

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 10, 2015 “Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane...” St. Matthew 26:36 VOLUME 21, NUMBER 8 AUSTIN, TEXAS

JUNE MINISTRIES: “SOMETHING OLD.. SOMETHING NEW”

JUNE 14—PENTECOST 3
FAIR TRADE/WORLD HUNGER APPEAL
SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; St. Mark 4:26-34
PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE KID’S TABLE
EVERYONE is invited to a summer-time Sunday School in the **Sanctuary beginning June 14th from 9:45-10:15am**. With plenty of time for coffee, refreshments and visiting between worship and The Kid’s Table, you will enjoy exploring God’s great big story together throughout the summer. Come, you child of God...come feel the joy and welcome at the Kid’s Table.

EVENTIDE
Beginning Sunday, June 14th, you’re invited to join together for **conversation at 6pm** and **vespers at 7pm**. For the first few weeks, our conversation in the Parlor will be centered around community building as we all look forward to our youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. The Eventide vespers in the sanctuary, will feel ancient and brand new, as we close the day, and begin the week together.

GLCM SUMMER PROGRAM
Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry expresses thanks to the youth of **Trinity Lutheran** Clifton, Texas for their 2015 mission trip service projects. **Valerie Johnson** and **Pastor Karl Gronberg** coordinated the work of the youth while they stayed in the **Gethsemane Steffans Hospitality House** and the **Gethsemane Ministry House** with their sponsors **Mindy Webb** and **Carla Stanford**. 2015 is the fifth year the youth from Trinity congregation have been hosted by Gethsemane. Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry 2015 summer program has commenced with the theme: **“Jesus Loves the Children of the World”**. During the summer months, GLCM has **“Splash Days”**. Each classroom has one day on which they turn on the hose, play in the sprinklers and have fun in the sun; June 15-19: Neighbors are Friendly. Bible Story: Sarah & Abraham welcome visitors. *Genesis 18:1-14—21:1-3*; June 18 & 19 **Doughnuts with Dad**; June 22-26: **Thailand Trek Vacation Bible School**. God is real. God is love. God is forgiving. God is forever. All classes 2 years thru PreK attend VBS all week. No chapel or music this week; Friday, June 26th: Join us for the closing program for VBS at 11:30am and stay for the hot dog meal. Wear your VBS T-shirt!; June 29-July 3: Neighbors love Freedom. Bible Story: God Frees His People. *Exodus 7:11—12:42*. GLCM is currently enrolling for the summer program and 2015-16 school year. Contact the office for more information 339-6335.

SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD
Two more examples of Gethsemane ministry to the neighborhood will be expressed this weekend as the Lanier High Vettes hold their annual reunion Saturday in Gethsemane MPR. Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association Movie Night will be at Gethsemane if the weather prohibits plans to show the film outdoors. Gethsemane Lutheran welcomes these opportunities to demonstrate hospitality to our neighbors. Welcome!

JUNE 21—PENTECOST 4
FATHER’S DAY
SCRIPTURE: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; St. Mark 4:35-41
PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FATHER’S DAY PHOTOS
Continuing a Father’s Day tradition, pictures will be taken of fathers with their children Sunday, June 21. The pictures are a reminder of the sacred bond between men and their children and the holy responsibility fathers are given by God to guide their children to grow in baptismal faith as members of the church community. Building a bond with your child can have long-lasting effects. Strengthen your father-child relationship by: **Doing things together**—Children benefit from your attention. Read to your child, play, share meals and celebrate accomplishments; **Talking**—Start talking to your children when they’re young, and not just about serious issues or things they’ve done wrong; **Listening**—Listen to your child’s ideas, feelings, problems and experiences—and respond without always expressing an opinion; **Teaching**—Teach the difference between right and wrong as well as life skills. Give praise when your child learns something new; **Disciplining with love**—Remind your children, calmly and consistently, of the consequences of their actions. Reward them for good behavior; **Showing affection**—Hug your children and tell them that you will always love them, no matter what. Even after your children leave the nest, stay involved. Ask how they’re doing—and then listen attentively. **Happy Father’s Day!**

GETHSEMANE VBS
The annual **Gethsemane Lutheran Vacation Bible School** June 22nd-26th, 8:45 a.m.-12 noon. Theme: *“Thailand Trek: Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World”*. **Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry** students and staff will participate. Plan to enroll by **June 17th**. Registration forms in the narthex. Adults, confirmand youth and senior high are invited to volunteer, even if you can only assist one day. Help in the craft area, music, prepare and serve snacks, the storytelling room, playground/games or being a guide to lead the children from one area to another. Please note on the registration form which days you can assist and in which activity you would prefer to help. This is an opportunity to make new friends and make a difference in the lives of children.

ADULT LEARNING HOUR
Pastor Richard Strait, assisted by **Karalyn Heimlich** and **Lee Schnelle**, invites Gethsemane members to participate in the Summer Adult Education series: *Uppity Women of the Bible* featuring Hebrew Bible professor **Dr. Lisa Wolfe**. Combining careful scholarship with humor and fresh insights, a lively and thoughtful discussion of *Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith* is presented.

JUNE 28—PENTECOST 5
SCRIPTURE: Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; St. Mark 5:21-43
PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DAILY DEVOTIONS
Gethsemane Lutheran members grow in their baptismal faith by reading the daily devotionals provided by the congregation. *Christ In Our Home* devotional books for **July-September 2015** are available in the narthex. The writers are members of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. They come from Palatine, Illinois; Waverly, Iowa; Salisbury, North Carolina; Ankeny, Iowa; Brandon, Minnesota; Seattle, Washington. Pick up your copy in the narthex.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
In memory of Dr. Carl Candoli, who tirelessly worked to show his belief that *“every child can learn,”* Gethsemane congregants are invited to assist in donating **“Back to School” supplies** for our neighborhood school, T.A. Brown Elementary who’s motto is *“The best little school in town, where every child is college bound!”* Each week during the month of July, the **“Christmas in July Giving Tree”** will be in the narthex and have tags which lists what exact school supplies are needed. Please remove a tag and choose what you can donate on the list or, if you prefer, you may make a monetary donation instead which will go to T.A. Brown Elem. **The deadline for all contributions is Sunday, August 2, 2015.** An educational donation for the children of T.A. Brown Elementary will not only be appreciated, but will also be a special memorial to honor this amazing educator, Dr. Carl Candoli! Thank You for your donation & Merry Christmas in July!!!!

FOOD PANTRY/CLOSET MINISTRY
The Gethsemane food pantry/clothes closet served 240 individuals and 85 households in May. Thank you Gethsemane congregants for your support of this ministry. Monday afternoon **Pastor Gronberg and Ken & Linda Schulz** picked up 2,562 lbs of food from the **Capital Area Food Bank**. Suggested donations for the Gethsemane Food Pantry: canned vegetables and beans, saltine crackers, canned fruit, rice and dried beans, soups and Ramen noodles, canned meat products, pasta & sauces/macaroni & cheese. The Gethsemane Clothes Closet is always in need of gently used clothing for all ages, babies to adults, boys and girls, men and women. Please send summer items. Thanks to our volunteers: **Mike Anderson, Linda & Ken Schulz, Lois & Lester Johnson, Gaylord Magnuson, Pat & Steve Greinert, Herbie Lundquist, Donna Olson, Carol Laubach, Joann Rees, Joan Candoli, Kevin & Pam Kubiak, Debbie Peterson, Merrill Austin, Tracy Anderson, Roxanne Noren, Virginia Marek, Karalyn Heimlich, Marsha McConaughy, Jack Westerman, Renita Feller, Bev Kuenast, and Betsy Orf.**

VBS “Thailand Trek: Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World”

June 22-26, 2015 — 8:45 a.m.-12 noon

REGISTRATION FORM — (Return to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 W Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78752)

VBS registration forms available in the narthex or on the Gethsemane website: <http://www.gethsemaneaustin.org>

Parent _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____ (very important for emergencies)

I will assist: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ All Week

I would like to assist in: ☐ Music ☐ Playground ☐ Snacks ☐ Crafts ☐ Guide ☐ Storytelling

☐ Saturday Set Up ☐ Craft Preparation ☐ Hot dog meal ☐ Registration ☐ T-shirt sales

Child’s Name _____

Date of Birth. (mo., day, yr.) _____

Entering grade _____

TO ORDER GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS,

INCLUDE YOUR CHECK TO GETHSEMANE FOR THE SHIRTS WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. PLEASE NOTE THE QUANTITY OF EACH SIZE ORDERED. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING VBS.

CHILD: ☐ 2-4 ☐ 6-8 ☐ 10-12 (\$10 EACH)

ADULT: ☐ SMALL ☐ MEDIUM ☐ LARGE ☐ XL (\$10 EACH)

☐ XXL ☐ XXXL ☐ XXXXL (\$15 EACH)

I WANT A TOTAL OF _____ SHIRTS @ \$10.

_____ SHIRTS @ \$15.

\$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

MINISTERS: EVERY MEMBER OF GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE KID'S TABLE 9:45A.M. SANCTUARY
EVENTIDE 6 P.M. BEGINNING JUNE 14
FATHER'S DAY PICTURES JUNE 21
THAILAND TREK VBS JUNE 22-26

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*; **David Ryan Riley**, *Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences*; **Andrew John Davitt**, *Texas A & M University, Bachelor of Science in Entomology*; **Diana Marie Williams Dworin**, *Episcopal Theological Seminary, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation*; **Susan Marie Freitag Schnelle**, *Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Doctor in Ministry*; **Megan Renae Jones**, *McCallum High School*; **Brie Elise Ludwig**, *Nazareth Area High, Pennsylvania*; **Cole Harrison Turner**, *Westwood High School*; **Carly Rose Anderson**, *Westlake High School*; **Kate Jeanette Anderson**, *Westlake High School*; **Ethan Michael DaMommio**, *Anderson High School*; **Bailey Elizabeth Domel**, *Success High School*; **Meg Elise McKnighten**, *McNeil High School*; **Irie Bianca Crenshaw**, *Austin High School*; **Ryan James Kuenast**, *Anderson High School*; **Grant Ransom Johnson**, *Anderson High School*; **Janice Elizabeth Dworin**, *McCallum High School*; **Daniel Jarrett Holmstrom**, *Hyde Park High School*; **Ashley Chandler Cardwell**, *Lake Travis High School*; **Harrison Kirk Cardwell**, *Lake Travis High School*; **Tyra Jade Banks**, *Cedar Ridge High School*. Graduation announcements are on display in the narthex. Thanks to graduates and family for sharing accomplishments with the Gethsemane community. We are proud and happy for you.

"My heart is overflowing with love and gratitude for the **community of Gethsemane** for your incredible support and encouragement as I pursued my **Doctor of Ministry** degree from **Austin Presbyterian Seminary**. This community made it possible for me to create **"The Elephant in the Pew: Menopause, Baptism & Vocation"** and the celebration on Holy Trinity Sunday was an incredible affirmation of that work. I was overwhelmed with joy when I walked into the Multi-Purpose Room and saw all of your smiling faces and the care and detail that went into the celebration. Thanks again to all of the women who were a part of this doctoral project and for the amazing food and decorations they provided at the reception. This has been an amazing, Spirit filled journey and I am looking forward to seeing where God will lead us with this work."

MISSION SERVICE IN AFRICA
Gethsemane member Mary Lou Newman continues her ministry to people around the world. **Mary Lou** is the **Technical Advisor** for a *University of Texas-Austin Cockrell School of Engineering* project in **Tanga, Tanzania** (East Africa). Seven University of Texas engineering students and Mary Lou are spending a month building a bath house and latrine facilities for this underserved community. Gethsemane participated in such a UT engineering project in 2014 building bleachers for a school in Costa Rica. Gethsemane members are encouraged to keep Mary Lou and the students in daily prayer for their service and safety back home. Mary Lou will be home the end of June.

Christian sympathy to the families of: **Ralph J. Meier, Warren Clark Neil, Susan Anna Baker Crenshaw** - may those who mourn be comforted by the eternal promise of grace and mercy in Jesus Christ; *Thanks from:* **Pastor**

Richard & Renee Strait, Paulette Akers, Debbie Mason, Martha Johnson, Darlene Werchan, Nell Rundell, Gat Rodgers, Joann Rees, Gwen Ericson for congregational prayers, cards, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministries-cards posted in narthex; **Forrest Warren Newsom** for his baptism Pentecost Sunday into the life and ministry of the church community; **Dr. Cal Streeter** and **UT-Austin** students for Gethsemane hospitality as they learn about *Restore Rundberg*; **Clare & Lynda Andrus** for the *Abundant Life Art Exhibit*; *Thanks to:* Gethsemane high school seniors and youth: **Ryan Kuenast**, liturgist; **Megan Jones**, homily; **Daniel Holmstrom**, children's sermon; **Janine Dworin** and **Lukas Facile**, special music; **Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Bailey Domel, Meg Knighten, Grant Johnson, Michael Greinert, Tyra Banks, Matthew Davitt, Ashlynn Althaus** and **Zach Brock** for leading worship on Holy Trinity Sunday. Thanks also to **Grant Johnson** for speaking at the confirmation banquet. Graduating seniors were recognized at a reception during the Sunday School hour; **Martin Swoda, Kevin Kubiak, Mark McConaughy, Khem Saythongkham, Ron Tigie** for congregational council worship leadership; **Kevin Kubiak** for maintenance of the Education Building air conditioning; **Jim Stoner, David Nauert** of **McCoy Lawn Service** for providing lawn mower equipment during repair of Gethsemane mower; *Greetings from:* **Björn Engquist & Elisabeth Kihlberg** traveling to Sweden for Elisabeth to attend class reunion; **John Berry** biking through Poland and Lithuania-amazing to read of his experiences; **Garth Mailman** traveling in Canada-please keep the Gethsemane community in your thoughts as you travel-if possible take a picture with "**Flat Martin**" to share with the congregation;....*Congratulations to:* **Kevin & Pam Kubiak, Jakob & Lauren Greinert** on their recent marriages.

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, July 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY