

LENTEN JOURNEY, HOLY WEEK/EASTER FESTIVAL

MARCH 13—LENT 5
TIME CHANGE: SPRING FORWARD
WORLD HUNGER APPEAL/FAIR TRADE

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; St. John 12:1-8
PRAYER OF THE DAY: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LENT CONCLUDES

The Forty Day Lenten journey concludes with the baptized community reaching the holiest of all times for the church catholic with Holy Week beginning on Palm/Passion Sunday. The Lenten disciplines of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, sacrificial giving, acts of love have assisted the people of God to grow in faithfulness. Thanks to everyone having shared in the Lenten disciplines with special appreciation to Viola Hall and Timothy Huston for generously providing the Wednesday Lenten Soup meals. Thanks also to Gethsemane member Joseph Candeh, Monica Guzman of Neighborhood Enhancement Team/ Restore Rundberg, Officers Ray Kianes and Tabor White of the Austin Police Department, Tom Somyak of the Obsessive Compulsive Disorder support group hosted by Gethsemane, Pastor Susie & Lee Schnelle for sharing their “Journeys” during the Wednesday evening conversations with Pastor Karl Gronberg. “A Forty Day Journey Like No Other” has been the theme for Lent, 2016. Gethsemane member Chris Crenshaw will invite Gethsemane members to participate and attend the annual Easter Triumph presentation Saturday, March 19th. May all participants be blessed by this time of renewal.

MY NEIGHBORS FAITH

The Sunday morning Adult Class, led by Pastor Richard Strait, has been learning about the Islamic Faith community. Sheikh Attia, the Imam of a local mosque, along with three others of the faith visited the class. The conversation led to questions and insights regarding this world wide faith community. The class will continue discussing reactions and ideas on Sundays, March 13th & 20th. Everyone is invited to learn about Our Neighbors Faith. Thanks to Gethsemane member Tammie Danielsen for her leadership inviting the Gethsemane community to meet Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian Christian and director of Tent of Nations (TON) when he comes to Austin April 7th. Daoud will stay in the Gethsemane Steffans Hospitality House during his visit to Austin.

ADULT MIDWEEK CLASS

Join Pastor Schnelle and Lee Wednesday, March 16 in the MPR 6:15 p.m. for a presentation on their trip to New Zealand and Tahiti. They will share pictures, stories and insights they gained on this journey.

COLLEGE BOUND EVENT
UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID: hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran today, 2-4 p.m. Workshop topics: How do I search for a college/university that is right for me? How do I fill out a strong application? How does Financial Aid work, and what is the FAFSA? Tom Oliver is the presenter. He has worked for over 25 years in the college admissions process for Southern Methodist University, Southwestern, Texas Christian University, Texas Lutheran University, Trinity University. He is presently vice president for Enrollment Services, Texas Lutheran University. There is no registration fee. The workshop is open to all. Walk-ins are welcome. To guarantee a space, you may sign up in advance by contacting the Center for Servant Leadership (RHeuza@TLU.edu); 830-372-8160.

EASTER LILY SIGN UP

Sign up for the Gethsemane Easter Lily Chancel Garden by using the “SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS” envelopes available in the narthex. Please mail your request to the Gethsemane office, place in the offering plate, indicating memorial or honorarium along with a check for \$12, or you may sign up on the Gethsemane website www.gethsemane.austin.org.

MARCH 20—PASSION/PALM SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

SCRIPTURE: St. Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; St. Luke 22:14—23:56
PRAYER OF THE DAY: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 20

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

8:15 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses
9:00 a.m. Youth Dinner Theatre Rehearsal(MR)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Seder Meal for confirmands & families
10:30 a.m. Eucharist, presentation of crosses
12 noon First Communion instruction
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Ministry

MONDAY—THURSDAY, MARCH 21-23

12 noon & 7 p.m. Reading of Passion Narrative, Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 p.m. Eucharist, foot washing
First Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 a.m. Eucharist/ Stripping of Altar
11:00 a.m. Procession of the Cross
12 noon-12 midnight — Prayer Vigil
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 26

HOLY BAPTISM SACRAMENT

Gethsemane members Marshall & Christine Fitch Swoda bring their infant daughter Matilyn Jean Swoda to receive the eternal promise Palm Sunday, March 20th. Marshall is the son of Gethsemane members Martin & Mary Swoda. He was baptized at Gethsemane. Marshall & Christine were married by Pastor Karl Gronberg. Michael & Ashley Swoda, Matthew & Victoria Fitch serve as sponsors/god-parents. The Gethsemane community rejoices with the Swoda family.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

Gethsemane Lutheran annually commences Holy Week receiving crosses as a symbol of entrance into the high holy days of the Christian faith. The Palm crosses will be given to the Holy Week pilgrims upon entering the narthex. These crosses are purchased by the February, 2016 Gethsemane Altar Guild from gifts given in memory of the late Gwen Johnson Ericson. Crosses made by Gordon & Marilyn Kettelman and Gethsemane friends will be given to the Holy Week faithful as they come forward for the eucharist. Thanks to these generous donors for their commitment to the worship life of Gethsemane congregation.

PASSOVER MEAL

The annual Passover Seder, Passion-Palm Sunday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. for confirmands, family members and those preparing for first communion on Maundy Thursday. Contact Pastor Gronberg.

FIRST COMMUNION

First communion instruction Palm/Passion Sunday March 20, following 10:30 worship in the Music Room for 3rd graders and above, parents and/or grandparents. Snacks provided; Contact Pastor Schnelle.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants minister to the residents of Heatherwilde Assisted Living Sunday, March 20th, 2 p.m. with a liturgy of hymns, scripture, meditation and eucharist. February worship leaders were: Alton Jones, Donna Lindgren Olson, Vernon & Doris Johnson Worrell, Dr. Erik Svenkerud, Pastor Susan Schnelle. You are invited to share in this ministry to senior adults. Stanley & Verline Berkman are always happy to see and visit with Gethsemane friends.

MARCH 27—RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; St. Luke 24:1-12
PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Easter Son-Rise worship Narthex/Garden
7:30-10 a.m. Easter breakfast (Multi-Purpose Rm)
8:15 a.m. Easter Resurrection Celebration/
Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Easter Songfest, Flowering of Cross,
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Resurrection
Celebration

EASTER SEASON WED.
MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

March 30-April 20, 2016

11:00 a.m. Adult Confirmation Bible Study with Pastor Susie
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30–6:30 Supper (\$5 each;\$15 family; MPR)
5:45-7:10 Youth Dinner Theatre Stage Setup and Rehearsal
6:00–8:45 Baby sitting available
6:15–7:10 Conversation with Pastor Gronberg, confirmation, English as a Second Language, conversational Spanish and Youth activities for PreK-12th grade
7:15–7:30 Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30–7:45 Mentors & Confirmands
7:45–8:40 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)
CONFIRMATION BANQUET April 27th

EASTER HOLY BAPTISM

Resurrection morning is the major festival of the Christian community. The victory of life over sin and death. Gethsemane members Dustin & Dalia Sanchez-Lopez Swening bring their son Sebastian Wes to receive the eternal Easter promise of grace and love on Resurrection morning. Dustin is the son of Gethsemane members Wayne & Jamie Swening. He was baptized and confirmed his faith at Gethsemane. Moyses Lopez and Doris Vallejo serve as sponsors/god-parents. The Swening family has blessed the Gethsemane community for decades. May the blessings of the Risen Christ be with Sebastian Wes and his family. Easter baptisms have been scheduled by families throughout the Fifty day festival. Families wishing to discuss baptism are invited to speak with Pastors Gronberg or Schnelle.

“The Lord is risen..he is risen indeed”

YOUTH DINNER THEATRE

Saturday, April 2nd. Lane Holmstrom has created another hysterically funny original play, “The Cruise”. Funds raised support Gethsemane youth during their summer trips. Silent & Live Auctions, Door Prizes, Delicious Meal and our Talented Youth onstage! Save the date! See you there!!

YOUNG LIFE APPRECIATION

Young Life, a ministry to teen age youth, expresses gratitude for Gethsemane hospitality. The youth and their leaders from UT-Austin and St. Edwards’ University meet Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Hospitality and Ministry Houses. This week youth from Reagan High, LBJ High, Lanier High enjoyed an evening of basketball in the MPR. Jeremiah Gress and Chris Fisher are leaders of this ministry. Gethsemane is pleased to partner with Young Life.

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



EASTER LILY CHANCEL GARDEN SIGN UP
PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK MAR. 20
EASTER FESTIVAL MARCH 27

IN MEMORY

Frances Ann Hyltin Bornemann
Frances Ann Hyltin Bornemann, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism Thursday March 3, 2016. The graveside memorial liturgy for the faithful will be held on Friday, March 11 at historic Oakwood Cemetery. Francis was born to C.A. & Minnie Westberg Hyltin. Her parents raised her in the faith of the church. She was life long member of Gethsemane Lutheran. She and the "love of her life" Charles Bornemann, Jr. were married April 21, 1951 at the historic Gethsemane Lutheran 16th & Congress. They were blessed with two daughters Pam & Jan. Frances & Charles raised their daughters in the Lutheran faith seeing them baptized, confirmed and married through the ministry of Gethsemane. Frances was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. She supported her husband and his business Bornemann System serving the Austin area with outstanding tree service and pest control. Frances was generous in support of the ministries of Gethsemane Lutheran. The eternal promise of grace and love is expressed by the Gethsemane community to daughter Pam & husband Richard; daughter Jan & husband Ron; grandchildren Eric Schroeder & wife Merrick Wolf, Charles Schroeder and Quentin Charles Munn plus members of the extended family. The words of faith bring comfort. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6)
BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF FRANCES HYL TIN BORNEMANN

SPRING DEVOTIONALS

Daily devotional time helps the reader to have moments of quiet and mediation. The April, May, June 2016 "Christ In Our Home" devotionals from Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America brings Christian thought from writers living around the United States: River Forest, Illinois; Moorhead, Minnesota; Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Matthews, North Carolina; and Columbus, Ohio. Gethsemane members are encouraged to spend time each day with these Lutheran Christians receiving from them their witness to the **grace of God**. Your devotional is in the narthex. Pick up your copy Sunday.

LUTHERAN LEGISLATIVE EVENT

Gethsemane member **Mary Lou Newman**, Chair of the Poverty and Justice Task Force of the Southwestern Texas Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America expresses thanks to her home congregation for hosting this event with the coordination of **Texas Impact**. Registrations increased this year by 20%. Those attending represented the three Lutheran synods in Texas. Following a day of studying issues they decided to present the following concerns to members of the Texas Legislature: *Religious Liberty, Poverty: Medicaid, Payday Lending, Education, Immigration, Refugees, Criminal Justice, Caring for Creation*. **Pastor Gronberg** and **Mary Lou** are considering a time when these items might be shared during the Sunday Learning Hour. The **Gethsemane Lutheran Steffans Hospitality House** hosted three retired ELCA pastors during the event. Hospitality and intelligent conversation is a priority in the ministry of the Gethsemane community. Plan to attend the Lutheran Legislative Event next year.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to families of: **Clifford Kite, Wyatt "Sonny" Driskell, Frances Hyltin Bornemann, Karin Corbett Ozuna, Pastor John Bade, Rev. Robert "Bob" Lee**—may

the promise of baptism bring comfort**THANKS TO: Jim Riley** for installation of hand rails in downstairs bathroom; **Mable Collins** for Music Room chair covers; **Virginia Marek** support of the annual CROP Hunger walk-initial count is over \$60,000-anticipate higher giving than \$77,000 in 2015-thanks Gethsemane for your generous support of **Virginia and Pastor Gronberg; Timothy Huston and Viola Hall** for lent soup meals; **Brian Combs** for gift to Gethsemane in appreciation of support for his Eagle scout project; ...**THANKS FROM: Camp Chrysalis to Ashlynn Althaus, Avery Althaus, Greg Althaus, Lori Althaus, Alice Bassett, Andrew Bassett, Wesley Bassett, Wil Bassett, Byron Bohls, Christine Bohls, Ryan Bohls, Katie Errett, William Errett, John Foster, Mary Beth Foster, Amanda Holmstrom, Daniel Holmstrom, Glenda Holmstrom, Lane Holmstrom, Peggy Horton, Walt Horton, Gordon Kettelman, Marilyn Kettelman, Bryant Kite, Elizabeth Kite, Mackenzie Kite, Madison Kite, Lyndon Kite, Dar Joy Krenek, Megan Riley, Lee Schnelle, Susie Schnelle, Erik Svenkerud, Brian Tweedt, Shannon Tweedt, Alyssa Woodley** having attended the 34th annual Family of Gethsemane Retreat "Under the Shadow of Your Wings"; **Martha Johnson, Ruben & Cruz Santa Ana, Terry & Sylvia Driskell, Ria Corbett, Ron & Gail Tigue, Deanie Martinets, Wanda Johnson, Mary Lou Newman, Vernon Worrell, Ezra Spielvogel, Dorothy & Jim Hecht, Sharon Kite ; Helen Cochran & family** for baptism of Helen's granddaughter **Kya Raquel Felix; Adam & Kim Johnson Crump** for 20th wedding anniversary renewal of wedding vows; **Julie & Greg Aune , Gustavus Adolphus College Choir** for generous gift to the choir; **Pamela A. Robers, Drive a Senior** Executive Director for Gethsemane support of the ministry and the board leadership of **Tony Venza**. for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls ministry.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 12

9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Workday
11:00 a.m. OCD (Ministry House)
2:00 p.m. Funeral service

SUNDAY, MARCH 13—LENT 5

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL SUNDAY
Fair Trade products available in narthex
8:15 a.m. Lenten Worship
9:00 a.m. Youth Dinner Theatre Rehearsal(MR)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Lenten Worship

MONDAY, March 14

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, March 15

10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:00 p.m. Royal Dancers (MPR)
7:00 p.m. OCD (Ministry House)

WEDNESDAY, March 16

11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Parlor)
12 Noon Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup (MPR)
6:15 p.m. *Conversation* with Pastor Gronberg, confirmation, English as a Second Language, conversational Spanish and Youth activities for PreK-12th grade
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m. Mentors & Confirmands
7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

THURSDAY, March 17

6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)
FRIDAY, March 18
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, March 19

11:00 a.m. Funeral service
5:30 p.m. Renewal of Wedding Vows

SUNDAY, March 20—Passion/Palm Sunday

1ST DAY OF HOLY WEEK

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MONDAY, March 21—2ND DAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-Th)
12 noon/7pm Holy Week Readings/Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)
7:30 p.m. Augustana University Choir (Univ.Pres.)

TUESDAY, March 22—3RD DAY OF HOLY WEEK

FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET CLOSED

12 noon/7pm Holy Week Readings/Eucharist
WEDNESDAY, March 23—4TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK
12 noon/7pm Holy Week Readings/Eucharist
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24

5TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
12 noon Holy Week Readings/Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Foot washing & Eucharist
GOOD FRIDAY, March 25—6TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK
Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Closed
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion/Stripping of Altar
11:00 a.m. Procession of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26—7TH DAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:00 a.m. Youth Set Design Workday (MPR)
10:00 a.m. Youth Setup for Easter Breakfast
SUNDAY, MARCH 27—RESURRECTION DAY
(SEE FRONT PAGE FOR SCHEDULE)

MONDAY, March 28

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
11:00 a.m. VASA (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing(Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, March 29

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

WEDNESDAY, March 30

Easter Season Midweek Connections
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8:00 a.m. WELCA-Lutheran World Relief Conference-TLU, Seguin

THURSDAY, March 31

6:30 p.m. English as Second Language

FRIDAY, April 1

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, April 2

1:00 p.m. Youth Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Youth Cast Dinner
5:00 p.m. Silent Auction Opens
5:00 p.m. Dinner Served for Theatre Show
6:00 p.m. SHOWTIME for "The Cruise"