

sunday times

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 05, 2017



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to worship!
May your time in the Lord be rich and blessed.

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. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.

Welcome Substitute Organist, Mary Ann Fraser, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us!



Kathleen will be traveling to Chile to visit her family and will be out of the office from **February 10 to 24**. Please note that email responses may be delayed. You are welcome to leave a voicemail at the

church office as Pastor Carol will check both office email and phone messages.



FIRST SUNDAY

TODAY, FEBRUARY 5, 9:15AM

This simple worship service for young children and their families will take place **today, February 5**.

We gather in the church at 9:15am for a service that engages the little ones and provides Holy Communion for parents. This brief service includes a story for the children, but not an adult sermon. We are focusing on Jesus' Love for Everyone in our World this week. Following worship, we gather in Fellowship Hall for a Love Fest (fun, love activities for the children) and peanut-free refreshments will be served.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 11:30AM. Annual Reports for this fiscal meeting, which includes the approval of the 2017 Budget, are available this morning. **PLEASE NOTE – ON FEB. 12TH, THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30AM.**

The End-of-Year 2016 Financial Statements are now available for pick up in the narthex.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Justis Geto, Kathy Gordeuk's boyfriend Nick's grandson, just underwent surgery this week for a brain tumor.
- ✠ We are praying this morning for our Muslim brothers and sisters around our world including the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec and the Islamic Center of Victoria, TX. May the Lord help these congregations recover and give them mercy in their grief.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - TODAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

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. Please help support our youth in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your donation in the soup pot as you leave worship. Thank you for your support!

HELP OUR YOUTH CARE FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS TODAY!

Our Youth are continuing their long-standing tradition of sending Valentine's Day care packages to Calvary's college students. Please bring your donations of wrapped candy and individually packaged snacks, popcorn, chips, etc. **Care packages will be assembled and mailed by our Youth today, Sunday, Feb. 5 from 11:45am - 1:15pm.** This is a wonderful way for our congregation to stay connected with our Calvary college students. If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please call Becky Randazzo at (646) 281-9653 with the student's name and address.



BEER & BIBLE AT THE KILKENNY PUB IN CRANFORD, FEBRUARY 7



We are continuing our new ministry Beer & Bible at the Kilkenny's Pub on **February 7**. This very informal group will meet on Two Tuesdays every month. We gather at 7pm (Pastor Carol will be there for supper at 6:30 pm). Our conversation about a passage around our pints (or any beverage) begins at 7:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm but you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like. Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 9:30 am in Betty Dahlquist room on **Sunday, February 12**. We hope to see you there!



CHURCH, SEX & POLITICS AT 9:15AM

Sunday, February 19, and then the **third Sunday of every month** join Karl Schlenker in the Dahlquist Lounge at **9:15 am** for an informal, frank and open discussion on topics of the day, things that are on your mind or things that are on his. This class is open to all ages and the only requirement is that you come with an open mind and a desire to share and question! There will be no right or wrong answers. This is an opportunity to question what we really believe, to try to find meaning and relevance in the Church and the Bible in a modern world. The only rules are that what we discuss stays with us, if others want to know they are welcome to join us next month!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the Third Friday of every month at **1pm** in the lounge. On **February 17th**, we will be discussing Session 2: Children of God through Faith. The theme verses are Galatians 3:25-29. Come join us in study and prayer.



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF NJ SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @8:15AM – Join the confirmation class and the youth group and volunteer your time at the NJ Food Bank in Hillside, NJ. Everyone 12 years and older is welcome. We will carpool to the food bank from the church.



CONFIRMATION CLASS AT OPERATION WARM HEART TUESDAY, MARCH 28 @6PM

As part of Operation WarmHeart, the confirmation class will be cooking and serving dinner to those being sheltered by the Cranford Presbyterian Church. We will also provide a nutritious bagged breakfast for each person to eat the next morning. We will be soliciting donations in the month of March. And we may be looking for a few bakers as we hear pie is a favorite dessert. Space is limited when it comes to serving on the day.

If you are interested in participating in either (or both!) of these events please contact Jill Garnhart at beanbong@thesquack.com or (908) 389-1748.

♥ OPERATION WARM HEART ♥

Operation Warm Heart is being sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church. They are asking for donations of new or gently used winter clothing, boots, gloves & scarves. Also needed are sewing supplies, laundry pods, plastic eating utensils, paper plates, cups, napkins, packaged milk, sugar packets, instant coffee and tea, canned sodas, boxed juices, dried pastas and vegetarian tomato sauce. If you are interested in donating your time, you can make dinner, to-go breakfast bags, or do some light sewing/repairing of clothing. Finally, if you are a licensed professional interested in giving some help, please contact Meg Spatz at 908-304-3531. **Collections go through March.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Carla Flint
Comm. Asst.	Chris Wendel	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Gaylord Fernstrom TBD	George Bird (C) Sue Bird Dave Ten Broeck
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Lori Gaudin	Lori Gaudin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

- Sun 2/05** *Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany*
8:15am Worship with Holy Communion
Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am First Sunday in the sanctuary
9:15am Sunday School
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
Sung Liturgy, traditional music
Valentine's Day Care Packages
- Tues 2/07** Beer and Bible at Kilkenny's Pub
- Sun 2/12** *Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany*
9:15am Sunday School
9:30am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Prayer Shawl Group Meets
10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
Sung Liturgy, traditional music
11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting

Our office hours are:

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR COPY of the **February** issue of Cross Currents, now available in the narthex.

Please Note

There will be no Mid-Week Thursday services on February 9, 16, and 23.