

sunday times

1st Sunday After Epiphany
January 11, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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 WELCOME & THANK Associate Organist, Tyler Simko, for sharing his musical gifts with us in worship this morning.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS to close our 2014 budget gap!

The current year-end 2014 financial update: Income of \$304,700, dedicated giving of \$7,500 and total expenses of \$314,100 – a shortfall of \$1,900.

An update on our 2015 Pledges: the current pledge count of 52 is still shy of last year's count. Please be sure to pledge today! Pledge forms are in the narthex.

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

[2015 giving envelopes will be available on Sun., 1/18.]

**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, 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!

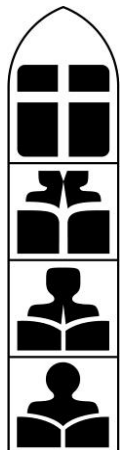
**THE DR. MLK JR. DAY SERVICE FAIR IS MONDAY,
1/19 4-6:00 PM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH** in Cranford. In preparation for the fair, the following items are needed (updated from the list on the purple bulletin insert):
Single Serve Health Snacks • Single Serve Juice Boxes • Single Serve 1% low-fat [non-refrigerated, such as Parmalat] Milk • Single Fruit or Applesauce Cups • Single Serve Microwave Pop-top Meals [stew/mac 'n cheese] • Household Cleaning Products • Disposable Baby Diapers [any size]. Please bring your donated items to Calvary during the week or next Sunday January 18 when you come to church.
Thank You!

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Caryl & Howard Strand have been patients at Overlook Hospital, with flu and respiratory illnesses.
- ✠ The Willems send Christmas greetings and their love to everyone at Calvary! Tracy, Brian & Ben attended Christmas worship at Tracy's childhood home church, where Ben played one of the wise men in the Sunday School Christmas program. Brian has secured a job with Dell Computers! Tracy says that everything "... has come together so smoothly that we know this was meant to be. We feel blessed."

AMERICANS, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE BIBLE

Dr. David Grafton is a professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at our Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. He is offering an upcoming course which can be taken online. This course gives people an opportunity to learn about our neighbors in the Middle East. Please reference the following link for full information:
<http://tts.edu/americans-the-bible-and-the-middle-east/> If you are interested in taking this course - please let us know in the church office. We will pay the class fee - and find a weekly opportunity that fits people's schedules to hear Dr. Grafton's presentations and have our own group discussion on these topics. I believe we have a responsibility as Christians to enter the public discourse on current events in an educated way. Learning also helps us to be bridge builders of tolerance, compassion and respect. If you would like to study with me, I would welcome your involvement. ~ Pastor Carol



**Learn
&
Grow**



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!



This morning we continue using the Narrative Lectionary. To help deepen your understanding of each Sunday's text we will provide daily scripture readings for the coming week. Read about prophecies that promised a Messiah from King David's heir.

Sunday, Matthew 3:1-17

Jesus' Baptism

Monday, Psalm 2:7-8

Psalm

Tuesday, Judges 13:1-7

The Birth of Samson

Wednesday, Isaiah 11:1-9

God's Peaceful Kingdom

Thursday, Zechariah 3:1-10

Joshua and Satan

Friday, Numbers 31:21-24

Cleansing by Fire

Saturday, Isaiah 40:1-11

A Voice in the Wilderness



HELP OUR YOUTH CARE FOR

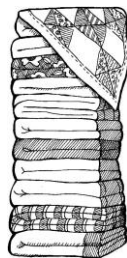
OTHERS! Once again, the Youth in grades 8-12 are continuing their long-standing tradition of sending Valentine's Day care packages to Calvary's college students. We are asking for donations during the month of January of wrapped

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

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Anne Dawson	TBA
Ushers	Cliff Kaiser Brian McCarthy H. Wichmann (C) Pat Wichmann	Ginger Johnson Steve Johnson Doug Nordstrom (C) Chuck Sherrick
Acolyte	Eric Bebel	E. Pastore&J.Garbowski
Altar Guild	Lori Guadin	Lori Guadin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 1/11	<i>Jesus' Baptism</i>
8:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting
10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
2-5:00 pm	Carrolton Chorale Concert @ CLC
5-7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
7:00 pm	Youth Conversation, ELCA Gathering
Thu 1/15	
1:15 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
7:30 pm	Dr. MLK Jr. Commemorative Service @ First Baptist Church, Cranford
7:30 pm	Fellowship Committee meeting @ CLC
Fri 1/16	
1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Sun 1/18	<i>Tempted in the Wilderness</i>
8:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday January 19, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WILL MEET TODAY 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.

OUR NEW FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will have its first meeting on Thursday 1/15 @ 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend! Contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com.