

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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SUMMER 2016 ENDS: GETHSEMANE FALL MINISTRIES BEGIN

AUGUST 28—PENTECOST 15

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; St. Luke 14:1,7-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GLCM STAFF CONTINUITY

The Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry staff began the 2016-17 school year Monday, August 22nd. Classrooms were prepared with some rooms receiving new carpet and/or new floor tile. Painting, where needed, bulletin boards prepared during the **In Service Work Days**. 111 children are enrolled. A few spaces are available-contact the GLCM office (512) 339-6335 for enrollment information. The staff greeted children and families at the **Open House** Friday, August 19th. GLCM is blessed with a talented/ dedicated staff. 2016-17 staff and years of service: **Valerie Johnson-13 years, Angelica Lundquist-14 years, Dar Joy Krenek-14 years, JaMilla Arnold-4 years, Vickie Waddell-31 years, Erica Martinez-1 year, Jeanne McDonald-4 years, Niki Thomas-2 years, Sue Strader-2 years, Tania Galan-19 years, Barbara Martinez-2 years, Ruby Fuentes-3 years, Paulette Thomas-21 years, Leslie Sprecher-10 years, Tahmina Khanam-6 years, Janie Rodriguez-19 years, Elizabeth Rodriguez-3 years, Jessica Waldron-1st year, Kelly Hardage-12 years, Joni Mason-1st year, Elizabeth Cortez-17 years, Stephanie Meeks-2 years, Jonette Jones, Elanie Miller, Myrtle Franklin, Lynn Meyhoff** are support staff from the **Foster Grandparent Program**. The staff will be participating in a Training Day, Saturday, August 27th 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the **Steffans Parlor**. The GLCM staff expresses thanks to **Gethsemane congregants, Carl C. Anderson Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation and Austin community friends** for support. **CIRCLE THE DATE:** *Gethsemane Fall Festival* October 22, 2016 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact **Lacy Compton (lacy@cmptn.org)** for information "Good Beginnings.. Never End."

NEW OCD GROUP TO MEET

Gethsemane has hosted an **Obsessive Compulsive Disorder support group** for 35 years. A former Gethsemane member, following her internship asked **Pastor Karl Gronberg** if she could begin a group hosted by Gethsemane. The group has met on Tuesday evenings in the Music Room. With the remodeling of the Ministry House, the OCD group asked to meet in the MH on Saturday mornings. Their most recent request is to establish another support group to meet in the Ministry House on alternating Saturdays. The Tuesday night group will no longer meet in the Music Room. Gethsemane is honored to host the OCD support groups on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For information speak with **Tom Somyak**.

MUSIC SEASON COMMENCES

The Gethsemane Sanctuary Choir begins their 2016-17 season Wednesday, August 31st 7:30 p.m. **Michael Harrison**, director, invites Gethsemane members interested to join in praising the Holy and Triune God. **Bellissimo**, directed by **JoAnn Gerbig** will rehearse Sunday, September 4th.

VERNE LUNDQUIST HONORED

The Long Center presents **Chet CHAT "2"**, honoring legendary sportscaster **Verne Lundquist**, benefiting "Supply The Teachers" in the **Rollins Studio Theater** sponsored by **A+ Federal Credit Union**. Verne, as every Gethsemane member knows grew up in Austin. He is a graduate of **Austin High and Texas Lutheran University**. He has been widely recognized for his broadcasting career. Persons interested may contact **Pastor Gronberg**.

SEPTEMBER 4—PENTECOST 16

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; St. Luke 14:25-33

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LABOR DAY WEEK-END

Gethsemane members and friends gather beneath the **Charles Bornemann Live Oak Tree** Sunday, September 4 for the annual 8:15 a.m. outdoor worship symbolizing the conclusion of Gethsemane 2016 summer ministries: come early-dress casually. Give thanks for the summer 2016. Following worship congregants are invited into the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of visiting, enjoying a brunch and sharing summer adventures. The 10:30 a.m. Labor Day Week-End eucharist will be in the Gethsemane sanctuary.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH

The rain washed away the annual **Schlitterbahn "Back to School Splash"** but Gethsemane youth will not be denied. Through the leadership of **Jody Johnson, Alyssa Woodley, Will Johnson, and Zack Brock**, **Pastor Karl Gronberg** was introduced to **TOPGOLF**. Thanks to **Weldon Jones** for the suggestion. Everyone had a fun time. **Swim party** is the next youth event. **Details to come. Gethsemane youth are leaders. Trey Lundquist and Will Johnson** are on the **Anderson High Trojans** varsity football team; **Ezra Spielvogel** is on the **Austin High** varsity football team; **Katrina Malin** is **Co-Chaplain** of the **Leander High Blue Belles** dance team; **William Errett** was inducted into the **Cedar Park Middle School National Junior Honor Society Chapter**. Will has been selected as the program's Service Director for the 2016-17 school year. Gethsemane is proud of the fine youth in the congregation. **Best wishes to Gethsemane youth** beginning the new school year.

GWELCA/LWR MINISTRY

Gethsemane Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have received thanks from **Lutheran World Relief** for partnership with **ELCA congregations** in bringing to **19,000 people** in **Luanda**, the capital city of **Angola**, **Mission Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits**. These gifts will support refugee, asylum-seeking and internally displaced families as they work to establish sustainable lives in Luanda. **Melanie W. Gibbons**, LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager writes "Dear Friends at Gethsemane Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA, Greetings from Lutheran World Relief. We're so thankful for your partnership, and for your energy and enthusiasm for this ministry." Thanks **Gethsemane women-your ministry is world wide.**

ARCHIVAL MATERIALS DONATED

The family of **Gordon Edward Erickson** has donated historical materials to the **Friends of Moline Lutheran Cemetery**. The information in the materials assists in the ongoing study of the **Elroy Lutheran Church** ministry. Gordon was raised on the family farm in Elroy. His oldest daughter **Susan Erickson Haydon** presented the gifts to **Pastor Karl Gronberg**.

SEPTEMBER 11—PENTECOST 17

RALLY SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; St. Luke 15:1-10

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY"

September 11th is **Kick-Off** for the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Educational opportunities (Sept. 21st) at Gethsemane. All ages will gather in the MPR at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the beginning of a new year of growing in faith together. After the opening, children and youth will go downstairs to meet with their teachers. Parents are asked to go with them to get them registered. **Following the 10:30 a.m. worship, a delicious BBQ lunch** prepared by Gethsemane members **Greg & Debbie Pitts** (aka *Rusted Shut BBQ*) and Gethsemane Men-in-Mission. **The afternoon of Sept. 11 is an opportunity for Gethsemane congregants to reaffirm ministry to the neighborhood.** This will be a *multi-generational opportunity for service work restoring/reconciling communities*. Plan to purchase a "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirt to wear for this day of service together. The **blood mobile** will be here again this year-**blood donors sign up for this opportunity to Give the Gift of Life** Volunteer opportunities include: **Ashlynn Althaus'** Girl Scout Silver Award project at **Gethsemane Park & Moline Lutheran Cemetery** cleanup. *See you Rally Sunday.*

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Kick-off for all ages will be on **Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 11th, 9:30 a.m.**, and classes begin on September 18th: **CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 2 yr. olds-3rd graders** *Godly Play* in the Godly Play room-downstairs. **4th-6th graders** *JAM (Jesus & Me)* on the go in the music room-downstairs; **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 7th-8th Grade** **Confirmants** will meet in the confirmation room. **Senior High** meet in the Youth Loft; **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** **Pastor Richard Strait** invites adults to stimulating faith conversation. The class meets in Steffans Parlor.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Sunday, **September 11, 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, **September 13th, 7pm**, Mimi's Café (The Shops at Arbor Walk), 10515 N. Mopac. **Jack & Judy Westerman** are hosts.

READING BY THIRD GRADE

Pastor Karl Gronberg and **Amy Hagen** of **Education Connection** met 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. Persons interested in knowing more about this program are invited to speak with Pastor.

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WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE."

GLCM TEACHER TRAINING AUG.27 OUTDOOR WORSHIP SEPT 4 8:15 A.M. "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" SEPT. 11

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 preach 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 in the **Rite of Confirmation** and was ordained into the Word and Sacrament ministry of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** at Gethsemane Lutheran. Erik is a graduate of **Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry, (Good Beginnings Never End); AISD schools: Maplewood Elementary, Keeling Middle School, Reagan High; Harvard University** Cambridge, Massachusetts; **Luther Seminary** St. Paul, Minnesota. Erik is 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 may contact **Pastor Karl** or **Sharon Gronberg** for installation information. **Thank you Gethsemane Lutheran** for giving witness to the heritage and faith of the church community, to Erik and all called to serve the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**.

VISUAL ARTS COUNCIL

Gethsemane member **Pehr Smith** hosted the **Lutheran Visual Arts Council of Central Texas** at his home August 18. Special guest was **Stuart Wallace of North Austin Creatives**. Discussion centered on the goal of providing a Religious Art Gallery at Gethsemane and inviting **Austin Area Lutheran** congregations to become a part of **LVACCT**. Gethsemane members are invited to speak with **Pehr Smith and Clare Andrus**.

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to those having served: **Marsha McConaughy, chair; Mark McConaughy, Joan Candoli, Jennifer Eben, Joann Rees**. August Altar/Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in honor of our parents, **Rodger & Tracy**, on their 25th wedding anniversary by **Allie, Paige, Kate & Carly Anderson**; in celebration of **Erin Rosales'** birthday by **Anna Callahan**; in honor and loving memory of **my father's birthday** by **JoAnn Gerbig**; in celebration of the birth of **Joel David**, son of **Amanda & Jeremy Ullrich** by **Lee & Susie Schnelle** (Papa & Grandma); in loving memory of **Bill Corbell** by **Rick Corbell & family**; in loving memory of **Bill Corbell** by **Kent Corbell & family**; in loving memory of **Curtis and Rusty Johnson** by **their family**; in loving memory of **Josephine Bailey** by **Cheryl Swening**. 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.

GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS

Christian sympathy to: the families of **Theresa Grace Gersh Menem, Chizuko M. Adams, Arthur Connor**. Blessed be those who "*walk through the valley of the shadow of death*" may they be comforted;**Thanks to: Pam Atkins, Joan Candoli, Julie Candoli, Dorothy Hecht, Sharon Kite, Belinda Malin, Joann Rees, Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle** for serving breakfast to T.A. Brown school staff; **Rodney Thraillkill, Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association** leader, for information to the **Adult SCS class** regarding the new neighborhood park being developed by the **City of Austin** and **GANA**; **Ashlynn Althaus** for presentation to the **Adult SCS class** of her **Girl Scout Silver Award** project;....**Thanks**

From: Veronica Sharp and T.A. Brown Staff for breakfast, school supplies, financial gift. The **Dr. Carl Candoli "Christmas in July"** gifts for **T.A. Brown School** received generous response-thanks Gethsemane; **John Robert "JR" & Catherine "Cassie Bergstrom Gowan** for baptism of their daughter **Charlie Blake**; **Central Texas Food Bank** for Gethsemane support and invitation to tour their new facility; **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg** for expressions of congratulations on their 52nd wedding anniversary; **Verline Berkman** for **Heatherwilde Ministry**; **Paulette Akers, Gwen Lindgren, Dar Joy Krenek, Minnie Pihlgren, Carole Kilmer, Glenda Tiemann, Janice Crenshaw, Wanda Johnson, Sharon Kite, Lester Johnson, Edith Rodgers, Donna Olson, Mary Lou Newman, Lee Jensen, Terry Driskell** for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls /ministry;**Congratulations to: Erica Lynn Martinez, GLCM staff member & Anthony Ray Grady, Jr.** married at Gethsemane; **Victor & Jennifer Martinez Kingsbury** on birth of son **Frederick Froylan**—grandparents **John & Clare Kingsbury** and great-grandfather **Ron Kingsbury** rejoice over the gift of life; **Diana Dworin** on becoming staff chaplain **Hospice Austin's Christopher House**. Hospice Austin provides end-of-life care to people regardless of their illness or ability to pay; **Greetings from: Gordon & Gloria Cooper**—informing Gethsemane friends of their move to **Lutheran Towers at Windsor Place**; **Pastor Karl, Sharon, Joel and Pete Etheredge** enjoying Alaska and Gethsemane friends **Tony & Deanne Sisto; Mary Lou Newman and Khem Saythongkham** "scouting" sites for **UT-Austin** and Gethsemane partnership in Thailand; **Tom & Kay Rodgers** enjoying family in New Mexico.

GETHSEMANE CALENDAR

SATURDAY, August 27

8:00 a.m. GLCM teacher training (Parlor)
11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MH)

SUNDAY, August 28—PENTECOST 15

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

MONDAY, August 29

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)
11 a.m. Martinez-Grady wedding (GLC Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (MPR)

TUESDAY, August 30

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

WEDNESDAY, August 31

11:00 a.m. Summer Conversations (Parlor)
12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 1

9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)
7 p.m. Ostomy Association of Austin (MR)

FRIDAY, September 2

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

SATURDAY, September 3

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—PENTECOST 16

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy-outside
9:30 a.m. Brunch/Summer 2016 Revisited
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
1:00 p.m. Nelson Family Reunion

MONDAY, September 5

GLC & GLCM OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 6

7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (Tu-F)
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 Club of Austin (MR)

WEDNESDAY, September 7

12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 8

FRIDAY, September 9

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

SATURDAY, September 10

11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (MH)
6:00 p.m. Jordan/Williams wedding (PVEC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—PENTECOST 17

WORLD HUNGER/FAIR TRADE SUNDAY
RALLY SUNDAY/GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

8:15 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Pentecost Liturgy
12 noon Lunch/ God's Work, Our Hands
7:30 p.m. Theology on Tap-
Cherrywood Coffeehouse

MONDAY, September 12

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

TUESDAY, September 13

9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha Unit (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-Mimi's Café (Arbor Walk)

WEDNESDAY, September 14

12 noon & 7pm Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Music Room)

THURSDAY, September 15

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

FRIDAY, September 16

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

SATURDAY, September 17

10:00 a.m. Bishop Installation (Ft. Worth)
5:30 p.m. Jarl/Clark wedding (Reunion Ranch)
5:30 p.m. Care Communities Gala