GETHSEMANE OCTOBER EMPHASIS: “LUTHERAN HERITAGE”

SEPTEMBER 28 — PENTECOST 16
ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of love, giver of life, help us understand our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us free from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MAMMA JAMMA RIDE
Saturday September 27, Gethsemane member Alice Larson Mueller and husband Mark will participate in the annual Mamma Jamma Ride supporting 10 non-profits providing services to breast cancer patients and families. In 2013, Alice provided leadership for Team Gethsemane Lutheran earning the “Top Team Fundraising Award”. Thanks to Alice & Mark for their commitment to healthy living. Thanks to generous Gethsemane congregants.

Persons interested in the 2014 ride may send their gift to: mammajammaride@click on donate/book for Team Gethsemane. You may designate your gift for Alice, Mark or any other rider. Thanks for helping to defeat breast cancer.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY
Gethsemane hosts the Georgian Aegean Neighborhood Association 11 a.m. Saturday, September 27 in the Music Room. Rodney Thrailkill and Rigel Thurston facilitate the meeting. Contact Pastor Karl Gronberg or Intern Sharolyn Browning for information.

Neighbors were active participants in the God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 7 volunteering many hours on the Gethsemane Parking lot painting for the annual blood drive.

Pastor Karl Gronberg participated with neighbors, Saturday Sept. 13 in a Neighborhood Walk from Gethsemane Park to the 5 acres of land purchased by the City of Austin for a neighborhood park.

Gethsemane member, Dr. Cal Streeter University of Texas-Austin faculty, will utilize the Gethsemane Steffans Hospitality House Wednesday evening, Sept. 24 for orientation, canvass of the neighborhood and meal. Intern Pastor Sharolyn Browning continues with Pastor Gronberg to meet with our neighbors as they plan a community garden at Gethsemane Park.

DRIVE A SENIOR GIFT
Gethsemane is a charter member of Drive a Senior Gift-North Central Austin: A Member of The Faith in Action Network. This senior adult ministry assists Austin residents to stay in their homes during the aging process. Pastor Karl Gronberg and Intern Sharolyn Browning will attend the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 30 celebrating 25 years of ministry. The Gethsemane gift supporting this ministry will be presented. Thanks to the Carl & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation for partnership in ministry to senior adults.

OCTOBER 5 — PENTECOST 17
Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14, St. Matthew 21:33-46

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Beloved God, from your very greatness we sense our frailties and failings. Call us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES
When children are brought to the waters of baptism by parents and sponsors, many promises are made, including “to place in their hands the holy scriptures.” The Community of Faith celebrates with families supporting their intentions for commitment to a baptismal life. October 5, parents/grandparents of third grade children will receive “Spark” NRSV Bibles, so they may place them in their children’s hands. The families of these third-graders are invited: Conrad Bohls, Smith Bohls, Marley Dunahoo, Miriam Etheredge, Logan Fuller, Jaxson Noren, Bristol Raymond, Renick Wilson. If we have missed a third grade, please contact Pastor Susan Schröder. The faithful remodeling of the Gethsemane Community is faithful to the Reformation heritage by being “people of the Bible”.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKS
Christ In Our Home daily devotional books for October, November, December are available in the narthex. This is a publication of Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The writers are ELCA members from congregations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Louisiana, Iowa. The Rev. John McCul- lough-Radu, formerly of Austin, Texas is one of the authors. Pick up your copy. Take time for daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer. You faith walk will be blessed.

“A NIGHT UNDER ONE SKY”
Gethsemane congregants are invited to spend “a sacred evening of dining and dialogue in the celebration of relationships we’ve made, those we hope to build” Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum sponsored by IACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas). Gethsemane Lutheran is a charter member of this interfaith organization fostering conversation between faith communities. Persons interested are invited to contact Pastor Karl Gronberg.

“LITTLE LUTHERAN” ARRIVES
In honor of the October emphasis for Gethsemane, “Lutheran Heritage”, the magazine Little Lutheran, a publication of Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the ELCA, has ordered. The year long subscription will be sent to the homes of 19 Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gethsemane Quilters
Gethsemane Quilters for supporting this ministry to senior adults.

GETHSEMANE FALL FEST
Circle the date on your calendar October 25th, 10 am-3 pm for a morning of fun, fellowship and supporting Gethsemane’s ministry to children and their families. There will be games, raffles, art & crafts, silent auction, food, live music, prizes, bounce house, cake walk, face painting, harvest pictures, petting zoo, “maybe some Austin politicians looking for votes” and more. Help support the continued positive growth of our community through Gethsemane. GethsemaneFallFest@Gmail.com and importantly, YOU. Bring cash to purchase tickets and silent auction items. Checks will also be accepted with a valid driver’s license and current address and phone number. Tickets for food and activities are 50 cents each (activities are 1 or more tickets)

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
The Sjo-Pro Tours for October are filled but Gethsemane friend Bill indicates the December trip has a few openings. Gethsemane Sanctuary Choir Director Dr. Barry William- son invites singers and non/singers to travel England, Wales and Ireland June 28-July 9, 2015. Information in the narthex or speak with Barry.

OCTOBER 12 — PENTECOST 18
ELCA WORLD HUNGER
Scripture: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; St. Matthew 22:1-14

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH
Senior High and Junior High (7th & 8th)
Youth prepare to attend the SWT Synod Gatherings to take place at Camp Chrysalis, Jr. High will be the weekend of Nov. 7-9, 2015 and the presenters of “Reced in God’s Garden,” A Bible study for adults, on Wednesday evenings. Your participation in these classes helps the Gethsemane community (ekklesia) take an active role in growing disciples in the teamwork to guide Sharolyn through this year. Thank you to chair Renita Feller, Greg Althaus, Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Tracy Anderson, Rick Brock, Zach Brock, Elisabeth Kihleg, Holly Kroll, Steve Green, and Pastor Karl Gronberg and Intern Sharolyn will attend a gathering of interns and their supervisors, from Region 4 of the ELCA, at Briarwood Retreat Center, Argyle, Texas October 13th and 14th. Pastor and Intern Sharolyn will visit Lutheran Synod Youth Gatherings in Louisiana, Iowa. The ELCA National Youth Gathering (those completed 9th-12th) will take place in Detroit, MI, July 15-19, 2015. Registration packets, including deadlines and payment amounts, may be picked up on Wednesdays & Sundays in the narthex.

GETHSEMANE INTER
Intern Sharolyn has spent the past weeks focusing on educational ministries, as new classes began after Rally Day. She is the storyteller for the 2 yr. olds through 3rd graders during Godly Play on Sunday mornings and the presenters of “Reced in God’s Garden,” A Bible study for adults, on Wednesday evenings. Your participation in these classes helps the Gethsemane community (ekklesia) take an active role in growing disciples in the teamwork to guide Sharolyn through this year. Thank you to chair Renita Feller, Greg Althaus, Carly Anderson, Kate Anderson, Tracy Anderson, Rick Brock, Zach Brock, Elisabeth Kihleg, Holly Kroll, Steve Green, and Pastor Karl Gronberg and Intern Sharolyn will attend a gathering of interns and their supervisors, from Region 4 of the ELCA, at Briarwood Retreat Center, Argyle, Texas October 13th and 14th. Pastor and Intern Sharolyn will visit Lutheran Synod Youth Gatherings in Louisiana, Iowa. The ELCA National Youth Gathering (those completed 9th-12th) will take place in Detroit, MI, July 15-19, 2015. Registration packets, including deadlines and payment amounts, may be picked up on Wednesdays & Sundays in the narthex.

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IN MEMORY
Florence “Flo” Lou Laubach, a baptized Christian and confirmed member of Gethsemane Lutheran, claimed the promise of her baptism Saturday, September 13, 2014. The memorial liturgy was held at Gethsemane Thursday, September 18. Flo was raised to love God in Christ and received the gift of faith. She knew she was firmly rooted in God’s love. She never let anyone separate her from the love of God in Christ and placed her hope in the promise of eternal life.

Florence “Flo” Lou Laubach, Jim and family and “sister” Carol were honored at the Gala. Attendees were Elizabeth Kilberg, Virginia Marek, Intern Pastor Sharolyn & Duke Browning, Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg, guests Tam & Teresa Tran, Rev. Don Broughton. Gethsemane friends Roger Temme and Earl Maxwell were honored at the Gala.

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