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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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

CAP 10K WORSHIP/RUN

Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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@gethsemaneaustin.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

EASTER SEASON BAPTISMS

Spirit, one God, now forever. Amen.

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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CAP 10 RUN/WALK PRAYER SERVICE 7 A.M. EASTER WED.CONNECTIONS 5:30 -7:30 P.M. WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 13-17 ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT APRIL 21

LSM BOARD

Lutheran Sunset Ministries Corporation Board meeting Sunday, May 3, Clifton, Texas. Gethsemane Lutheran has been a corporation board member for many years. Gifts from Gethsemane members and the Gethsemane Lutheran Mabel Ekman Charitable **Foundation** are given every year to **Rodney Reuter**, LSM President and Chief Executive Officer for support of senior Lutherans residing at LSM. Thanks to Gethsemane Women of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** Quilters for their yearly donation of a quilt for the annual LSM Quilt Auction. Over \$36,000 was raised by the auction in 2014 for LSM residents. Gethsemane Lutheran rejoices in this senior adult ministry partnership.

HOPE AWARDS

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) annual HOPE AWARDS Tuesday, May 5, Four Seasons Hotel will honor Michael Morton, wrongly convicted in 1987 of murdering his wife, spent 25 years in prison. He was exonerated by DNA evidence and released. His story is an inspirational testimony of Forgiveness Through Faith. Gethsemane Lutheran was a charter member in the founding of iAct. Pastor Karl Gronberg served two terms as president of the Austin Area Conference of Churches, a founding organization of iAct. Persons interested in knowing more about the HOPE AWARDS may speak with Pastor.

GETHSEMANE COLUMBARIUM

A columbarium is a sculptural wall of niches as the resting place for the ashes of loved ones who have died. It is a growing movement in churches to have a columbarium on campus, reminiscent of an the church-yard cemetery. Columbaria in the liturgical setting, assisting the Christian faithful to grow in awareness of God's loving baptismal promise in life and death. Several congregants in the Gethsemane community have been in conversation about building a columbarium at Gethsemane, and their hope is coming to fruition! Before the end of the summer, the community will receive a columbarium in the narthex, near the west sanctuary doors. If you are interested in knowing more about the columbarium, talk with Intern Sharolyn, Sharon Kite, Erik Svenkurud, Pehr Smith, Bob and Debbie Peterson or Pastor Gronberg.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

Christian sympathy to the families of Kenneth Voelker, Bob McCord may those who mourn be comforted by the Easter promise; ... Thanks from: Doris Johnson Worrell, Frances Bornemann, Pam Atkins, Charlotte McCord, Helen Maidment, Joyce Kingsbury, Flo Kerr, Viola Hall, Nell Rundell, Jim & Darlene Werchan, Eric, Claudia & Max Hausken, Laura Riddell, Lois Johnson, Paulette Akers, Gwen Lindgren, Martha Johnson, Col. Pat & Ludy Malone, Don Roefer, for congregational prayers, cards, altar/ chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ ministries-cards posted in narthex; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services for Pastor Gronberg and Gethsemane support for Casa Marianella and immigration resettlement; Texas

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 Rauert for Easter morning baptism 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.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

Men-in-Mission (Music Room)

GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

English as Second Language (MH)

Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

Sunday Church School for all ages

Heatherwilde Communion Service

Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MR)

TLU Front Row—San Antonio

Easter Eucharist—Baptisms

THURSDAY, April 16

FRIDAY, April 17

SATURDAY, April 18

SUNDAY, APRIL 19—EASTER 3

2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower (MPR)

10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel

Easter Eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Trinity Place Apartments Chapel

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

6:30 p.m. Art Exhibit-Gabriel Loire (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, April 22—EARTH DAY

9:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

8:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, April 20

TUESDAY, April 21

SATURDAY, April 11

2 & 7 p.m. SafePlace Fashion Show & Gala

Wedding Liturgy 5:00 p.m. SUNDAY, APRIL 12—EASTER 2

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL SUNDAY
FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist Sunday Church School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

10.30 a m Easter Eucharist

MONDAY, April 13

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

Greg Casar Office Hours (Parlor) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 14

GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (MR) 9:30 a.m. 1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet 7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF-Mimi's

WEDNESDAY, April 15

EASTER SEASON WED MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

April 8-April 29, 2015

11:00 a m Adult Confirmation Bible Study with Pastor Susie Schnelle & Intern Sharolyn Browning 12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Supper (\$5 each; \$15 family) (MPR) Baby sitting available "Rooted in God's Garden" with Intern 5.30-6.30 6:00-8:45 6:15-7:10 Sharolyn Browning, confirmation, English as a Second Language, conversational Spanish and Children/Youth activities, Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (PreK-12th gr) 7:15-7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 7:30-7:45 Mentors & Confirmands

CONFIRMATION BANQUET MAY 6

6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Rehearsal & Setup

(See Wednesday, April 15)

Easter Season Midweek Connections

THURSDAY, April 23

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex) 6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)

FRIDAY, April 24

6:00 p.m. Dinner Theatre Dress Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, April 25

12 noon Wedding Liturgy

Dinner Theatre Curtain Call 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. **Dinner Theatre Meal**

Dinner Theatre Show 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 26

8:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist

MONDAY, April 27

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

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

7:00 p.m. VASA (Music Room)

TUESDAY, April 28

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet 6:30 p.m. Art Exhibit-Gabriel Loire (Parlor) Czech Historical Association (MPR) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 29

Easter Season Midweek Connections (See Wednesday, April 15)

THURSDAY, April 30

English as Second Language (MH) 6:30 p.m. FRIDAY, May 1—Synod Assembly(McAllen, TX)

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex) 5:30 p.m. Tailgate Party-Dell Diamond

7:05 p.m. Lutheran Night at Dell Diamond 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, May 2—Synod Assembly(McAllen) Altar Guild 9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Wedding Liturgy