

sunday times

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 31, 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.

WELCOME Associate Organist, Tyler Simko, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us!!

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES-NEW DATE



February 7, 11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Youth in Grades 6-12 We need your help to pack Valentine goodie boxes for Calvary's college students. Join the fun on **Sunday, February 7**, 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. Please bring a bag lunch. A Thrivent Action Grant will help offset the cost of shipping the packages.

HELP OUR YOUTH CARE FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Calvary's youth are continuing their long-standing tradition of sending Valentine's Day care packages to our college students. We are asking for donations of wrapped candy and individually packaged snacks, popcorn, chips, etc. 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 **Wednesday, February 3**. Please type "College Student Care Package" in the subject line of your email.

CONFIRMATION CLASS/DINNER CHURCH Sunday, January 31, 5:00 pm - 8:00 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. 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.

WORLD VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT Sunday, January 31, 6:30 pm – 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.

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 at the Methodist Church in New Boston, IL on Jan. 23. 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 Jan. 17th at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital while in emergency care. Her death was sudden and very unexpected. Services for Pattie were held on Jan. 21 at Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic 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 now recovering at home 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 chemotherapy.
- ✠ Heidi Huber (58), friend of Eric Pastore, died on Jan. 9th after a short battle with cancer. There was a memorial service held for her on Jan. 30th 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 recently and is undergoing tests for other health concerns.
- ✠ Valerie Frank fell at home recently and she was a patient at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Rahway. She is now recovering at home.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Melva Kreig, neighbor of Dorette Bobrowski, died on Jan. 26th after a long illness. Please keep Melva's husband Bob and her daughter Ashley in your prayers.
- ✠ Bert Carter Rankins, Jr., friend of Eddie Leicht, is recovering from a recent accident at JFK Hospital.



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 along with designated giving of \$7,472. Thank you for all that helped to close the year in a more positive position. Please take the time to complete your pledge for 2016.

Please note: "End of Year Giving Statements" have been mailed.

FEBRUARY YOUTH RETREAT

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.**



CROSSROADS 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!

All ages are invited to join us on Friday, **February 19, 2015 at 1pm.**



Our next book is called "**The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf**" by Mohja Kahf. This is a story of growing up Muslim in the heartland of America in the 1970s, and a young woman's struggle to find her place

in the world. The book club will meet on Wednesday, **February 24 at 7:30pm.** Copies of the book are available to borrow so please contact Mary Sterling at 908-217-9267 if you would like to borrow one. A snow storm is coming, it's the perfect time to read! We will have the books available in the narthex after services or you can pick up the book before the storm.



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

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Donna Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	TBD	Karl Schlenker
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Dennis Statue Theresa Statue	George Bird (C) Susan Bird Doug Nordstrom
	Gaylord Fernstrom	David Ten Broeck
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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
5-8pm	Confirmation Class/ Dinner Church/ World Volley Ball Tournament
Thu 01/28	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
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11:45-1:15	Valentine Care Packages

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

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