

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2010

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

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## LENTEN THEME "BENEATH THE CROSS, LETTERS FROM A GOOD FRIDAY WORLD"

### MARCH 14 — LENT 4

#### ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

**SCRIPTURE:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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:

"Taking Time in God's Honor"

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

The Gethsemane Lutheran Men's Chorale sings "Standing in the Need of Prayer" Sunday March 14 at the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Lenten liturgies. Members of the Chorale are: **John Berry, John Kingsbury, Wes Lokken, Garth Mailman, Gene Olson, Gat Rodgers, Lee Schnelle, Don Swenson.** Thanks to these men for blessing the community. Thanks to **Bruce Ramming** for his faithful ministry accompanying the Sanctuary Choir and playing for worship liturgies. Gethsemane member **Julia Bedrich Talley** will fill this position returning to a ministry she previously held. Thanks be to God for the gift of music in the life of the community.

#### LUTHERAN SUNSET MINISTRIES

Gethsemane Lutheran and 47 congregations in Texas participate as LSM Corporation Congregations. The annual meeting is Sunday, **March 14** in Clifton, Texas. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** has represented Gethsemane at previous meeting of the corporation board and **Rodney Reuter**, President/CEO has visited Gethsemane sharing this vital ministry to senior adults. Gethsemane quilts annually donate a lovingly made quilt to the Sunset Volunteer Auxiliary for their annual auction. The Gethsemane Lutheran **Mabel Ekman Foundation** has provided financial support to residents. The Annual Donor Recognition Dinner **March 26**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bosque Arts Center Theatre. Thanks Gethsemane for supporting in many ways Lutheran Sunset Ministries.

#### FAIR TRADE

Eat Fair Trade chocolate and drink Fair Trade coffee and tea and help make a big difference in lives of others around the globe. Fair Trade available Sunday, **March 14.**

#### GETHSEMANE MEN

Men-in-Mission tour **Darrell K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium** Thursday, **March 18.** During the 9 a.m. coffee and donuts fellowship time in the Music Room, **Assistant Fire Chief Harry Evans** speaks on the Echelon I Building plane crash. Lunch follows tour at **Scholz Garden.** Sign up Men-in-Mission Bulletin Board.

#### HABITAT THANKS

2010 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Austin Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat staff expresses thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran for support during these 25 years. In 2009 Austin Habitat built 24 new homes; repaired 25 homes, and served over 350 families. The goal of Austin Habitat for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is to serve more families with a vision to eliminate poverty housing through the power of home ownership. Thanks for choosing to **make a difference.**

### MARCH 21 — LENT 5

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; St. John 12:1-8

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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:

"Preparing for the Festival"

Thank You  
Gethsemane Lutheran -Austin, Texas  
from the  
Southwestern Texas Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America for faithful giving in 2009  
to synod and church wide ministries.  
*Mark S. Hanson, ELCA Presiding Bishop*  
*Ray Tiemann, Synod Bishop*  
"God's Work. Our Hands"

Gethsemane stewards in 2009, a challenging year for the United States and people around the world, continued to give generously to support the ministries of the congregation, synod and ELCA. Benevolent gifts totaled over \$60,000 including monthly benevolent gifts, synod offering for Poverty Task Force chaired by Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman**, gifts to Border Mission, Salvation Army World Hunger, Disaster Relief, Texas Lutheran University, Salvation Army, Huston-Tillotson University campus ministry, UT-Austin campus ministry and a variety of local ministries. "God's Work. Our Hands". Thanks be to God.

#### GETHSEMANE YOUTH

**Kevin & Carrie Eubank** will host the **Senior High youth March 21.** Meet in the south parking lot 5 p.m. and we will go together to the Eubank home for dinner, fellowship and fun-return by 8 p.m. Join us to celebrate the end of Spring Break!

#### GWELCA RETREAT

Gethsemane women gather **March 27** for the "Heartspa" retreat at the home of **Louis Ann Rippey.** At "Heartspa" we will learn about different aspects of God's refreshment and how it applies to our lives, explore how to find rest in Jesus, reflect on where we have turned for rest in the past, learn about God's healing, and how we can share the love of God with others. Meet at the church 8:30 a.m. to ride in the van or carpool. Retreat activities begin 9 a.m. and end 3:30 p.m. See **Pastor Schnelle** for a map to the Rippey home.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry observed **Lutheran Schools Week** with special activities to learn about **Dr. Martin Luther** and his commitment to children's education. Daily themes were: "I am Special", "I love Books", "Family and Pets are Important", "Sing a New Song", "Share the Good News". Gethsemane members are invited to join GLCM staff and parents for Spring Work Day Saturday **April 10.** Opportunity to paint, clean and fix up needed improvements. Annual **Birdie Brothers Golf Tournament** benefiting GLCM Sunday, **May 16** at Shadow Glen Golf Club with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. Gethsemane Members and friends are invited to participate. This is truly a "fun"raising event. Thanks to **Eve Smith Domel** for donating books and videos.

### MARCH 28 — PALM SUNDAY

#### ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; St. Luke 22:14-23:56

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

##### LEARNING HOUR THEME:

"Palm Sunday Emphasis"

#### PALM CROSSES

March Gethsemane Congregation Council Deacons **Marilyn Ketteman** and **Martin Swoda**, along with fellow members of the 2010 congregation council, greet **Holy Week Pilgrims** with a Palm Cross. This decades old Gethsemane tradition gives crosses from Tanzanian villages where the people weave the crosses. Proceeds from the sale of crosses fund basic human need projects in Africa. The prayer of the Gethsemane Congregation Council is that every person will wear the cross or place the cross in a prominent location as a reminder of the holiest of time in the Christian faith.

#### PASSOVER MEAL

The annual Passover Seder, Passion-Palm Sunday, **March 28**, 9:30 a.m. for confirmands, family members and those preparing for first communion on Maundy Thursday. Contact **Pastors Schnelle** or **Gronberg** for your place at the Seder table.

#### HOLY WEEK

##### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 28

##### BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

8:15 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
9:30 a.m. Seder Meal for confirmands & families  
10:30 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses  
12 noon First Communion instruction

##### MONDAY - THURSDAY,

##### MARCH 29-APRIL 1

12 noon & 7 p.m. Reading of Passion Narrative, Holy Communion

##### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 p.m. Eucharist, foot washing  
Council Installation  
First Communion

##### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 a.m. Eucharist/ stripping of altar  
11:00 a.m. Procession of the Cross  
12 noon-12 midnight — Prayer Vigil  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness

##### EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 3

#### FIRST COMMUNION

First communion instruction Palm Sunday **March 28**, following worship for 3rd graders and above, parents and/or grandparents. Lunch provided; **Pastors Schnelle** or **Bohls** for reservations

#### EASTER LILY SIGN UP

Sign up for the Gethsemane Easter Lily Chancel Garden by using the "SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS" envelopes available in the narthex. Please mail your request to the Gethsemane office, place in the offering plate, indicating memorial or honorarium along with a check for \$12, or you may sign up on the Gethsemane website, [www.gethsemaneAustin.org](http://www.gethsemaneAustin.org). \$2 of each is support for Gethsemane Youth Ministry.

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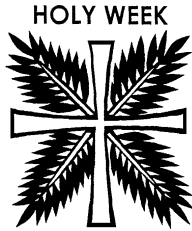
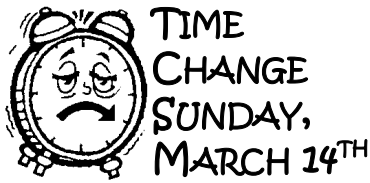
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## GWELCA RETREAT—MARCH 27 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY—MARCH 28 “CHRIST IN OUR HOME” DEVOTIONALS

### FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Gwen Ericson** and all members Co-Chairs, **Sandra Baylor, Claudia Gann, Ruth Lyons, Dee Riley, Mary Jane Riley, Wilma Wheatley.**

February Altar and Chancel flowers were given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of four generations of family by **Brad & Karyn Jensen**; in loving memory of **Leonard** on our wedding anniversary, February 7, 1942, by **Doris Smith**; in loving memory of **Lee Krenek**, who claimed the promise of his baptism on February 14, 2007, by his family; in loving memory of **Gene Barrow's** 56<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in the hands of God, by the **Barrow Family**; praising God for His blessings by **David N. Smith.**

Sign up in the narthex for altar/chancel flowers. Cost: \$35-altar, \$25-chancel.

### GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** families of **Carol Ann Hansen Godwin, Mijean Jamal Harris** may those who mourn be comforted... **KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED:** **Jim Werchan**, Seton MC; **Verline Berkman** St. David's MC—remember these friends in prayer... **THANKS TO:** Gethsemane Women ELCA officers **Darla Elam, Dianne Dietz, Peggy Horton, Diane Streeter, Deanie Martinets** for leadership of WELCA Sunday; **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel** for serving the Lenten soup & sandwich Wednesday meals; donors of the new stove in the Education wing kitchen—more good Gethsemane cooking!;

**Virginia Marek** and **Erin Rosales** coordinators/recruiters for Gethsemane participation in the 2010 CROP Walk: **Kelly Bartko, Pastor Kent Bohls, Jimmy Buehring, Andrew Davitt, David Ellerbeck, Daniel Holmstrom, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Hannah Jurgens, Elizabeth Ketteman, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Jeff Ketteman, Dar Krenek, Tyler Kuenast, Glenn Like, Virginia Marek, Adelle Rolls, Erin Rosales, Pastor Susan & Lee Schnelle, Erik Svenkerud, Sebastian Wilhelm**—Gethsemane walkers are grateful for sponsors giving \$2000 to support the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual walk; **Garth Mailman**, a “favorite” Canadian Lutheran blessing Gethsemane during his winter time in Austin—safe journey north, **Garth; Karayn Jensen** and **Michael Candeh**, February Congregation Council deacons; **Dr. Erik Svenkerud** and **Salvador Chavarria** representing Gethsemane Border Medical Mission with **ELCA Marion, Iowa** congregation... **THANKS FROM:** **Deanie Martinets, George Wendlandt, Karalyn Heimlich, Verline Berkman, Vicki Morgan, Jim Werchan, Vivian Swenson, Mae Lundgren, Kelly Mortland** for prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday pastoral ministries; **Austin Czech Historical Association** for Gethsemane providing facilities for monthly meetings; **AMBIS** (Austin Memorial & Burial Information Society) for Gethsemane hosting their annual meeting; **Cross Trails Ministry** for **Wil & Alice Bassett, Phil & Christine Berkland, Pastor**

**Kent Bohls, Barb Guinn** and **Joseph, Michael, Sharon & Catherine Hillmer, Lane, Glenda, Daniel, Amanda Holmstrom, Walt & Peggy Horton, Joe Dan, Dana & Jody Johnson, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Jeff Ketteman, Dar Krenek, David & Helen Maidment, Pastor Susie & Lee Schnelle, Amanda Schnelle, Jeremy Ullrich, Erik Svenkerud, Pam Vetter, Amy, Robert and Matt Williams, Patricia Woodley & Alyssa**, participating in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gethsemane Retreat at Camp Chrysalis—the 2011 retreat will be Feb. 26-27; **Babs Chandrasoma** for Gethsemane hosting “*Start Talking: Helping Moms and Daughters start talking and keep talking discussing some of life's toughest topics*”; **Peter & Valerie Nichols Keller** for the baptism of their daughter **Vivienne Samantha Nichols Keller**... **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Will Jurgens**, Texas Lutheran University sophomore music education and music performance major recognized in **The Lone Star Lutheran, TLU student newspaper**, for his support of TLU athletic teams through participation in the Pep Band—Gethsemane is proud of you, Will... **GREETINGS FROM:** **Jerry & Jean Bartholomay** wishing Gethsemane friends a blessed Lenten Season; **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** enjoying Spring Break week in Wisconsin visiting **Erik, Kendra** and **Annika**... **FUTURE DATES:** 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, March 13

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

### SUNDAY, March 14—LENT 4

#### 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. Lenten Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. Sons of Norway (Music Room)

### MONDAY, March 15

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)  
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Center Chapel  
6:15 p.m. Congregation Council (Music Rm)  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

### TUESDAY, March 16

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel  
1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Multi-Purpose Rm)  
7:30 p.m. OCD (Music Room)

### WEDNESDAY March 17—ST. PATRICKS DAY

#### LENTEN MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS—SEE MARCH 24

11:45 a.m. LTC Guild (Music Room)

### THURSDAY, March 18

9:30 a.m. Men-in-Mission Tour (Music Room)  
5:00 p.m. Kickball (Baseball Diamond)  
5:30 p.m. GLCM Advisory Board (Parlor)

### FRIDAY, March 19

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

### SATURDAY, March 20

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

### SUNDAY, March 21—LENT 5

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  
5-8 p.m. S.N.L. (Sr High @ Eubank's home)

### MONDAY, March 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, March 23

1:30-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
6:30 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

### WEDNESDAY, March 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, March 25

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
5:00 p.m. Kickball (Baseball Diamond)

### FRIDAY, March 26

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

### SATURDAY, March 27

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild

### SUNDAY, March 28 - —1st Day of Holy Week

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

### MONDAY, March 29—2nd Day of Holy Week

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-TH)  
12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

### TUESDAY, March 30—3rd Day of Holy Week

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist  
1:30-4:30 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

### WED., March 31—4th Day of Holy Week

12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1

#### 5th Day of Holy Week

7:30 a.m. Wildflower Mystery Tour  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
12 noon/7 pm Holy Week Readings/eucharist  
5:00 p.m. Kickball (Baseball Diamond)  
7:00 p.m. foot washing, eucharist

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 2—6th Day of Holy Week

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Closed  
10:00 a.m. eucharist, stripping of altar  
7:00 p.m. Ancient Tennebrae liturgy  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 3

#### 7th Day of Holy Week

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild  
10:00 a.m. Youth Set up for Easter Breakfast  
3 & 6 p.m. Easter Triumph Play (Manor H.S.)