

sunday times

Second Sunday of Easter
April 3, 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome as we continue to celebrate Easter — not just a day, but a season. Alleluia!

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.



TODAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ~John 8: 31-32



Today, at the 10:30 am worship service, Calvary Lutheran Church continues the tradition of placing a Bible in every child's hands. We celebrate as five of our young children receive their own Bibles. We pray these Bibles provide guidance and encouragement to each of them as they grow in God's love and grace. Today is a joyous reminder of the importance of God's Word in our everyday life. Keep these children in your prayers this week, asking God to guide them as they continue on their faith journey.

CNSCC PLAYGROUND SANDING & MULCHING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Spring has sprung and that means it's time to put new mulch on the CNSCC playground. Bring your gloves, shovels and wheelbarrows to church on **Saturday, April 9th at 9am** for a morning of service and fellowship. All volunteers welcome!



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

The year-to-date February income for 2016 totaled \$44,128 and expenses were \$ 59,741.

This is an improvement as compared to Feb 2015 with income of \$ 35,355 and expenses of \$ 57,567. The shortfall for February 2016 is \$ 15,613 as compared to the short fall of February 2015 was \$ 22,212. Your giving is appreciated along with your support for Calvary Lutheran Church.

If you are a contributor to Calvary, but do not have a number for a financial statement from Calvary, please contact the office with your information and a number will be assigned to you for your giving and a statement will be provided to you at the end of the year.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- † Evelyn Loderstedt (87) died peacefully at home while in hospice care on Holy Saturday, March 26. A Memorial Service for her was held in the Calvary Sanctuary yesterday. We are keeping her children (Jim, Mark and Dale) and all who mourn her death in our prayers.
- † Mark Decker (41), Pat Jurpulis' cousin, died on March 8. Let's keep the Jurpulis' and all who mourn Mark's death in our prayers - especially his daughter, Dounia. A Memorial Service will be held for him on April 3.



FROM BRIDGET GAUTIERI...

I have exciting news to share! My decision has been made, and I will be attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Fall 2016! I am very excited to get my Master of Divinity and follow God's call for me to be an ELCA pastor. Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement. It has been such a blessing growing up at Calvary and being apart of this faithful, supportive community. I look forward to seeing you all in May! ~



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl group will meet at 9:15 AM on April 10th in the Betty Dahlquist Room. Come join us!

Girls and Women of Calvary...You're Invited!

Ladies Luncheon & Jewelry Fashion Show Fellowship Hall Sunday, **April 10, 2016 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM** Hosts: Calvary CONNECT Ministry & Donna Vaupel Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, fellowship and a Jewelry Fashion show. Presented by Donna Vaupel, the show will feature games, and Premier Designs jewelry which features high quality, affordable jewelry for all occasions. You will also have the opportunity to purchase jewelry with all profits from sales being donated to the Calvary CONNECT Ministry, which oversees Fellowship, Caring and Youth. For a preview of the jewelry, visit the online catalog at <http://vaupelventures.mypremierdesigns.com>

Earn Diva Dollars for a special gift:

1. Wear a solid color top or jacket and/or
2. Bring a guest and/or
3. Wear Premier Designs Jewelry

If you decide to purchase jewelry, cash or checks will be accepted at the time of your order. Please RSVP by April 8th to donnavaupel@gmail.com or 908-577-1183 so we can plan accordingly.

CALVARY CONNECT: BOOK CLUB

Our next book is called “**The Shoemaker’s Wife**” by Adriana Trigiani — a breathtaking multi-generational love story that spans two continents, two World Wars, and the quest of two star-crossed lovers to find each other again. The book club will meet for the discussion on **Sunday, April 17th, 9:15 am-10:30 pm**. Copies of the books are available in the narthex after services or please contact Nancy Bebel at 908-232-2399 if you would like to borrow one. Spring Break is in a few weeks and it’s a perfect time to read!



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

In the midst of this Easter season, our neighbors cry out with weary hearts as heavy winds, floodwaters and tornadoes have affected many regions of the U.S., especially Louisiana and Texas. In many areas in the South, river flooding has reached historic levels, affecting streets and highways, damaging or destroying homes, causing thousands to evacuate, and leaving at least five dead. Your gifts to respond to these U.S. spring storms through Lutheran Disaster Response will work to bring God’s hope, healing and renewal to those who have been affected. **Gifts designated for U.S. Spring Storms will be used in full (100%) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild their lives. Here are ways to give:**

Mail - Checks or money orders should be sent to: **Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** Please write “**U.S. Spring Storms**” on your check memo line.

Phone – Please call 800-638-3522 or you can also click on the following hyperlink to donate [online](#).



Thrivent Financial – Seminars on Retirement and Estate Strategies

- How to Accumulate and Distribute money for retirement in a tax-wise manner
- Increasing the probability of investment success
- Multi-generational IRA planning

Monday, April 4 or Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30pm at Ferraro’s Restaurant 14 Elm Street, Westfield.

Wednesday, April 6 or Thurs. April 7 at 6:30pm Red Knot at Galloping Hill, 3 Golf Drive, Kenilworth

Please RSVP by April 1 to Lorraine McManmon at 201-505-4940 ext 102 or email Lorraine.mcmanmon@thrivent.com



THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Matt Spatz	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Henry Wichmann	George Bird (C)
	Pat Wichmann	Susan Bird
	Cliff Kaiser	Frank Kylish
	Brian McCarthy	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Susan Bird	Susan Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 04/03	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</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	
Thu 04/07		
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion	
7 pm	Dr. Grafton’s Class	
Sun 04/09		
9am	CNSCC Playground Mulching	
Sun 04/10	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music	
9:15am	Sunday School	
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group Meets	
9:30am	Calvary Choir Rehearsal	
9:45am	Ladies’ Luncheon	
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music	
5pm	Confirmation Class	

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

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