

AUGUST MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHT 2016-17 EDUCATION YEAR

AUGUST 7—PENTECOST 12

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; St. Luke 12:32-40

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GIFTS HELP CHILDREN

Thank you Gethsemane members for generous support of the annual **Christmas in July gifts** benefiting **T.A. Brown students and staff members** given in **memory of Dr. Carl Candoli**, who tirelessly worked to show his belief that “*every child can learn*,” Gethsemane congregants have been joined this year by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** with “**Back to School**” supplies for our neighborhood children attending **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**”, with tree tags suggesting school supplies needed for the new school year, has been standing in the narthex as Gethsemane congregants and friends from a variety of organizations meeting at Gethsemane have given their “**Christmas in July**” gifts. **Thank you for blessing the teachers and children. Deadline for all contributions is Sunday, August 7, 2016.** An educational donation for the children and their teachers, is a special memorial honoring the educational legacy of **Dr. Carl Candoli**, a baptized man of faith, a loving husband and father, an active member of Gethsemane Lutheran, a dedicated educator, **Thank you Gethsemane community and Merry Christmas in July**”.

READING BY THIRD GRADE

**Pastor Karl Gronberg and Amy Hagen of Education Connection** met last week to discuss **Gethsemane Lutheran** becoming a partner in the educational challenge to see that every child can **read by the third grade**. One of the challenges facing the **Greater Austin Area** is school dropout rates. Research shows that children not reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of school. Many elementary schools in **Leander, Lake Travis, Round Rock, Manor, Austin, Pflugerville** ISDs already are in the **Education Connection** program. By offering 30 minutes a week to read to a student, volunteers can help solve one of the largest problems in the community. **Veronica Sharp, T.A. Brown** principal directed Amy Hagen to Pastor Gronberg and the Gethsemane community for the decades of partnership between Gethsemane and the school. Persons interested in knowing more about this program are invited to speak with Pastor.

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, Siren 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Sunday, **August 7th, 7:30pm**, .Cherrywood Coffeehouse, 1400 E 38th 1/2 Street. Come for a cold drink, fellowship and casual faith conversation. Look for a table tent with **Martin Luther** holding a beer mug...that’ll be us! The conversation is open to anyone regardless of church membership/ faith affiliation; please invite your friends! Cheers!

GLADOFFF

**Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fun and Fellowship** Tuesday, **August 9th, 7pm**, Gino’s Italian, 1701 S. Mays in Round Rock. **Daisy Horton** is host.

AUGUST 14—PENTECOST 13

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; St. Luke 12:49-56

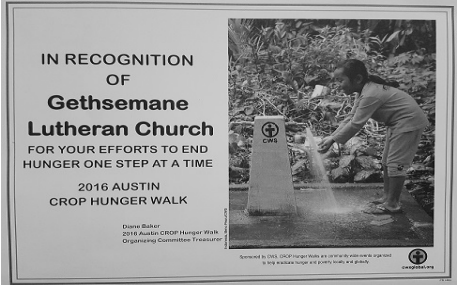
PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GETHSEMANE/UT-AUSTIN

Gethsemane Lutheran is a congregation with a global mission. Through benevolence gifts to the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**, Gethsemane has a commitment to sharing the **Good News of Jesus Christ** with people around the world. Through the leadership of Gethsemane members **Khem & Pim Saythongkham**, Gethsemane partners with the **Laotian Christian Conference**. Gethsemane members have attended the annual LCC conference in Florida. The outreach continues through the work of **Gethsemane members Dr. Cal Streeter and Mary Lou Newman**. In 2013-14, Gethsemane members provided funds to assist **University of Texas-Austin engineering and social work students** and opportunity to build bleachers for a school playground in **Costa Rica**. A new opportunity for cooperation between **Gethsemane and University of Texas-Austin’s Projects with Underserved Communities (PUC)** is being considered. **August 14th**, Gethsemane members **Khem Saythongkham and Mary Lou Newman** will travel to Thailand to “scout” potential projects. If approved, the **UT engineering / social work students** will develop and design the project during fall 2016 and spring 2017. The students will travel in summer of 2017 to Thailand to build the project. Gethsemane member **Dr. Cal Streeter** is on the PUC Advisory Board. Prayers for safe travel for Khem and Mary Lou will be offered by the Gethsemane community Sunday, August 14th. Thanks Gethsemane for supporting these global projects.

CROP WALK THANKS

The **Austin CROP HUNGER WALK Coordinating Committee** thanks the members of **Gethsemane Lutheran** for *Ending Hunger One Step At A Time*. Gethsemane **walkers and donors** have through the decades supported this ministry. Thank you.



SCHLITTERBAHN

The annual **Gethsemane Youth Ministry “end of summer”** trip to **Schlitterbahn Water Park** in New Braunfels is scheduled for Sunday, August 14 following the 10:30 am liturgy. Gethsemane youth (junior/senior high) and adults are invited to join with **Pastor Karl Gronberg, Dave Haight, Weldon Jones** in this fun afternoon at the water park. Gethsemane Youth Ministry has sponsored this event for over three decades. Bring swimming suits, money for lunch/ entrance to the park and be prepared for a fun/cool time in the water.

AUGUST 21—PENTECOST 14

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; St. Luke 13:10-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BERGSTROM/GOWAN BAPTISM

**Cassie Bergstrom Gowan and John Robert Gowan** bring their infant daughter **Charlie Blake** to the Gethsemane baptismal font Sunday, August 21st to receive the eternal promise. Cassie and JR were married through the ministry of Gethsemane as were her parents. She is the granddaughter of the late beloved Gethsemane members **Nell Bergstrom and Marvin Bergstrom**. The Bergstrom family has a long history of support for Gethsemane ministries as well as the Austin community. **Alan Bergstrom**, Cassie’s father, has served on the Gethsemane parish council and presently coordinates with son **Blake** the stewardship of the **Gethsemane Endowment Fund**. May the **Holy, Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit** bless the Bergstrom and Gowan families.

HEATHERWILDE MINISTRY

Gethsemane Lutheran congregants minister to the residents of Heatherwilde Assisted Living Sunday, August 21st, 2 p.m. with a liturgy of hymns, scripture, meditation and eucharist. July worship leaders were: **Alton Jones, Donna Lindgren Olson, Robert Rekart, David Skoglund and Pastor Karl Gronberg** You are invited to share in this ministry to senior adults. **Verline Berkman** is always happy to see and visit with Gethsemane friends.

GLCM 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

**Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry** concludes the 2016 Summer Program with a chapel service August 16, where the Pre-School children are recognized as they move to their new schools and classes beginning next week. “**The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss**” was a joyous summer theme. Thanks to everyone for making the GLCM summer a time of celebration and growth for the children and staff. August 18th & 19th are days dedicated for staff training and classroom preparation for the 2016-2017 school year. **GLCM Open House** for children and families will be held Friday **August 19th**. Staff members are introduced and students with their parents will visit their new classrooms. 111 children are enrolled for the 2016-17 school year. There are a few spaces still available. To enroll , please contact the GLCM office (512) 339-6335 for information. Share the news of Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry with family and friends. 2016-2017 staff: **Valerie Johnson, Angelica Lundquist, Dar Joy Krenek, JaMilla Arnold, Vickie Waddell, Erica Martinez, Jeanne McDonald, Niki Thomas, Sue Strader, Tania Galan, Barbara Martinez, Ruby Fuentes, Paulette Thomas, Leslie Sprecher, Tahmina Khanam, Janie Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Jessica Waldron, Kelly Hardage, Joni Mason, Elizabeth Cortez and Stephanie Meeks**. Grandparent Program—**Jonette Jones, Elanie Miller, Myrtle Franklin and Lynn Meyhoff**. “*Good Beginnings Never End*”

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The 2016-17 school year begins soon for students and educators of Gethsemane and Central Texas. The students will pack their new school supplies, lunches, and books with them as they go to live and learn in their respective schools. Continuing another **Gethsemane tradition**, prayers of blessings will be offered Sunday, August 21st. These prayers are to remind the students to gracefully learn the wonders of life and share the light of God with all they meet during the school year. Gethsemane students are invited to bring their backpacks with them to worship joining in prayers of blessings for students, teachers and staff as the community looks forward to a new year of education.

“CALLED BY GRACE, LED BY FAITH,  
WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE.”

**T.A. BROWN SUPPLIES AUGUST 7**  
**THAILAND SERVICE TRIP AUG.14**  
**GLCM SCHOOL YEAR AUGUST 22**

**BISHOP’S INSTALLATION**  
**Rev. Erik Karl Joseph Gronberg**, a son of Gethsemane Lutheran, Austin will be installed as **Bishop of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** Saturday, 10 a.m. **September 17, 2016. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** will be preaching and preside. The installation is hosted by **First Presbyterian Church** 1000 Penn St., Fort Worth, Texas. Pastor Gronberg was baptized at Gethsemane by the beloved late Gethsemane pastor the **Rev. Willis Erickson**. He affirmed his baptism at Gethsemane and was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament at Gethsemane. He is a graduate of **Gethsemane Lutheran Children’s Ministry, AISD schools: Maplewood Elementary, Keeling Middle School, Reagan High, Harvard University** Cambridge, Massachusetts, **Luther Seminary** St. Paul, Minnesota. He is presently a Ph.D candidate at **Dallas Baptist University**. He has served **Martin Luther Lutheran Church**, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and **Trinity Lutheran** Ft. Worth, Texas. Gethsemane congregants interested in installation details may contact the **Pastor Karl** or **Sharon Gronberg**. Thank you Gethsemane for giving witness to the heritage and faith of the church, for Erik and all who serve.

**JULY ALTAR GUILD**  
Thanks to those having served: **Anna Callahan, chair; Ria Corbett, Gordon & Marilyn Ketteman, Erin Rosales, Sandra Tipton and Cheryl Swening**. June Altar/ Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in celebration of our wedding anniversary, July 2, 1977 at Gethsemane Lutheran by **Ron & Gail Holifield Tigie**; in gratitude for the ministry of **Pastor Scott R. McAnally**, Gethsemane Lutheran intern 2002-2003; in honor of **Olivia and Ingrid Warr** on their Baptismal Day by **Judy & Mark Warr**, aka Betsa & Papa; in honor of **David Doerfler’s** 67th birthday by **Cindy Doerfler**; in celebration of the wedding of **Amanda Lynn Petrosky and Lucas Brandenburg** by their families; in honor and loving memory of my sister, **Heliga Birgitta**, an ordained pastor in the **Swedish Lutheran Church** by **Elisabeth Kihlberg**. Gethsemane members and friends interested in placing flowers on the altar or chancel are invited to sign the Flower Chart Book in the narthex: Altar arrangement, \$40; Chancel flowers, \$30.

**FOOD & CLOTHES MINISTRY**  
The Central Texas Food Bank of Texas thanks Gethsemane congregation for sharing ministry in feeding the hungry. During July, the Gethsemane Food Pantry and Clothes Closet served 55 households, 174 individuals, 27 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.*

**“A HOME IN AMERICA”**  
Pick up today your copy of “A Home in America” given by Dr. David R. Maidment and Dr. Helen Walsh Maidment as a gift to the Gethsemane Lutheran community. The thirty homilies delivered by Dr. Maidment from June 29, 1986 to July 3, 2016 are in this beautifully prepared gift. Thanks to the Maidment family.

**GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS**  
**THANKS TO: Dave Haight, Phil Cosper, Adam Crump** for maintenance; ....**THANKS FROM: the family of Knox Thomas Evans** baptized July 24th, **Lucas & Amanda Petrosky Brandenburg** married July 23 **Mary Jo Hindman, David Doerfler, Doris Minnix, George Wendlandt, Margie Edmiston, Jean Kingsbury, Waldine Stafford, Minnie Pihlgren, Doris Johnson Worrell, Ludy Malone, Don Ray Swenson, Erik Strom, Katrina Malin, Dar Krenek, Mark & Kristen Gronberg Etheredge**, for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls /ministry; **Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association (GANA)** for Gethsemane support/hospitality; **District 4 Austin City Councilman Greg Casar** for gift of book “A Home in America” by Gethsemane member **Dr. David Maidment** presented to him by **Pastor Karl Gronberg; Ken & Belinda Malin and family** for Blessing of their Home and the support of Gethsemane friends and family; ....**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Pastors Jeremy & Amanda Schnelle Ullrich** on birth of son **Joel David**. Gethsemane rejoices with parents, grandparents **Pastor Susan & Lee Schnelle and family**.

**GETHSEMANE CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY, August 6**  
**SUNDAY, August 7—PENTECOST 12**  
8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy  
7:30 p.m. Theology on Tap-  
Cherrywood Coffeehouse  
**MONDAY, August 8**  
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)  
**TUESDAY, August 9**  
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF-Gino's in Round Rock  
**WEDNESDAY, August 10**  
11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)  
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion  
**THURSDAY, August 11**  
7:30 a.m. Pastors' meeting/breakfast  
**FRIDAY, August 12**  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
**SATURDAY, August 13**  
11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MH)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14—PENTECOST 13**  
**WORLD HUNGER/FAIR TRADE SUNDAY**  
8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy  
12 Noon Youth to Schlitterbahn  
**MONDAY, August 15**  
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-W)  
10:00 a.m. Trinity Care Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)  
**TUESDAY, August 16**  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
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, August 17**  
11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)  
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion  
**THURSDAY, August 18**  
7:00 p.m. Lutheran Visual Arts Council —  
6901 Flamingsworth Hollow —  
(Pehr Smith home)  
**FRIDAY, August 19**  
8:30 a.m. TA Brown Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Foster Grandparent mtg (MPR)  
4:00 p.m. GLCM Open House

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
**SATURDAY, August 20**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21—PENTECOST 14**  
**BERGSTROM BAPTISM**  
8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy  
2:00 p.m. Heatherwilde Ministry  
**MONDAY, August 22 —School Starts**  
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)  
**TUESDAY, August 23**  
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, August 24**  
11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)  
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion  
**THURSDAY, August 25**  
**FRIDAY, August 26**  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
**SATURDAY, August 27**