

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane...” St. Matthew 26:36 VOLUME 22, NUMBER 10 AUSTIN, TEXAS

JULY SPECIAL GIFTS BRING “CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS” TO MANY

JULY 17—PENTECOST 9

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15;
Colossians 1:15-28; St. Luke 10:38-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ADULT SUMMER SCS CLASS

Pastor Richard Strait invites Gethsemane adults to continue the 2016 **Vacation Bible School** theme *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss* by using the book as a study guide. The author of the book, James W. Kemp writes “When I was in seminary, I was asked in a survey about my favorite theologian. Most students answered **Karl Barth, Soren Kierkegaard, John Wesley**. My favorite theologian was **Theodor S. Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss**. In fact, more than two decades later, Dr. Seuss remains my favorite theologian. When I was a pastor, I found that I could find no better illustrations for biblical principles than I found in his stories. The themes help us to understand what is truly important in life. His messages invite us to think about ourselves in new ways.” Plan to spend your summer Sunday mornings reading and conversing with fellow believers learning together about faith and life from the **wisdom of Dr. Seuss**”. **9:30 a.m.-Steffans Parlor**.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants minister to the residents of **Heatherwilde Assisted Living** Sunday, July 17th, 2 p.m. with a liturgy of hymns, scripture, meditation and Holy Communion.

GETHSEMANE S.E. ASIA MISSION

Gethsemane Lutheran will be represented again this year by five members of the **Khem Saythongkham family** at the annual **LAOS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE** to be held July 26-30 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Saythongkham family came originally from the country of Laos. Through their witness, the **Gethsemane Lutheran Southeast Asia Mission** has given birth and continues to nurture numerous Christian ministries in **Laos and Thailand**. Thanks is expressed by Khem and his family for Gethsemane congregants having given financial gifts for these ministries and having traveled to Thailand and Laos. Prayers will be offered for the conference and a Sending Forth will be part of the Gethsemane worship on Sunday, July 24th.

FEMA PARTNERSHIP

Representatives of **Federal Emergency Management Agency** met with **Pastor Schnelle** to discuss their “feds feed families” program and offered to make Gethsemane Food Pantry the recipient of their donations this quarter. On July 11th, they delivered several boxes of food, and plan to bring donation each Monday through August. During their visit they learned of the **Candoli “Christmas in July”** benefiting **T.A. Brown Elementary**, and they have begun donating items for that ministry as well. Gethsemane gives thanks for this partnership.

ELROY COMMUNITY VISION TEAM

Pastor Karl Gronberg with Gethsemane members **Elisabeth Engquist Kihlberg** and **Bob Peterson** have been meeting with **Paula Hutson**, Elroy Library Event Coordinator and persons from the Elroy community to evaluate ministry needs in the area. Representatives from **UT-Austin School on Nursing**, **Elroy faith communities**, **Seton Health Care** have participated suggesting **Ministry to Senior Adults, Ministry to Veterans and Scouts, a food pantry ministry, health care clinic**. There is excitement in the Elroy community with gratitude for the **Gethsemane Elroy Community Center Vision Team**. Persons interested may speak with Pastor, Elisabeth or Bob.

JULY 24—PENTECOST 10

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; St. Luke 11:1-13

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLDEN VILLAGE GIFTS

Gethsemane members have for decades supported the ministry of **Holden Village**, a Lutheran retreat center in the **Cascade Mountain** range in the state of Washington. Holden Village was the “No.1 Mining operation in Washington State in 1939.” At the peak of mining operations 600 persons lived in the village. In the 1960’s, a student at the **Lutheran Bible Institute** in Seattle asked the owners of the village to “make a gift” of the village to **LBI**. **Pastor Karl Gronberg** was at the time a student at **Pacific Lutheran University**. He heard from **Randy Stime**, another **PLU** student, whose father was president of **LBI** of the potential of this gift for the Lutheran community. Since then, through the efforts of countless persons, Holden Village has “gifted” the lives of thousands journeying to the “mountain top”. Every year in July, Gethsemane Lutheran remembers “this gift that continues to give” with a Sunday worship where the Holden gift of “Christmas in July” is celebrated. Gethsemane members having visited Holden invite others to give thanks for this ministry singing the carols praising the “Word made flesh”, the “Incarnate One” Jesus our Lord. Circle the date July 24th- “O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord” (ELW 283)

GLCM SUMMER MUSICAL

Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry Summer Program May 31 – Aug 17. continues the **Vacation Bible School** theme of *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*. The summer days are filled with splash days, music, storytelling, sports, crafts, cooking, games and chapel with **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and **Dar Krenek**. A tradition enjoyed by the children and their families is the annual **Summer Musical, “Seussical the Musical”**, **GLCM** style, **Thursday, July 28th**, 11 a.m. in the **MPR**. A light lunch will follow. The **Gethsemane Lutheran community** is invited to attend the musical-be prepared to enjoy yourself. August 5th—**Splash Bash**. **GLCM is currently enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year**. For information call 512-339-6335.

“Good beginnings, Never end.”

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS HOSTED

Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry hosts the **Foster Grandparent Program** meeting and luncheon Friday, July 29th. The **FGP** is a beneficial partnership of **GLCM** with senior adults in the Austin community. **FGP** offers meaningful volunteer opportunity for income-eligible persons, age 55 or over, to establish supportive mentoring relationships with children. The volunteers work through a variety of children’s organizations including public schools, child-care facilities, **Head-Start** programs, juvenile correctional settings, hospitals, shelters and a large assortment of faith-based groups. **Foster Grandparents** provide emotional and social support to children of all ages and help to tutor and assist children in essential skills such as reading, writing and math while also offering the basic guidance of a mentor, advocate, and a much needed friend. Presently there are 60 **Foster Grandparents** serving at over 30 volunteer locations. Gethsemane is thankful for the years of partnership with this organization serving the Central Texas community. Gethsemane congregants interested in knowing more about the **FGP** are invited to speak with the **GLCM** leadership team: **Valerie, Angelica, Dar, Jamilla** at (512) 339-6335.

JULY 31—PENTECOST 11

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; St. Luke 12:13-21

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, **July 31st** Senior High youth usher coordinated by **Steve Greinert**. Senior High Youth enjoyed an afternoon of bowling and fellowship Sunday, July 10th coordinated by **G.Y.M. Co-Chairs Jody Johnson and Alyssa Woodley**. Also attending were **Zack Brock, Summer Browning, Will Johnson, Mackenzie Kite, Heidi Lundquist, Robert Mount, Isaac Twardowski** along with adult sponsors **Dar Krenek, Robert Rekart and Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle**. Circle the date **August 14th** for annual **GYM Schlitterbahn Splash**. Get refreshed before heading back to school.

MYSTERY TOUR ADVENTURES

It is no longer a mystery! Gethsemane youth had a wonderful adventure which began with lunch in Llano prepared by **Darla Elam**, who showed us around her property and then sent us off with traveling treats. We arrived in Lubbock and had dinner with **Pastors Amanda and Jeremy Ullrich** followed by devotions dessert at their home. We received a note of thanks from them for our shared ministry in the Panhandle of Texas. Gethsemane youth with **Pastors Ullrich** shopped to provide food for the local Food Box next door to **St. Paul** in Leland, helped to weed the **South Plains Food Bank Urban Garden**, met with representatives of the **Lamb County Resource Center** including a peer mentor for youth with addictions, cleaned tables and chairs for the center as well as some cleaning at **St. Martin Lutheran** in Littlefield, sang and played games at **Littlefield Nursing and Rehab** and at **Mosaic Center** for adults with intellectual disabilities, and organized a storage room for **Upbring** (formerly Lutheran Social Services). **Shepherd King** hosted our youth along with **Lindsey Dunahoo** for dinner, dessert and game night. We saw miles and miles of Texas including the **Mackenzie Prairie Dog park, McPhearson Winery, Buddy Holly Museum, Wind Museum, Cadillac graveyard, Palo Duro Canyon** where we saw the musical “Texas” and visited the ghost town of **Glenrio** at the border of New Mexico. We saw many more interesting sites along our journey and gave away over 50 crosses that were given to us by **Gordon and Marilyn Kettman**. Thanks **Gethsemane youth** for sharing your gifts for ministry with congregations and friends in Texas.

NEIGHBORS WELCOMED

Gethsemane will host the **Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association** July 30, 9:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Austin City Council member **Greg Casar** and his staff are coordinating a neighborhood walk. Gethsemane members are always welcome. Speak with **Pastor Karl Gronberg** for information.

SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

Summer time is giving time; even if you travel far away you may **make your gift to Gethsemane via the website at www.gethsemaneaustin.org/donate**. It’s easy to make one time gifts or set up a regular monthly gift with electronic transfers from your checking, saving account, or by the credit card of your choice on the website. Thanks for generous giving all year. “**God’s work. Our hands.**”

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WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE."

T.A. BROWN SCHOOL SUPPLIES GLCM SUMMER MUSICAL JULY 28 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING JULY 30

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** where the 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 will have tree tags which lists what exact school supplies are needed for the upcoming school year. Please remove a tag and choose what you would like to donate on the list or, if you prefer, you may make a monetary contribution which will go to T.A. Brown Elementary. **The deadline for all contributions is Sunday, August 7, 2016.** 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!!!!

COLUMBARIUM ENCLOSED

The **cornice, side panels, base** for the **Gethsemane Columbarium** have been cut, stained and put into place by Gethsemane member **Bob Peterson** and carpenter/contractor **Winston Hicks**. Bob and Winston have done a beautiful job enclosing the columbarium. They express thanks to the Gethsemane community for patiently waiting as they designed, purchased materials and then fitted the enclosure into the space around the columbarium. The **Gethsemane Columbarium Committee** expresses the thanks of the congregation to Bob and Winston for their creative work. Stop for a moment the next time you are in the narthex to see their craftsmanship.

FOOD, CLOTHES MINISTRY

The **Central Texas Food Bank of Texas** thanks Gethsemane congregation for sharing ministry in feeding the hungry. During June, the **Gethsemane Food Pantry and Clothes Closet** served 58 households, 205 individuals, 35 new households (first time clients) Thanks Gethsemane volunteers: **Lester & Lois Johnson, Gaylord Magnuson, Pat Greinert, Stephen Greinert, Donna Olson, Carol Laubach, Joann Rees, Merrill Austin, Joan Candoli, Herbie Lundquist, Renita Feller, Ken & Linda Schulz, Mike Anderson, Debbie Peterson, Tracy Anderson, Roxanne Noren, Virginia Marek, Karalyn Heimlich, Marsha McConaughy, Jack Westerman, Betsy Orf and Bev Kuenast.** This ministry started in 1975. Generous Gethsemane members give of their time, talent and treasure to feed and clothe thousands of people. *Well done faithful people of God.*

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

Known to be hospitalized: **Jan McKnight**, Seton Medical Center-remember this Christian friend in prayer;**THANKS TO: Darla Elam, Pastors Amanda and Jeremy Ullrich** for gifts of hospitality and shared ministry with Gethsemane youth during the recent **Mystery Tour; Barbara Freeman, David Spicer** for serving as guest organist in June; **Timothy Huston, Belinda Malin, Marilyn Ketteman** for coordinating the Sunday Brunch in honor of **Dr. David Maidment** for his 30 years of offering the homily Fourth of July Sunday; the **Maidment Family** for gift of *"A Home in America"* containing all 30 Patriotic homilies given by **Dr. Maidment**. Please pick up your gift in the narthex; Gethsemane members **Jim Riley**, Austin Police Department, Retired; **Sgt. Scott Mount**, Williamson County Sheriff's Department for participating in prayer Sunday,

July 10th for Dallas police officers killed in the line of duty; **Clare Kingsbury** for blood donation to the Gethsemane Blood Bank account;**THANKS FROM: Shaun Hibbs, Steve & Heather Hibbs, Wanda Johnson, James & Harriet Gardner, Jaimie Swening, Gladys Hanson, Max Helsel, Pauline Schilling, Jeanne Laubach, Peter & Maxine Lammergard, Merrill Austin, Gwen Lindgren, Edith Rodgers, Wilma Wheatley, John & Jan Mcknight** for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls /ministry; **Pastor Scott McAnally, Beth Rogers**, Youth Ministry and the six youth from **Lutheran Church of Hope** Broomfield, Colorado for Gethsemane hospitality on their youth servant/mystery trip to Texas. They presented **Pastor Gronberg** with a generous donation to the Gethsemane Pastoral Benevolent/Professional Fund in appreciation for lodging in the **Hospitality House, Ministry House** and breakfast. Pastor McAnally was Gethsemane student intern 2002-03; ...**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Pastor Susan Schnelle** celebrating 13th ordination anniversary July 12th; **Jiwoh Emmanuel Abdulai** on becoming a citizen of the United States of America July 8th; **GREETINGS FROM: Paul & Stephanie Scheffel** *"visiting over 4th of July-missing Gethsemane and love to all"*-they promise to return to Austin next year when Paul finishes his graduate work at **Louisiana State University**. They also brought greetings from **Damon, Julia & Ellis Talley; Jim & Sandra Baylor, Amesley Davis** having *"enjoyed trip to Europe"*; **Madalyn Raymond** spending two weeks in France; **Earle Sigerist** grateful for Gethsemane friends and birthday greetings; **Glenn Like** visiting family in Minnesota; **Don & Anne Roefer** welcoming children/grandchildren to the **family farm** in Minnesota-good to hear from summer travels, blessings and thanks!

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, July 16

11:00 a.m. Good Friends Social Club (MPR)

SUNDAY, JULY 17—PENTECOST 9

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Ministry
2:00 p.m. Doerfler's B-day Party

MONDAY, July 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 (MPR)

TUESDAY, July 19

10:00 a.m. Senior Men's Basketball (MPR)
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
7:00 p.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MH)

WEDNESDAY, July 20

9:00 p.m. GLCM Foster Parent Mtg (MPR)
11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY, July 21

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, July 22

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

SATURDAY, July 23

6:00 p.m. Wedding

SUNDAY, JULY 24—PENTECOST 10

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, July 25

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

TUESDAY, July 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, July 27

11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY, July 28

11:00 a.m. GLCM Summer Musical

FRIDAY, July 29

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

SATURDAY, July 30

9:30 a.m. GANA—Georgian Acres
Neighborhood Association Block Walk

3:00 p.m. Malin Home Blessing/Katrina Celebration

SUNDAY, JULY 31—PENTECOST 11

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy

MONDAY, August 1

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

TUESDAY, August 2

1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Car Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, August 3

11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY, August 4

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)

FRIDAY, August 5

9:00 a.m. GLCM Splash Bash
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)

SATURDAY, August 6