

sunday times

First Sunday After the Epiphany
January 8, 2017



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome to worship in this new year of our Lord 2017! Please greet one another in the spirit of 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.



FIRST SUNDAY

**TODAY, JANUARY 8,
9:15 a.m.** This simple worship
service for young children and

their families will take place **TODAY, Jan. 8.** We gather in the church at 9:15 a.m. for a service that engages the little ones and provides Holy Communion for parents. Our children's Health & Fitness Fair will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. "Strong for God" is our theme for today.



Please Note :

There will be only ONE 10:30 a.m. service next Sunday, January 15th.



PASTOR'S "15 ON THE 15TH" CELEBRATION, JANUARY 15

We are looking forward to celebrating **Pastor Carol's 15 years at Calvary Lutheran Church** with a **combined 10:30 a.m. service** followed by a **potluck luncheon on Sunday, January 15!** Your help will be much appreciated to make this a success.

Please contact council member Mary Sterling at 908-217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com by **January 10** regarding the following:

- Your plans to attend and number of people
- Your dish to pass (casserole-hot/cold, dish/salad, desert)
- Help with set up, clean up, decorations.

We will also include a free-will offering basket to help us with our other expenses. **Hope you can join us in this wonderful cause for celebration!**

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Bob Seavy (95), died peacefully Wednesday morning while in hospice care at home. Please keep Jim and Judy, Bill and Karen and the entire Seavy family in your prayers. Elizabeth (husband, Robbie and son, Noah) and Rob his grandchildren are all members of Calvary. A Memorial Service for Bob will be held at Calvary on Jan. 28 at 11am.
- ✠ Suzy Romero's father, Stanley Mruk, died at home the early morning of December 28. Please pray for Suzy, Oscar, Tim, Ben and all who mourn Stan's death. Pastor Carol officiated at a funeral service for Stanley on January 3rd in Berkeley Heights.
- ✠ June Kaiser is now recovering at home from a stay at Overlook Hospital for blood clots and GI issues.
- ✠ Dolores Strockbine, Pastor Strockbine's wife, suffered a stroke on December 12.
- ✠ Louise Engstrom, remains in hospice care at her son's home in Woodbridge. Please continue to pray for Louise, her sons Harold and David and their families during this journey.
- ✠ Howard Strand, son of Caryl Strand, was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep Howard, Caryl, his wife Dawn and their family close in prayer during this very difficult time.



THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet TODAY Sunday, January 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Betty Dahlquist room. All are welcome to join our friendly group!

BEER & BIBLE AT THE KILKENNY PUB IN CRANFORD, JANUARY 10



Beer & Bible will continue at the Kilkenny's Pub on **January 10.** This informal group meets on Two Tuesdays every month 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, but you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like. Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

CHURCH, SEX & POLITICS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th at 9:15 a.m. and then the **third Sunday of every month** join Karl Schlenker in the Dahlquist Lounge at 9:15 am for an informal, frank and open discussion on topics of the day, things that are on your mind or things that are on his. This class is open to all ages and the only requirement is that you come with an open mind and a desire to share and question! There will be no right or wrong answers. This is an opportunity to question what we really believe, to try to find meaning and relevance in the Church and the Bible in a modern world.



The Cranford Clergy Council
along with the Interfaith Human Relations
Committee invites you to attend the **Rev. Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service**



Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Cranford
100 High St. Cranford, NJ

Please Note: We will close the church books
on January 16, 2017. Checks written in 2016
for Calvary may be submitted until that time.



What are you doing on January 16?

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.'s birthday, participate
in the 4th Annual Cranford
Community Service Project Fair
Monday, January 16, 2017,

**from 4:30-6:30p.m. at the First Presbyterian
Church of Cranford. Join the Calvary team as
we make sandwiches for folks in need. WE
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Need a ride? Call
Pat Jurpalis (908) 447-2907.**

In preparation for the fair, the Interfaith Community
Service is looking for donations of:

- 40 single serving healthy snacks
- 50 single serve juice boxes`
- 30 single serve 1%low-fat milk boxes-non
refrigerated, like Parmalat (most needed!)
- 50 applesauce cups
- 30 sugar free cereal boxes, such as
Cheerios, Rice Krispies, etc.
- 30 (7.5 oz. or less) single serve
microwaveable pop- top meals like stew
or mac and cheese(no Ramen type noodle
cups, please)
- 20 **house cleaning products**, such as
spray cleaners, multi-purpose cleaners,
toilet bowl cleaners, sponges, etc.
- 20 **disposable baby diapers**, newborn -
2Toddler.

**Please leave all items in the boxes marked
"Cranford Community Service Project Fair" in
the narthex.** If you have any questions, please
contact the church office at (908) 276-2418.



Calvary Nursery School's OPEN HOUSE Saturday, January 21, 10am – 12pm

Join us for Registration! A
nurturing, play-based and age-
appropriate early childhood
program for children 2 ½ - 6
years. If you have any questions,
please call 908- 272-3962.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Robert Seavy	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C) Judy Seavy TBD TBD	Frank Kylish (C) Doug Nordstrom Chuck Sherrick TBD
Acolyte	TBD	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 1/08	<i>First Sunday After the Epiphany</i>
8:15am	Worship w/Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	First Sunday
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group Meets
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
Tue 1/10	Beer & Bible at the Kilkenny House
Sun 1/15	<i>Second Sunday After the Epiphany</i>
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Church, Sex & Politics
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music "15 on the 15 th " Celebration

Our office hours are:

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

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THE CONNECT BOOK CLUB Save the date!

The Connect Ministry invites you to our next book
club discussion **Thursday, February 2 from 7:30
to 9pm.** (We have scheduled a snow date
of February 6 in case of inclement weather.) We
will be discussing **The Vanishing Act of Esme
Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell.** This is a story of
the way truth can change everything; family
secrets, lost lives and how expected social mores
clash with human desires. Told by 3 main
characters, this mystery is Maggie O'Farrell's
fourth novel, who lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.
Books are available for borrowing in the narthex in
a blue bag. Please look for the sign-out sheet if
you choose to borrow one. Please call Nancy
Meglio at (908) 418-3679 with questions.