

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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WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE REVEALS GLORY OF GOD

JANUARY 31—EPIPHANY 4

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; St. Luke 4:21-30

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Hope in Lent and Holy Week"

RIC SUNDAY

Gethsemane Lutheran has been a **"Reconciling in Christ"** congregation since January 14, 2007 expressing the historic tradition of the congregation in showing hospitality and welcome to all people. The list continues to grow as committed Christians come together across North America to foster the expansion of "the welcoming church movement". Gethsemane member **Paul Waller** has worked with **Pastor Gronberg** in reviewing resources available for Reconciling in Christ Sunday, January 31. Thanks to Lutherans Concerned/North America for assistance in providing resources for this annual emphasis on inclusivity within the baptized community of the people of God.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

Senior High Youth lunch and bowl Sunday, **January 31** celebrating **Sebastian's** birthday! Meet in the lower level south parking lot following 10:30 worship. Bring money for bowling, shoe rental and lunch.

"STRIDE / RIDE" BENEFIT

Gethsemane members **Lester & Lois Johnson** invite everyone to participate in the 2010 Annual Muscular Dystrophy Stride & Ride Benefit **"Making Strides to Find a Cure"** February 6, 9 a.m. Barton Creek Mall 2901 S. Capital of Texas Highway. Gethsemane confirmands, along with **Pastors Schnelle** and **Gronberg** will join in the Victory Lap. Persons interested in making a pledge are invited to make the check payable to "MDA" and either send to Lester & Lois or give it to them at church. Gethsemane Lutheran gives thanks to God for the commitment of many persons "For the Love of Justin" and all families dealing with this illness.

PANTRY EXPANSION

The remodeling of the old library into the beautiful new altar guild room has freed up much needed storage space for the Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet ministry. The former Altar Guild room and pantry provide an area for storage of food. This secure location allows for more effective sorting, inventory control and easy access to those distributing food each Tuesday. Thanks to **Amanda Schnelle** for her work cleaning the area and thanks to all within the Gethsemane community supporting this outreach ministry to our neighborhood! 160 families and 557 persons were assisted in January, 2010. **"God's Work. Our Hands"** making a difference in changing lives.

FEBRUARY 7—EPIPHANY 5

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; St. Luke 5:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

LEARNING HOUR THEME:

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"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

Gethsemane Youth Ministry joins with thousands of youth around the nation **Feb. 7** in the **"Souper Bowl of Caring"** fighting hunger and poverty in local communities. This unique, youth-led movement is transforming the nations biggest weekend of football into the largest weekend of giving. Please give a gift of coins, dollars, checks, and non-perishable canned items for the Gethsemane Food Pantry. Join Gethsemane youth in making a difference. \$10.2 million (\$200,000 increase from 2008) and canned goods collected nationwide in 2009. Gethsemane youth will be at the sanctuary doors holding bowls following the morning liturgies. Thanks Gethsemane youth for glorifying God and blessing others.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Gethsemane Congregational Meeting Sunday, **Feb. 7**, follows the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. The Gethsemane community gathers to give thanks for 2009 with a recognition of the grace of God manifested in the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during 2009. **"God's Work. Our Hands. Discovery, Gratitude, Service."** **Gethsemane Men in Mission** provide a pasta and salad meal with free will offering for **Libraries of Love** helping to create libraries in Africa.

GETHSEMANE WOMEN

Mary-Martha Unit **February 9**, 9:30 a.m., Music Room with **Sandra Tipton** bringing the program; **Ria Corbett** and **Flo Kerr**, hostesses.

GRANTS RECEIVED

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry has recently received two grants: **The Carl C. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation** renewed their grant for 2010; **WorkSource Childcare Solutions** renewed their grant. These two grants continue to affirm the excellence of this ministry to children, family, community and staff. GLCM has maintained a 4 star rating through the **Texas Rising Star program**. The GLCM Advisory Board and staff work diligently to maintain high standards grateful for the recognition of their efforts by these grants and the generous support of Gethsemane congregation.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lutheran Social Services celebrates "La Vie Nouvelle" (New Life) Sat., **Feb. 13**, Austin Music Hall. For 11 years "Making a Difference" has benefitted abused and neglected girls at New Life Children's Center. 5 p.m. Silent auction/ cocktails, 6:30-11 p.m. dinner, live auction/ dancing with music by Guy Forsyth. Information? 800-938-5777 or NewLifeChildrensCenter.org.

FEBRUARY 14

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; St. Luke 9:28-43

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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"

"HAVE-A-HEART"

Senior High Youth Feb. 14 following 10:30 liturgy lunch at Five Guys Burgers. 2 p.m. Gethsemane youth share God's love with Cedar View Rehabilitation/Healthcare Center residents and staff.

PANCAKE FEAST

The Gethsemane tradition is to eat pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday "Fat Tuesday"**, the day before Ash Wednesday. **Gethsemane Men-in-Mission** serve pancakes **Feb. 16**, 5:30-7 p.m. Enjoy the fellowship, delicious pancakes and sausage meal preparing for the Lenten fast. Tickets: Adults-\$4, Children Under 10-\$2. Support Haiti Disaster Response through Lutheran World Relief/ELCA Disaster Relief. February **GLADOFFF** eats pancakes supporting Men-in-Mission.

"TLU FRONT ROW"

Texas Lutheran University 2010 **"Front Row with Verne Lundquist"** **Feb. 16**, The Westin Park Central, Dallas, Texas. **Roger Staubach** and **Troy Aikman**, the two most successful quarterbacks in the history of the National Football League Dallas Cowboys, share the stage with CBS TV sportscaster, TLU alum and regent **Verne Lundquist**. Gethsemane Lutheran and Calvary Lutheran of Richland Hills, where **Mark & Kristen Gronberg Etheredge** are members, will be among the many attending this Fund-Raiser for Texas Lutheran University Intercollegiate Athletic Teams. Over \$325,000 has been raised for TLU athletics with **Roger Clemens**, **Lance Berkman**, **Phil Garner**, **Craig Biggio** being interviewed by Verne. Gethsemane members have attended all five events supporting TLU.

Gethsemane member **Denise Schulz**, Texas Lutheran University alum, announces TLU Film Night in Austin 6 p.m. **Feb. 25**, Scholtz Beer Garden, 1607 San Jacinto. RSVP Taylor Carleton tcarleontlu.edu or 830-372-8026.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent commences Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 17**, with the Christian faithful receiving ashes and meditating at the Gethsemane altar 7-8 a.m., 11:30 to noon, 5:30-7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 12 noon and 7 p.m. Passion Sunday Palm crosses, to be prepared for imposition of ashes, may be placed in the basket in the narthex on Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 14. The 2010 Lenten theme is **"Beneath the Cross, Letters from a Good Friday World"**. Lenten soup/sandwich meal prepared by **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel** Feb. 24-Mar. 24, confirmation, conversation, 7 p.m. Lenten worship.

MEN-IN-MISSION TOUR

Men-in-Mission tour remodeled **Austin Music Hall Feb. 18**, followed by **lunch at Whole Foods Market**. Fellowship 9 a.m. coffee/donuts in Music Rm. Tour departs 9:30 a.m. Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

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RIC SUNDAY-WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE—JANUARY 31

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/MEAL—FEB. 7

FESTIVAL SEASON CONCLUDES TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY—FEB. 14

GETHSEMANE RETREAT

Gethsemane 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 narthex or online!

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Inez Rice**. All members co-chairpersons: **Jimmy Buehring, Jennifer Rice, Daniel Holmstrom, Glenda Holmstrom, Denise Lackey, Alice Mueller, Anne Roefer, Adelle Rolls, Ken & Linda Schulz, Anthony & Sharon Venza**.

January Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of granddaughters, **Emma and Julia Register** by **Merrill & Pat Austin**; in loving memory of **Don & Dorothy Franz** by their family; in loving memory of **Ed Hall** by **Viola**; in honor of **Katey Malin** and in celebration of her 11th birthday by **Ken, Belinda, Ross, Harley and Denver**; in honor of **Girl Scouts of America** by the **Bryant Kite family**; in celebration of our wedding anniversary by **John & Ingrid Berry**.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO: families of **Ione Ann Pittman Perrine, Malinda Homann Petrosky**—may those who mourn be comforted...**KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Bill Corbell**, St. David’s MC, **Minnie Pihlgren**, Health South Rehab—remember these friends in prayer...**THANKS FROM:** **Karalyn Heimlich, Bill Corbell, Sally Nagy, Minnie Pihlgren, Walter & Daisy Horton, Alvina Traugott, Mary Jo Hindman, Ludy Malone, Betty Johnson, Evelyn Canby, Dorothy Skoglund, Vernice Erlanson, Curtis Johnson, Harvey Hackbarth, Lisa Holmstrom family, Don Franz family, Alice Timmerman family** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **Chaplain Don Brewington, Tyrus Smith, Margarita Gomez, Deanna Penn** Huston-Tillotson Univ. campus ministry for **Pastor Karl Gronberg’s** participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. chapel service and the hospitality of Gethsemane Lutheran on HTU Sunday; **Camilla Mauritz**, Swedish Women Education Association president, for Gethsemane hosting annual Santa Lucia celebration Dec. 13, 2009 with Sons of Norway; **Sasha & Katja Skopintsez** of Russia for Gethsemane hospitality; **Hand and Feet Ministries** of Georgia for border gifts; **Jan Demro**, Grace Lutheran, Harlingen, Texas

for Gethsemane gifts for their medical mission; **Jennifer Long**, Casa Marianella/Austin for Gethsemane ministry gifts and site visit by **Jan Demro, Mary Lou Newman, Glenda Holmstrom, Pastor Gronberg**...**THANKS TO:** all for generously supporting January **Eagle Pass Mission Vision Trip**; children of **Don Franz** for generous gift in memory of their father for renewing furniture in Gethsemane sanctuary plus painting around buildings; Gethsemane members/friends for generous **Haiti relief offerings**—over \$3,000 given with all gifts matched by an anonymous donor along with **Thrivent Financial** for **Lutherans** commitment of \$1 million in matching funds. Donations for matching received through March 31st...**GREETINGS FROM:** **Frances Bornemann, Lucy Speaker Grant, Pastor Scott, Jen, Stephen, Jacob McAnally**...**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Prince of Peace Lutheran** 55th anniversary. Gethsemane rejoices with you; **David Riley**—Applied Materials Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Legacy Award recipient; **Joel Gronberg**—Keith A. Russell Memorial Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence given by Financial Executive International...**FUTURE DATES:** GWELCA Sunday, **Feb. 21**; CROP Walk **March 7**; Easter **April 4**; Cap 10K worship/run **April 11**; GLCM Golf **May 16**.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 30

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, Jan. 31—EPIPHANY 4—RIC SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

12 Noon Senior High Lunch and Bowl

MONDAY, February 1

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

6:05 p.m. GLCM Staff Meeting (Ed Bldg)

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

TUESDAY, February 2

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, February 3

Midweek Connections — see middle column

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

THURSDAY, February 4

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

FRIDAY, February 5

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

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

SATURDAY, February 6

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

9:00 a.m. Jr High—Stride Rite (Barton Creek Mall)

SUNDAY, February 7—EPIPHANY 5

SUPER BOWL OF CARING

8:15 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Epiphany eucharist

12 Noon Congregational Meal/Annual Mtg

MONDAY, February 8

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

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

TUESDAY, February 9

9:30 a.m. Mary Martha Unit (Music Room)

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

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

WEDNESDAY, February 10

Midweek Connections — see middle column

THURSDAY, February 11

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

FRIDAY, February 12

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

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

All ages are invited to share in evenings of learning, play, fellowship, fun and worship

January 13—February 10

11:00 am “Maya Angelou study” with Pastors Bohls and Schnelle

12 noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:00-5:30 Guitar with Dar (Steffans Parlor)

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 Galatians Bible Study, Pastor Bohls

6:15-7:10 “Being Positive Parents”, Elizabeth Kite

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

7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands

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

SATURDAY, February 13

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, February 14—Transfiguration

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

8:15 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Liturgy

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

MONDAY, February 15

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

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel

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

TUESDAY, February 16

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

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

5:30-7:00 p.m. Pancake Supper

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

WEDNESDAY, February 17 Ash Wednesday

7-8:00 a.m. Ashes at the altar

11:30-12 Ashes at the altar

12 noon Holy Communion

5:30-7p.m. Ashes at the altar

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

THURSDAY, February 18

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

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

8:00 p.m. NCC Fundraiser (1st UU Church)

FRIDAY, February 19

8:30 a.m. GLCM Vision/Hearing (Parlor)

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

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

SATURDAY, February 20

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild