

sunday times

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 12, 2017



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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The arms of our loving God are open wide to receive you, for this time of worship and forever. Welcome!

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.



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 due to her absence. If you have an urgent matter, please reach out directly to the Pastor.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TODAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 11:30 A.M.

Annual Reports for this fiscal meeting, which includes the approval of the 2017 Budget, are available in the narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM.



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!

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

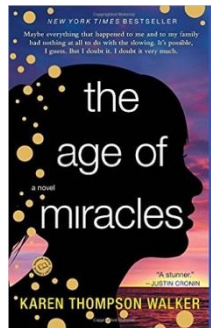
Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Marlenes Teixeira, Kate Carlson's friend's daughter, has been added to our prayer list. She recently gave birth to twins and suffered a stroke. She remains in ICU following surgery this week. Let's give this young family our strong prayer support at this very difficult time.
- ✠ We are praying this morning for those in New Orleans who are suffering due to the recent tornadoes and we are praying for those who are helping them.



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

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.



THE CONNECT BOOK CLUB Save the date!

Join us for our next book discussion on **Sunday, March 19 at 9:15 in the Betty Dahlquist lounge** in Fellowship Hall. The book is "The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson Walker and tells the story of Julia and her family, who must learn

to survive in an ever-evolving world where nothing stays the same. It is a coming-of-age story with an interesting twist that includes catastrophe and survival, growth and change and a mix of the real and surreal. Books will be available in the narthex for borrowing; please look for the sign out sheet in the blue bag. Please contact Mary Sterling at marysterling@yahoo.com or (908) 217-9267 with any questions.



JR. YOUTH GROUP MEETS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17,

7:30PM to 9:30PM in the Youth Room. All 5th, 6th and 7th grade children are encouraged to attend. Bring a snack to share (or a drink). Last meeting we had a

blast playing pool, ping pong and Speak Out. The more the merrier! Please email Liz and Brian McCarthy at brianlizmcc@verizon.net



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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Meg Spatz	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Gaylord Fernstrom TBD TBD	George Bird (C) Sue Bird Dave Ten Broeck TBD
Acolyte	TBD	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 2/12	<i>Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany</i>
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
5pm	Confirmation Class
Wed 2/15	Church Council Meeting
Fri 2/17	
1pm	Women's Bible Study
7:30pm	Jr. Youth Group Meets
Sun 2/19	<i>Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Church, Sex & Politics
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music



DONATIONS REQUESTED

Our 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class will be working on a service project to support the Pediatric

Healthstart Clinic at Overlook Hospital in Summit. This clinic provides preventative and sick care to the underserved and uninsured children from our community. Approximately 900 children per year benefit from services provided. We are looking to collect unused coloring/activity books, and puzzles to donate to the clinic so that they can share these items with their patients. New or gently used books are also appreciated. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex beginning this Sunday and will remain in place until the end of February. Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer McConnell at Jennifer_bobrowski@msn.com



♥ 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.**

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 16, and 23.