

sunday times

Second Sunday After Christmas
January 4, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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If you are visiting with us today, welcome, and please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" visitor forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We are very glad that Janice Booth, our new Parish Office Manager, is with us this morning in worship with her husband, Craig. Janice began her work with us at Calvary on September 29. She came to Calvary from First Lutheran Church in Clifton where she had been church secretary for the past nine years. She also has a background in long term care administration. We will be praying today for Janice's ministry and we hope you will take an opportunity to welcome her and her husband to Calvary.



Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Ray Drude, a dear friend of Matt & Meg Spatz, will be admitted to Hackensack University Medical Center on Tuesday for a stem cell transplant. Once Ray's white blood count reaches a medically-acceptable level, he will be discharged home to continue healing. He will be vulnerable to infection during this time; please do not plan to visit if you have *any* respiratory infection. We should keep Ray and his family in our prayers as they prepare for and face the next steps in his treatment.
- ✠ Barbara Harvey, Lois Hasselman's daughter, has been admitted to the hospital with pinched nerves in her lower back. Barbara is experiencing quite a bit of pain and will require 8 weeks of outpatient physical therapy once discharged from the hospital.



We wish you and your family a Happy New Year. Our end of the year reporting is not complete.

However, it looks like we will be ending 2014 in the red. We will continue to receive 2014 gifts this Sunday, January 4. Please be sure that your checks are dated 2014.

We would also like to remind the congregation that 2015 pledges are still being received - it is not too late to submit your 2015 Pledge! The number of 2015 Pledges remains well below 2014. Please try to submit them this Sunday so we can finalize our reporting for 2014/2015 financial planning.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship at Calvary,
Tim Birkel, Finance Officer

2015 giving envelopes and statements will be available on Sunday January 18.

THE CARING MINISTRY meeting for tomorrow has been cancelled. The next meeting will be Monday February 2 at 10:30 am.

THE CRANFORD CLERGY COUNCIL INTERFAITH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE has awarded the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award to Pat Jurpulis! Pat will receive the award at the Dr. MLK Jr. Commemorative Service on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 100 High Street in Cranford. For details, please read the purple bulletin insert. We hope our Calvary Family will attend the Service to show our appreciation and love for and to honor Pat!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WILL MEET JANUARY 11 at 9:30 am in the Betty Dahlquist Room. Whether you are experienced at knitting or crocheting or need some help to get started, all are welcome to join us. Yarn, needles, encouragement and fellowship are provided.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday January 5 at 7:30 pm in the parish center of St. Helen's church in Westfield. For more information please call Marilyn Ryan at (908)232-1214.

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at First Presbyterian Church in Cranford will run January 25-March 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm. All are Welcome. For more info & to register call Patti Williams, RN (908)709-1341 or Virginia Waters, PhD (908)276-2226.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE! 7:00-8:30 PM
Youth in Grades 8-12, join us tonight for our Christmas Story Scavenger Hunt. Please bring gently-used or new twin or full-size blankets for the Blanket Drive and wrapped goodies for our College Care Packages.

HELP OUR YOUTH CARE FOR OTHERS! Once again, the Youth in grades 8-12 are continuing their long-standing tradition of sending Valentine's Day care packages to Calvary's college students. We are asking for donations during the month of January of wrapped candy and individually packaged snacks, popcorn, chips, etc. College care packages will be assembled and mailed by our Youth on Sunday February 1. There is a box in the narthex for donations. This is a wonderful way for our congregation to stay connected with our Calvary college students. Thank you for your support!

Mailing Addresses Needed: If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please email the Church office with his or her name and address by Friday, January 23. Please type "College Student Care Package" in the subject line of your email.

LOOKING FOR NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKETS!!! The youth in grades 8-12 are sponsoring a blanket drive. Your donations of new or gently used twin or full size blankets will be greatly appreciated. Look for the donation box in the Narthex. Help us support Charis Bible College's ministry to the poor and homeless of Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.
- Greg Kraus, Youth Officer

WANTED: PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO PLAN & HAVE FUN! A new **Connect: Fellowship Committee** is forming and we want you! We welcome new ideas for events, evenings out and family activities. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com. Our first meeting will be held in early January.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

10:30 a.m.

Asst. Min.	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Gregory Kraus
Ushers	Ginger Johnson Steve Johnson Doug Nordstrom (C) Chuck Sherrick
Acolyte	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 1/4 *Christmas 2*
9:30 am Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion
11:30 am Calvary Family New Year's Brunch
A Visit like No Other,
Cross+Generational Event

Wed 1/7
1:00 pm Staff meeting
8-10:00 pm Rehearsal/Carrolton Chorale

Thu 1/8
1:15 pm Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion

Sun 1/11
8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting
10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
5-7:00 pm Confirmation Class



CNSCC EARLY REGISTRATION begins for all Calvary Lutheran Church families tomorrow, Monday January 5, 2014. Please contact the nursery school if you are interested in enrolling your child, 908-272-3962.

THE CARROLTON CHORALE will hold an A Cappella concert "Love Came Down at Christmas" featuring music of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Seasons at Calvary on Sunday January 11 @ 3:00 pm. Suggested donation, at the door, is \$15/\$10 for seniors/students.



Health Watch ...

While we're in the cold & flu season, you are welcome to refrain from shaking hands during the *Sharing of the Peace*. Calvary wants to keep you healthy!