

# sunday times

Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 18, 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.

**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.]

## CONGRATULATIONS PAT JURPALIS!

The Cranford Clergy Council Interfaith Human Relations Committee honored and presented Pat Jurpulis with the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. Pat received the award at the Dr. MLK Jr. Commemorative Service held on Thursday, January 15, at First Baptist Church, Cranford.

## THE DR. MLK JR. DAY SERVICE FAIR MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 4-6:00 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CRANFORD

Please join this community-wide effort to provide goods to our neighbors in need. We will gather on Monday, January 19, from 4:00-6:00 PM to package and box donations at the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford.

### Health Watch ...



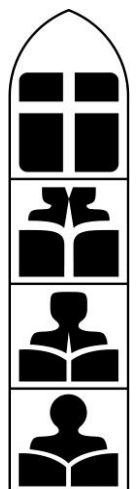
While we're in the cold & flu season, you are welcome to refrain from shaking hands during the *Sharing of the Peace*. Calvary wants to keep you healthy!

## Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Michael DeLouisa, a sophomore at Cranford High School, died tragically last Sunday. We are praying this morning for his family and all who mourn his death.
- ✚ Howard Strand is in ICU at Overlook Hospital in serious condition. Please pray for him and Caryl who is recovering herself at home.
- ✚ Judi Byrne, Janet Rupp's sister, continues to struggle with challenges.
- ✚ Ben Gardner, Chuck Sherrick's cousin, continues his recovery after a serious accident at work.
- ✚ Barbara Harvey, daughter of Lois Hasselman, is recovering in rehab with recent back issues.
- ✚ Emily Kocis, friend of Holly Miller, continues her battle with a rare and serious form of cancer.
- ✚ Francine Kurasz, Donna Vaupel's cousin, continues her struggle with cancer.
- ✚ Pastor Roger Spencer, continues his treatment for cancer and his recovery from a stroke.
- ✚ Pastor Wendolyn Trozzo, our missionary in Malaysia, continues treatment for breast cancer.

## AMERICANS, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE BIBLE

Dr. David Grafton, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia is offering an online course which gives people an opportunity to learn about our neighbors in the Middle East. Please reference the following link for full information: <http://ltsp.edu/americans-the-bible-and-the-middle-east/> If you are interested, 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. I welcome you to study with me, Pastor Carol



**Learn  
&  
Grow**



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 the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up question - How does temptation help or hinder people's relationships with God?

- Sunday, Matthew 4:1-17,  
*Tempted in the Wilderness*
- Monday, Psalm 91:9-12,  
*Psalm*
- Tuesday, Genesis 1:26-27,  
*Creation of Humanity*
- Wednesday, Genesis 3:1-7,  
*Temptation in the Garden of Eden*
- Thursday, Deuteronomy 8:1-10,  
*A Warning from God*
- Friday, Matthew 4:18-22,  
*Jesus Calls the First Disciples*
- Saturday, Matthew 4:23-25,  
*Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People*



**HELP OUR YOUTH CARE FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!**

Our Senior Youth are continuing their long-standing tradition of sending Valentine's Day care packages to Calvary's college students. We are asking for donations 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. This is a wonderful way for our congregation to stay connected with our Calvary college students. There is a box for donations in the narthex. 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!!!** Our Senior Youth are sponsoring a blanket drive to support Charis Bible College's ministry to the poor and homeless of Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. Your donations of new or gently used twin or full size blankets will be greatly appreciated. Look for the donation box in the Narthex.



**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Asst. Min.	Chris Wendel	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers	Cliff Kaiser	Ginger Johnson
	Brian McCarthy	Steve Johnson
	H. Wichmann (C)	Doug Nordstrom (C)
	Pat Wichmann	Chuck Sherrick
Acolyte	Desirée Santos	E. Pastore
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

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

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

- Sun 1/18** *Tempted in the Wilderness*
  - 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
  - 9:30 am Sunday School
  - Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
- Mon 1/19**
  - 4:00 pm Dr MLK Jr. Day of Service @ First Presbyterian Church, Cranford
- Tues 1/20**
  - 7:00 pm Church Council
- Thurs 1/22**
  - 1:15 pm Worship with Holy Communion
- Sat 1/24**
  - 10:00 am CNSCC Open House and Registration
- Sun 1/25** *Beatitudes*
  - 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
  - 9:30 am Sunday School
  - Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
  - Bible Sunday

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Our youth will join with young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and in need of warm shelter. All donations will go to Cranford Family Care.



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL FISCAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- 9:30 am** Sunday School
  - 10:30 am** Single Service of Worship with Holy Communion
  - 11:30 am** Annual Congregational Fiscal Meeting
- Preliminary reports will be available Sunday, January 25.