

# 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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## "REFORMATION 500" LENTEN JOURNEY THEME

FEBRUARY 26

### TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; St. Matthew 17:1-9

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### CONGREGATION RETREAT

The 35th annual Gethsemane retreat will be held at beautiful **Camp Chrysalis** in the Texas Hill Country February 25-26. Gethsemane members and friends are invited to join in this time of Christian community offering retreat, fellowship and discovery opportunities. The Gethsemane community will worship, study, canoe, do archery, eat s'mores, and share talents in the always delightful and fun talent show. Come and be **"Transformed by God's Grace on the Mountain Top."** Contact **Pastor Schnelle** or **Dar Krenek** to sign up.

### ANNUAL CROP WALK

Gethsemane members are invited to participate in the **CROP HUNGER WALK** Sunday, February 26th, 2:30 p.m. **Camp Mabry**. Money raised from the walk provides food, medical assistance, disaster relief, and self-help development for people throughout the world. 25% of the money raised is given to local organizations. Gethsemane members have participated in every CROP WALK. **Virginia Marek** has been a supporter of this walk for decades. She and her late beloved husband **Ray** provided important leadership in this benevolent ministry to end hunger through **Church World Service**. Speak with **Pastor Karl Gronberg**, **Karalyn Heimlich** and **Janine Mendoza-Cruz** to give your gift for **"Team Gethsemane."**

### SHROVE TUESDAY

Gethsemane traditional **Pancake Supper Feb. 28, 5:30 - 7:00 PM**. Pancakes and sausage provided by **Men in Mission**. Tickets on sale in narthex—\$6.00 per person, \$2.00 for children under 10. Proceeds benefit Gethsemane and community service projects. Signup sheet for helpers on Men in Mission Bulletin Board. Come for fellowship and feast in preparation for **"the Lenten fast."**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent commences **Ash Wednesday, March 1st** with the Christian faithful receiving ashes and meditating at the Gethsemane altar 7-8am, 11:30am to noon and 5:30-7pm. Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12 noon and 7pm.

### DAY OF THE FALLEN

**Jose Garza**, Executive Director of **Workers Defense Project**, and the WDP staff have invited **Pastor Karl Gronberg** and the Gethsemane community to participate **March 1st-Ash Wednesday**- in a memorial event remembering workers having been injured or killed building Texas. The **Lone Star State** is the most dangerous state for construction workers. **Jose & Kate Garza** and their two children are connecting with Gethsemane. **Pastor Gronberg** has been involved in worker rights for many years. Speak with **Pastor** for more information.

### DRIVE A SENIOR FUNDRAISER

Support North Central Austin's Drive a Senior and AMPLIFY your donation. Amplify Austin is an online event that continues until 6:00 PM on March 3rd. This is great opportunity for non-profits like Drive a Senior (DaS) - North Central Austin to raise funds for another year of services. The first \$1,000 will be matched \$1:\$1 and by St. David's Foundation (SDF). Over \$1,000 is still matched by SDF. DaS North Central Austin takes pride in providing exceptional, free transportation for seniors in our community. Thank you for your support. Thanks to Gethsemane member **Tony Venza** for his leadership with DaS.

### ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

Gethsemane will host on the south lawn a fundraiser for **Trinity United Methodist Homeless Task Force** and **Hope Food Pantry** Friday/Saturday, March 3&4th, 9am-4pm.

MARCH 5—LENT 1

### LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; St. Matthew 4:1-11

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.

### LENTEN WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

March 8—April 5, 2017

11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (Parlor)
12 Noon	Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup (MPR)
6:15 p.m.	Conversation with Pastor Gronberg, Confirmation with Pastor Susie, conversational Spanish and Youth activities for PreK-12th grade
7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
7:30 p.m.	Mentors & Confirmands
7:45 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### GLCM NEWS

**Feb. 27, Dentist Visit.** February is **Dental Health Month**, representatives from Dr. Watts Pediatric Dentistry are coming to talk to the children about the importance of dental hygiene. We look forward to a fun yet informative presentation to the children. February is also **Heart Health Month**. Teachers will be talking about the importance of healthy eating to keep healthy hearts. During **February Black History Month** children will learn about African-Americans, their heritage and their impact in the United States. **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**—March 5-11. GLCM children are invited to sing at the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday March 5th to kick off our week. The children and staff will focus on the theme **"Loved Beyond Measure"** with special daily activities in which they will Sing Praises, Grow in Faith, Learn/Read, Love, Serve and Play! **SPRING BREAK**—March 12-18.

**"Stay" Cation Austin Style-keeping Austin Weird at GLCM** with daily themes and activities: Music Mania Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Wild Animal Wednesday, Team Thursday, Fun Fashion Friday. **April 1st, GLCM Work Day.** There will be cleaning, repairs and other "chores" for everyone. There are "take-home" projects for those who are unable to attend. Childcare provided. **May 7th, SAVE THE DATE-ANNUAL GLCM GOLF TOURNAMENT-Star Ranch Golf Course.** All levels of players are welcome to join for a fun time and a great cause. We are making it easy for players to register and pay on-line. If you don't play golf, please consider sponsoring a hole, donate items for the raffle or "goody bags" or making a donation off of the Golf Tree (coming out in April). For more information, please contact [Angelica Lundquist](mailto:AngelicaLundquist@glcmchildcare.org) (512-339-6335) or email [angelicalundquist@glcmchildcare.org](mailto:angelicalundquist@glcmchildcare.org).

### GETHSEMANE WELCA

The Annual Conference for **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Capital North and Capital South Conference** Saturday, March 4th at **Christ Lutheran-Georgetown** beginning at 8:30 a.m. The \$12 registration includes a light breakfast and lunch. There will be a Bible study and workshops. All are welcome. Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board next to the restrooms. For any questions contact **Christine Bohls** (512)773-6916 or **Peggy Horton** (512) 825-6732.

**Quilters Tuesday, March 7th, 9:30 a.m.** Music Room. **Mary/Martha Unit Tuesday, March 14th, 9:30 a.m.** Music Room. Program: **Julie Candoli** works with Non-Profit **"Foundation for Community"** concerning Jimmy Shelter, Homeless in Austin. Hostesses: Everyone bring something to share. Everyone is welcome!

MARCH 12—LENT 2

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

### TIME STARTS



SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-4a;

Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; St. John 3:1-17

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.

### LENTEN SEASON THEME

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation (1517-2017) is not only a time for reflection on the rich history of the Lutheran tradition, but also an opportunity to look forward to what lies ahead for all within the baptized community. Gethsemane Lutheran, during the weeks of the Lenten journey, will offer on Wednesday evenings conversation and reflection on the past and the future witness of God's people. The **Wednesday Conversations with Pastor Gronberg 11 a.m. & 6:16 p.m.** will begin with a video resource from Rick Steves entitled *Luther and the Reformation*. This tool will help those attending to better understand our Lutheran roots and assist during the **Lenten Journey** to consider the implications of the gospel for daily discipleship. Pastor has invited persons from non-Lutheran traditions within the church catholic to help with a "future view". **Reformation 500—Lent 2017** a time to give thanks for a rich heritage and move into the future proclaiming the Good News.

### GLADOFFF

**Merlin & Linda Dunahoo** host **GLADOFFF (Gethsemane Lutheran Adults Dining Out for Food, Fun Fellowship)** Tuesday, March 14, 7pm at **la Madeleine Country French Café** 1201 Barbara Jordan Blvd. Bldg. 11, Suite 100 (512) 366-3825. Come and enjoy this time together.

### CONFIRMATION EVENT

Hosted by **Michael Mount. Escape from Alcatraz** (Mystery Room in the Domain). Meet Sunday, **March 19th** after late worship service in the lower parking lot at church. Bring \$20 for lunch and for the Mystery room; We will eat lunch on the way there. Back to church around 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

### MEN IN MISSION MTG/TOUR

**DATE CHANGE:** Men in Mission will meet on Thursday, **March 23rd**. Details to come. Watch your bulletin or the Men in Mission Bulletin Board. Tour departs 10:00 AM. Coffee, donuts, fellowship, 9:00 AM Music Room.

### YOUTH SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL YOUTH DINNER THEATRE AND AUCTION—April 29th.** Make plans to enjoy another entertaining and engaging show written by Lane Holmstrom and performed by our very talented Gethsemane Youth. Tickets include dinner and show, and there will be lots of silent and live auction items that you can bid on. Thanks for supporting our youth and continuing this joyful tradition.

**CONFIRMATION CAMP—** Gethsemane confirmands will enjoy a week fun, fellowship and growing in their faith at Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper Texas. See **Pastor Schnelle** for more information.

**COLORADO OR BUST—**Gethsemane senior high youth will travel on June 25-30 with **Dar Krenek, Pastors Gronberg and Schnelle**, for a high adventure throughout Colorado, and we will connect with some of our Gethsemane friends along the way. The cost of the trip is \$400 and includes lodging, entry and fees, transportation and most meals. Contact **Pastor Schnelle** or details.

### GIVING RECORD FOR 2016

If you would like a copy of your giving record for 2016, email or call the church office, [info@gethsemaneAustin.org](mailto:info@gethsemaneAustin.org) or 512-836-8560.

**"CALLED BY GRACE, LED BY FAITH,  
WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE."**

**CONGREGATION RETREAT FEB. 25 & 26**  
**CROP WALK SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26 2 P.M.**  
**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES FEB. 28**

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD**  
Thanks to those having served: **Claudia Gann, chair; Dee Riley, Ashley Saucedo, Dottie Saucedo, Elisabeth Kihlberg, Jane & Stephen Greinert, Babs & Mihira Chandrasoma and Forrest & Frances Newsom.** January Altar/Chancel flowers given to the Glory of the Triune God: in loving memory of **David Spicer** by the Gethsemane community; in celebration of **Herbie Kay Lundquist's** (Gammie) birthday by her children & grandchildren; in honor of our anniversary by **Louise Eidbo & Bennet Spielvogel**; in honor of **Bristol Raymond's** 11th birthday by his family; in honor of our 5th wedding anniversary by **Jim & Adelle Buehring**; in loving memory of **Clifford Loren Kite** by his wife, **Sharon** and his family.

**LEGISLATIVE EVENT THANKS**  
**Gethsemane member Mary Lou Newman,** Poverty & Justice Task Force chair for the **Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA** expresses thanks to Gethsemane Lutheran for hosting the 3rd Annual **Lutheran Legislative Event.** A record number attended challenging **Texas Impact** and the synod task force to consider a change of venue for future gatherings. The event commenced with worship led by **Bishop Ray Tiemann,** Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA and **Bishop Erik Gronberg,** North Texas-North Louisiana Synod, ELCA. **Margaret Manz** offered a pipe organ concert as the attendees gathered for liturgy. **Pastor Susan Schnelle** welcomed the participants to Gethsemane. Monday was filled with meetings. Gethsemane member **Chuck Rice** gave a briefing to one of the groups on the value of meeting with elected officials **Fifteen issues** of importance to the **Lutheran witness** for the wellbeing of the state were agreed upon under four major headings: **Caring for God's Creation, Showing**

**Hospitality to All People, Safeguarding Child and Family Well-Being, Ensuring Justice and Peace for All People.** These action items were presented to senators and representatives at the **Texas State Capitol** on Tuesday. **State Representative—District 49 Gina Hinojosa** welcome the **Lutherans** to their capitol. **Mary Lou** and the synod task force are looking forward to 2018. Persons interested are invited to contact her for more information.

**TLU "FRONT ROW WITH VERNE LUNDQUIST"**  
**Wednesday, May 10th, Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio.** This annual event hosted by Hall of Fame nationally recognized CBS sports broadcaster **Verne Lundquist** is a gift to his alma mater **Texas Lutheran University.** Verne's guest will be **Ben Crenshaw,** one of the most talented and popular golfers of the last century, will share the stage with CBS-TV sportscaster and TLU alumnus and regent, Verne Lundquist at the 14th annual Front Row gala. **Front Row with Verne Lundquist** has become a TLU tradition and **Gethsemane Lutheran members and friends have attended everyone.** Lundquist will conduct a live, on-stage interview with Crenshaw—who got his start in Austin—about his long career on and off the course. The evening includes a reception, an elegant dinner, and live auction with autographed sports memorabilia and other amazing items. Always charismatic and charming, Crenshaw will be sure to make this an unforgettable evening. The event benefits the athletic program of TLU, a university of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg,** along with son **Joel Gronberg,** a Texas Lutheran University graduate and former member of the Board of Regents, invite Gethsemane members interested in athletics and the mission of Texas Lutheran University to speak with Pastor or Joel for more details.

**GETHSEMANE PEOPLE NEWS**  
**THANKS FROM:** Gethsemane youth for generous gifts "Souper Bowl Sunday"—record giving \$721 for Gethsemane Food Pantry; **Elroy Community Center Task Force** for leadership/work of **Bob Peterson, Elisabeth Kihlberg, Dave Haight, dean Hiaght Lester Johnson, John Foster, Pastor Gronberg; Edith Rogers, Paul & Nancy Kronbergs, Tom & Donna Kelly, Joseph Candeh, Ken & Linda Schulz, Ludy Malone, Eddie Westling, Joan Candoli, Waldine Stafford, Buddy Holmstrom, Verline Berkman, Dorthy Hecht, Helen Cochran, Virginia Marek, Mark & Bonnie Sassman** for congregational prayers, cards, hospitality, altar/chancel flowers, hospital, birthday, pastoral calls ministry. ELCA pastor, **Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, Amy Reumann, Director, ELCA Advocacy** for Gethsemane hosting them in the **Steffans Hospitality House** while participating in the **Lutheran Legislative Event; THANKS TO: Rigel Thurston, Michael Harrison, Margaret Manz** for music, **Timothy Huston** for "yummy" food, **Rodney Thrailkill**, Georgian Acre Neighborhood Association for his reflection on "shared life"—making the **Valentine Sweetheart Luncheon** a celebration of love. **Tom & Donna Kelly, Paul & Nancy Kronbergs** were recognized for their years of marriage. Pictures by **Jeff Kettelman** and **Elizabeth Kettelman** are in the narthex.

**GETHSEMANE CALENDAR**

**SATURDAY, February 25**  
**Gethsemane Family Retreat @ Camp Chrystalis**  
11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(MH)  
11:00 a.m. Wedding preparation (Parlor)  
5 p.m. **Concordia University Celebration**  
**SUNDAY, February 26**  
**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
8:15 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Epiphany Eucharist  
2:00 p.m. Crop Walk  
**MONDAY, February 27**  
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 (Multi-Purpose Rm)  
**TUESDAY, February 28—Shrove Tuesday**  
10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)  
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper (MPR)  
6:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (Narthex)  
**WEDNESDAY, March 1—Ash Wednesday**  
7-8 a.m. Imposition of Ashes  
11:30 a.m.-noon Imposition of Ashes  
12 noon Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
5:30-7 p.m. Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 p.m. Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
**THURSDAY, March 2**  
7:00 p.m. Ostomy Association (MR)

**FRIDAY, March 3**  
9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
**SATURDAY, March 4**  
**WELCA Convention—Georgetown**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 5—LENT 1**  
8:15 a.m. Lenten Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Lenten Worship  
**MONDAY, March 6**  
**GLCM Lutheran Schools Week**  
7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry (M-F)  
10:00 a.m. Jeremiah Program—Ribbon cutting  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)  
**TUESDAY, March 7**  
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Quilters (MR)  
10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)  
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
6:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (MPR)  
6:30 p.m. Mopar Muscle Car Club (Parlor)  
**WEDNESDAY, March 8**  
Midweek Connections — see center column front page  
**THURSDAY, March 9**  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
**FRIDAY, March 10**  
9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)

7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Club (MPR)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
**SATURDAY, March 11**  
11:00 a.m. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder(MH)  
4:00 p.m. Rippy/Dittrich Wedding (Lutherhill)  
**SUNDAY, March 12—Lent 2**  
**WORLD HUNGER/FAIR TRADE SUNDAY**  
8:15 a.m. Lenten Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Lenten Worship  
**MONDAY, March 13**  
**GLCM Spring Break March 13-17**  
6:30 p.m. Square Dancing (Multi-Purpose Rm)  
**TUESDAY, March 14**  
9:30 a.m. GWELCA Mary/Martha (MR)  
10:00 a.m. Senior Basketball (MPR)  
1:30-3:45 p.m. Food Pantry/Clothes Closet  
6:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. Royal Dancers (MPR)  
7:00 p.m. GLADOFFF—la Madeleine  
**WEDNESDAY, March 15**  
Midweek Connections — see center column front page  
**THURSDAY, March 16**  
**FRIDAY, March 17**  
9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language(MH)  
9:00 a.m. GLCM Chapel (Narthex)  
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Music Rm)  
**SATURDAY, March 18**