

FIFTY DAY EASTER FESTIVAL CELEBRATES RESURRECTION

APRIL 12—EASTER 2

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; St. John 20:19-31
PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CAP 10K WORSHIP/RUN

April 12, 7 a.m. Gethsemane congregants are invited to “continue the tradition” by participating in the **38th 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 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 the tradition”

YOUNG ADULTS

Gethsemane Young Adults meet for food and fellowship following the 10:30 service at **Phil’s Ice House**, 13265 US Hwy 183 North Austin (next to iFly). Contact **Stephanie Scheffel**, gya@gethsemane.austin.org. Children are welcome!

GLCM NEWS

April 13-17. Week of the Young Child theme: “*Everyone’s Different, Nobody’s Perfect*” Daily themes: **Mixed Up Monday**-dress all mixed up, **Team Tuesday**-wear your favorite sport or sports team tshirt, **Wake Up Wednesday**-wear your PJs, **Throw Back Thursday**-dress from any decade and Hop into Spring at our Bunny Hop, and **Fashion Friday**-wear your favorite GLCM tshirt or your favorite color for Chapel Day and the MDA Hop-A-Thon; *Save the Date: May 3rd* for the **GLCM Golf Tournament** at **Star Ranch Golf Course** with a 2 p.m. shotgun start.
“Good Beginnings..never end”

COUNCIL MEMBER HOSTED

Gethsemane will host recently elected Austin City Council Representative **Greg Casar** Monday, April 13, 7-9 p.m. **Pastor Gronberg** met the council member when he was working with **Workers Defense Project**. They have remained in contact with one another through community activities. Although the meeting is focused on residents in the council members District 4, Gethsemane members are invited to attend. Speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

FRONT ROW WITH VERNE LUNDQUIST

Saturday, April 18th, 6:00 p.m. Marriott River Center, San Antonio. This annual event hosted by Hall of Fame nationally recognized CBS sports broadcaster **Verne Lundquist** is his gift to his alma mater Texas Lutheran University. The 2015 guest will be **Gary Danielson**, well known broadcaster of Southeast Conference football. The event 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 member of the Board of Regents, will sponsor a Gethsemane table. Contact **Pastor Gronberg** for more details.

APRIL 19—EASTER 3

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; St. Luke 24:36b-48
PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. Amen.

EASTER SEASON BAPTISMS

Michael & Ashley Diane Swoda bring their children **Avery Elizabeth** and **Nolan Joseph** to receive the eternal promise of the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, Easter 3, **April 19th, 8:15 a.m.** The **Swoda** family are long time members of Gethsemane Lutheran. Congregation council member **Martin Swoda**, (confirmed Oct. 27, 1974) was raised in the Gethsemane community by his beloved parents, the late **Jack & Jean Swoda**. **Martin & Mary** were married at Gethsemane, March 17, 1979 and both of their sons **Michael** (May 15,1983) and **Marshall** (March 15,1987) were baptized through the ministry of Gethsemane. **Ashley Swoda**, Michael’s wife will also be baptized with their children. May the **God of the Easter message** bless the Swoda family as they live their faith within the life and ministry of the Easter community.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants minister to the residents of **Heatherwilde Assisted Living** Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m. with a liturgy of hymns, scripture, meditation and eucharist. Thanks to **Alton & Sandy Jones, David Skoglund, Donna Olson, Dr. Erik Svenkerud** and **Margaret Manz** for coordinating this ministry.

ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT

Abundant Life is an art exhibit hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran Church and organized by the newly formed “**Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas**.” The exhibit will commemorate the life and work of **Gabriel Loire** beginning the exhibit on his birthday, Tuesday, **April 21** and closing on the **Day of Pentecost, May 24**. Reception and conversation with the artists will happen Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. The exhibit will include the art from various local artists including **James Janknegt, Jenna Bruns, and Jose Blanco** as well as from the Gethsemane community, in addition to celebrating the stunning stained-glass art of **Gabriel Loire**. For more information about the Lutheran Visual Arts Council, contact **Pehr Smith, Clare & Linda Andrus, Pastor Gronberg** or **Intern Sharolyn Browning**.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Garden work is continuing, and in true garden fashion, it look like the snail’s pace has set in after a jack-rabbit start! Folks from the **Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association** and the Gethsemane community have had many conversations, setting goals and guidelines for the garden. Gardeners are eager to begin, and yet we are delayed waiting for the City of Austin to approve the application for a water meter on the site. We will be able to begin in earnest as soon as we have the ability to water the vegetable crops over the Spring and Summer. Persons interested in the Community Garden, contact **Judy Magnuson, Lois Johnson, Judy Westerman, or Intern Sharolyn**.

YOUTH DINNER THEATRE

Saturday, April 25th. Lane Holmstrom has created another hysterically funny original play, “**Senseless**”. Funds raised support Gethsemane youth during their summer trip to the national youth gathering in Detroit, Michigan. Silent & Live Auctions, Door Prizes, Delicious Meal and our Talented Youth onstage! See you there!!

APRIL 26—EASTER 4

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; St. John 10:11-18
PRAYER OF THE DAY: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

INDIA MISSION PROJECT

Gethsemane Lutheran has a long history of supporting global missions. During the days of the **Lutheran Church in America**, Gethsemane members served as LCA missionaries receiving support from the congregation. With the birth of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**, Gethsemane monthly benevolence offerings support the global missions of the ELCA. In addition to these missions, Gethsemane supports the Border mission ministry, the Thailand mission, the Costa Rica mission, fresh water for Africa mission, and in 2015 a mission in **India**. Gethsemane will partner with **Church’s Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) South Zone, Tamil Nadu, India** in deepening existing borewells for the **Church of South India Hospital Compound**. The hospital is 150 beds with a 24 hour working casualty, operating theatre serving poor and marginalized communities. Persons interested in knowing more about the hospital and this mission may speak with **Pastor Gronberg**.

CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The annual Gethsemane Lutheran **Confirmation Banquet** Wednesday, **May 6th, 7 pm** Multi-Purpose Room recognizing 7th/8th graders having completed confirmation instruction for this year. Gethsemane youth having completed the 6th grade and entering the 7th grade in the fall will be welcomed into the catechetical program.

SYNOD MEETING

The 2015 **Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly** will be held in McAllen **May 1-3**. In addition to **Pastor Susan Schnelle** and **Intern Pastor Sharolyn Browning**, Gethsemane members attending the meeting are **Lee Schnelle** and **Belinda Malin**.

MINISTRY PROJECT OUTREACH

Pastor Schnelle will visit the headquarters of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** in Chicago to meet with a member of the **WELCA** leadership team and share her doctoral work, “**The Elephant in the Pew: Menopause, Baptism & Vocation**” They will discuss ways that the church may use this work and how it can be made available to ELCA congregations . **Pastor Schnelle** will also meet with the Women’s Studies Department Chairs at **Valparaiso University, Augustana College, The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago** and **Wartburg Seminary**. **Pastor Schnelle** and **Lee Schnelle** also have the opportunity to visit with **Clay, Birgit and Linnea Lindgren**.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT DELL DIAMOND

Reserve your tickets for a night at the ballpark **May 1st, 7:05 p.m.** Tailgate party sponsored by **Thrivent** will be on the west side of the parking lot starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11. Speak with **Walt Horton**.

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EASTER WED.CONNECTIONS 5:30 -7:30 P.M.
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 13-17
ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT APRIL 21

Lutheran University for Gethsemane hosting the TLU choirs. **Denise Schulz** and **Angela Schnelle**, TLU alums, coordinated the event. **Khem & Pim Saythongkham** prepared the meal with assistance from **Belinda Malin**, **Erik Svenkerud**, **Harry & Sheryl Evans**, **Viola Hall**, **Elisabeth Kihlberg**, **Jeff Ketteman** (TLU alum) and **Elizabeth**; Gethsemane members **Walt & Peggy Horton**, **Chris Crenshaw**, **Brian & Shannon Tweedt**, **Will and Katie**, **Patricia Woodley** and **Alyssa** for Gethsemane support of *The Easter Triumph*; **Trinity Care Center** for **Pastor Karl Gronberg** participation in their *Scholarship Ceremony*; **Joshua & Jennifer Torrez** for Easter morning baptism of infant daughter **Abigail Elizabeth**; **Michael & Stephanie Allen Rauer** for Easter morning baptism of son **Adam James**. Gethsemane members **Brad & Jessica Allen** are sponsors/god-parents for **Adam James**;Thanks to : Maundy Thursday foot washing participants **Jim & Sandra Baylor**, **Salvador Chavarria**, **Jeanette Chavarria**, **Merlin & Linda Dunahoo**; Gethsemane musicians for Holy Week and Resurrection morning-special thanks to **Sheryl Johnson Evans**, Gethsemane organist, combining with the Sanctuary Choir and Bellissimo in proclaiming the *Easter Alleluia*; Lily donors for the **Easter Season altar**, **chancel** and **Gethsemane Garden** are listed in the **Easter Season bulletin insert**; Easter Greetings from: **Dean Zellmer**, living in Virginia, **Jerry & Jean Bartholomay** living in California, **Jiwoh**, **Manja**, **Yeani**, **Hali Abdulai** living in Brooklyn NYC....Congratulations to: first communion youth and families: **Bristol Raymond**, **Marley Dunahoo**, **Lily DaMommio** and **Austin Davis**; **David Doerfler** to be inducted into the **Texas Lutheran University Athletics Hall of Fame** with 1975 National Championship Football Team.

5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy