

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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EASTER COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CHURCH BIRTHDAY

MAY 21—EASTER 6

SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; St. John 14:15-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

A closing reception is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th 3-5 p.m. In 2015, the Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas, hosted their first **Abundant Life Art Exhibit**. The **2017 Third Annual Gabriel Loire Art Exhibit** began Friday, April 21st, the birth date of the late **Gabriel Loire** artist/creator of the Gethsemane Lutheran Stained Glass Windows. The art work is on display in the Steffans Parlor. Gethsemane artists, artists from the Austin community and GLCM children include pieces from **Clare William Andrus, Pehr Smith, Jeanell Buida Bolton, Lee Bolton, Erin Rosales, John Berry, Pam Bornemann Atkins, Gary Beyer, Caroline Maclay Beyer (late & beloved), Ben Beyer, Virginia Springer Marek and Kileen 'Kay' Menem Freitag (late & beloved)**. The 2017 exhibit is dedicated in memory of Reformation artist **Lucas Cranach 1553**. Special thanks to **Clare Andrus, Pehr Smith, Angelica Lundquist, Tracy Williams and John Berry** for coordinating this exhibition in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP

May 21st, **Gethsemane youth**, led by high school seniors, will lead the community in worship. **Graduating seniors and Sunday School teachers** will be recognized at a reception during the Sunday School hour, 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are welcome!

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants minister to the residents of Heatherwilde Assisted Living Sunday, **May 21**, 2 p.m. with a Easter liturgy of scripture, meditation and eucharist. Gethsemane worship leaders: **Alton Jones, Magdalena Yosca, Donna Olson, Deanie Martinets, Lester & Lois Johnson, David Skoglund Robert Rekart, Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle** invite persons interested in senior adult ministry to participate.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Gethsemane member **Luetta "Tutty" Maixner** have invited **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Gethsemane congregants** to attend her 90th birthday celebration Sunday, May 21st 3 p.m. at her residence Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs, Boerne, Texas. (1000 Grand Blvd.) Daughter Janet and son Keith have requested flowers to be placed in the Gethsemane Chancel Sunday morning expressing the gratitude of Tutty and the family for Gethsemane ministry to their family. Persons interested in attending the celebration are invited to speak with Pastor.

GETHSEMANE HOSTS FREE CONCERT

Gethsemane Lutheran hosts The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin presentation of *The Pirates of Penzance* Sunday afternoon 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a "sneak preview" of their upcoming Summer Grand Production. Enjoy the musical numbers from the show and meet members of the cast. Join in this fun musical as they "weigh anchor and hoist the mizzen while hornswagglng some of your favorite chanteys from "The Pirates of Penzance" You will enjoy this family entertainment experience. Sunday, May 21st 3 p.m.

THAILAND MINISTRY COMMENCES

Gethsemane members Khem & Pim Saythongkham await the arrival of the University of Texas-Austin students, their advisor David Powell and Pastor Susan & Lee Schnelle. The water filtration system has been paid for by Gethsemane members with installation to begin upon the arrival of the students. Khem took with him financial gifts to enable the completion of the church building named "Blessing Church." This is the 7th ministry started by Gethsemane congregation. Thanks Gethsemane Lutheran for your prayers, words of encouragement, financial support for cooperative ministry with UT-Austin *Projects with Underserved Communities*.

MAY 28—EASTER 7

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11; St. John 17:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

VETERANS RECOGNIZED

Memorial Day week-end Gethsemane recognizes those having served our nation to preserve peace, justice and freedom around the world. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms. Pictures following 8:15a.m./10:30 a.m. liturgies. **God Bless America!**

GLCM GRADUATION

Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Pre-K 2017 Graduation Friday, May 19th, 9 a.m. in the Gethsemane Sanctuary. Gethsemane members and friends are invited to attend. The graduates are: **Isla, Magnolia, Sydney, Selah, Landon, Evelyn, Chance, Ruby, Aiden, Remyon, Jackson, Joaquin, Lucien, Luke, Rex, Tyler, Scarlet, Veda, Minor, Vaughn, Hunter, Henry, Alexandra, Elliott, Caleb, Leighton and Riel**. Thank you parents for sharing your precious children with Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry. Teachers for the Pre-K class are **Janie Rodriguez, Tahmina Khanam and Grandma Jones**. "Raise children in the way they should go, when they are old they will not depart from what they have learned" (Proverbs 22:6) The annual GLCM Potluck Picnic Saturday, May 20th, 10am-1pm, at Springwood Park. GLCM Summer Program: June 5 – Aug 16. *A Mighty Fortress: Truth Be Told* theme is an extension of the annual Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School. (June 19-23). The summer program includes splash days, music, storytelling, sports, crafts, cooking, summer musical, games and chapel. GLCM is currently enrolling for the summer program and 2017-18 school year. Contact the GLCM office for more information 512-339-6335. "Good Beginnings, Never End."

ELROY REUNION

Pastor Karl Gronberg and Gethsemane members are invited to the Annual Elroy Community Reunion Saturday May 20, 1 p.m. **The Elroy community leaders** are grateful for the interest Gethsemane members have demonstrated to them. Contact Pastor for information.

CONGRATS GRADUATES

The **500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation 1517-2017** highlights the importance of education in the lives of the Christian faithful. May and June are significant months for graduating students and their families. The graduates are to be commended for achieving an academic goal in their life journey. Gethsemane graduates are invited to send announcements of their graduation accomplishments to be shared with the community: **Erik Karl Joseph Gronberg, Ph.D Dallas Baptist University; Denver Elyse Malin, Leander High; Katrina Elizabeth Malin, Leander High; Zachary Nathaniel Brock, Robert E. Hendrickson High.** Zach will continue his studies at **Texas A & M-Commerce**. Gethsemane is eager to congratulate and celebrate with graduates and their families. Graduation announcements will be posted in the narthex.

JUNE 4—PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; St. John 20:19-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and

Christ, your Son and Our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PENTECOST:

BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

The **Festival of Pentecost**, fifty days after Easter, celebrates the gift of the **Holy Spirit** calling the church community into life. Pentecost is the third major festival in the life of the church catholic. Gethsemane calls the names of persons baptized into the "one holy catholic and apostolic church" through congregational ministry since Pentecost, 2016: **Charlie Blake Gowan (8/21/2016), Hayden Layne Gilmore (11/13/2016), Jacob Henry Jakubowski (12/11/2016), Lucas Mark Jakubowski (12/11/2016), Frederick Froylan Martinez-Kingsbury (1/28/2017), Skarlett Katherine Martinez-Kingsbury (1/28/2017) & Victor Bernadino Martinez-Kingsbury (1/28/2017)**. May the **Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit** bless the baptized to live the faith of the holy, catholic church giving witness to their identity as people of the eternal promise.

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Gethsemane confirmands: William Errett, Amesley Davis, Katie Errett, Ryan Bohls & Luke Lundquist will enjoy a week of fun, fellowship and growing in their faith, **June 11-16** at Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper Texas. See Pastor Schnelle for more information.

GETHSEMANE VBS

The annual **Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School** June 19-23, 8:45 a.m.-12 noon. Theme: *A Mighty Fortress: Truth Be Told*. **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry** students and staff will participate. Plan to enroll by **June 14th**. 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. This is an opportunity to make new friends and make a difference in the lives of children.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Gethsemane Lutheran has a decades long history of partnership with **T.A. Brown Elementary School "Every Child Can Learn"**. The Gethsemane community, with the leadership of **Pastor M.L. Lundquist**, turned the school cafeteria into a worship space during the move from 16th & Congress to 200 West Anderson Lane. In recent years, **Pastor Karl Gronberg** has served on the Advisory Board of the school. Most recently Gethsemane Lutheran has become **Partner In Education** supporting the mission of the school through the **Dr. Carl Candoli "Christmas in July" School Supplies** for students and staff. The annual **Partner In Education Breakfast** was held this year at Allan Elementary. **Gethsemane member Joan Candoli and Pastor Karl Gronberg** accepted certificates of recognition with specific mention being made of the support Gethsemane gave the students and staff during the November, 2016 relocation. The certificate may be viewed on the narthex bulletin board. **Principal Veronica Sharp** asked Pastor & Joan to express thanks to Gethsemane reminding the community T.A. Brown students, faculty and staff will be relocated to **Barrington Elementary** for the next two school years. For more information speak with Joan or Pastor.

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

IN MEMORY

Jeanne Marie Laubach, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism May 9, 2017. The memorial liturgy for the Christian faithful was held at Gethsemane on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Jeanne was raised in the faith by her parents James and Florence Laubach. The family moved from Ohio to Texas in 1981. Jeanne graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Education. She lived out her baptismal faith as an educator in the Austin Independent School District teaching the Kindergarten children entrusted to her care. Jeanne loved her calling as a teacher. She developed many life long friendships with her colleagues at Williams Elementary. The support and Christian ministry of Gethsemane congregation is extended to her son Nicholas, a baptized and confirmed member of Gethsemane; brother David; sister and brother-in-law Kim and Kevin Taylor; Uncle & Aunt Will and Carol Laubach of the Gethsemane community and members of the extended family in Texas and Ohio. Jeanne lived her faith with courage, commitment to family and friends and a sense of humor in times of challenge when health issues deprived her of the opportunity to be with the people she loved. The words of the scripture speak of her life and legacy: *"The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen to those who are taught"* (Isaiah 50:4)

BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF JEANNE LAUBACH

RESTROOM RENOVATION

May 22-June 16, 2017

Phase 1 of the GLC Restroom Renovation on the two education wing restrooms across from the **Steffans Parlor** will begin on Monday, May 22, and conclude by Friday, June 16. During this time everyone will need to utilize the church restrooms on the stairwell and lower level of the church. Although this is an inconvenience to all congregants and GLC community, it will be a short, temporary one. Thanks so much for your cooperation and patience!

THANK YOU FROM GLC YOUTH

"Something's Coming" was a huge success, and the we would all like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who came to see the show, donated auction items and placed bids. Through your generosity and support the youth of Gethsemane will be heading out on some awesome adventures, sharing their faith and growing stronger together. Special thanks to **Lane Holmstrom** for another fabulous original show, **Raymund Kuenast** for directing and producing and **Marsha McConaughy** for her creative set designs and costumes, **Gordon Feller** for our staging, sound and lights, **Ron Tighe** for sound and set up, **Mable Collins**, **Renee Collins and Rick Collins** -staging support, **Beck Raymond**-operating the lights, **Lee Schnelle**-video recording, **Terri & Brenda Brown**, **Gordon & Marilyn Kettelman**, **Tim Huston**-dinner, **Dar Krenek**, **Jane Greinert and Babs Chandrasomata**-table decorations, **Renita Feller & Tracy Anderson**-Silent/Live Auction, **Dar Krenek**-auctioneer, **Jeff Kettelman**-photographer, **Louise Eidbo**-Server Coordinator, **Martin & Raquel Gonzalez**-Custodial Help, **Belinda Malin**-Program preparation, **Steve Greinert**-Strike Set Coordinator. It takes a village, and everyone came together to support our youth and we had a lot of fun in the process!

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF : **Jeanne Marie Laubach, Ardy Davitt**—may the Risen Christ bring comfort; **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Kristen Gronberg Etheredge**, selected by **AT Kearney** as one of the top ten **Project Leaders** in 2016. Others recognized come from New York City, Paris, Dusseldorf, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Dubai, Arlington, Va., Tokyo. Kristen was raised in the faith at Gethsemane. She holds a degree in chemistry from Texas Lutheran University, a PhD from Rice University and the MBA from University of Texas-Austin. She and her family participate in the ministry of **Abiding Grace Lutheran, ELCA**, Southlake, Texas; **Ian & Kayla Rice** birth of son **Camden Wayne** bom May 2, 2017. Grandparents **Debbie & Greg Pitts**, great grandparents **Tom & Kay Rodgers** give thanks for the gift of life; **THANKS FROM:** **Deanie Martinets** for the Gethsemane Quilters expressing their love and support to her on her birthday and for altar flowers; **Jack Westerman**,

Drew & Leisha Johnson Cuffee, Pauline Kroll Schilling, Bernice Johnson, Beverly Bakir, Curtis Westphal, Don & Georganna Swenson, Evalyn Jurgens, Lynda Malone Andrus, Linda Schulz, Tutty Maixner, Gladys Hanson, Pat & Bob Hilbig, Flo Kerr, Doris Minnix, Margie Edmiston, Wes Lokken, George Wendlandt, Weldon Jones, Viola Hall, Workers' Defense Project, Mark & Judy Warr for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministry; **Pastor Richard Strait** for the Adult Sunday Church School class. Pastor looks forward to welcoming Gethsemane members to worship at Bethel Lutheran in Avoca, Texas; **Dr. Stuart Dorsey**, **Texas Lutheran University** for the support given by Gethsemane Lutheran to annual **Texas Lutheran University "Front Row with Verne Lundquist."** Gethsemane attendees: **Keith & Sharon Davis, Jim & Sandra Baylor, Gaylord & Judy Magnuson, Bob & Debbie Peterson, Rodger & Tracy Anderson, Stephen & Jane Greinert, Mary Peters, Joel Gronberg, Johnny & Anne Walker, David & Cindy Doerfler, Keith & Angelica Lundquist, Weldon & Barb Jones, Ursula Pries, Larry & Cindy Pounds, Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Dan & Herbie Lundquist, Dean & Lori Lundquist, Felix & Nadia Chavez.** Gethsemane members have attended every *"Front Row"* supporting TLU athletics; **Gary Franke, Round Rock Express** for Gethsemane members support of **Lutheran Night**; **THANKS TO:** **Mark & Marsha McConaughy** for representing Gethsemane at the **Southwest Texas Synod Assembly**; **Lynda Andrus, Sharon Gronberg, Viola Hall** for coordinating the **Abundant Life Art Exhibit Reception Sunday, May 7th. John Berry** spoke about his art work; **Jeffrey Kettelman** for taking the **Mother's Day Pictures**. **32 Gethsemane families (mother's and children had their pictures taken)** pictures may be seen on the **GWELCA Bulletin Board** this Sunday. Thanks Gethsemane mothers for sharing your families with the community; **Walt Horton** for coordinating Gethsemane participation in the annual **Lutheran Night at Dell Diamond**; **Avery Althaus** for designating food donations to **Gethsemane Food Pantry** in lieu of birthday gifts for herself this year.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 20

10:00 a.m. GLCM Texas BBQ Picnic

11:00 a.m. GANA (MR)

3:00 p.m. Closing Reception for Art Exhibit

SUNDAY, MAY 21—EASTER 6

8:15 a.m. Youth Led Easter Worship

9:30 a.m. Reception for teachers/seniors

10:30 a.m. Youth Led Easter Worship

1:30 p.m. Gilbert & Sullivan Performance(Sanct)

2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Ministry

MONDAY, MAY 22

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

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

TUESDAY, May 23

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 (MR)

WEDNESDAY, May 24

12 Noon & 7pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, May 25

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

FRIDAY, May 26

9:30 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)

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

SATURDAY, May 27

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28—EASTER 7

8:15 a.m. Easter Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

MONDAY, May 29—Memorial Day

GLC & GLCM Offices Closed

TUESDAY, May 30

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

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, May 31

12 Noon & 7pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, June 1

7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association (MR)

FRIDAY, June 2

9:30 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)

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

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

SATURDAY, June 3

SUNDAY, June 4—Pentecost

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Pentecost Worship

MONDAY, June 5

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

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

TUESDAY, June 6

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Quilting (MR)

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, June 7

12 Noon & 7pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

7:45 p.m. Last Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, June 8

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

FRIDAY, June 9

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

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

SATURDAY, June 10

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