

sunday times

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
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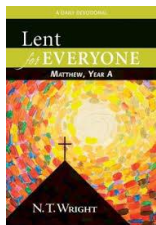
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If you are visiting with us today, welcome, and please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" visitor forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER: We will have a "delayed opening" in winter weather – which means the 8:30 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 weather updates & service/activity cancellations.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL FISCAL MEETING TODAY 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



LENT – Let's Imagine Doing Something New

How about taking something up this Lent instead of giving something up?? How about reading a book of the Bible and actually understanding what it's talking about and how it ties into your life and the life of this world? Sound interesting? You are invited to join in reading a book by the Biblical scholar, N.T. Wright entitled, *Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A*. You are welcome to order it from Amazon in print or kindle edition – or find it at another bookstore. We will have copies available for purchase next Sunday for \$9.50. Let's imagine doing something new this Lent – if you are interested or have questions, please speak with Pastor Carol. We can gather for coffee and conversation with this book during Lent, if folks would like to.

Our Lenten journey begins...

*Ash
Wednesday*

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Worship with Holy Communion &
Imposition of Ashes
1:15 pm & 7:30 pm

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Pamela Jane Kaiser (55) died tragically this past Sunday in Newark. Pamela is June Kaiser's former daughter in law and Lisa Rose Kaiser's mother. Please keep Lisa Rose and her sister, Aimee, in your prayers as well as all who mourn Pamela's death. A Memorial Service is being planned for a later date.
- ✠ A very serious auto accident involving two students from Cranford High School, Justin Juzefyk and Brett Mallon, occurred Tuesday night. We want to join our prayers for the families involved in this tragedy. Justin died as a result of his injuries and Brett is now home from the hospital and with his family. Our prayers also go out to the Cranford High School community as students, teachers, administration and staff deal with this tragic loss. If you have a young person in your family who needs help in dealing with this, please contact Pastor Carol or Lynda Pullis who will be available for conversation, prayer and support.

OUR BREAD FOR COMMUNION this morning was baked by our Pre-K and Kindergarten Sunday School class.

Young Children and Worship is our experiential learning ministry for children ages 3-6. Through the careful telling of Scripture stories, engaging story figures, and a variety of creative activities, our children use their curiosity and imagination to experience the mystery and joy of God. The children baked bread to share with the worshiping community as a hands-on response to the Feeding of the 5,000 Bible story.



Church Staff

We have received the unexpected resignation of our Parish Office Manager, Janice Booth. Janice has been offered a position at an architectural firm in Morristown, NJ. The Church Council meets this Tuesday and interim plans for the church office will be announced in next week's edition of Sunday Times. We hope you will find a way to thank Janice for her ministry at Calvary and that you will keep her and our staff in your thoughts and prayers during this time of transition. Janice's last day in our office will be Friday, February 13.

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. **Due to the inclement weather, the blanket drive has been extended through today.**



A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7:30pm the first non-holiday Monday of each month at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. **The next meeting is February 9.** The group is for those caring for chronically ill or elderly loved ones. Call Marilyn Ryan 908-232-1214

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WILL MEET FEBRUARY 15, next Sunday, at 9:30 am due to today's Annual Fiscal Meeting. Whether you are experienced at knitting or crocheting or need some help to get started, all are welcome to join us. Yarn, needles, encouragement and fellowship are provided. Beginning in March, the group will meet on the second Sunday of the every month.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



"STAMP OUT DESPAIR" In further response to the New Jersey Synod's Campaign to "Stamp Out Despair" we are collecting items to add to the very

generous amount of Global Forever stamps and Forever stamps that were collected in December.

Beginning 2/15, please take a star that lists the items needed from the sign in the narthex. Be sure to bring in only what is listed and place them in the box located in the narthex. Only the items listed are needed to complete the packets and should be returned by March 8. "Stamp Out Despair" packets will be mailed to the detainees of the Elizabeth Detention Center. More information about this ministry is available on www.njsynod.org. Thank You!

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.



THOSE SERVING TODAY

10:30 a.m.

- Asst. Min. Chuck Sherrick
- Comm. Asst. Kathleen Jacinto
- Ushers George Bird (C)
Carly Van Houten
David Van Houten
Nancy Van Houten
- Acolyte Joseph Garbowski & Eric Pastore
- Altar Guild Lori Gaudin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

- Sun 2/8** *Feeding 5,000*
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Single Service Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:30 am Annual Congregational Fiscal Meeting
- 5-7:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Mon 2/9**
- 10:00 am Caring Ministry Meeting
- Tue 2/10**
- 7:30 pm Church Council
- Thu 2/12**
- 1:15 pm Worship with Holy Communion
- 7:30 pm CNSCC Board Meeting
- Sun 2/15** *Bearing the Cross*
- 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion

CALVARY CONNECT: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Our first event is a Family Movie Night in Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 27 at 7pm. Bring lawn chairs, a blanket and snacks to share as we gather together to watch *Monsters University*, a wonderful movie for kids and parents alike. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, February 25.



CALVARY CONNECT: BOOK CLUB

Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 4 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We will be discussing the bestselling book, *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed. We welcome all members and friends to join us for this lively book discussion. Please contact the church office by February 25 if you are planning to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF OUR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER, CROSS CURRENTS – NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.