

sunday times

Second Sunday of Christmas
January 03, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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A new day! A new year! Show me the steps you have me take, O Lord.

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.



*Share the Vision -
Make a Difference*

We are continuing to receive 2016 Estimates of Giving Pledges. Extra green forms are available in the narthex and in the pews. Please place your pledge in the turquoise stewardship box in the narthex. We currently have 37 pledges for 2016. We will be dedicating Pledges next Sunday, January 10th. Thank you!



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Calvary's income for YTD November 2015 is \$266,981. Our expense totaled \$283,850 which leaves us with a shortfall of \$16,869. Thank you for all that helped to close the gap from early in the fall as we look to close out the year in a positive position. Please take the time to complete your pledge. Calvary is able to receive your gifts by:

- Making credit card payments through the church's website www.calvarycranford.com
- Adding us to your bill paying procedure on your bank website - we appear on many drop down menus.
- For those of you who prefer to use your smartphone, the QR code is above.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for your support of Calvary's ministry!

Please Note: We will close the church books on January 12, 2016. Checks written in 2015 for Calvary may be submitted until that time.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ We are praying for Robin Marko's nephews, Tim Griffiths and Bernie Picha who are serving in Afghanistan and Bahrain. The airmen recently killed in Afghanistan were from Tim's unit.
- ✠ We are praying for Jeanne Viscito, a dear friend of Jeanne Elmuccio, who was in another car accident and is undergoing tests.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next **Sunday, Jan. 10th at 9:15 am in the library.** We will be making fleece blankets for children in need of our comfort and prayers. If you know how to tie a knot, you are invited to join us. No knowledge of sewing, knitting, or crocheting required.



Calvary Nursery School's **OPEN HOUSE Saturday, January 23, 10am - 12pm**
Join us for Registration! A

nurturing, play-based and age-appropriate early childhood program for children 2 ½ - 6 years. Questions? Please call 908- 272-3962.

Operation Warm Heart (a mission set up by Elizabeth to House the Homeless) meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from December to March, 6:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. They are currently looking for a team of big-hearted sewers who would like to assist in mending the clothing of our guests. Repairs are basic, and all are necessary and appreciated. Operation Warm Heart supplies the needles, straight pins & thread. You would just bring yourself for an hour or so! Contact Robin Marko rdmarko@verizon.net or Catherine Felegi by calling her at (908) 578-8500, or emailing her at Catherine.Felegi@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.



Please join us in remembering the life and work of **Martin Luther King, Jr.** An ecumenical service hosted by: The Cranford Clergy Council,

representing our 10 houses of worship and the Interfaith Human Relations Committee. This service will be held at Cranford Alliance Church at 7 Cherry St. on **Thursday, January 14, 7:00p.m.** A special offering will be collected to go towards the Cranford Clergy Council Scholarship, awarded to a graduating Senior for exceptional volunteer service to our community. For more information, contact Cindy at cindy@patwin.com or 908-272-9133.

Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim is running a FREE Community event at TBEMC on **Sunday January 17th, 2016 at 7:30pm** in honor of Martin Luther King Day. They are extending an invitation to the entire Cranford community through the clergy council. The event is called "We Shall Not Stand By: Jews on the march for civil rights with Dr. King." It will feature a fascinating documentary film about the late Rabbi Joachim Prinz of Temple B'nai Abraham (of Newark and later Livingston) who was a firebrand leader of the Jewish organizations involved with the March on Washington and the civil rights movement at that time; he delivered a keynote address at the March. They have a facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/155407848146982/> Please check out the temple's website www.tbemc.org for more info.

4th Annual Day of Service Project Fair to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday will be held on **Monday, January 18th** at the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield Ave. in Bates Hall **4:30 – 6:30 pm**. The Cranford Community Service Project Fair is an exciting and fun opportunity for us to transform Dr. King's vision and teachings into action using community spirit to meet the tangible needs of others. Participants of all ages will have an opportunity to complete several hands-on service projects, which will not only benefit the recipients, but will give the participants the opportunity to use community action to serve others. Any questions, please contact Janice at Jansport2@verizon.net or Cindy at cindy@patwin.com

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Leslie Schreiber
Comm. Asst.	Eric Pastore
Ushers	George Bird (C) Susan Bird Doug Nordstrom TBD
Acolyte	TBD
Altar Guild	Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 01/03	<i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>
10:30 am	Eucharistic Service of Carols w/Holy Communion
Sun 01/10	<i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group meets
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music

Our office hours are:

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

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