

EASTER SEASON ART COMMEMORATES GABRIEL LOIRE

MAY 3—EASTER 5

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; St. John 15:1-8  
**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

GLCM ANNUAL FUN-RAISER

The 15th Annual Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry Golf Tournament, May 3, the Golf Club at Star Ranch supports ministry to children and their families. Registration/Lunch/Putting contest 12 noon with Shotgun Scramble 2 p.m. Every golfer receives a “goody bag” and the opportunity to win numerous prizes for challenging golf feats including: Putting challenge on practice green, Hole-in-one, Closest to the pin, Long drive for men & women, Low team scores (1st, 2nd, 3rd), Raffle give-away) and lots of fun supporting children’s ministry. For information call GLCM office 339-6335. Thanks to persons and families for supporting GLCM through the “Golf Tree”. The Gethsemane community has been generous and faithful in supporting children and their families. *GLCM-Good beginnings..never end*

SYNOD MEETING

The 2015 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly will be held in McAllen May 1-3. Representing Gethsemane will be Pastor Susan Schnelle , Intern Pastor Sharolyn Browning, Lee Schnelle and Belinda Malin. The theme of this year’s assembly is based on Matthew 25:35b, “Welcome the Stranger”.

LSM BOARD

Lutheran Sunset Ministries Corporation Board meets 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.

GETHSEMANE iACT ANGEL

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) annual HOPE AWARDS Tuesday, May 5, 6 p.m. 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 is 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. In support of this interfaith organization, Gethsemane will be one of the sponsors of the HOPE AWARDS receiving the designation as an iACT Angel. Thanks Gethsemane congregation for being a progressive leader in the Austin community.

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 6th grade and entering 7th grade in the fall will be welcomed into the catechetical program.

MAY 10—EASTER 6

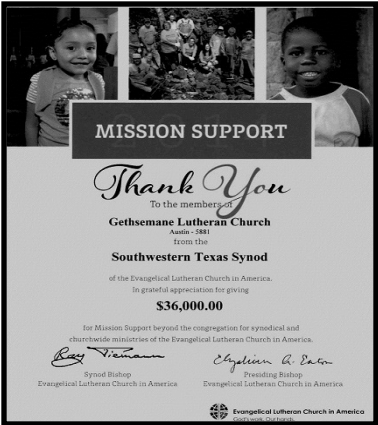
**MOTHER’S DAY-FAIR TRADE SUNDAY ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL**  
**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; St. John 15:9-17  
**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

MOTHER’S DAY GIFTS

Gethsemane joins in the nationwide Mother’s Day celebration. Give thanks to God for faithful mothers by giving a Gift through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal (use the envelope in the worship bulletin) Your mother gave you the world-help another mom do the same: support women and children around the world with a gift in honor or memory of your mother. “Her children rise up and call her blessed.” ( Proverbs 31:2)  
Gethsemane Women of the ELCA Mary/Martha Unit meet Tuesday, May 12th 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Program leader: Donna Olson with Dar Krenek leading a sing-along. Hostess: Joan Candoli. Gethsemane women are invited to enjoy the fellowship and music.

GLCM PRE-K GRADUATION

Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry Pre-K Graduation Friday, May 15, 9 a.m. in the sanctuary with a cake reception immediately following. Everyone is invited. Congratulations 2015 graduates: Elliot, Evan, Lila, Grayson, Jakob, Nahshon, Jade, Jude, Saul, Etta, Pepper, John, Emory, Lily, Vance, Julia, Lucille, James and Christopher. Several of these children have been with GLCM since infancy. Thanks parents for sharing your precious children with GLCM. Annual Potluck Picnic, Springwood Park, May 16, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. GLCM Summer Program: June 8 – Aug 19 Thailand Trek— “Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World”. The theme is an extension of the annual Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School. (June 22-26). The summer program includes splash days, music, storytelling, sports, crafts, cooking, summer musical, games and chapel. GLCM is currently enrolling for the summer program and 2015-16 school year. Contact the office for more information 339-6335.



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southwestern Texas Synod express thanks to Gethsemane congregants for faithful mission giving in 2014. Over and above the giving to the synod, Gethsemane gave support to Border mission, Thailand Mission, Africa mission expressing the Global Vision of the community as well as numerous ministries in the Austin community.

MAY 17—EASTER 7

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; St. John 17:6-19  
**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT

The first annual Abundant Life Art Exhibit hosted in 2015 by Gethsemane Lutheran and organized by the newly formed “Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas ” held their opening reception on Tuesday, April 21st, the birthday of Gabriel Loire. The exhibit commemorates the life and work of Gabriel Loire concluding on the evening of May 19. The exhibit displays art from various local artists including James Janknegt, Jenna Bruns, Jose Blanco, Clare Andrus and Pehr Smith in addition to celebrating the stunning stained-glass art of Gabriel Loire in the Gethsemane Sanctuary. For more information about the Lutheran Visual Arts Council, contact Pehr Smith, Clare & Linda Andrus, Pastor Gronberg or Intern Sharolyn Browning.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH SAY THANK YOU!

The youth of Gethsemane have been blessed by this community’s outpouring of encouragement and support. The Annual Dinner Theatre was a huge success. Over \$8,500 was raised for youth ministry. There are many people to thank: the creator of the play “Senseless”. Lane Holmstrom’s wit and humor shone through as the actors wowed the audience with their performance; Raymund Kuenast’s amazing organizational skills and expertise in Microsoft Excel kept the crew moving forward and on task; Marsha McConaughy offered her creativity on set design, costumes and props; Gordon Feller continues to support Gethsemane youth by supplying curtains for staging and serving as our most excellent auctioneer.; Ron Tigue set up the staging, tables, chairs and ran the sound system; Ken Malin ran the lights; Lee Schnelle video taped the show and Jeff Kettelman was photographer. Thanks to the Nonsensical Band David Mason, Joe Dan Johnson, Stephanie Scheffel, Michael Hillmer and Lane Holmstrom. Silent and live auctions were coordinated by Tracy Anderson and Renita Feller. The delicious dinner was coordinated and prepared by Terri and Brenda Brown, Gordon and Marilyn Kettelman. Louise Eidbo coordinated the serving crew. Steve Greinert led the set strike team. Martin & Raquel Gonzales provided custodial help. Thanks to all who bought program ads, donated auction items, bid and purchased auction items. Belinda Malin wore many hats for this show, coordinating the table decorations, packaging many of the silent auction items and preparing the playbill. Thanks also to Dar Krenek, Intern Sharolyn Browning, Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle. Gethsemane youth will grow in their baptismal faith as they attend this summer the national Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Youth Gathering, “Rise Up” and Ebert Ranch Camp. Youth participating in the Dinner Theatre were: Ashlynn Althaus, Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Zach Brock, Quintel Candeh, Sheenique Candeh, Chloe DaMommio, Matthew Davitt, Kendall Evans, Nicole Facile, Michael Greinert, Amanda Holmstrom, Daniel Holmstrom, Sam Huston, Grant Johnson, Jody Johnson, Will Johnson, Megan Jones, Lily Kuenast, Ryan Kuenast, Heidi Lundquist, Trey Lundquist, Mackenzie Kite, Maddi Kite, Denver Malin, Katrina Malin, Ezra Spielvogel, Alyssa Woodley. Thanks parents, grandparents, families and Gethsemane congregants for supporting youth ministry.

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**15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 3, 2 P.M.**  
**ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT TUESDAYS, 6 P.M.**  
**CONFIRMATION BANQUET WED. MAY 6, 7 P.M.**  
**MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP/ PICTURES MAY 10**

The **Gethsemane Altar Guild** has received an **Easter Season** altar parament created by Central Texas Lutheran artist **Jenna Bruns**. The parament was commissioned for the **Abundant Life Art Exhibit** as a gift from the **Wes & Alvina Seaholm Sassman Altar Guild Fund**. The parament was dedicated Sunday April 26, 2015 during the Easter 4 liturgy of the Gethsemane community. “*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord*”.

Gethsemane joins with parents and family members as they celebrate the accomplishments of their children. May and June is a traditional time for commencement. Congratulations to: **Alexandra Katherine Anderson, *The University of Georgia, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting***; **Evan Paul Spielvogel, *Texas State University, Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance***. Gethsemane graduates are invited to inform the congregation of their commencement exercises. Graduation announcements are on display in the narthex. Well done. Gethsemane is proud of you.

***Christian sympathy to the families of:***  
**Don Rundell, Ola Mae Walker Moore ,**  
**Barbara Franklin-** may those who mourn be  
 comforted by the Easter promise; . ***Thanks***  
***from:*** Janna Weiss, Gladys Hanson, Rev.  
 Phil Wahlberg, Buddy Holmstrom, Jack  
 Westerman, Ron & Joyce Kingsbury,  
 George Wendlandt, Verline Berkman,  
 Viola Hall, Mary Jo Hindman, Gail  
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 & David Allen, Doris Johnson Worrell,  
 Charlotte McCord, Don Roefer for  
 congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel  
 flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/  
 ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Gregorio**  
**“Greg” Casar,** City of Austin Council  
 Member District 4, for Gethsemane  
 hospitality to his staff and city residents  
 attending his “Meet your Council Member  
 Meeting” held in the **Steffans Parlor; Casa**  
**Marianella** for **Terry & Mary Lou**

**Newman, Mark & Marsha McConaughy, Pastor Karl Gronberg** for supporting immigration resettlement ministry; **Texas Lutheran University** on behalf of “*Front Row with Verne Lundquist*”- seated at the Gethsemane table were: **Suzanne Walker Braaten, Chuck & Madie Cook, David & Cindy Doerfler, Joel Gronberg, Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Johnny & Anne Walker.** Pastor, Sharon and Gethsemane have supported for 12 years this event for TLU athletics. Verne, a TLU alum and Regent, has raised over 750,000 for TLU student athletes; **Reuben & Cruz Santa Ana** for **Gethsemane Endowment Fund** having provided transportation to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to visit hospitalized son **Leo; Chris Searles, biointegrity**, for Gethsemane hospitality and gifts in “reducing climate change thru Biodiversity Preservation-letter and certificate posted in narthex; **Bill of Sjo-Pro Tours** for Gethsemane support; **Thanks to:** Gethsemane council members **Martin Swoda, Khem Saythongkham, Mark McConaughy, Kevin Kubiak** for April worship leadership; **Valerie Johnson** care for *Gethsemane Garden*; **Dave Haight** painting/rehab. bathroom in Ed. Bldg; **Easter Greetings from:** **Garth Mailman** safely home in Canada; **Kit & Jen Bolton** grateful for Spring in Minnesota; ....**Congratulations to: Art LaValle** 3rd place in his age category for CAP 10k; **Jill Annetta Roefer** and **John Lamar Hansford** married last weekend; Senior Chaplain **Tommy McIntosh**, Travis County Correctional Complex, having chapel named in his honor. Gethsemane Lutheran gave financial support for the building of the chapel; **Seton Cove** on celebrating 20th anniversary “nurturing mind, body, and spirit in Central Texas”.

**SATURDAY, May 23**