

sunday times

Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 24, 2016



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

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Welcome, one and all! Faith, hope, and love are gifts of God. May you find them here.

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.

CONFIRMATION DINNER CHURCH **Sunday, January 31, 5:00- 6:30 PM**

At Dinner Church, worship takes place at the table around a big delicious meal that we cook together. Communion is made as we share food and ourselves by exploring scripture, singing, and praying together. When you arrive you will be put straight to work preparing dinner or setting the table. Working together unites us as a community and brings us closer to God. This is a confirmation class worship activity but all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for dinner and worship.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING BLITZ – **WORLD VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT** **Sunday, January 31, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in this strange game of volleyball while experiencing the discrepancies between countries and people.

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

Youth in Grades 7-12 We need your help to pack Valentine goodie boxes for Calvary's college students. Join the fun on Sunday, January 31, as we pack boxes and connect with one another. Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies or baked goods to include in the care packages. This annual youth sponsored event is greatly appreciated by the college students. Hope to see you on Sunday, **January 31, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM**. Bring a bag lunch. Please reply to this email to let us know you plan to attend.



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 29. Please type "College Student Care Package" in the subject line of your email.



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Calvary's income for year end 2015 is \$313,411. Our expense totaled \$320,361 which leaves us with a shortfall of \$6,950. Thank you for all that helped to close the year in a more positive position. Please take the time to complete your pledge. **Please note: "End of Year Giving Statements" have been mailed.**

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Frances Stoltz (98), Terry Stoltz' mother, died peacefully on Jan. 16 while in hospice care at the Marigold Nursing Home in Galesburg, IL. Services for Frances were held yesterday at the Methodist Church in New Boston, IL. Terry was not able to travel to the funeral due to his own health situation. Let's keep him, Marsha, Allison and Bill in our prayers.
- ✠ Pattie O'Grady (67), Tim O'Grady's mother, died last Sunday morning at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital while in emergency care. Her death was sudden and very unexpected. Services for Pattie were held on Thursday at Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville, NJ. Please keep Tim and Christine close in prayer as well as Tim's father, Brian.
- ✠ Donna Schlenker had a neurological/surgical procedure at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital on Jan. 13. She is still in the hospital and she and Karl are grateful for Calvary's prayerful support.
- ✠ Paul Kaiser had surgery for melanoma on Jan. 13. He continues his recovery at home and is grateful to report he will not need any chemotherapy.
- ✠ Heidi Huber (58), friend of Eric Pastore, died on Jan. 9th after a short battle with cancer. There will be a memorial service for her on Jan. 30th at 2pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Rahway.
- ✠ Anna Seymour, Dale Koznecki's mother, has been a patient this week at Overlook Hospital. She had a pacemaker put in on Thursday.
- ✠ Valerie Frank fell at home recently and she was admitted to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Rahway this week.
- ✠ We have blessed news to share about a congregant who has grown up and grown in God within our community. Bridget Gautieri has been accepted to three ELCA seminaries - Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and Lutheran School of Theology at Philadelphia. She will pursue a Master of Divinity degree as she works to reach her desired goal of serving as a Lutheran Pastor. Bridget will be visiting all three seminaries in February and will need to make her decision by early March. Please keep Bridget in your prayers for safe travels and God's guidance as she makes this important decision.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:

We will have a "delayed opening" in winter weather – which means the 8:15 a.m. service and Sunday School will be cancelled and the 10:30 a.m. service will be held, if at all possible. Please call 908-276-2418 for updates & service/activity cancellations.



**Calvary Nursery School's
OPEN HOUSE Saturday,
January 30, 10am – 12pm**

It's time for Registration!

A nurturing, play-based and age-appropriate early childhood program for children 2 ½ - 6 years. Morning and full-day options are available; with extended days and on-site enrichment offered. Kindergarten afternoon wrap-around program includes transportation from call Cranford Public Schools. State licensed, CPR/First Aid Certified and experienced teachers. Questions? Please call (908) 272-3962 or email calvarynsc@verizon.net

FEBRUARY YOUTH RETREATS

NJ Synod Winter Youth Assembly (WAY) – LoveStruck February 5-7 Youth in Grades 9-12 God - THE God - is totally, head-over-heels in love with us - LoveStruck. Let us then strive to be LoveStruck with one another! **Registration is due TODAY.**

CROSS ROADS ELEMENTARY RETREAT - FILL YOUR PLATE February 19-21 For youth in Grades 3-6 Come Fill Your Plate thru Prayer and Play! Enjoy a weekend at camp exploring your faith, enjoying great food, and having tons of fun! Parent Info Session with Lynda Pullis today at 11:45 am.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
Sunday, February 7th**

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. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously. Monetary donations of \$1, \$5, \$10 or more are greatly appreciated and will be collected in soup pots during worship.



In-kind Offering - Canned Soup Challenge – please bring cans of soup to worship on February 7th for our Souper Bowl collection. Thru a Thrivent Action Grant we will match the number of cans of soup donated by the congregation. All monetary and canned soup donations will benefit Cranford Family Care. Thank you for your generosity.



CALVARY-CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP

The Jesus Way August 15-19, 2016
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (extended care available)
Children and Youth entering Kindergarten thru Grade 6 join us for an awesome week of action-packed camp fun! Registration opens January 22, 2016.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

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| | 8:15am | 10:30am |
| Asst. Min. | Leslie Schreiber | TBD |
| Comm. Asst. | Rob Seavy | Eric Pastore |
| Ushers | Alan Olsen (C) Dennis Statue Theresa Statue Gaylord Fernstrom | George Bird (C) Susan Bird Doug Nordstrom David Ten Broeck |
| Acolyte | TBD | TBD |
| Altar Guild | Glenda Huff | Glenda Huff |

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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| Sun 01/24 | <i>Third Sunday After Epiphany</i> |
| 8:15am | Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music |
| 9:15am | Sunday School |
| 9:30am | Calvary Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:30am | Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music |
| 5-7pm | Confirmation Class |
| Tue 01/26 | |
| 7:30 pm | Church Council Budget Meeting |
| Thu 01/28 | |
| 1:15 pm | Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion |
| Sat 01/30 | |
| 10a-12pm | CNSCC Open House |
| Sun 01/31 | <i>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</i> |
| 8:15am | Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music |
| 9:15am | Sunday School |
| 9:30am | Calvary Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:30am | Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music |
| 5-6:30pm | Confirmation Class/ Dinner Church |
| 6:30-8pm | World Volley Ball Tournament |

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

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