

SHARE, GIVE, GROW, LOVE, PRAISE SUMMER THEMES

JUNE 29—PENTECOST 7

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; St. John 21:15-19

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen
Congregation Council: Kevin Kubiak

BAPTISMS CELEBRATED

Gethsemane members **Brian Christopher & Michelle Yvonne Aranda Kircher** and **Ashlyn Makala**, baptized December 7, 2003, bring their infant daughter/sister **Mya Isabelle** to receive the eternal promise of God given in the blessed sacrament of baptism. Serving as godparents/sponsors are Gethsemane members **Dr. Jody & Stephanie Stanford Hooten**. The members of Gethsemane Lutheran pray the blessings of the Triune God upon this Christian family as they share the grace of God in their family life.

Chaplain Merlen Howe, United States Navy Retired, served in the Antarctic in 1975. He was given water from an ice core drilled through the polar ice cap that had been drilled for study. Scientist studied the ice core gleaned information regarding volcanic eruptions, global climate change dating the water from approximately 6 BC to 6 AD. The water was given to the chaplains for baptisms. Through water and the word Mya Isabelle is given life in Jesus Christ.

David Christian & Amy Chase Erickson and **Natalie Wishing**, baptized September 9, 2006, bring their infant daughter/sister **Ella Sedell** to receive the eternal promise of God in the blessed baptismal sacrament of the church catholic. Ella has been given the name of beloved great-grandmother and Gethsemane member the late **Ella Kylberg Erickson**-having claimed her baptismal promise July 9, 1992-blessed be her memory. Gethsemane Lutheran prays the blessings of the Triune God upon this Christian family as they live their family life in the grace of God.

Erik Karl Joseph Gronberg & Kendra Allison Mohn bring their infant daughter **Annika Christine Marie** to the baptismal font of Dr. Martin Lutheran Church Oconomowoc, Wisconsin receiving the eternal promise of God in the blessed baptismal sacrament of the church catholic. The Gronberg family, including **Malte Cedzich** from Germany and **Umid Azimov** from Uzbekistan, join in celebrating this holy moment. The members of Gethsemane Lutheran pray the blessings of the Triune God upon this Christian family as they live their family life in the grace of God. "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (St. Matthew 28:19-20)

GARDEN WORK

The landscape crew commenced work Monday June 23 bringing a "new look" to the Gethsemane Garden. The wooden benches will be replaced. Flagstone walk area is being installed, the addition of a drip watering system and native plants. Thanks to Gethsemane members **Valerie Johnson** and **George Creager** for maintenance efforts and to the Garden Task Force for planning and executing this improvement.

JULY 6—PENTECOST 8

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

PRAYER OF THE DAY: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Congregation Council: Karyn Jensen, Marilyn Ketteman

Gethsemane Christian Education Deacons, **Lori Althaus** and **Belinda & Ken Malin** announce 2008 Summer Sunday Education Schedule for all ages:

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Adult Classes will meet 9:30 – 10:30 each Sunday morning in the Steffans Parlor and all are invited to come together and enjoy the learning.

June 29 The Life of the Apostle Paul with Rick Steves
July 6 Why Come to America? with David Maidment
July 13 ONE Campaign to Feed the World with Marvin Johnson
July 20 Understanding the Roman Catholic Church
July 27 Glory to God Alone; The Life of J.S. Bach
Aug 3 Understanding Fundamentalism
Aug 10 Ready to Forgive; An African Story of Grace
Aug 17 Introducing the Old Testament
Aug 24 Introducing the New Testament
Aug 31 Labor Day Weekend Celebration
Sept 7 Rally Sunday

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be programs each Sunday for the children in the MPR. Most Sundays, JoAnn Gerbig will be leading bell camp the final 15 minutes for all to participate

June 29 Fire Safety or Think Global
July 6 Patriotic Sunday
July 13 Beach Day
July 20 Christmas in July
July 27 Music Sunday
Aug 3 Fire Safety or Think Global
Aug 10 Sending Forth to College
Aug 17 Camping Sunday
Aug 24 Bless the Backpacks and Back to School
Aug 31 Labor Day Fair
Sept 7 Rally Sunday/Grandparents' Day

July 6 Patriotic emphasis celebration. Gethsemane member **Dr. David Maidment**, UT-Austin engineering professor, continues his annual traditional reflection on life in America.

"HEARTS ON FIRE"

The Biennial Assembly of **Lutherans Concerned North America Reconciling in Christ Conference** will be held in San Francisco, California July 3-6 on the campus of San Francisco State University. This is a conference of the movement to welcome persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life of the Lutheran communion. The theme "**Hearts on Fire**" is based upon St. Luke 24:32 "were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scripture to us?". Gethsemane Lutheran, Austin, Texas is a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the ELCA. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** participated in the 2008 Austin Multifaith Pride Service this month giving witness to the unity of all the people of God.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out For Food Fun and Fellowship Tuesday, Tuesday, **July 8**, 7 p.m. Hoover's Cooking, 13376 Research Blvd #400, (southwest of 183 & Anderson Mill) hosted by **Walt & Peggy Horton**. All are welcome at the table.

JULY 13—PENTECOST 9

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Congregation Council: Karyn Jensen, Marilyn Ketteman

BAPTISMS CELEBRATED

Gethsemane members **Gregory Dwayne & Staci Denise Creager Yount** and **Tyler Blake** (baptized August 27, 2006) bring their infant son/brother **Cody Austin** to receive the eternal promise of the blessed baptismal sacrament of the church catholic; **Jose & Shellie Catharine Creager Davila** bring their infant son **Sean Dominic** to receive the eternal promise of the blessed sacrament of the church catholic. Joining in the parental expression of gratitude to God for children and grandchildren will be grandparents **George & Gina Creager**. The members of Gethsemane Lutheran give thanks for these Christian families praying the blessings of the Triune God upon their life together. Jesus said: "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God. Unless you become like a child you will not enter into the kingdom" (St. Mark 10: 14, 15)

BEACH CAMP

Gethsemane Lutheran Confirmation Youth leave for Beach Camp in Port Aransas Sunday **July 13** with **Pastor Susan Schnelle**, **Colby Chandrasoma**, **Carson Domel**, **Paige Anderson**, **Ross Malin**, **Grant Cardwell**, **Johannah Dwyer**, **Chris Greinert**, **Caleb Johnson**, **Selena Sanchez**, **Dustin Swening** – The Gethsemane community will keep the confirmations in prayer during this week of growth in their baptismal faith.

SPECIAL MINISTRY GIFTS

Thank you Gethsemane members for three special offerings recently given for ministries. The ELCA World Hunger Appeal offering in honor of the 60th Ordination Anniversary of **Pastor Will Erickson**, with a matching gift from the Gethsemane **Mabel Ekman Foundation**, received over \$800.

The Disaster Appeal offering for the people of Iowa was over \$400. Gethsemane has partnered with St Mark's Lutheran, Marion, Iowa on medical care on the border ministry, partnering with them on relief from the recent floods. Fifty families of the congregation were directly affected by recent flooding. **Pastor Perry Fruhling** and people of St Mark's thanks Gethsemane for prayers, support and shared Swedish heritage of the two congregations.

The congregation Mision Luterana en Laredo, **Pastors Moises and Mariana Mendez** sent these words: "Dear Gethsemane congregation: First and foremost, we send you well wishes from hot and humid Laredo. May the Lord bless Gethsemane and the many ministries of your congregation. We send our deepest gratitude for the amount love and blessing you have always send our way. Without friends like you, we would not be able to provide and tend to our communities in the Laredo area. Recently you blessed us with gifts for 46 elderly women in our missions. It is with all of our heart that we thank you for being our friends in mission and always taking part in the evangelism ministry sharing the Good News. Many blessings and thank you." Thank you Gethsemane for faithful stewardship as the people of God.

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

Summer giving may be done via <http://www.gethsemaneaustin.org/donate.html>. Enjoy this new tool to be supportive of the ministries of Gethsemane congregation.

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BAPTISMS CELEBRATED JUNE/JULY CONFIRMATION CAMP JULY 13-18 DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

“A RAINFOREST ADVENTURE”

Gethsemane Lutheran, in partnership with The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Augsburg-Fortress Publishing House, ministered to over 100 children ages 3 years through 6th grade during the annual VBS June 16-20. Each day began at 8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary with songs and Bible story based upon the theme for the day. The morning included storytelling, music, craft time, recreation play, and snack. Lutheran World Relief kits were prepared. 7th graders, older youth and adults assisted as volunteers helping in the craft area, preparing and serving snacks, storytelling, playground and being a guide leading the students from one area to another. Offerings of money, canned goods, or school supplies were given every morning. The food given to the Gethsemane Food Pantry, school supplies to Lutheran World Relief. Friday morning Closing Program was followed by hot dog lunch.

Thanks to the creative and faithful leadership team of **Brenda Brown, Belinda Malin, Joann Rees, Marsha McConaughy** supported by Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Leadership Team of **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Krenek**. They were assisted by: **Jordan Achilles, Lori Althaus, Allie Anderson, Adam Baylor, Sandra Baylor, Christine Berkland, Verline Berkman, Pastor Kent Bohls, Christine Bohls, Erin Bostick, Riley Brown, Terry Brown, Sandra Campos, Malte Cedzich, Liz Cortez, George Creager, Carson Domel, Leslie Doty, Linda Dunahoo, Diana Dworin, Janine Dworin, Darla Elam, Sandy Ericson, Kendall Evans, Sheryl Evans, Myrtle Franklin, Tania Galan, Josh Goodlow, Tiffany Goodlow, Joel Gronberg, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Sharon Gronberg, Viola Hall, Kelly Hardage, Catherine Hillmer, Peggy Horton, Walt Horton, Lorrie Huston, Stephanie Huston, Tim Huston, Graciela Jimenez, Doris Jones, Pauline Jones, Caleb Johnson, Johnnet**

Jones, Megan Jones, Hannah Jurgens, Kathy Jurgens, Amy Kingsbury, Elizabeth Kite, Ryan Kuenast, Denise Lackey, Martha Landers, Amy Lay, Tanika Lothery, Harley Malin, Ken Malin, Ross Malin, Debbie Mason, Lauren Moreno, Becky Rippy, Geth Rodgers, Janie Rodriguez, Erin Rosales, Dixie Ross, Angela Schnelle, Pastor Susan Schnelle, Zoe Zrubek, Barbara Sylvester, Jamie Syx, Paulette Thomas, Vickie Waddell, Katy Williams, Laura Young. Over 140 adults, youth and children made Gethsemane 2008 “A Tree Top Bible Blast”

PILGRIM TRAVEL NEWS

Space available for Pilgrim trips with **Pastor Kent & Joan Bohls** to Australia and New Zealand **Jan. 25-Feb. 11, 2009**; reservations being taken for **Sep. 21-Oct. 2, 2010** Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, takes place every ten years. Contact kentbohls@gmail.com. Brochures in narthex.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED: Peggy Parker, Seton NW; **Sandy Jones**, Cornerstone—remember Christian friends in prayer... **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** families of **Jim Connelly, Mary E. Sellers, Lemoine “Shorty” Hill**—may those who mourn be comforted... **THANKS FROM:** **Joyce Kingsbury, Carl Candoli, Alex Mirales, Alford Johnson, Lisa Holmstrom, Will & Virgie Erickson, David Doerfler, Eileen Hyltin, Sandy Jones, Peggy Parker, Edith Rodgers, Edra Hanson, June Stuckey, Sally Nagy, Maxine Lammergard, Debbie Kreuser**, for prayers, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral ministries; **James & Harriet Gardner** for participation in 50th wedding anniversary celebration; **Pastor Will & Virgie Erickson** “heartfelt thanks to Gethsemane” for 60th Ordination Anniversary celebration—pictures, greetings, thanks on bulletin board; **Pastor Tom Corbell** for invitation to ordination anniversary; **Joann**

Meier Rees expressing appreciation of Meier “Clan” for family reunion space; **James Wilbur Bassett, III & Alice Marie Schnelle, Justin Cooper Ward & Abby Jo Jensen** for preparation and wedding celebrations; **Obsessive Compulsive Group** for monthly meeting space and support; **Pat Giles**, Family Eldercare Care Manager Guardianship Services, for ministry to clients; **Jennie Blankenship**, San Juan Diego Roman Catholic High, for **Austin Faith Dialogue** interview of **Father Jayme Mathias** and students; Synod Assembly Planning Committee for Gethsemane women support; thank you notes/ pictures in narthex/ education wing bulletin boards... **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Dean & Lauri Calk Lundquist** on birth of **Addison Faith**—baptism is planned for July 27; **Wade & Elizabeth Thorstad** addition of **Bella Elizabeth** to family; **Luke Langdon & Cari Lee Lasley Armand** married recently; **Edra Hanson** 90th birthday celebration with family and friends Sunday past in Gethsemane MPR; **JoAnn Gerbig and Gethsemane Bell Ringers** participation in 2008 Area IX Festival held in Austin; **Stanley & Verline Berkman** celebrating 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends Sunday, June 29; **Unity Peterson & Adam Minton** birth of daughter **Stella Dae**... **THANKS TO:** **Adelle Rolls** for hosting **Pastor Tom Corbell** on his visit to Austin; **Rod Bohls** for creating 2008 Gethsemane VBS T-shirts... **GREETINGS FROM:** **David Skoglund** enjoying visit with relatives in Sweden; **Alice & Mark Mueller** visiting daughter **Laura** doing doctorate studies in Paris, France—also visited The Cathedral in Chartres—inspiration for Gethsemane windows; **Verne & Nancy Lundquist** in Austin for Austin High class of 1958 reunion visiting with **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** in Verne's childhood home 4202 Lullwood Road. **Verne** continues his work on national television.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 28

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, June 29—Pentecost 7

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

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

4:00 p.m. Pastoral Installation (Wimberley)

MONDAY, June 30

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

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

TUESDAY, July 1

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

6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, July 2

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

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

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

THURSDAY, July 3

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

FRIDAY, July 4

GLCM & Church Offices closed

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

SATURDAY, July 5

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

6:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, July 6—Pentecost 8—Patriotic Sunday

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

8:15 a.m. “Now the Feast” Liturgy (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. “Now the Feast” Liturgy (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, July 7

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

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

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

TUESDAY, July 8

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

7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF (Hoover's Cooking, Hwy 183)

WEDNESDAY, July 9

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Installation (First English)

THURSDAY, July 10

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

FRIDAY, July 11

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

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

SATURDAY, July 12

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

SUNDAY, July 13—Pentecost 9

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Confirmation Beach Camp—July 13-18

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

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

MONDAY, July 14

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

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

TUESDAY, July 15

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, July 16—(see July 9)

THURSDAY, July 17

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

FRIDAY, July 18

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

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

SATURDAY, July 19

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

10:00 a.m. Family Reunion (Multi-Purpose Rm)

5:00 p.m. VASA (Multi-Purpose Room)