

sunday times

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 15, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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.

Welcome Associate Organist Tyler Simko, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us as we worship this morning.

We welcome to our pulpit today one of our college students, Bridget Gautieri. She is a junior at Roanoke College, majoring in Religious Studies and minoring in German and Business Leadership. Bridget will be leaving for a semester abroad in Germany at the Catholic University of Eichstatt on March 15. She plans to go to seminary after college.

Our Lenten journey begins...

Ash
Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Worship with Holy Communion &
Imposition of Ashes
1:15 pm & 7:30 pm

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. We are very grateful for Janice's ministry and help here at Calvary. The interim arrangements for the church office have been determined by the Congregation Council. Jill Garnhart, a Calvary member, will be serving as our interim Parish Office Manager. The new office hours will be Monday-Friday, 1-5pm. This arrangement will be in place for the next few months as we work on various immediate concerns here at Calvary and interview and choose our next staff person. Please find a way to welcome Jill to this new, interim role. We are very grateful for her willingness to share her talents and gifts with us!

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER: Please call 908-276-2418 for weather updates & service/activity cancellations.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

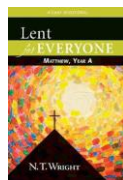
- ✠ Eva Browne fell at home this week. After a brief stay at University Hospital she was transferred to Genesis Rehabilitation Center where she is now receiving rehab.
- ✠ Mary Wislocki's sister-in-law, Lois Anderson died on February 8. We will keep the Anderson and Wislocki families in our prayers during this time of mourning.
- ✠ We continue to pray for Ben Gardner, cousin of Chuck Sherrick, who is still recovering from a serious accident at work.
- ✠ Lois Hasselman's daughter, Barbara Harvey, continuing her recovery in rehab.
- ✠ Emily Kocis, friend of Holly Miller, who has a rare form of cancer and continues her battle to recover.
- ✠ Francine Kurasz, cousin of Donna Vaupel, continuing her fight against cancer.
- ✠ Pastor Roger Spencer, pastor of Good Shepherd in Glen Rock, who is continuing treatment for cancer and recovery from a stroke.
- ✠ Pastor Wendolyn Trozzo, our missionary in Malaysia, who continues her cancer treatments.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WILL MEET TODAY at 9:30 in the Dahlquist Lounge. 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.



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 \$9.50. Let's imagine doing something new this Lent – if you are interested or have questions, please speak with Pastor Carol.

“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!

**“STONE SOUP” CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCH
Sunday March 1 after 10:30 am Single Service**

Bring a pot of your favorite soup to share as we chase away the cold of winter! As the story goes, many contributions can make a feast. Other items needed include bread, fruit/green salads and desserts. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Mary Sterling to RSVP (908)217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com.

UNION COUNTY NAMI SPONSORING A FREE COURSE ON Mental Illness beginning Thursday evening March 5th.

Meeting for 12 consecutive Thursdays from 7-9:30pm through May 21st, the course is being offered to parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. In a confidential setting, loved ones will learn how to understand and support their ill relative while maintaining their own well-being. Classes will meet at St. Agnes Church in Clark. To register call (908)233-1628 or email namiunioncounty@yahoo.com and mention “Family-to-Family” class.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS AT ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON to be held at Rahway Fitness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Road in Scotch Plains. Registration is going on now for this Spring Bereavement Group geared toward individuals who have recently suffered the loss of a spouse. **The Group will run Thursday mornings March 19-April 30.** Call Jane Dowling RN (732)247-7490.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Anne Dawson	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Gaylord Fernstrom	George Bird (C) Carly Van Houten
	Dennis Statue	David Van Houten
	Teresa Statue	Nancy Van Houten
Acolyte	Joseph Garbowski & Eric Pastore	
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 2/15 *Bearing the Cross; Transfiguration*
 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Mon 2/16
 Church Office Closed/President’s Day

Ash Wed 2/18
 1:15 pm Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
 7:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Thu 2/19
 6:00 pm CNSCC Parent Workshop

Fri 2/20
 1:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

Sun 2/22 *Forgiveness*
 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
 3-5:00 pm First Holy Communion Study
 5-7:00 pm Confirmation Class

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 the February issue of Cross Currents, now available in the narthex.