

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2016

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane..." St. Matthew 26:36

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FIFTYDAY EASTER SEASON "A FESTIVAL OF LIFE"

APRIL 3—EASTER 2

SCRIPTURE: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; St. John 20:19-31

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

YOUTH DINNER THEATRE

Lane Holmstrom has created another hysterically funny original play, "The Cruise". Our amazingly gifted and talented youth will perform this play for you on **Saturday, April 2nd**. The "Cruzin'" cast consists of **Michael Greinert, Raymund Kuenast, Amanda Holmstrom, Ashlynn Althaus, Nicole Facile, Lily Kuenast, Maddi Kite, Will Johnson, Ezra Spielvogel, Mackenzie Kite, Jody Johnson, Alyssa Woodley, Pastor Susie Schnelle, Matthew Davitt, Trey Lundquist, Heidi Lundquist, Chloe DaMommio, William Errett** and set design/prop coordinator, **Marsha McConaughy**. There will be dozens of silent auction items as well as a live auction where you may be the lucky winner of a one of a kind quilt, a fishing trip, world famous ribs and so much more. The price of the Dinner Theater is **\$15 per ticket** which includes a delicious meal and our talented youth onstage! Funds raised support Gethsemane youth during their summer trips. Get your tickets! We look forward to seeing you there!!

FAMILIES CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Christian parents are eager to have their children receive the eternal promise given in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Thanks to **Marshall & Christine Fitch Swoda** for bringing to the baptismal font their daughter **Matilyn Jean** and **Dustin & Dalia Sanchez-Lopez Swening** for bringing to the baptismal font their son **Sebastian Wes**. This week-end, **DJ & Sally Lay Allen** bring their daughter **Alice Jean** to the baptismal font and **Karl & Karla Shilling Wolfmueller** bring their daughter **Heidi Alice** to the baptismal font. The Gethsemane Lutheran community prays the blessing of the Holy Trinity upon these families as they grow in the grace of God.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us **April 3rd, 7:30pm**, **Jack & Ginger's Irish Pub** in the Domain. Come for a cold drink, fellowship and casual faith conversation. Just look for a table tent with Martin Luther holding a beer mug...that'll be us! This event is open to anyone regardless of church membership or faith affiliation, so please invite your friends! Cheers!

DRIVE A SENIOR GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 9th, 9am-2pm. First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 6800 Woodrow Ave. Items to be donated can be dropped off at the church beginning Monday, April 4th. For larger items—furniture, appliances, etc.—and need help getting them to the church, please call 512-453-2273.

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

APRIL 10—EASTER 3

WORLD HUNGER APPEAL/FAIR TRADE

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; St. John 21:1-19

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 10, 7 a.m. Gethsemane congregants are invited to "continue the tradition" by participating in the **39th 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"*

GETHSEMANE HOSPITALITY

Through the leadership of Gethsemane member **Tammie Danielsen**, a *Palestinian Christian of the Lutheran faith tradition*, **Daoud Nassar** will worship with the Gethsemane community Sunday, April 10th. Daoud is director of **Tent of Nations (TON)** a peace and education center located on the Nassar family 100 acre farm near **Bethlehem**. The family farm is surrounded on three sides by Israeli settlements and on one side by the Palestinian village of **Nahalin**. TON has a mission to build bridges of understanding, reconciliation and peace between people and the land. A sign at the entrance to the farm proclaims *"We Refuse to be Enemies."* Daoud will speak at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 7, 7pm. He will also speak at the University of Texas. Supporting his trip to Austin is **The Interfaith Community for Palestinian Rights (ICPR)**. Gethsemane congregants are invited to visit with him during the 9:30 am Adult Sunday Church School. He will offer the homily during the 8:15 and 10:30 liturgies. Nassar will discuss the mission of TON and the journey of his family since 1916 as they have sought to live peacefully on their family farm in the midst of and increasingly violent situation. The **Gethsemane Steffans Hospitality House** will provide lodging for Daoud and his daughter on Friday and Saturday nights. Gethsemane congregants are encouraged to speak with Tammie for more information. Please welcome this Lutheran friend to Austin and Gethsemane.

GLCM NEWS

April 11-15. Week of the Young Child theme: *"Twinkle, Twinkle, WE ARE STARS!"* Daily - games and physical activities using our hit themes: **Monday: Jack & Jill Went Up the Hill;** **Tuesday: Mary, Mary Quite Contrary-**gardening and learning and making healthy snacks (Texas Mother Goose will visit); **Wednesday: Pat-a-Cake, Baker's Man-**baking projects; **Thursday: Old MacDonald Had a Farm-**taking care of pets and animals; **Friday: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star-**Open House for Children's Art Show, come see the children's artwork & **Dedication of the Toddler Playground**, help celebrate the new playground and trees; *Save the Date: May 1st* for the **GLCM Golf Tournament** at **Star Ranch Golf Course** with a 2 p.m. shotgun start. *"Good Beginnings...never end"*

MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission tour **Palm Valley Lutheran Church** on **Thursday, April 21** under the guidance of retired **Pastor Elroy Haverlah**. Palm Valley celebrated 145 years of ministry in 2015. Coffee, donuts 9:00 AM, Music Room Tour departs 10:00 AM. Sign up on Men in Mission Bulletin Board.

APRIL 17—EASTER 4

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; St. John 10:22-30

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EASTER SEASON BAPTISM

Dean & Lauri Calk Lundquist bring their son **Grayson Michael** to receive the Easter promise of life in the church community on Sunday, April 17, Easter 4. **Dean & Lauri** live the faith heritage of their families. They have brought **Addison Faith** for baptism (July 27, 2008), **Jackson Kyle** for baptism (April 24, 2011), **Mason Dean** (October 27, 2013) claiming the gift of grace for their children as they live the covenant God gives in the covenant community. Gethsemane Lutheran has been blessed by the faith commitment of the Lundquist family. **Dean** is the grandson of the late **Reverend M.L. & Arda Lundquist**. He is the son of Gethsemane members **Danny & Herbie Skinner Lundquist**. Together, **Dean and Lauri** raise their children in the historic faith of their family. May the blessings of Almighty God; Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier be with the **Lundquist family** as they live the Easter faith.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants minister to the residents of Heatherwilde Assisted Living Sunday, April 17th, 2 p.m. with a liturgy of hymns, scripture, meditation and eucharist. March worship leaders were: **Alton Jones, Donna Lindgren Olson, Robert Rekart, Garth Maillman, Vernon & Doris Johnson Worrell, Dr. Erik Svenkerud, Pastor Karl Gronberg** You are invited to share in this ministry to senior adults. **Verline Berkman** and **Sandy Jones** are always happy to see and visit with Gethsemane friends.

COMMUNITY RACE CONVERSATIONS

Pastor Karl Gronberg and **Gethsemane members** have been involved in an ongoing conversations regarding race relations in Austin since the violent tragedy in Charleston, South Carolina last year. The meetings are held in congregations of the **African Methodist Episcopal Church**. The first meeting drew a standing room only response. Pastor and those from Gethsemane having attended express their appreciation for the opportunity to listen and interact with people from various faith expressions. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19. Speak with Pastor about joining the conversation.

ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT

The **Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas** was formed in 2015. They hosted their first **Abundant Life Art Exhibit** in 2015.. Plans are for Gethsemane Lutheran to host another art exhibit in April, 2016 around the date of April 21st the birthday of the late **Gabriel Loire. Pehr Smith, Clare Andrus, Pastor Karl Gronberg** have been in conversation regarding artists to be invited to display their work. Last year artists **James Janknegt, Jenna Bruns, Jose Blanco, Clare Andrus and Pehr Smith** generously displayed examples of their art. Gethsemane members, with art to be displayed or knowing an artist in the Austin area, are invited to contact Pehr, Clare or Pastor.

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WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE."

YOUTH DINNER THEATRE APRIL 2 MPR 5 P.M. HOLY LAND GUEST SUNDAY APRIL 10 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 11

IN MEMORY

STANLEY MALCOLM BERKMAN

Stanley Berkman, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of his baptism March 8, 2016. The memorial liturgy for the Christian faithful was held at Gethsemane Lutheran on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Stanley was born on December 5, 1925 to Luther and Evelyn Berkman. He was raised in a Christian home with commitment to the ministry of New Sweden Lutheran and Gethsemane. Stanley loved to sing and worship. He served the Gethsemane community in numerous ways blessing the congregation with loving devotion to Verline, family and friends. The Gethsemane community expresses Easter hope to Verline his wife of 67 years; daughter, Linda Bell and husband, Jeff; son, Glenn Berkman and wife, Linda; grandchildren Jeff Bell Jr. and wife, Nicki; Beau Bell and wife, Kerri; Mace Bell; Scott Berkman and wife, Nicole; Jaime Rackley and husband, Chris; and Chad Berkman; great-grandchildren Zach Schwarzlose, Maci Bell, Austin Bell, Khloe Bell, Makenzie Berkman, Dylan Berkman, Quinn Rackley, Lake Rackley, and Elle Rackley; brother-in-law, Alfred Jatzlau, and numerous relatives and friends. He served his country in the United States Navy from November 30, 1943 and was honorably discharged June 15, 1946. "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 STANLEY
MALCOLM BERKMAN

MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **John & Clare Kingsbury, co-chairs; JoAnn Gerbig, Mackenzie Kite, Madison Kite, Lyndon Kite, Elizabeth Kite, Sharon Kite, Kathy Jurgens, Kay Goodlow and Darlene Werchan.** March Altar/Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **Nancy's sister, Gae Ann Jasman Koen** by **Paul & Nancy Kronbergs**; in honor of our 30th wedding anniversary by **John & Clare Kingsbury**; in loving memory of **Frances Hyltin Bornemann** by **Pam & Richard Atkins, Jan & Ron Munn and her three grandsons**; in loving memory of **Gilbert Vasquez** by **Cheryl Swening & Danny Vasquez**; in loving memory of their grandfather **Ray** by **Allie, Paige, Kate & Carly Anderson**; in loving memory of our **Aunts Hazel Bergstrom and Bessie Bergstrom** by **Allie, Paige, Kate and Carly Anderson.**

Thanks to the donors of 150 Easter lilies. The altar/chancel was beautiful for the Easter Festival. **Sharon Gronberg and Cathy Bradley** prepared the chancel with assistance from **Jack & Sandy Brown, Martin & Raquel Gonzalez.** Many donors took their lilies home following the Resurrection morning celebrations. Thank you for sharing your generosity and love for the Risen Christ with the Gethsemane community. The Altar Guild Flower Chart Book is missing. It was on the table in the narthex. If anyone knows where it is please contact either pastor or Belinda in the Gethsemane office.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to families of: **Lawrence Ervin Jasman; John Fort,** John served as Gethsemane Lutheran pipe organ builder from the 1950's with **Pastor M.L. Lundquist** at 16th & Congress. He continued to encourage the love of music for the Gethsemane community with numerous improvements to the pipe organ presently used by the congregation in corporate worship. The present organ is a John Fort organ. John will be missed by his family and friends. A recognition of his life will be shared at a later date. Blessed be the memory of this talented, creative and dedicated man. "To God be the glory" ... **THANKS TO:** Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout and Gethsemane member **Brian Coombs** for his gift to the congregation in appreciation for support given to him on his Eagle Scout project-Gethsemane joins with his father John and family members in recognizing this exceptional young man; **Adam Crump** for his plumbing work; **Chris Crenshaw, Walt & Peggy Horton** for their work with *The Easter Triumph*; the numerous holy week participants Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday-stripping of the altar, cross processional around the Gethsemane property, Tenebrae service, Holy Saturday. Too many to list but special thanks to **Gordon & Marilyn Kettemann** and their friends for the beautiful crosses given on the first day of holy week; **Gethsemane Youth** for sponsoring the Easter morning breakfast and a Big thanks to the adults for helping to prepare the food. ... **THANKS FROM:** **Restore Rundberg Revitalization** team for Gethsemane hosting their community meeting; **Virginia Marek, Flo Kerr, Martha Johnson, Nancy Kronbergs, Adam & Kim Johnson Crump, Doris Minnix, Margie Edmiston, Gladys Hanson, Pauline Kroll Schilling, Laura Riddell, Ron Tigue, Ludy Malone, the families of Stanley Berkman, Frances H. Bornemann, Karin C. Ozuna, Sonny Driskell, Clifford Kite, Marshall & Chrissy Swoda, Dustin & Dalia Swening** for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls/ministry.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 2

- 1:00 p.m. Youth Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Baptism
- 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"

SUNDAY, APRIL 3—EASTER 2

- 8:15 a.m. Easter Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Baptism
- 7:30 p.m. Theology on Tap-Jack & Ginger's Irish Pub

MONDAY, April 4

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

TUESDAY, April 5

- 9:30 a.m. GWELCA Quilting (Music Room)
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- 6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Car Club (MR)

WEDNESDAY, April 6

Easter Season Midweek Connections
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THURSDAY, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
- 6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)
- 7:30 p.m. TLU Choir-Kinsmen Lutheran

FRIDAY, April 8

- 7:00 a.m. GLCM Field trip
- 7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)
- 7:30 p.m. TLU Choir-St. Peter Lutheran

SATURDAY, April 9

- 8:00 a.m. GLCM Workday
- 9:00 a.m. Drive a Senior Garage sale

SUNDAY, April 10—EASTER 3

CAPITOL 10K

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL SUNDAY

Fair Trade products available in narthex

- 8:15 a.m. Easter Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

MONDAY, April 11-Week of the Young Child

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

TUESDAY, April 12

- 9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (MR)
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- 7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF-Black Walnut Café- (Burnet Rd) Hosts: McConaughys

- 7:30 p.m. TLU Choir-TLU chapel

WEDNESDAY, April 13

Easter Season Midweek Connections
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THURSDAY, April 14

- 6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)

FRIDAY, April 15

- 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, April 16

SUNDAY, APRIL 17—EASTER 4

- 8:15 a.m. Easter Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Baptism
- 2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Ministry

MONDAY, April 18

- 7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
- 10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)

TUESDAY, April 19

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
- 7:00 p.m. OCD (Ministry House)
- 7:00 p.m. Race Conversations-African Methodist Episcopal Church

WEDNESDAY, April 20

Easter Season Midweek Connections
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THURSDAY, April 21

- 9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
- 9:00 a.m. Men in Mission (MR)
- 6:30 p.m. English as Second Language

FRIDAY, April 22

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

SATURDAY, April 23

- 12 noon Surprise Party