

sunday times

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Our Good Shepherd calls us into the safekeeping of this fold. May all gathered here feel the welcome and love of God in Christ.



If you are visiting with us today, please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.



On Sunday, May 14 at 8:15am and 10:30am, we welcome the Rev. Sara Lilja to our pulpit. Pastor Lilja will help us be a family when it's hard to be a family. She will focus on how to navigate the current political landscape here in America through the lens of the Gospel. After both services - a dialogue about the sermon and this topic will be held in the Sanctuary. Pastor Lilja serves on the Bishop's staff of the NJ Synod and is the Director of the Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey (LEAMNJ). May God help us as we consider what kinds of things create community and how we can deal with differences between ourselves.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017,
1pm in the lounge. All ages are invited to join us!



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Thanks to the Easter holiday, we have closed the gap compared to last year. But due to a 5% increase in our 2017 budget, we are still short about \$8,000. With summer coming, we are concerned this number will only grow. Please remember to keep up your giving now and through the summer months, so come September we don't have an insurmountable amount to make up. We are grateful for everyone's support. If you are a contributor to Calvary and not receiving financial statements from Calvary, please contact the office with your information and a statement will be provided to you at the end of the year.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Dan Swing Jr., Pat Jurpalis' nephew, had emergency surgery to remove an infected gallbladder. Please keep Dan in your prayers for a speedy recovery.



FIRST SUNDAY

TODAY, MAY 7 @ 9:15AM

This simple worship service for young children and their families will take place **today, MAY 7. We gather at 9:15am** in the sanctuary for a service that engages the little ones and provides Holy Communion for parents. This brief service includes a story for the children, but not an adult sermon. People of all ages are warmly invited and refreshments for the whole congregation will be served following worship.



After Worship, dads and their children will be going to Fellowship Hall for a special event (shhh....they are making some surprises together) and moms will be having their own time of refreshments and fellowship in honor of Mother's Day.



BEER & BIBLE AT THE CRANFORD HOTEL, MAY 9

We are continuing our new ministry Beer & Bible at the Cranford Hotel on **May 9**. We gather at **7pm** (Pastor Carol will be there for supper at 6:30 pm). Our conversation about a passage around our pints (or any beverage) begins at 7:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm with Holy Communion. Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawlers will meet **May 21 at 9:15am** in the Betty Dahlquist Room. This will be our last get together before we break for the summer.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 28th

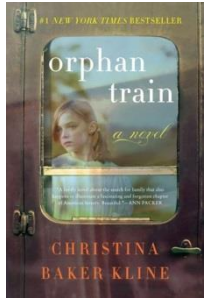
Please join us this summer for our single service of Worship with Holy Communion **beginning on Sunday, May 28th at 9:30am.**



BIBLE SUNDAY, MAY 21

On Sunday, May 21, at the 10:30 am worship service, Calvary Lutheran Church will continue the tradition of placing a Bible in every child's hands.

We celebrate as the children in kindergarten and first grade will receive their own Bibles. We pray these Bibles provide guidance and encouragement to each of them as they grow in God's love and grace. It is a joyous reminder of the importance of God's Word in our everyday life. Keep these children in your prayers this week, asking God to guide them as they continue on their faith journey.



THE CONNECT BOOK CLUB, JUNE 13, 7:30PM

We will meet on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30pm to discuss the book Orphan Train, by Christina Baker Kline. It is a fictional story based on true events in the early 1900's, when young, orphaned immigrant children were placed on trains

and sent to the Midwest to be adopted, and where their destinies would be determined by luck and chance. It is a story of unlikely friendships, secrets and the resilience of the human spirit. Books are available in the narthex for borrowing. Questions? Please contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267.



LAKESIDE ACAPPELLA CAMP Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY July 13, 14, & 15, 2017

Open to all singers, male and female, under the age of 23 who are looking for a great weekend of a cappella singing and performing under the direction of some of the best in the business! Music will include both contemporary favorites and barbershop! Spend the weekend on the lake at Cazenovia College with other young singers from around the country who love a cappella music and you'll learn from some of the best coaches and clinicians in the world! For more information, please visit <http://www.lakesideacappella.com> or contact Jeanne Elmuccio at jeanne@calvarycranford.com



COMMEMORATING 500 YEARS OF THE REFORMATION

There will be two anniversary trips available this year to celebrate the 500th years of the Reformation. The first trip will

be from **July 17-28** and will visit Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Eisenach, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. The cost is \$3899 per person leaving out of Newark. The second trip will be from **Aug. 25 to Sept. 5**. It is a unique 12 day tour of Frankfurt, Worms, Eisenach, Erfurt, Eisleben, Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, and Zeitz. The highlight will be a day meeting some of Luther's descendants in the delightful town of Zeitz. The cost is \$2599 without air fare. **If you would like a brochure for either or both of these trips, ask Pastor Carol.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:15am **10:30am**

Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Ty Dobbins
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	Austin Williams
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C)	Dave TenBroeck(C)
	Judy Seavy	Barb Birger
	TBD	TBD
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 5/07	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	First Sunday in the Sanctuary
9:15am	Sunday School
10am	Choir Practice
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
5pm	Confirmation Class
Sun 5/09	
7pm	Beer & Bible at the Cranford Hotel
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9am	Discussion with Pastor Lilja
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Choir Practice
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
11:30am	Discussion with Pastor Lilja

Our office hours are:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tues and Thurs: 10:30am – 5:30pm

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