

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2017

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

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## COMMUNITY OF CROSS PROCLAIMS LIFE OVER DEATH

APRIL 9—PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; St. Matthew 26:14-27:66*

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.*

### HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 9

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

8:15 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses  
9:00 a.m. Youth Dinner Theatre Rehearsal(MR)  
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, APRIL 10-13

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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 15

### PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

Gethsemane Lutheran faithful annually commence Holy Week receiving crosses as a symbol of entrance into the high holy days of the Christian faith. Palm crosses will be received by the Holy Week pilgrims upon entering the narthex. The Palm crosses are given by the **George Wesley & Alvina Seaholm Sassman Altar Guild Fund** in gratitude for all Gethsemane members, past and present, having offered their talents to prepare the sacred vessels of the community for worship of the crucified and risen Christ. Crosses made by **Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman** and **Gethsemane friends** will be given to the Palm/Passion Sunday faithful as they come forward for the eucharist. Thanks to these generous donors for their commitment to the worship life of Gethsemane congregation.

### FIRST COMMUNION

INSTRUCTION/SEDER MEAL

Palm/Passion Sunday April 9th, 9:30 a.m., Multi-Purpose Room for 3rd graders and above, parents and/or grandparents. **Annual Passover Seder meal** will be served. Contact Pastors Gronberg or Schnelle for more information.

### MEN IN MISSION MTG/TOUR

**Men in Mission** will tour the **Texas State Cemetery** on Thursday, April 20. The tour will be led by the on-site caretaker, **Jason Walker**. Lunch will follow at **Cisco's** on East 6th Street, one of the oldest and historic restaurants in Austin. During fellowship, **Ron Tigue** will speak to the group about his life experiences, career and his own business, **RTJ Technologies**, supplying equipment to the automotive industry. Coffee, donuts in Music Room, 9:00 AM. Sign up on Men in Mission Bulletin Board.

### MINISTRY EXPANDS

The **Gethsemane Food Pantry and Clothes Closet** has been serving the hungry and homeless of the Austin community since 1975. Thanks to the leadership of **Mary Lou Newman** this ministry is expanding offering another service to the clients coming to Gethsemane for assistance. In partnership with the **Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Community Partner Program** clients are being helped to apply for and manage their Texas HHSC benefits on line including food, cash and medical assistance. This expanded ministry started March 21 and is offered during the Food Pantry/Clothes Closet hours. Persons interested in becoming a **Navigator** to assist in this ministry may contact **Mary Lou, Pastor Gronberg or Pastor Schnelle**.

APRIL 16—EASTER/

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; St. Matthew 28:1-10*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### Resurrection Festival

7:30 a.m. Easter *Son-Rise* worship Narthex/Garden  
7:30-10 a.m. Easter breakfast (Multi-Purpose Rm)  
8:15 a.m. Easter Resurrection Celebration/  
Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Easter Songfest, Flowering of Cross,  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Resurrection  
Celebration  
12 noon Easter Holy Communion at the Altar

### EASTER SEASON WED. MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

April 19-May 10, 2017

11:00 a.m. Adult Confirmation Bible Study with  
Pastor Gronberg & Pastor Susie  
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
5:30-6:30 Supper (\$5 each;\$15 family; MPR)  
6:00-8:45 Baby sitting available  
6:15-7:10 *Conversation* with Pastor  
Gronberg, confirmation,  
conversational Spanish and Youth  
activities for PreK-12th grade  
7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)  
7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands  
7:45-8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
CONFIRMATION BANQUET May 17th

### 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).

### EASTER BREAKFAST SETUP

Gethsemane youth set design for dinner theatre & set-up and decorate for the annual Easter breakfast Saturday, April 15th, 9:00am. Gethsemane youth continue their tradition offering Easter morning breakfast, 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

### YOUTH DINNER THEATRE

**Annual Youth Dinner Theatre and Auction- April 29th.** Make plans to enjoy another entertaining and engaging show, *Something's Coming*, written by **Lane Holmstrom** and performed by our very talented Gethsemane Youth. Tickets are \$15 each and include dinner and show, and there will be lots of silent and live auction items that you can bid on. Thanks for supporting our youth and continuing this joyful tradition. Please help raise money for the youth by donating an item to the silent auction. Here are some popular items from years past: *Themed baskets*-chocolate lovers, fun in the sun, cooking, wine lovers, game night, movie night; *Specialty items*-ice cream maker, snow cone makers, Fitbit, baked goods, jewelry; *Gift cards*-car wash, Starbucks, Alamo Drafthouse, any place you like!

### TLU SCHOOL OF MUSIC

**Texas Lutheran University School of Music** hosts the 2017 **Texas All-State Lutheran Band, Choir, Orchestra July 6-8.** Register by June 16 for 50% off attendance cost. Join high school band, choir and orchestra students from Texas on the beautiful TLU campus.

APRIL 23—EASTER 2

SCRIPTURE: *Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; St. John 20:19-31*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### CAP 10K WORSHIP/RUN-WALK

April 23, 7 a.m. Gethsemane congregants are invited to "continue the tradition" by participating in the 40th Annual Cap 10K. The late **Paul Lundgren** and **Pastor Karl Gronberg**, began this liturgy of scripture, prayer, blessing prior to the walk/run over thirty five years ago. People of all faith communities are invited. The service is held in a parking lot at Riverside & Congress. Gethsemane members **Art LaValle** and **Pat Smith** have participated in all of the CAP 10K runs. Wear your sneakers/running clothes- "live, run, walk the tradition".

### ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT

The **Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas** was formed in 2015 hosting their first **Abundant Life Art Exhibit**. Plans are in place for **The Third Annual Gabriel Loire Art Exhibit** beginning Friday, April 21st. the birth date of the late **Gabriel Loire** artist/creator of the Gethsemane Lutheran **Stained Glass Windows**. **Pehr Smith, Clare Andrus, Pastor Karl Gronberg** invite Gethsemane artists and artists from the Austin community to display their work. 2016 artists were **Clare William Andrus, Pehr Smith, Stuart Wallace, Jenna Bruns, Jeanell Buida Bolton, Robert G. Rekart**. These creative persons generously displayed examples of their art. Gethsemane members wishing to display art or know an artist, are invited to contact Pehr, Clare or Pastor. Receptions will be held at the beginning and conclusion of the exhibit. Plans are to have a work chosen to be on permanent display at Gethsemane in commemoration of the **500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation**.

### ART IN SACRED SPACES

**Clare Andrus** and **Pehr Smith** of the **Gethsemane Lutheran Abundant life Art Task Force** have met with **Lynn Osgood of Partners for Sacred Places**. This program is being sponsored by the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "Partners for Sacred Places" with the goal of working with congregations to and the Austin creative community in making a space sharing arrangement for art. If chosen, Gethsemane would house works of art for the enjoyment of the Austin community.

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD GLCM NEWS

Easter parties on April 13th. Closed on Good Friday. Parent-teacher conferences begin on April 18th. Week of the Young Child-April 23-29. "Celebrating Children Texas Style!" Monday: Saddle Up Your Horses; Tuesday: Texas Rodeo Games; Wednesday: Texas 2-Stepping; Thursday: Campfire Singing; Friday: Texas BBQ & Round Up—Cowboy Chapel, Texas Cowboy songs with Ms. Dar, Texas Family BBQ & Dedication of the 2's playground, and Children's Texas-style Art Show. **May 7th, Save The Date-Annual GLCM Golf Tournament-Star Ranch Golf Course.** All levels of players are welcome to join for a fun time and a great cause. We are making it easy for players to register and pay on-line. If you don't play golf, please consider sponsoring a hole, donate items for the raffle or "goody bags" or making a donation off of the Golf Tree (coming out in April). For more information, please contact **Angelica Lundquist** (512-339-6335) or email [angelicalundquist@glcmchildcare.org](mailto:angelicalundquist@glcmchildcare.org).

### APRIL- JUNE DEVOTIONS

**Christ in our Home** devotions for April-June available in the narthex. The picture on the front is a statue of **Katharina von Bora** the wife of **Martin Luther**. (married in 1525) This marriage, though controversial at the time, is celebrated every year in Wittenberg, Germany with a three day festival. Writers for this quarter are: **Duane Neugebauer**, Black Hills, South Dakota; **Derrick Fallon**, New Canaan, Connecticut; **Kimberly Knowle-Zeller**, Cole Camp, Missouri; **Stanley J. Meyer**, Seguin, Texas; **Jeanette Bialas Strandjord**; **Kathie Bender Schwich**, Park Ridge, Illinois.

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## HOLY WEEK PRAYERS EASTER LILY SIGN UP RESURRECTION DAY

"CALLED BY GRACE,  
LED BY FAITH,  
WELCOMING ALL TO  
SHARE GOD'S LOVE."

### IN MEMORY OF MINNIE PIHLGREN

Minnie Caroline Pihlgren, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism March 27, 2017. the memorial service for the Christian faithful was held Saturday, April 1, 2017. was a Minnie lived for 101 years. She filled those decades and years living her baptism faithfully as a child of ten loved by her parents and siblings. She married Archie Pilgrim on April 9, 1940. She was a loved wife, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at Grace Lutheran Church in West Point, Nebraska. Minnie and her family, upon moving to Austin joined Gethsemane Lutheran Church in 1959. Following the death of her husband in 1966, she lovingly took care of young children in her home. In 1998, she retired from child care responsibilities and moved to her home in Sun City, Georgetown to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law. Minnie was preceded in death by her husband, Archie; her son, Roy; her parents; six brothers and three sisters. The Gethsemane Lutheran community expresses Christian hope to her daughter, Carole Kilmer and husband Larry of Georgetown; son, Wayne Pihlgren and his wife Eva of Oxnard, California; grandchildren: Scott Mount and wife Leslie, Diane Cantrell, Kristine Pihlgren Resar and husband Chad, James Pihlgren, David Pihlgren and Lauren Pihlgren; seven great-grandchildren: Ryan, Ashley, Robert, Michael, Taylor, Brady and Addison. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Sandy Pihlgren of Omaha, Nebraska. Wherever she lived Minnie filled her days with family, friends, working puzzles, and other various activities. Minnie knew the love of God in Jesus Christ. She read her daily devotional and prayed for her family friends. The words of scripture are appropriate for this amazing woman of faith: "She looks well to the ways of her household, her children rise up and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31: 27,28)

### MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **John & Clare Kingsbury, co-chairs; JoAnn Gerbig, Mackenzie Kite, Madison Kite, Lyndon Kite, Elizabeth Kite, Sharon Kite, Kathy Jurgens, Kay Goodlow and Darlene Werchan.** March Altar/Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Karin C. Ozuna** by **Ria Corbett and family**; in celebration of **Russell & Becky Rippy Dittrich's** wedding by the Gethsemane friends; in loving memory of **Domenico Fazzino**, contractor for Gethsemane Education Wing in 1977-78, by Gethsemane friends and family; in loving memory of **Gilbert Vasquez** by **Cheryl Swening & Danny Vasquez.** Gethsemane members and friends interested in placing flowers on the altar or chancel are invited to sign up on the Flower Chart Book in the narthex: Altar arrangement, \$40; Chancel flowers, \$30.

### PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Continuing improvements are being made to the Gethsemane Lutheran property. Monday, March 27th, the south and northeast parking lots were resealed with striping for parking and handicap areas indicated. Needed asphalt patch repairs were completed prior to the resealing. Thursday, April 6th, the ramp west of the sanctuary and the northwest parking lot will be resealed, striping and handicap areas indicated. Thanks to the numerous groups using Gethsemane parking for their cooperation. Many congregants and neighbors have indicated their appreciation. Plans to renovate the bathroom facilities across from the Steffans Parlor continue. Thanks to Gethsemane congregants having made financial commitments over and above their commitment to current and synodical benevolent ministries. The goal of \$52,000 - \$75,000 for these renovations will be realized by the generous gifts from Gethsemane members and friends. Thanks

from the Task Force to everyone having made a pledge commitment. For information contact **Pam Atkins, David Allen, Sharon Kite, Marsha McConaughy, Renita Feller, Angelica Lundquist, Pastor Karl Gronberg, Pastor Susan Schnelle.**

### TLU "FRONT ROW"

This annual event hosted by Hall of Fame nationally recognized CBS sports broadcaster **Verne Lundquist** is a gift to his alma mater **Texas Lutheran University.** Verne's 2017 guest will be **Ben Crenshaw**, one of the most talented and popular golfers of the last century. This 14th Annual 14th Front Row will be held at the **Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio.** In support of TLU and in appreciation for the **Lundquist family, Gethsemane Lutheran members and friends have attended all 14** events. The evening includes a reception, an elegant dinner, and live auction with autographed sports memorabilia and other amazing items. Always charismatic and charming, Crenshaw will be sure to make this an unforgettable evening. The Gala benefits the athletic program of TLU, a university of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg**, along with son **Joel Gronberg**, a Texas Lutheran University graduate and former member of the Board of Regents, invite Gethsemane members interested in athletics and the mission of Texas Lutheran University to speak with Pastor or Joel for more details.

### GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:** families of **Minnie Pihlgren, Karen Malone**—may the Risen Christ bring comfort; **CONGRATULATIONS TO: Daniel Holmstrom** and the **Texas Lutheran University Choir** for their Spring Tour, *Grant Us Peace*, concerts. Gethsemane is proud of **Daniel, Kendall Evans, Matthew Davitt** TLU students.

## GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, April 8

9: a.m. Altar Guild  
11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(MH)  
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service (Immanuel Cem)  
4:00 p.m. Wedding (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9—PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

#### 1ST DAY OF HOLY WEEK

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

### MONDAY, April 10—2ND DAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-Th)  
12 noon/7pm Holy Week Readings/Eucharist

### TUESDAY, April 11—3RD DAY OF HOLY WEEK

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET CLOSED  
12 noon/7pm Holy Week Readings/Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Gladoff-Cheddars(183/Anderson Mill) hosted by Donna Olson

### WEDNESDAY, April 12—4TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK

12 noon/7pm Holy Week Readings/Eucharist  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13

#### 5TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
12 noon Holy Week Readings/Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Foot washing & Eucharist  
GOOD FRIDAY, April 14—6TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK  
Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Closed  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion/Stripping of Altar  
11:00 a.m. Procession of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness

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

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 15—7TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 a.m. Youth Set Design Workday (MPR)

10:00 a.m. Youth Setup for Easter Breakfast

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16—RESURRECTION DAY

(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

### MONDAY, April 17

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 (Multi-Purpose Rm)

### TUESDAY, April 18

10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

6:00 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)

### WEDNESDAY, April 19

Midweek Connections — see center column front page

### THURSDAY, April 20

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

9:00 a.m. Men in Mission Mtg/Tour/Lunch

### FRIDAY, April 21—Abundant Life Art Show

9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)

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

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

### SATURDAY, April 22

11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(MH)

### SUNDAY, April 23—Easter 2—Cap 10K

7:00 a.m. CAP 10 Prayer Service

8:15 a.m. Easter Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

### MONDAY, April 24

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

11:30 a.m. VASA (Music Room)

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

### TUESDAY, April 25

10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

6:00 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 26—Theatre stage setup

Midweek Connections — see center column front page

### THURSDAY, April 27

### FRIDAY, April 28

9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)

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

6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Dress Rehearsal

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

### SATURDAY, April 29

1:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal

4:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre Silent Auction Opens

5:00 p.m. Dinner Served

6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Show Begins