

STORIES SHARED DURING WEEKS OF SUMMER 2016

JUNE 5—PENTECOST 3

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; St. Luke 7:11-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SUMMER STORIES SHARED

Everyone has a story. During the 2016 summer weeks the **Gethsemane Lutheran community** will have opportunity to share and listen to stories. Sunday mornings in June will highlight this opportunity. **June 5th**, the class will consider three stories: **Elijah** receives the gift of hospitality and gives life; **St. Paul** tells the Galatians of his story persecuting Christians; **Jesus** restores life to a widow whose son died; These stories teach the gift of **the grace of God lived by people of faith.** **June 12**, the Adult Class visits with Gethsemane members **Mary Lou Newman, Khem Saythongkham** and **Dr. Erik Svenkerud** as they tell the story of **Thailand projects for underserved communities** with hopes of inviting **University of Texas- Austin** students to participate in an international **service story.** **June 19th**, Gethsemane member **Jack Westerman**, a **man/father of faith** tells his story of reading the **Lutheran Confessions-The Book of Concord.** Jack will highlight some of the lessons he found important for his faith story. **June 8th, Wednesday Conversations 11 a.m.** with **Pastor Karl Gronberg** features readings Pastor shares along with readings class members find helpful for their **faith story.** This conversation time (**story telling**) will be for an hour prior to the Wednesday noon Holy Communion. Come on Sundays and/ or Wednesday.

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Confirmation youth attend Camp Chrysalis, Sunday June 5-10. Youth and sponsor attending: **Ashlynn Althaus, Helen Johnson, Lily Kuenast, Natalie Kerlick, Nicole Facile, Janine Cruz-Mendoza, Preston Parker, William Errett and Pastor Susan Schnelle.** These confirmands will be “sent forth” during the June 5th 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Bring money for lunch on the way to Kerrville. Return 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 10. Keep the confirmands and pastor in daily prayer.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Sunday, **June 5th, 7:30pm, The Goodnight in the Village Shopping Center** on Anderson Lane. Come for a cold drink, fellowship and casual faith conversation. Look for a table tent with **Martin Luther** holding a beer mug...that’ll be us! The conversation is open to anyone regardless of church membership/ faith affiliation; please invite your friends! Cheers!

JUNE 12—PENTECOST 4

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL/FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK

“**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DR. SEUSS**”

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15-21; St. Luke 7:36—8:3

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GETHSEMANE VBS

The annual **Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School** June 13-17th, 8:45 a.m.-12 noon. The 2016 VBS theme: *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss.* Monday, *The Lorax: Creation Care*, Genesis 1:26-31, 2:5-9; Tuesday, *The Sneetches: Wonderfully Made*, Isaiah 64:8; Wednesday, *Horton Hears a Who: Helping Others*, Matthew 25:34-40; Thursday, *Bartholomew and the Oobleck: Forgiveness*, Matthew 23:11-12; Friday, *Yertle the Turtle: Solid Foundation*, Matthew 7:24-25. **Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry** students/ staff will participate. **Plan to register by June 8th—registration forms in narthex.** Adults are invited to volunteer, even if you can only assist one day. Help in the craft area, music, prepare and serve snacks, the storytelling room, games, or being a guide to lead the children from one area to another. Please note on the registration form which days you can assist and in which activity you would prefer to help. **See you at VBS.**

SUMMER PROGRAM

Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry Summer Program May 31 – Aug 17. The summer program includes splash days, music, storytelling, sports, crafts, cooking, summer musical, games and chapel. June 16 & 17 is **Doughnuts with Dad.** VBS Closing Program, Friday, June 17, 11:30am followed by a hot dog lunch. GLCM is **enrolling for the summer program and the 2015-2016 school year.** Contact the office for more information 512-339-6335. *“Good beginnings, never end.”*

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Gethsemane hosts, for the 6th year, **Trinity Lutheran youth** of Clifton, Texas June 13-15. The nine youth and three adult sponsors express thanks for Gethsemane hospitality as they live out the theme: **“ Cross Cultural Service.”** Gethsemane welcomes Trinity youth.

JUNE 19—PENTECOST 5

FATHERS’ DAY—VBS REVISTED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; St. Luke 8:26-39

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FATHER’S DAY PHOTOS

Continuing a **Father’s Day tradition**, **pictures** will be taken of fathers with their children Sunday, June 19. The pictures are a reminder of the sacred bond between men and their children and the **sacred responsibility God has given to fathers to guide their children** to grow in their **baptismal faith within the church community.** Building a bond with your child will have long-lasting effects. Strengthen your father-child relationship by: **Doing things together**—Children benefit from your attention. Read to your child, play, tell stories of your childhood, share meals, celebrate accomplishments; **Talking**—Start talking to your children when they’re young, and not just about serious issues or things they’ve done wrong; **Listening**—Listen to your child’s stories/ideas, feelings, problems and experiences—and respond without always expressing an opinion; **Teaching**—Teach the difference between right and wrong as well as life skills. Give praise when your child learns something new; **Disciplining with love**—Remind your children, calmly and consistently, of the consequences of their actions. Reward them for good behavior; **Showing affection**—Hug your children and tell them that you will always love them, no matter what. Even after your children leave the nest, stay involved. Ask how they’re doing—and then listen attentively.

Happy Father’s Day!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Drive a Senior-North Central Austin Executive Director **Pam Robers, Ph.D** met with **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and Gethsemane congregation board representative **Tony Venza.** She expressed thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran for being a charter member of this ministry to senior adults and for faithful support of their work to assist senior adults to stay in their homes. Dr. Robers informed Pastor of their new office located in the area they serve. Pastor and Tony invited her to “share the story” of this ministry during summer SCS.

Vacation Bible School “The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss” June 13-17, 2016 — 8:45 a.m.-12 noon

REGISTRATION FORM — (Return to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 W Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78752)
VBS registration forms available in the narthex or on the Gethsemane website: <http://www.gethsemaneAustin.org>

Parent _____ E-mail address _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____ (very important for emergencies)
 I will assist: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday All Week
 I would like to assist in: Music Games Snacks Crafts Guide Storytelling
 Saturday Set Up Craft Preparation Hot dog meal Registration T-shirt sales

Child’s Name _____ Date of Birth. (mo., day, yr.) _____ Entering grade _____

TO ORDER GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS,
INCLUDE YOUR CHECK TO GETHSEMANE FOR THE SHIRTS WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. PLEASE NOTE THE QUANTITY OF EACH SIZE ORDERED. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING VBS.

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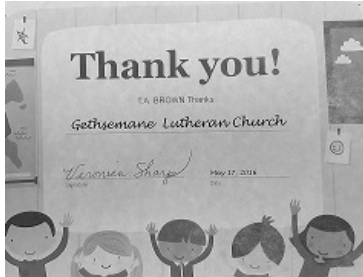
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CONFIRMANDS CAMP "SENDING FORTH" JUNE 5 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17 FATHER'S /CHILDREN PICTURES JUNE 19



PARTNER IN EDUCATION

Gethsemane congregation was recognized again by T.A. Brown Elementary as a 2015-2016 Partner in Education. Joann Rees accepted the recognition certificate on behalf of the Gethsemane community. T.A. Brown school has been important to Gethsemane Lutheran for decades having served as a worship site for the congregation while the present sanctuary was being built in the early 1960's. Through the years, Gethsemane has supported the educational mission of the school. Pastor Karl Gronberg has served on the advisory board. Gethsemane youth have distributed gifts during the Christmas holidays. The "Christmas in July Giving Tree", in memory of the late beloved Gethsemane member and educator, Dr. Carl Candoli, who tirelessly worked to show his belief that "every child can learn", invites Gethsemane congregants to assist faculty, staff, students with "Back to School supplies." Thanks Gethsemane for supporting children. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -Helen Keller

CONGRATS GRADUATES

Gethsemane joins with parents and family members in celebrating the accomplishments of their children. May/June is a traditional time for commencements. Congratulations to: Quintel Candeh, Manor New Tech High School; Matthew Davitt, Cedar Ridge High School; Suzanna Engber; The Griffin School; Lukas Facile, Lake Travis High School; Michael Greinert, Round Rock High School; Sam Huston, Rouse High School; Emma Jane Johnson, Neville High School; Kourtney Ann Jordan, Liberty Hill High School; Mason Kerlick, Leander High School; Paige Anderson, McCombs School of Business at University of Texas in Austin. 2016 graduates are encouraged to inform Gethsemane of their graduation. Announcements displayed in the narthex. The graduates were recognized and a reception was held in their honor Sunday, May 29th. Gethsemane is proud of you.

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: Donna Olson, chair; Cindy Pounds, Cheryl Swening, Judy Warr, Joann Rees and Kenneth Candeh. May Altar/Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of Larry Nau, Jr. "Uncle BoBo" by his family; in honor and celebration of Lee Schnelle on his birthday by his family; in celebration of Jack Westerman's birthday by his family & Gethsemane friends; in loving memory of Mayme Berkman and Gwen Reynolds by Cheryl Swening; in honor of Vertine Berkman by her family; in loving memory of Sandra "Sandy" Gail Jones and Joyce Hudson Kingsbury by their families; in celebration of our children's birthdays: Leith, Sean, Josh & Emily by the Collier family; in loving memory of Bounthanh by Khem Saythongkham and family; in loving memory of J.D. Taylor by Khem Saythongkham and family; in celebration of Denver's 17th birthday by Ken, Belinda, Ross, Harley and Katrina Malin.

Gethsemane members and friends interested in placing flowers on the altar or chancel are invited to sign the Flower Chart Book in the narthex: Altar arrangement, \$40; Chancel flowers, \$30. For those having signed for any of the remaining Sundays in 2016, please re-sign due to the loss of the previous Flower Chart Book. Thanks for your assistance.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY : to the family of Clarence Monte Anderson, Ronald Thomas Sjoblom may those who mourn be comforted; ...THANKS TO: Lynda Andrus for coordinating the Abundant life Art Exhibit Reception. People from Gethsemane congregation, the Austin community, Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association (GANA) attended. Plans for the 2017 art exhibit are being discussed. A special thanks to Stuart Wallace of North Austin Creatives for support, Angelica Lundquist and Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry for art work by GLCM children, Marcus & Melanie LaPorte for posters; Edith Rodgers and son, Gat for years of service to the community stuffing Sunday bulletins; Ken & Linda Schulz for putting the Sunday bulletins together; Alan

Schulz for wheel chair gift for the Gethsemane sanctuary; Gethsemane high school seniors and youth: Michael Greinert, liturgist; Lukas Facile, homily; Nicole Facile and Lukas Facile, special music; Katrina Malin, sign language interpreter; Ezra Spielvogel, Jody Johnson, Matthew Davitt, lectors; Will Johnson, Byron Bohls, Jesse Sanchez, Robert Mount, Trey Lundquist, Heidi Lundquist, Amanda Holmstrom Denver Malin and Katrina Malin for leading worship Sunday, May 29th; ...THANKS FROM: Jan McKnight, Sarah Davis, Jean Kingsbury, Joann Rees, Lane Holmstrom, Daisy Horton, Pehr Smith, Clare Andrus, Ron Tigue, Edith Rodgers, Jenna Bruns, Jeannell Bolton, Robert Rekart, Jim & Darlene Werchan for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls / ministry; Walker & Lisa Clark for baptism of Cora; Joe Samaniego & family Gethsemane supporting fund raiser for a kidney transplant; Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association Leadership Team for Gethsemane hospitality as they continue to meet at Gethsemane and work to fulfill their vision "To Foster a Beautiful, Connected, Safe and Empowered Neighborhood" Gethsemane is honored to be a partner with these neighbors; ...CONGRATULATIONS TO: Michael Beckham & Li (Lillian) Sheng, Eric Reis & Elisabeth Pounds, Robert Harris & Barbara Kingsbury married recently; Merlin & Linda Dunahoo celebrating 50th wedding anniversary. Gethsemane rejoices as you give witness to the love of God in your commitment to family, friends and community; Phil & Rachel Wahlberg celebrating with family and friends 70th wedding anniversary. Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg have been invited to participate in this celebration. Bishop Wahlberg served the Lutheran community for decades; GREETINGS FROM: Don & Anne Roefer thankful for their Jeffers, Minnesota garden. The Rhubarb "Care Package" was enjoyed in the Gronberg house; Jiwoh Abdulai visiting Austin/ Ft. Worth for baptism of Axel Albert Eitel Gronberg; Thom Prentice "grateful for Gethsemane friends"; Mary Lou Newman working with UT-Austin students in Guatemala; Debbie Peterson "happy to be home" following European trip.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, June 4

7:00 a.m. Fundraiser
11:00 a.m. Good Friends Social Club

SUNDAY, JUNE 5—PENTECOST 3

CONFIRMANDS TO CAMP

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
3:00 p.m. Wedding
7:30 p.m. Theology on Tap

MONDAY, June 6

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, June 7

9:30 a.m. GWELCA quilting (MR)
10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Car Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, June 8

11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY, June 9

6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)

FRIDAY, June 10

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)

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

SATURDAY, June 11

11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MH)
4:00 p.m. Wedding/Reaffirmation of Vows

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WORLD HUNGER APPEAL/FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, June 13—Vacation Bible School

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
8:45am-12 noon VBS

6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, June 14—Vacation Bible School

8:45am-12 noon VBS
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (MR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF

WEDNESDAY, June 15—Vacation Bible School

8:45am-12 noon VBS
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY, June 16—Vacation Bible School

8:45am-12 noon VBS

6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)

FRIDAY, June 17—Vacation Bible School

8:45am-12 noon VBS

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

SATURDAY, June 18

SUNDAY, JUNE 19—PENTECOST 5

FATHERS' DAY/VBS REVISTED

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Ministry

MONDAY, June 20

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, June 21

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MH)

WEDNESDAY, June 22

11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY, June 23

6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)

FRIDAY, June 24

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

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

SATURDAY, June 25

9:00 a.m. Lanier Vikettes Reunion (MPR)