

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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FAREWELL "500TH ANNIVERSARY" 1517-2017 SUMMER

AUGUST 27—PENTECOST 12

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; St. Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Jonathan Humberto & Chelsea Nicole Burkland Padilla bring their infant son, **Luka Rey Padilla** to receive the sacramental promise of Holy Baptism Sunday August 27th. Serving as Godparents./sponsors are **Kantrelle Burkland and Erick Padilla**. The joy of the Gethsemane community is expressed to the Padilla family as they grow in the grace of God.

ELROY VISION TEAM

Travis County Commissioner Margaret Gomez will meet with the Elroy Vision Team August 31st as plans for ministry to the Elroy community continue. **Elisabeth Kihlberg, Bob Peterson, Dave Haight, Dean Haight, David Skoglund, Pehr Smith, Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** coordinate the transformation of the **Elroy Parsonage** into a center for ministry to the community. Members of **Elroy First Baptist, Paula DiNello** of the **Elroy Public Library** and people of the community continue to offer their interest and support. Plans are being made for an **Open House** in September. Thanks is expressed to the **Travis County Del Valle Justice Center** for their assistance in maintaining the cemetery and parsonage yard.

REFORMATION, THE MUSICAL

Gethsemane members **Rick Brock, Dar Krenek and Lee Schnelle** have been chosen for roles in **Reformation, The Musical** commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation 1517-2017, to be hosted by **Triumphant Love Lutheran**, October 20-22, 2017. There are many opportunities to help in presenting a "high quality musical"-royalties, set construction, lighting, sound, costumes, props, printed materials and the list goes on. Gethsemane members are invited to support this exciting local production. Speak with **Rick, Dar or Lee** regarding volunteer opportunities.

UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION

Gethsemane member **Sharon Hendrickson Gronberg Ph.D** will be recognized by **President Denise Trauth, Texas State University**, at the 2017 **Convocation Award and Faculty Years of Service Award Luncheon**. Sharon holds the Bachelors Degree in mathematics from **Augsburg University-Minneapolis, Minnesota**, a university of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**; the Master of Science Degree from **Midwestern State University—Wichita Falls, Texas**; The Ph.D Degree from the **University of Texas-Austin**. As well as teaching three math classes, Sharon is the Mathematics Department Advisor for all Texas State students pursuing a degree in mathematics. Gethsemane Lutheran congratulates Sharon and all educators as they begin the 2017-2018 academic year.

CHOIR SEASON BEGINS

The Gethsemane Lutheran Sanctuary Choir commences the 2017-18 music season with rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wednesday September 6th. The choir will sing during the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies September 10th. **Michael Harrison**, director, encourages Gethsemane congregants to join in this music opportunity. During the **500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation**, the gift of music has been a major emphasis. **Lutherans love to sing. Join the Gethsemane Sanctuary Choir** Wednesday evenings in the Music Room.

SEPTEMBER 3—PENTECOST 13

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; St. Matthew 16:21-28

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LABOR DAY WEEK-END

Gethsemane members and friends gather beneath the **Charles Bornemann Live Oak Tree** Sunday, September 3 for the annual 8:15 a.m. outdoor worship symbolizing the conclusion of Gethsemane 2017 summer ministries: come early-dress casually. Give thanks for the summer 2017. Following worship congregants are invited into the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of visiting, enjoying a brunch and sharing summer adventures. The 10:30 a.m. Labor Day Week-End eucharist will be in the Gethsemane sanctuary.

GLCM NEWS

The **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry staff** began the 2017-18 school year Monday, August 21st—Celebrating their **30th Anniversary**. 116 children are enrolled. A few spaces are available-contact the GLCM office (512) 339-6335 for enrollment information. **GLCM 2017-2018 Advisory Board Members:** **Lacy Compton, Valerie Keller, Brittany Edwards, Gabrielle Mortensen, Claudia Hausken, Stephanie Ortiz, Zach Anderson and Mary Chisholm Rios**. GLCM is looking for **Room Parents**: Duties include: **Teacher Birthdays, Staff Appreciation, Being available for Special Requests, Other Details**-contact **Emily Hester** or the **GLCM office**. **CIRCLE THE DATE:** *Gethsemane Fall Festival—Celebrating 30th year anniversary of GLCM—October 28, 2017 10 a.m.-1 p.m.* Contact **Lacy Compton (lacy@cmptn.org)** for information. "*Good Beginnings.. Never End.*"

GWELCA

Quilters Tuesday, September 5th, 9:30 a.m. Music Room. **Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, September 12th, 9:30 a.m.** Music Room. Hostess: **Donna Olson**. Program: **Pastor Susan Schnelle**. Everyone is welcome!

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET

Pehr Smith and Pastor Karl Gronberg went shopping this week at the **Central Texas Food Bank** bringing 1093 pounds of food to supplement the Gethsemane Food Pantry. Being a partner agency with **CTFB** assists the Gethsemane Food Pantry/Clothes Closet in ministry to the clients coming to receive assistance. Last year, the **CTFB** and **250 Partner Agencies (Gethsemane is one)** distributed **38 million pounds of food** in a 21 country service area twice the size of Massachusetts. Thanks to **Gethsemane members/friends** donating food and clothing as well as giving **financial gifts** directed for this ministry. Gethsemane volunteers serving in the Food pantry/Clothes Closet and the Community Partners Program are: **Lester Johnson, Gaylord Magnuson, Pat Greinert, Stephen Greinert, Donna Olson, Carol Laubach, Joann Rees, Merrill Austin, Joan Candoli, Herbie Lundquist, Renita Feller, Ken Schulz, Mike Anderson, Jennifer Anderson, Debbie Peterson, Tracy Anderson, Roxanne Noren, Virginia Marek, Karalyn Heimlich, Marsha McConaughy, Jack Westerman, Betsy Orf, Bev Kuenast, Mary Lou Newman, Konnie Gregg, and Jose Moreira**. Gethsemane members and friends are offering the **Community Partner Program** assisting Food Pantry/Clothes Closet clients with the opportunity to apply for **SNAP food benefits, Medicaid, CHIP and TANF cash** online. Gethsemane members interested in being trained to provide this assistance may contact the church office (512) 836-8560.

SEPTEMBER 10—PENTECOST 14

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; St. Matthew 18:15-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Jeff & Robin Beckham Sutton bring their infant son, **Raiden James** to receive the sacramental promise of Holy Baptism Saturday September 9th. Serving as Godparents./sponsors are **Jamie Beckham and Michael Beckham**. The joy of the Gethsemane community is expressed to the Sutton family as they grow in the grace of God.

"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY"

September 10th is Kick-Off for the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Educational opportunities (Sept. 20th) at Gethsemane. All ages will gather in the MPR at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the beginning of a new year of growing in faith together. After the opening, children and youth will go downstairs to meet with their teachers. Parents are asked to go with them to get them registered. **Following the 10:30 a.m. worship, a delicious BBQ lunch** prepared by Gethsemane members **Greg & Debbie Pitts** (aka *Rusted Shut BBQ*) and Gethsemane Men-in-Mission. **The afternoon of September 10 is an opportunity for Gethsemane congregants to reaffirm ministry to the neighborhood.** This will be an *multi-generational opportunity for service work restoring/reconciling communities.* Plan to purchase a "*God's Work, Our Hands*" t-shirt to wear for this day of service together. The **blood mobile** will be here again this year-**blood donors sign up for this opportunity to Give the Gift of Life. See you Rally Sunday.**

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Kick-off for all ages will be on **Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 10th, 9:30 a.m.**, and classes begin on September 17th: **CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL** 2 yr-olds-3rd graders *Godly Play* in the Godly Play room-downstairs. **4th-6th graders JAM (Jesus & Me)** on the go in the music room-downstairs; **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 7th-8th Grade Confirmants** will meet in the confirmation room. **Senior High** meet in the Youth Loft; **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** **Pastor Karl Gronberg** invites adults to stimulating faith conversation. The class meets in Steffans Parlor.

HELPING JIWOH

Jiwoh Emmanuel Abdulai is loved by many within the Gethsemane Lutheran community. Jiwoh was brought to Gethsemane by his uncle, **Joseph Candeh**. Joseph and his family came to Austin from **Sierra Leone (West Africa)** With the assistance of the **late beloved Maralyn Heimlich**, a member of the University of Texas-Austin staff, **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** were able to enroll Jiwoh in the university. He graduated with a Computer Science Degree. Gethsemane generously helped during his college years and Jiwoh responded by being an active participant in the life and witness of Gethsemane. Following the earning of a **Micro Economics Degree** from the **London School of Economics** Jiwoh returned to his home land. A week ago a disaster struck this small nation. Heavy rains brought mudslides. It is not known how many have died but estimates are over 1,000. Jiwoh and his family have responded along with many others to this disaster. **Pastor Gronberg** on Sunday August 20th invited Gethsemane to respond with a gift in **gratitude for Jiwoh**. Thanks to those having responded. Your gifts join those of the **North Texas-North Louisiana Synod of the ELCA**. For more information speak with **Pastor Gronberg** or **Joseph Candeh**.

GLADOFFF

Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fellowship, Fun Tuesday, September 12th, 7pm, Silver Grill Café at 4005 W. Parmer Lane. Hosted by **Lester & Lois Johnson**. Enjoy this time with the Gethsemane members growing in community. There is always room at the table.

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP 8:15 A.M. SEPT. 3
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY SEPT. 10

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

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those serving: **Marsha McConaughy, chair; Mark McConaughy, Joan Candoli, Jennifer Eben Balani and Joann Rees.** August Altar and Chancel flowers given to Glory of the Triune of God: in loving memory of **Dennis Ceder**, Reagan coach and educator, by **Erik Gronberg and family**; in celebration of **Erin Rosales'** birthday by her family; in loving memory of **Edith Rodgers** by her son, **Gat**; in loving memory of **Curtis & Rusty** by the **Johnson family**; in loving memory of **Bill Corbell** by **Rick Corbell and family**; in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary by **Chuck & Anne Marie Marek Cook**; in loving memory of **Josephine Bailey** by **Cheryl Swening.** Gethsemane members may place flowers on the altar-cost \$40.00 or chancel \$30.00 in memory or honor of loves. Thanks to **Jack & Sandy Brown** for their providing beautiful arrangements.

PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL

In a letter to members and friends of **Iglesia Luterana San Lucas**, **Pastor Paul Bailie** announced his acceptance of a call to **Good Shepherd Lutheran** of Conneaut, Ohio where he will serve as Youth and Family minister. Pastor Bailie has served San Lucas for six years. During that time Gethsemane Lutheran has been blessed by his ministry. He has always extended a sincere welcome to Gethsemane members as they have shared in the annual mission trip in the **"cross-cultural mission, social justice issues and multigenerational spiritual formation"** reflecting his commitment to the people of San Lucas and Eagle Pass. The Gethsemane community will continue to pray for Pastor Bailie in his new ministry, his marriage to **Pastor Brandi Hacker** and the people of San Lucas.

BLOOD MOBILE IS COMING

Sunday, September 10th, 10am-2pm. Make an appointment online at weareblood.org and use group code **A902** or sign up for a spot with **Pastors Gronberg or Schnelle.** Eat a full meal before donating and please remember to bring your photo id.

CANDOLI SCHOOL SUPPLIES

"Christmas in July Giving Tree", in memory of the late beloved Gethsemane member and public school educator Dr. Carl Candoli, who tirelessly worked to express his belief that *"every child can learn"*. Gethsemane congregants and friends assist T.A. Brown Elementary School faculty, staff., students by providing back to school supplies. Gethsemane provided breakfast for the faculty and staff along with presenting the school supplies on Friday, August 18th. The educators and students will be based during the 2017-2018 school year at Barrington Elementary. You can still support T. A. Brown School children and staff with your monetary gift.

USHERS/LECTORS WANTED

Gethsemane members interested in serving as Sunday morning lectors-reading scripture or ushering may speak with **Pastors Gronberg or Schnelle.** Your gift of leadership will bless the worship life of the congregation.

LUTHERAN FALL FESTIVAL

The 30th annual **Lutheran Fall Festival** will be held in Fredericksburg, Texas Saturday, September 16th 9am-9pm. *Fun for all ages-5k Run/Walk, Chili Cook-Off, Quilt Show & Auction, Silent Auction, Artisan Craft Fair, Children's Activities, Live Music, Great Food & Fun!* **Proceeds benefit Cross Trails Ministry-a Lutheran camping ministry.**

CZECH ASSOCIATION THANKS

The Austin Czech Historical Association expresses thanks to **Gethsemane congregation** for hosting their monthly meets in the Gethsemane MPR. The ACHA was started by the legendary **Willie "where there is a Willie, there is a way" Kocurek.** In the 1970's he saw the need to preserve the rich cultural history of the **Texas Czechs.** Through programs, fellowship, food, the group fosters the traditions of the Czech people. The **Austin Czech Historical Association** supports other similar associations through the nation and world. When disasters struck **West, Texas and Prague, Czech Republic,** the ACHA raised funds to meet the needs. The Group invites Gethsemane members to attend their **23rd Annual Cesky Vecer October 8th, VFW Post 8787.** There will be a dinner and dance with music provided by the **Kovanda Band of Houston, Texas. Tickets \$25.00.** Information is posted on the narthex bulletin board or their website austinczechs.com.

2018 YOUTH GATHERING

"THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING" in Houston, June 27-July 1, 2018. **Registration opens September 15, 2017.** Deposit \$150. *"For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*—Ephesians 2:8

CARE COMMUNITIES CLOSING

For over 25 years, **Care Communities** has been the only volunteer-based nonprofit that provided free assistance for people facing life-threatening illnesses in Central Texas. Care Communities would like to thank the Gethsemane community for all the support over the years.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 26

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27—PENTECOST 12

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

MONDAY, August 28

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

TUESDAY, August 29

10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, August 30

12 Noon & 7pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, August 31

3:30 p.m. Elroy Vision mtg w/ Com. Gomez
FRIDAY, September 1
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, September 2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—PENTECOST 13

LABOR DAY OBSERVED

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

MONDAY, September 4

GLCM & GLC offices CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 5

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (Tu-F)
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)

WEDNESDAY, September 6

12 Noon & 7pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, September 7

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association (MR)

FRIDAY, September 8

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, September 9
11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(MH)
2:00 p.m. Sutton Baptism

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—PENTECOST 14

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY
WORLD HUNGER APPEAL/FAIR TRADE

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

MONDAY, September 11

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, September 12

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (MR)
10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. GLADOFF—Silver Grill Café

WEDNESDAY, September 13

12 Noon & 7pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, September 14

FRIDAY, September 15

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, September 16