

# sunday times

Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 25, 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.

**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.

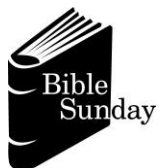
Thank you for your faithful stewardship at Calvary,  
*Tim Birkel, Finance Officer*

**2015 giving envelopes are available in the narthex.**  
**2014 Contribution Statements are available in the narthex.**

## CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL FISCAL MEETING: ONE SERVICE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2015

**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.



### TODAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY

*"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

~John 8: 31-32

Today, at the 10:30 am worship service, Calvary Lutheran Church continues the tradition of placing a Bible in every child's hands. We celebrate as Luke Owens, Lillyana Russo, Kendall Toddings, and Ava Grace Williams receive their own Bibles. We pray these Bibles provide guidance and encouragement to each of them as they grow in God's love and grace. Today is a joyous reminder of the importance of God's Word in our everyday life. Keep these children in your prayers this week, asking God to guide them as they continue on their faith journey.



### Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Ray Drude, a good friend of Matt & Meg Spatz, is who is going through stem cell replacement therapy with great success so far. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray that Ray remain infection-free as his body continues its response to the treatment.
- ✚ Howard Strand is in Palliative Care in Overlook Hospital. Please pray for him and Caryl and their family as his time of death draws near.
- ✚ Lou Suriani has been hospitalized at Overlook with a UTI. Again, family requests no visitors please.
- ✚ Father John P. McGovern, Pastor Emeritus of St. Michael's Church in Cranford, died on January 21, 2015.
- ✚ A serious fire took place this week in Chuck Sherrick's daughter's home and he and the family will be displaced for about 3 weeks. His daughter suffered smoke inhalation.

### AMERICANS, THE BIBLE, AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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. If you would like to be part of Calvary's study group, please contact the church office for the online link to this class.



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 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 5:1-20

*Beatitudes*

Monday, Psalm 1:1-3

*Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 5:21-26

*Concerning Anger*

Wednesday, Matthew 5:27-32

*Concerning Adultery and Divorce*

Thursday, Matthew 5:33-42

*Concerning Oaths and Retaliation*

Friday, Matthew 5:43-48

*Love for Enemies*

Saturday, Matthew 6:1-6

*Concerning Almsgiving*

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Leslie Schreiber	Donna Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Rob Seavy	Karl Schlenker
Ushers	Cliff Kaiser	Ginger Johnson
	Brian McCarthy	Steve Johnson
	H. Wichmann (C)	Doug Nordstrom (C)
	Pat Wichmann	Chuck Sherrick
Acolyte		E. Pastore&J.Garbowski
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

<b>Sun 1/25</b>	<i>Beatitudes</i>
8:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am	Sunday School
	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Bible Sunday
5-7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Thu 1/29</b>	
1:15 pm	Mid-Week Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sun 2/1</b>	<i>Treasure in Heaven</i>
8:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am	Sunday School
	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion



## 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 no later than this evening! 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.



## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE ~ SNL TONIGHT!

Faith, Fun, and Fellowship for Youth in Grades 8-12  
Sunday, January 25, 7:00 – 8:45 PM

### SNL Activities

- Board Games: bring your favorite board game
- Conversation: Hunger, "What can I do?"
- Servanthood: Packing Blankets for Tent City in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

Bring a snack and beverage to share.  
Friends are welcome to join us!



**SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 1ST**

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.