

# 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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## 50 DAY EASTER FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ART

APRIL 24—EASTER 5

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; St. John 13:31-35

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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.

### EXHIBIT COMMEMORATES LOIRE

The second Annual Abundant life Art Exhibit sponsored by The Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas will be hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran Thursday, April 21 (the birthday of Gabriel Loire, the creator of the magnificent Gethsemane Stained Glass Windows)-Sunday, May 22. Pehr Smith, Clare Andrus, Pastor Karl Gronberg have invited Austin area artists to participate in the exhibit. Stuart Wallace, chair of the North Austin Creatives, Jenna Bruns, Cottonpatch Designs, selected pieces from the Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Art Show, along with works by Clare Andrus, Pehr Smith, Robert Rekart will be available for viewing in the Gethsemane Steffans Parlor. The exhibit has plans for Art in the Church Party for GLCM children on Wednesday, May 18. The closing reception will be Sunday, May 22, 3-5 p.m. Gethsemane congregants and the Austin community is invited to all the events. *God of glory, we long to see your face, yet our vision is clouded by brokenness and sin. Breathe your creating Spirit into the hearts and hands of those who, through their work in the visual arts, desire to serve you. Through this ministry draw us to your truth and beauty, and bring us to the perfect fulfillment of standing in your unveiled glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The annual Gethsemane Lutheran Confirmation Banquet Wednesday, April 27th, 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.

### MDA MUSCLE WALK 2016

Gethsemane member Lester & Lois Johnson invite Gethsemane members to support the annual MDA Muscle Walk-For the Love of Justin Team with registration at 8:30 am Saturday, April 30th. There is a NEW LOCATION for the walk—Austin's Park N Pizza, 16231 N. IH35, Pflugerville. Teams will compete in fire truck pull. We walk to raise money for the research of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a muscle wasting disease. There are now some promising drugs, so we have come a long way in finding a treatment/cure of DMD but we can't stop now. Walk to fight this horrible disease.

### SYNOD GIFT

The 2016 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly will be held in San Marcos April 29-May 1. This year's theme comes from 1 Kings 17:11b, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand". Gethsemane will join with congregations of the synod by presenting a generous gift for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Appeal. Thanks to Gethsemane members for supporting the World Hunger Appeal and the Gethsemane Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. *God's work...our hands"*

### BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, May 12th, 7pm-8:30pm, Gethsemane Steffans Hospitality House (206 W. Wonsley). This is an opportunity to invest time in building relationships with God and with others sharing your faith. All are welcome to attend; regular attendance is not required. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Eight weeks are planned with the possibility of continuing. Contact Mary Beth Foster, 512-545-8371 or jmbfoster@gmail.com for more information.

MAY 1—EASTER 6

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10,22—22:5; St. John 14:23-29

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### GLCM GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 1st the 16th Annual Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Golf Tournament at Star Ranch Golf Course will be held at The Golf Club at Star Ranch, Hutto Texas. 12 noon registration, lunch, practice, putting contest; 2 p.m. Shotgun Start. Prizes include Goody bags for all players. *Lowest team scores (1st, 2nd, 3rd), Putting contest, Closest to the pin, Longest drive for women & men, Raffle give-away.* **Tournament fee : \$120 per person, \$480 per team** covers green fee, golf cart, range balls, two drink tickets, box lunch and dinner buffet. Entry fees are tax deductible, with proceeds benefiting GLCM. If you aren't able to come to the tournament, you can still help by taking a tag off the "Giving Tree" located in the narthex. Through participation, pledges and donations, Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry provides high quality, affordable and enriching opportunities to insure that all children begin life with the skills and knowledge they need for future success. Thanks you for your support. *Good Beginnings... Never End.*

### LSM BOARD MEETING

Lutheran Sunset Ministries Corporation Board annual meeting will be held Sunday May 1st, 3pm, in Clifton, Texas. Gethsemane Lutheran has been a member of the corporation board for many years with Pastor Karl Gronberg, and Gethsemane members interested in ministry to senior adults attending the meeting. The Gethsemane Lutheran Mabel Ekman Charitable Foundation and the Carl C. Anderson Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation partner in annually giving a gift to Rodney Rueter, LSM President and Chief Executive Officer for support of Lutheran seniors residing at LSM. A special thanks to Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Quilters for their yearly donation of a quilt to be auctioned at the annual LSM Quilt Auction. Over \$38,000 was raised in 2015 for LSM residents. Gethsemane rejoices in this decades long senior adult ministry partnership.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us May 1st, 7:30pm, 4th Tap Brewing Co-op (10615 Metric Blvd). Parking is limited but it's fine to park in the lots on either side. 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!

### HOPE AWARDS

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) annual HOPE AWARDS Monday, May 2, 6:30 pm, hosted by Congregation Agudas Achim (7300 Hart Lane, Austin) Gethsemane Lutheran is a charter member 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.

### OSTOMY ASSOCIATION PRODUCT FAIR

May 5th, 6:00 pm, the Ostomy Support Group will host a Vendor Fair in the MPR. We are so fortunate to have a number of ostomy product manufacturers who strive to develop better products for those of us who have had ostomy surgery. There have been many innovations and improvements over the past 48 years. Vendors attending the fair include Coloplast, ConvaTec, Hollister, Edgepark and Byram along with nurse specialists. There are persons who find it difficult to afford needed and very necessary equipment, so if you have unused and unneeded supplies, please donate them to share with others. On occasion, there is a surplus of supplies. There is an organization in Florida that will provide persons in need with equipment at no cost except shipping. Recently, several large boxes of equipment were shipped. Thanks to the Carl C. Anderson Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation for generously paying the shipping costs of these supplies. Pastor Gronberg has informed the Ostomy Association of Austin and Carol Laubach that the cost for future shipments will also be paid for by the foundation. Thanks to Gethsemane for having provided, at no cost, for 30 years meeting space for the Ostomy Association of Austin the first Thursday of the month in the Gethsemane Music Room.

MAY 8—EASTER 7

### MOTHER'S DAY

#### WORLD HUNGER APPEAL/FAIR TRADE

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; St. John 17:20-26

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### EASTER BAPTISM/MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES

The 50 Day Easter Festival concludes with the celebration of Holy Baptism on Mother's Day. Walker & Lisa Linville Clark, bring their daughter Cora Elle to receive the eternal promise of grace, mercy and love. Cora is enrolled in Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry. The Gethsemane community rejoices with Walker, Lisa and their families as they celebrate the Easter promise for Cora in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Remember to have your pictures taken with mother on Mother's Day. These pictures are displayed on the Gethsemane Women of the ELCA Bulletin Board. Worship with mother on Mother's Day-May 8th.

### MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS/GWELCA MEET

Gethsemane members are invited to join ELCA members in giving thanks to God for faithful mothers by giving a gift in her memory or honor through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal (please use the envelope in your worship bulletin) Your mother gave you the world-please help another mom do the same:support women and children around the world with a gift. "Her children rise up and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28)

Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Mary/Martha Unit meet Tuesday, May 10th, 9:30 a.m., in the Music Room. Program leader: Joann Rees. Hostess: Sandra Tipton. Gethsemane women are invited to participate in this ministry.

### FIVE MILLION GIVEN

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America members gave \$5 million dollars in 2015 through the ELCA Good Gifts program. Where do these millions of dollars go? Chickens and goats to Kenya, supply kits to earthquake victims in Nepal, 73 global mission volunteers in 9 countries, 228 scholarships for seminary students in the United States, 2,690 orphans and vulnerable children fed in Malawi, 1,000 blankets and 5,000 supply kits to Syrian refugees in Jordan, 6 college scholarships to emerging women from the global church, 20 community fish farms in Malawi, 770 clinic visits for children in Bangladesh, 19,960 meals and supplies to refugees in Ukraine, 323 families given basic necessities and assistance following floods and wildfires in Colorado, 300 energy-saving cook stoves produced in Rwanda, 1,100 + mosquito nets to families in Nigeria, 96 health team members trained in Uganda, 30 farmers in Hungary trained in bee keeping, 738+ children vaccinated in Liberia, 62 new congregations in the ELCA. Want to know more? Want to give Good Gifts? Visit with Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle. Their families have received ELCA Good Gifts. They will tell you how you can share with your families. Thanks!

### MEN-IN-MISSION MTG/TOUR

Men in Mission will meet a week earlier on Thursday, May 12th. Tour information and fellowship speaker to be announced at a later time. Watch your Sunday bulletin for more information. Tour departs 10:00 AM. Coffee, donuts, fellowship, 9:00 AM Music Room. Sign up Men in Mission Bulletin Board.

### LUTHERAN NIGHT AT DELL DIAMOND

Reserve your tickets for a night at the ballpark Friday, May 6th, 7:00p.m. Tickets are \$11. Sign up with Walt Horton, Pastor Gronberg or at the Gethsemane Church office.

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WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE."

## ABUNDANT LIFE ART EXHIBIT APR. 21-MAY 22 GLCM GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 1ST MOTHER'S DAY BAPTISM/PHOTOS MAY 8

### IN MEMORY

Martha Margaret Johnson, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran claimed the promise of her baptism March 30, 2016. The memorial liturgy for the Christian faithful was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Martha was born on May 10, 1919. She was raised in a Christian home with commitment to making the world a better place through her life. She married Henry Johnson on March 5, 1937. They were married for 52 years. Martha lived her baptismal faith as a devoted wife, mother, grandparent, great grandparent and seamstress sewing many beautiful and functional garments. She knew the reality of hard work on the farm and later at the Travis State School Food Service Department. Following retirement, Martha volunteered for eight years with Meals on Wheels. Martha gave witness to her faith in the Risen Christ as she grieved the loss of husband Henry, daughter Marie, son Louis and three brothers choosing to go on with her life as a living witness to the grace of God. The Gethsemane community expresses Easter hope to son, Virgil, members of the extended family including and numerous relatives and friends. The ancient words of scripture describe well this woman of faithfulness: "She makes linen garments and sells them; she opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue; her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband too, and he praises her. (Proverbs 31:24,26,28)

**BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF MARTHA MARGARET OEHRLEIN JOHNSON**

### GETHSEMANE YOUTH THANKS

Gethsemane youth have been blessed by the outpouring of encouragement and support given by the congregational community. The Annual Dinner Theatre was a huge success. Over \$5,400 was raised for youth ministry. There are many people to thank: the creator and director of the play, "The Cruise", Lane Holmstrom, assistant director Raymund Kuenast, set design/costumes/prop coordinator Marsha McConaughy, sound/electrical support & setup/auctioneer Gordon Feller, lights Ken Malin, video taping Lee Schnelle, photographers Jeff & Elizabeth Kettman, social media Shannon Tweedt, server coordinator Louise Eidbo, custodial help Martin & Raquel Gonzales, playbill production Belinda Malin, strike set coordinator Steve Greinert, silent and live auctions coordinators Tracy Anderson & Renita Feller, the delicious dinner coordinators & prepares Terri & Brenda Brown, Gordon & Marilyn Kettman, Tim Huston. Thanks to the Watch Out For That Iceberg Band, Joe Dan Johnson, Patience Jones, Michael Hillmer and Lane Holmstrom. Thanks to all who bought program ads, donated auction items, bid and purchased auction items. Thanks also to Dar Krenek, Pastor Schnelle and Pastor Gronberg. Gethsemane youth who participated were: Ashlynn Althaus, Chloe DaMommio, Matthew Davitt, William Errett, Nicole Fadie, Michael Greinert, Amanda Holmstrom, Jody Johnson, Will Johnson, Lily Kuenast, Heidi Lundquist, Trey Lundquist, Mackenzie Kite, Maddi Kite, Ezra Spielvogel, Alyssa Woodley. Thanks parents, grandparents, families and Gethsemane congregants for supporting youth!

### GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to family of Martha Margaret Johnson—may the Easter message bring hope and promise. ...**THANKS TO:** Gethsemane Lutheran Children's ministry staff/ advisory Board for "Week of the Young Child" Art Show and dedication of Expanded playground; CAP 10 prayer

service participants—pictures in narthex—congratulations to Art Lavelle and Willis Thorstad for placing in the top of their age group...**THANKS FROM:** the family of Stanley Berkman for ministry at their time of loss; Tammie Danielsen, Diane Umstead for hospitality to Palestinian Lutheran Daoud Nassar, his daughter and friends during their visit to Austin telling of the "Tent of Nations: People building Bridges" ministry; Dean & Lauri Lundquist for baptism of son Grayson Michael; James Adams and John Foster for Gethsemane providing space for ancient Japanese martial arts; Verline Berkman, Sandy Jones, Viola Hall, Malvina Perry, Pim Saythongkham, Art LaValle, George Wendlandt, Rose Marie Spurill, for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls /ministry. Jiten Dayanandbhai Patel & Priyanka Manilal married recently through the ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran; Texas Lutheran University for Gethsemane members support of "Front Row with Verne Lundquist and Charles Barkley". This was the 13th annual and largest Front Row—a gift of Verne Lundquist to his alma mater TLU. Over 700 attended and \$150,000 was raised for TLU athletics. Attending from Gethsemane: DJ & Sally Allen, Harry & Sheryl Evans, David & Kathi Allen, Johnny & Anne Walker, Rebecca Womack, Larry & Cindy Pounds, Ben Pounds, David & Cindy Doerfler, Weldon & Barb Jones, Rodger & Tracy Anderson, Mark & Marsha McConaughy, Craig McConaughy, Bob & Debbie Peterson, Bruce & Angie Nelson, Steve & Jane Greinert, Karl & Sharon Gronberg, Joel Gronberg, Erik Gronberg, Axel Gronberg, Dan & Herbie Lundquist, Keith & Angelica Lundquist, Trey Lundquist, Amanda Lundquist & Mike Tindal, Sydney Denton, Dean & Lauri Lundquist, along with guests of the Lundquist family. Another great evening to support Texas Lutheran University.

## GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, April 23

12 noon Surprise Party

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24—EASTER 5

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

### MONDAY, April 25

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)  
11:30 a.m. VASA (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

### TUESDAY, April 26

10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)  
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
7:00 p.m. Czech Historical Association (MPR)

### WEDNESDAY, April 27

12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Banquet (MPR)

### THURSDAY, April 28

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

### FRIDAY, April 29—SWT Synod Assembly

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
9:00 a.m. Foster Parent meeting (MPR)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

### SATURDAY, April 30—SWT Synod Assembly

8:30 a.m. MDA Muscle Walk—Austin's  
Park N Pizza  
5:00 p.m. Wedding—Georgetown

### SUNDAY, MAY 1—EASTER 6

8:15 a.m. Easter Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship  
2:00 p.m. GLCM Golf Tournament  
3:00 p.m. LCM Annual Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Theology on Tap—4th Tap Brewing  
Co-op on Metric Blvd.

### MONDAY, May 2

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

### TUESDAY, May 3

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Quilters (MR)  
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, May 4

12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

### THURSDAY, May 5

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
6:00 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin—  
Product Fair (MPR)

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

### FRIDAY, May 6

7:00 p.m. Lutheran Night @ Dell Diamond  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

### SATURDAY, May 7

### SUNDAY, MAY 8—EASTER 7

#### MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES

#### 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/Baptism

### MONDAY, May 9

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

### TUESDAY, May 10

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (MR)  
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF-Hosts: The Baylors

### WEDNESDAY, May 11

7:00 a.m. GLCM Field trip

### THURSDAY, May 12

9:00 a.m. Men in Mission (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. English as Second Language (MH)  
7:00 p.m. Bible/Prayer Group—Hospitality  
House (206 W. Wonsley)

### FRIDAY, May 13

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

### SATURDAY, May 14