

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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GLOBAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 17—PENTECOST 15

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; St. Matthew 18:21-35

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

75 MILLION LUTHERANS

CELEBRATE 500th ANNIVERSARY

The Lutheran World Federation is “a global communion of churches in the Lutheran tradition on a common journey of renewal striving to put our faith into action within and beyond the LWF communion, and seeking God’s word and Spirit to guide us.” With headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, Lutheran World Federation brings together 145 Lutheran faith communities, 75 million Lutherans, 98 countries, 3 areas of work (Service, Holistic Mission, Theology, Ecumenical & Interfaith relations), 5 Core values. “The five core values derive from our Lutheran identity. These values are a deeply rooted response to God’s grace as revealed through Jesus Christ. As a communion, LWF members are freed by this grace to participate in God’s mission for the world”

1. Dignity and Justice
2. Compassion and commitment
3. Respect for diversity
4. Inclusion and participation
5. Transparency and accountability

Bishop Erik Gronberg, a son of Gethsemane Lutheran, is one of the new leaders to be invited to attend a leadership event hosted by LWF. Lutheran bishops from Africa (Botswana, South Africa/Swaziland, Eritrea,) Asia (Indonesia, Papua New Guinea) Europe (Finland) Latin America (Honduras, Chile) North America (Pacifica Synod, Upper Susquehanna Synod, North Texas-North Louisiana Synod) were invited. **Bishop Momoh** of the Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone had previously attended the LWF Leadership Event and encouraged Bishop Gronberg to attend. The Wednesday 11 a.m. Conversation group and Sunday morning Adult Class will learn of this global Lutheran communion celebrating the 500th reformation anniversary.

BAPTISM RESCHEDULED

Due to Hurricane Harvey, the baptism of **Luka Rey Padilla** planned for August 27th will be celebrated Sunday, September 17th, 10 :30 a.m. liturgy. May the blessings of the **Triune God: Father, Son & Holy Spirit** be with this child and his family.

SEPTEMBER 24—PENTECOST 16

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; St. Matthew 20:1-16

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

UPBRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Avery Ranch Golf Club, Monday, September 18th, 7am registration/8am start. Please save the date and join Upbring, in our mission to break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families and communities. Register at Upbring.org/AustinGolf.

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

Sponsored by T.A. Brown and ACE CATS Club in Partnership with Gethsemane in music room. Tuesdays 12:00 Noon, September 19 to December 5. Classes are free. For questions call **Mrs. Tristan-Perez** at T.A. Brown 512-841-2052, Instructor: **Shereen Ben-Moshe** 512-841-2053, **Pastor Schnelle** at Gethsemane 512-836-8560.

“A NIGHT UNDER ONE SKY” SUPPORTS iACT

Gethsemane Lutheran has always been a congregation supporting ecumenical and interfaith ministries in the Greater Austin community. With an active leadership presence, Gethsemane clergy and congregants have been involved with Austin Area Conference of Church, Austin Interfaith Ministries, Interfaith Action of Central Texas. Every year, **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** invite Gethsemane members to share in the annual fundraiser for iACT “A Night Under One Sky” held in the beautiful setting of the **Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum**. People of faith, representing the diverse religious community in Austin, Texas attend the event. The sacred evening is a time of dining and dialogue in celebration of the relationships we have and those we hope to build. Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m. As Lutherans celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation it is fitting to continue the long tradition of sharing life with neighbors of faith. Speak with Pastor or Sharon for more information.

CHOIR SEASON COMMENCES

The Gethsemane Lutheran Sanctuary Choir commenced the 2017-18 music season with rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Wednesday September 6th. **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.

OCTOBER 1—PENTECOST 17

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; St. Matthew 21:23-32

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SWTX WELCA

30TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Southwestern Texas Synodical Women’s Convention, **September 29-October 1** at the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, Texas. There will be opportunities for sharing your gifts and commitments with other women during the weekend.

TUES NIGHT WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

September 19 through October 24th in the Ministry House 6:00-7:30. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we will explore “by heart, Conversations with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism.” This study is for those who have never encountered the Small Catechism, and for adults who studied and memorized it as adolescents or teens. The purpose of this course is to create space for conversation with the Small Catechism as the Holy Spirit ignites and inspires our faith in word and deed. For more information contact **Pastor Schnelle**.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY GANA

Gethsemane hosts **Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association**, September 30th, Saturday, 11 a.m. in the Music Room. Gethsemane has been instrumental in birthing this organization and sustaining their development. Neighborhood leadership expresses to **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and the congregation their gratitude. Gethsemane members are always invited to attend the meetings.

DRIVE A SENIOR “OKTOBERFEST”

Gethsemane member **Tony Venza**, congregational representative to the Drive a Senior –North Central Austin, invites Gethsemane members and friends to the annual “Oktoberfest” fundraiser Saturday, September 30th, 4-7pm, 6600 Woodrow Ave (Activity Center of Faith Lutheran Church). Gethsemane is a charter member of Drive a Senior: Faith in Action Network. This senior adult ministry assist Austin residents to stay in their homes during the aging process by providing transportation to medical and other appointments without charge to the senior. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. This includes food, refreshments, and music. Raffle tickets (\$10) sold separately & are available for purchase in advance by calling the Drive a Senior office (512-453-2273) or contact Tony (512-809-9974). Need not be present to win the raffle.

OCTOBER 8—PENTECOST 8

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL SUNDAY FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; St. Matthew 21:33-46

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GLCM OCTOBER NEWS

In August GLCM was able to completely update the Back Playground. There is a new playscape, borders, mulch, turf, granite path and playhouse. Thank you **Dave & Dean Haight** for your hard work assembling the playhouse that was generously donated thanks to **Claudia Hausken**. GLCM was selected to be the recipient of an outdoor wooden block shed through a grant program at **WorkForce Child Care Solutions**. It has arrived and we excited to have this as a great addition to our outdoor curriculum. Capital Metro coming to GLCM to talk to the children Sept 21 about transportation in Austin and let them see inside a bus. Save the Date: October 28, 2017 10 am - 2 pm. GLCM Fall Festival and 30 year Celebration of Children’s Ministry. All alumni, Gethsemane members, friends and families are invited to join us for food, raffle, silent auction, Amazing Aaron, live music and games. We will travel back to the 1980s with costumes, a photo booth, memory wall and t-shirts. Ways to help: Men in Mission concession stand, Silent auction donations, Game booth prizes, Work a game booth, Sponsor the event (can be corporate or individual sponsors) and Invite friends and family to attend.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH TLU EVENT

Gethsemane youth are invited to join TLU’s Campus Ministries’ Team for an overnight experience of growing in discipleship! Youth and their leaders will engage in creative worship, explore meaningful small group Bible study, and build lasting friendships around our campfire. One of the highlights on Saturday will be Bulldog football, as TLU takes on Hardin-Simmons University. Bulldog Youth, their adult sponsors, and the Campus Ministries Team will spend the night in the chapel, with meals provided at Hein Dining Hall.

REFORMATION, THE MUSICAL

Gethsemane members **Rick Brock, Dar Krenek, John Berry** 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, John or Lee regarding volunteer opportunities.

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30TH ANNUAL LUTHERAN FALL FEST—SEPT. 16
MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS—SEPT. 20-NOV. 15
“CHRIST IN OUR HOMES” DEVOTIONALS-NARTHEX

**“CALLED BY GRACE,
 LED BY FAITH,
 WELCOMING ALL TO
 SHARE GOD’S LOVE.”**

GETHEMANE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 27
 Midweek Connections—see Sept. 20
THURSDAY, September 28
FRIDAY, September 29
 9:00 am GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 9:00 am Foster Grandparents (MPR)
 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, September 30
 10:30 am Square Dancing (MPR)
 11:00 am GANA meeting (Music Room)
 4:00 pm Drive a Senior Oktoberfest
 6:00 pm Bakir wedding-Lakeway
SUNDAY, October 1—Pentecost 17
 8:15 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 7:30 pm Theology on Tap
MONDAY, October 2
 7:15 am-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry (M-F)
 6:30 pm Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, October 3
 9:30 am GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
 10:00 am Senior Men’s BB (MPR)
 1:30-3:45 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:00 pm Women’s Bible study (MH)
 6:30 pm Hatha Yoga
WEDNESDAY, October 4
 Midweek Connections—see Sept. 20
THURSDAY, October 5
 9:00 am GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
 7:00 pm Ostomy Association (MR)
FRIDAY, October 6
 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, October 7
SUNDAY, October 8—Pentecost 18
 ELCA World Hunger/Fair Trade Sunday
 8:15 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
MONDAY, October 9
 7:15 am-6:00 p.m. Children’s Ministry (M-F)
 6:30 pm Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, October 10
 9:30 am GWELCA Mary/Martha (MR)
 10:00 am Senior Men’s BB (MPR)
 1:30-3:45 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:00 pm Women’s Bible study (MH)
 6:30 pm Hatha Yoga
 7:00 pm GLADOFFF—Chuus
WEDNESDAY, October 11
 9:00 am GLCM Chapel
 Midweek Connections—see Sept. 20
THURSDAY, October 12
FRIDAY, October 13
 7:00 pm Scandinavian Club (MPR)
 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, October 14
 11:00 am Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

SATURDAY, September 16
 9:00 am Lutheran Fall Fest—Fredericksburg
 1:00 p.m. Humane Society Training
SUNDAY, September 17—Pentecost 15
 8:15 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
 9:30 am Conf. parent meeting (dwnstrs)
 10:30 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 10:30 am Padilla Baptism
 2:00 pm Heatherwilde Ministry
MONDAY, September 18
 7:15 am-6:00 pm Children’s Ministry (M-F)
 10:00 am Trinity Care Chapel
 6:30 pm Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, September 19
 10:00 am Senior Men’s BB (MPR)
 1:30-3:45 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:00 pm Women’s Bible study (MH)
 6:30 pm Hatha Yoga
WEDNESDAY, September 20

MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS
2017 FALL SEASON
WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 20-NOV. 15
 11:00 a.m. Faith Conversations with Pastors
 Gronberg & Schnelle
 12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 5:30–6:30 Supper (\$5 each; \$15 family)
 (MPR)
 6:15–7:10 Faith Conversations with Pastor
 Gronberg, Confirmation class with Pastor
 Susie, and Children/Youth activities (PreK-
 12th grade)
 7:15–7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:30–7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
 7:45–8:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, September 21
 9:00 am GLCM Chapel
FRIDAY, September 22
 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, September 23
 11:00 am Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
SUNDAY, September 24—Pentecost 16
 8:15 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
 9:30 am Sunday Church School for all ages
 10:30 am Pentecost Liturgy (Sanctuary)
MONDAY, September 25
 7:15 am-6:00 pm Children’s Ministry (M-F)
 11:30 am VASA meeting (MR)
 6:30 pm Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, September 26
 10:00 am Senior Men’s BB (MPR)
 1:30-3:45 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
 6:00 pm Women’s Bible study (MH)
 6:30 pm Hatha Yoga
 6:30 pm “A Night Under One Sky” iACT
 7:00 pm Czech Historical Association(MPR)

GETHEMANE PEOPLE NEWS
CONGRATULATIONS TO: Joann Rees and Eric Hausken for leadership with Highland Neighborhood Association. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** joined Joann and Eric at the September HNA meeting. Austin City Council member **Greg Casar**, a long time Gethsemane friend, and **Ann Teich** AISD School Board member made presentations. Gethsemane member **Kate Garza** regularly attends the HNA meetings; **Trevor Bakir** and **Jinjuta Wongsasitorn** to be married this month. Trevor is the son of Gethsemane congregants **Issam & Beverly Clark Bakir**-blessings to this family; congratulations to **Paul & Nancy Kronbergs, George & Gina Creager** on September wedding anniversaries;... **THANKS FROM: Chuck & Anne Marie Marek Cook** for celebrating in worship their 40th wedding anniversary with Gethsemane. Chuck & Anne Marie (the daughter of the late beloved **Ray Marek & Virginia Springer Marek**) were married at Gethsemane on August 20, 1977-congratulations to Chuck & Anne Marie a loving Christian couple living their baptism as faithful members of their **ELCA congregation** in Katy, Texas. Pictures from their wedding and 40th anniversary are posted in the narthex) **Roger Temme** for Gethsemane support of the **The Care Communities** during their 26 years of service to the Austin community; **Pastor Brad Fuerst, University of Texas Lutheran Campus Ministry** for use of Gethsemane van to transport UT students to help in Houston hurricane relief; **Paul & Stephanie Kuester Scheffel** for the baptism of their infant daughter **Evelyn “Evie” Florence; Jeff & Robin Beckham Sutton** for the baptism of their infant son **Raiden James; Jace Muncrief, Harvey Hackbarth, Sharon Kite, Carroll Holmstrom, Jim Werchan, Glenda Tiemann, Janice Crenshaw, Wakline Stafford, Carolyn Hanson, Carole Kilmer, Lester Johnson, Terry & Sylvia Driskell, Larry Crenshaw, Wanda Johnson, Flo Kerr, Virginia Marek, Nathan Hazelton, Lee Jensen, Cindy Doerfler, Donna Olson, Bernice Johnson, Paul & Nancy Kronbergs, Pat Greinert, Nell Rundell, James & Harriet Gardner, Elizabeth Ellis Rainey, Ludy Malone, Jim & Dorothy Hecht** for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministry; **THANKS TO:** Labor Day Weekend **Continental Style Breakfast** coordinators **Viola Hall** and **Robert Rekart**. Every morsel was enjoyed by the “crew” taking down the VBS decorations in the MPR. Thanks for a great 2017 **500th Reformation Anniversary summer**... **GREETINGS FROM: Pastor Tom & Anne Corbell** (Gethsemane intern 1971-72) expressing concern regarding Hurricane Harvey; **Joel Gronberg** experiencing life in **Kolkota, India**. Joel will return to the **Price, Waterhouse, Coopers** Houston office the first week of October.

“GOD’S WORK..OUR HANDS”
 There are so many people to thank for the success of the annual **ELCA Service Day** including volunteer coordinators **Jane Greinert and Marsha McConaughy**, BBQ by **Greg & Debbie Pitts**, Kitchen Crew **Men in Mission** led by **Steve Greinert and Tim Huston**, Gethsemane Park crew led by **Greg Althaus**, Distribution of ESL information led by **Elena Mendoza**, Elroy Parsonage led by **Elizabeth Kihlberg and Dave Haight** A record 30 people volunteered to give blood, we assembled two complete birthday boxes for **Happy Birthday-Sharing Birthday Joy**, assembled over 200 dog and cat toys for the **Humane Society**, spread a yard of mulch and trimmed bushes at the **Gethsemane Community Park**, distributed 100 ESL fliers on Lola Dr. and worked on **Elroy Community Center**. Thanks to each and everyone who participated in these important ministries and for truly “Doing God’s work with your hands”

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL SERVES

Nearly 800 million people — 1 in 9 people in our world today — are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. From water wells to animal husbandry, microloans to health clinics, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. In 2017, our goal is to raise \$24 million to support the work of our worldwide network of companion churches and partners in the fight to end hunger. Thank you for making this work possible through learning, action, prayer and giving.

“CHRIST IN OUR HOME” DEVOTIONALS

Christ In Our Home daily devotionals for October, November, December are available in the narthex. This is a publication of **Augsburg Fortress**, the publishing house of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Writers for this quarter are: **John S. Munday**, Isanti County, MN; **Jessica Harris Daum**, Sioux Falls, SD; **David Iversen**, Beatrice, NE; **Janet Blair**, Ridgefield, NJ; **Vicki Watkins**, Milwaukie, WI; and **Michael Girlinghouse**, Tulsa, OK. Pick up your copy. Take time for daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer.

HUMANE SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP
 Gethsemane hosts the **Austin Humane Society Volunteer training** Saturday, September 16th. With the AHS direct support of Hurricane Harvey relief and the influx of dogs they do not an appropriate space for their training. Gethsemane continues to give thanks for this neighbor partnership.