

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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EPIPHANY COMMUNITY AWED BY MOUNTAIN GLORY; LENTEN DISCIPLESHP

FEBRUARY 1—EPIPHANY 4

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; St. Mark 1:21-28

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY

Together we can tackle hunger! Gethsemane youth continue the annual tradition of collecting donations on **Super Bowl Sunday** for the “*Super Bowl of Caring Event*”. Offerings placed into the bowls held by Gethsemane youth following both services benefit the Gethsemane Food Pantry. The Gethsemane community gave \$543 in 2014. Please continue this generous stewardship on “*Super Bowl Sunday*” supporting an important Gethsemane ministry. Thanks **Gethsemane Youth** for your witness to rid our nation and world of the hunger plague.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Gethsemane Lutheran Annual Congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary **Sunday, Feb. 1st** during the 9:30 am Learning Hour. Topics for conversation: music ministry, education ministry, 2014-2015 seminary internship, ELCA Detroit youth gathering, Eagle Pass, Thailand, Laredo mission expressions, property improvements, social ministries such as English as a second language, 2015 budget.

RETIREMENT MEAL/GATHERING

George Creager has retired as Gethsemane office manager. The Gethsemane community gives thanks to God for his years of faithful ministry. **Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle**, along with **Intern Pastor Sharolyn Browning** and **Gethsemane leadership** invite you to enjoy a Thai meal expressing thanks to **George, Gina and family, Sunday, February, 1st** in the MPR following 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

SENIOR FEST

The 2015 **Senior Fest**, “*Making a Difference*,” will be held at **Bethany Lutheran February 7th**. Keynote speaker the **Rev. Dr. Joel Heck**, will reflect on the changes brought to the world by the Lutheran Reformation. Six workshops will be offered. Registration \$25 or \$30 after January 31. Contact **David Austin**, davidisaturn@sbcglobal.net or (512) 939-4010.

FEBRUARY 8—EPIPHANY 5

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; St. Mark 1:29-39

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Gethsemane members **Jason & Jennifer Jarl McCombs** bring their infant daughter, **Wynne Juni** to receive the eternal promise. Her sister, **Hadley Elin** was baptized on March 4, 2012 at Gethsemane Lutheran. **Wynne Juni** is the grandchild of the late **Alan Jarl**, and **Cathy Hankamer Jarl**. **Alan & Cathy** raised their children, Jennifer and Jeff in the Gethsemane community bringing them as infants for the blessed sacrament and affirmation of baptism instruction. Jennifer and Jason continue this family faith tradition. May the blessings of the Triune God be with the **Jarl and McCombs** families as they grow in grace and celebrate the gift of love.

GLCM NEWS

February is **Dental Health Month** and **American Heart Month**. Representatives from Pediatric Dental Professionals will visit the children to talk about the importance of dental hygiene. Health care professionals will also visit the children to discuss healthy bodies, healthy eating and healthy hearts throughout the month. The children look forward to **Valentine’s Day parties February 14**. Save the date...**Sunday, May 3, 2015** for the GLCM annual Golf Tournament at Star Ranch Golf Course.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

Saturday, February 14th 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room enjoy a delicious dinner, entertainment and free babysitting ALL for only \$20 per person. Advanced tickets only! Tickets available for purchase on Sundays and Wednesdays until sold out. You may also reserve tickets by emailing Belinda at info@gethsemane-austin.org. This is a fundraiser for Gethsemane Youth Ministry trip to the *ELCA Detroit Youth Gathering*. Bring pocket money for tips and flowers! Thanks Gethsemane for support youth ministry.

FEB.15—TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; St. Mark 9:2-9

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

2015 LUTHERAN LEGISLATIVE EVENT

Gethsemane will host the **2015 Lutheran Legislative Event** on **February 15-17**. This event will update participants on current status of critical issues in Texas: education, water, criminal justice, immigration, healthcare & payday lending. Advocacy training including legislative visits at the Capitol will be provided. This program is planned by **Texas Impact** and sponsored by the **Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA, Poverty & Justice Task Force** chaired by Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman**. Information in the narthex.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Preparations are underway for the traditional **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 17** 5:30-7:00 p.m. provided by the Men in Mission. Tickets on sale February 8: \$6.00 per person and \$2.00 for children under 10. Proceeds benefit **Gethsemane youth** attending the *ELCA Detroit Youth Gathering* in July. Signup sheet on the Men in Mission Bulletin Board for helpers. Conclude the Christmas/Epiphany festivals with fellowship as the baptized people of God journey into the Lenten season.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent commences **Ash Wednesday, February 18** with the Christian faithful receiving ashes and meditating at the Gethsemane altar 7-8am, 11:30am to noon and 5:30-7pm. Ash Wednesday Eucharist at 12 noon and 7p.m. *Strength for the Struggle*” the **2015 Lenten Theme**.

MEN IN MISSION MEETING/TOUR

Men in Mission tour **KLD Energy Technologies** Thursday, **February 19**. KLD develops advanced electric motor systems. During fellowship, **Intern Sharolyn Browning** will speak on her life experiences and commitment to ministry. Lunch follows tour at Tres Amigos. Meet in Music Room at 9:00am for coffee and donuts. Sign up at the Men in Mission Bulletin Board.

FEBRUARY 22—LENT 1

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; St. Mark 1:9-15

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LENT MIDWEEK SOUP/ WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 25 11:00 a.m. the Adult Bible Study with **Pastor Schnelle** and **Intern Sharolyn** in the **Steffans Parlor**. Wednesdays in Lent: Eucharist 12 noon & 7 p.m. 2015 theme: “*Strength for the Struggle*”; soup meals 5:30 p.m. prepared by **Viola Hall** and **Beverly Helsel**. Confirmants meet with Pastor Susie and Mentors following Lenten worship.

33rd ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT

All are invited to “*Take Up Your Cross*” (Mark 8:34) at Camp Chrysalis, **February 28-March 1**. This is a very special opportunity for friends and all members of the congregational family: singles, couples, those with and without children, from the very young to the not so young in years, but all young in spirit. Registration forms in the narthex.

DAY OF FALLEN EVENT

Workers Defense Project will sponsor as they did in 2011 and 2013 a walk to commemorate Texas construction workers killed on the job. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** has participated in past walks and invites Gethsemane congregants to join him in showing solidarity with the *Workers Defense Project*.

CROP WALK

For the **37th year**, **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and Gethsemane members will participate in the **Annual Austin Area Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk, March 1**. Since 1978, a variety of locations have hosted the walk; for the third year **Camp Mabry** will welcome **people of faith from the Greater Austin community** committed to *Ending Hunger One Step at a time*. Information packets and sign up opportunities in the narthex. Pick up a sponsor envelope to collect donations. Participate in the community wide interfaith witness. You are needed! Be a walker! Be a sponsor! Together we make a difference.

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

**SWEETHEART BANQUET FEBRUARY 14
ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18
CONGREGATION RETREAT FEB. 28**

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SUN, Feb. 15—TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
8:15 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday Eucharist
3-8:30 p.m. Lutheran Legislative Event
MONDAY, February 16
7:30am-8:30pm Lutheran Legislative Event
8am-5pm GLCM Staff Training (MR)
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel
5:30 p.m. Your Healthy Weight (MR)
TUESDAY, February 17
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (T-F)
7:15am-1pm Lutheran Legislative Event to Capitol
10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel
12 noon Shrove Tuesday Pancakes (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancakes (MPR)
7:00 p.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(MH)
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18—Ash Wednesday
7-8 a.m. Imposition of Ashes
11:30 a.m.-noon Imposition of Ashes
12 noon Eucharist (Sanctuary)
5:30-7 p.m. Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, February 19
9:00 a.m. Men in Mission Mtg/Tour (MR)
6:30p.m. English as a Second Language(MH)
FRIDAY, February 20
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, February 21
SUNDAY, February 22—LENT 1
8:15 a.m. Lenten Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Lenten Eucharist
3:00 p.m. *A Century of Culture*-AISD PAC
MONDAY, February 23
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
5:30 p.m. Square Dance Board Mtg(Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)
7:00 p.m. VASA (MR)
TUESDAY, February 24
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Assoc (MPR)
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25—Day of the Fallen
11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Parlor)
12 noon Eucharist (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup (MPR)
6:15 p.m. Confirmation
6:15p.m. English as a Second Language-
downstairs kitchen
7:00 p.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Mentors & Confirmands
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)
THURSDAY, February 26
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
6:30p.m. English as a Second Language(MH)
FRIDAY, February 27
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, February 28
Gethsemane Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis

SATURDAY, January 31
9-11 a.m. Community Garden Meeting(MR)
11am-1pm Georgian Acres NA (MR)
SUNDAY, February 1—EPIPHANY 4
8:15 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Congregation mtg. (sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Memorial liturgy
MONDAY, February 2
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)
8:00 p.m. Music Staff Meeting
TUESDAY, February 3
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Club of Austin (MR)
WEDNESDAY, February 4
11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Parlor)
12 noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Supper (\$5 each;\$15 family-MPR)
6:15 p.m. Classes for all ages
6:15 p.m. ESL classes (downstairs kitchen)
7:15 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Mentors & Confirmands
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)
THURSDAY, February 5
6:30p.m. English as a Second Language(MH)
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)
FRIDAY, February 6
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, February 7
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
SUNDAY, February 8—EPIPHANY 5
8:15 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist
12 noon GLC Young Adults-Black Star Co-op
MONDAY, February 9
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6-7:30 p.m. Your Healthy Weight (Music Rm)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)
TUESDAY, February 10
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
WEDNESDAY, February 11
Midweek Connections—see Feb. 4th
6:15p.m. English as a Second Language-
downstairs kitchen
THURSDAY, February 12
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
6:30p.m. English as a Second Language(MH)
FRIDAY, February 13
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MR)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
SATURDAY, Feb. 14-St. Valentine's Day
6:30 p.m. Sweetheart Banquet

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS
Christian sympathy to Families of: **Rev. J. Glen Sandquist, Nellie Hall Anderson, Ruby Boecker, Kathryn Bell, Harold Miles, Spencer King, Rev. Robert Pfennig** may those who mourn be comforted; ...*Known to be hospitalized:* **Frances Borneman**, Lakeway Regional Hospital; **Joe Allen**, Brackenridge; **Kimberly Neyhard**, St. Davids-remember in daily prayer;...*Thanks From:* **Allan & Debra Lundgren Kunze** for ministry to mother **Mae Lundgren**; **Agnes Nelson, Gladys Hanson, Frances Boerneman, Viola Hall, Beverly Helsel, Virginia Marek, George Wendlandt, Joyce Kingsbury, Mabel Krenek, Doris Minnix, Mary Jo Hindman, Harriet Gardner, Anne Roefer, Frances Sommerfeld, Bob Peterson, Christine Berkland, Carol Laubach, Jim & Dorothy Hecht** for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex; **HTU** for participation of **Pastor Karl Gronberg** in **MLK Chapel** service; **Bethlehem Christian Families** for Gethsemane support of their Olive Wood carvings from the Holy Land; **Gethsemane Girl Scouts** (specifically Troop 931) for purchase of Girl Scout Cookies- on sale through Sunday, February 15;...*Thanks to:* **Rev. Don Brewington** and musician **Michael Johnson Huston Tillotson University** for worship leadership **MLK Sunday**; **Martin Swoda** electrical work in office and parlor; **Ken Schulz and Mike Anderson** along with **Fazzone Construction company** for narthex entrance improvements;
...*Congratulations to:* **Scott & Lindsey Olson** birth of Wyndsor-grandparents **Craig & Barb** rejoice over the gift of life; **Ingrid Edlund-Berry** finished 8th in age group 3M Half Marathon.

MEMORIAL
JAMES LEE PETERSON
James “Jimmy” Peterson, a baptized Christian (July 31,1955) and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran (June 6, 1965) claimed the promise of his baptism January 15, 2015. Jimmy was raised in the faith of his family by his parents the late Chester & Doris Peterson. He lived his baptism with loyalty and commitment to his family and friends. He experienced satisfaction in being involved with the Round Rock Express enjoying the Express family.
The Gethsemane community expresses the Good News of grace and love to his brother Bob Peterson & wife Debbie; sister Frances & husband Bobby Sommerfeld; nephews Keith Jordan, Aron Spurgeon; nieces Katrina Chaudoin, Unity Minton, Joy Peterson, Samantha Guse and members of the extended family. The words of Simeon as expressed in the Christmas/Epiphany story bring comfort: “*Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel*” (St. Luke 2: 29-32)
BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF JIMMY PETERSON
JANUARY ALTAR GUILD
Thanks to those having served: **Denise Schulz**, chair; co-chairs **Jim & Adelle Buehring**; **Amanda Holmstrom, Daniel Holmstrom, Glenda Holmstrom, Alice Mueller, Terry Neal, Anne Roefer, Ken & Linda Schulz** and **Tony & Sharon Venza**. January Altar/Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Ed** by **Viola Hall**; in loving memory of **Frances Wetter** and **Leonard Wetter** and in gratitude for the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran to our family by **Jiwoh Abdulai, Isatu Manja Kargbo, Yeani Jennifer Mary & Hali Kona Josephine**; in honor of **Katrina Malin** and in celebration of her 16th birthday by her family; in loving memory of **Inez Rice** by the **January Altar Guild**.