

7:00 p.m. “Beneath the Cross, Letter From a Good Friday World” Worship with Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Confirmands and Mentors

7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, February 25

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

FRIDAY, February 26

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

SATURDAY, February 27

GETHSEMANE Family Retreat (Camp Chrysalis)

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, February 28—LENT 2

GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

GETHSEMANE Family Retreat (Camp Chrysalis)

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Communion Service

MONDAY, March 1

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

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Mtg

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

TUESDAY, March 2

1:30 p.m. GWELCA LWR Workday (MR)

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

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

6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

WEDNESDAY, March 3

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS-SEE FEB. 24

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

THURSDAY, March 4

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

FRIDAY, March 5

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

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

SATURDAY, March 6

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

10:00 a.m. Community Event (MPR)

SUNDAY, March 7 - Lent 3—CROP WALK

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)

5-8 p.m. L.O.L. — Jr. High (TBA)

MONDAY, March 8

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

6:00 p.m. Women's study (Music Room)

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

TUESDAY, March 9

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

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

6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Chopstick Restaurant)

WEDNESDAY, March 10

LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS-SEE FEB. 24

THURSDAY, March 11

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

FRIDAY, March 12

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (Multi-Purpose Rm)

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

SATURDAY, March 13

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild