

sunday times

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Wherever two or three people gather in Christ's name, he is present (Matt.18:20). We dedicate our time together to his glory. Welcome!

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

Tyler Simko is our Guest Organist today. Welcome Tyler and thank you for sharing your talents with us.

Today is New Member Sunday

The following persons and their families will be received into membership this morning through the Affirmation of Baptism:

Pastor Gunnar and Mary Anderson

Clara Rose Berman, daughter of Laura & Jonathan Berman

Kate Carlson

Lorrie Bove

Jason and Robin Ehrick, & children Andrew, Lily & Grace

Luis Fuquen

Bernard and Pauline Mandari, & daughter Brianna, Gabriel Miller, son of George & Holly Miller

Fred and Joyce Wright

Paul and Frauke Graven, & daughter Lena

We extend a warm welcome to all of you!!

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH AFTER THE SERVICE.

Help welcome our newest members!

Come enjoy food and fellowship at our Cinco de Mayo brunch in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving egg burritos with all the fixings, as well as salads and desserts. Everyone is welcome, even if you didn't sign up.

YOUTH GROUP SPRING FLING DODGEBALL TONIGHT!

All youth grades 6th through 12th are invited to play dodgeball **tonight from 7-8:45pm**. Bring a beverage and snack to share. And bring a friend to share in the fun.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Enrique Cuesta (88) died in Jacksonville, FL on April 21. He and his wife, Anita, attended Calvary many years ago. Pastor Carol presided at his memorial service in Clark on Friday. Please keep his wife, Anita and his children, Bob and Susan, in your prayers along with all who mourn Hank's death.
- ✚ We join our prayers today for those in Baltimore and around our nation who are calling for peace and justice. Part of our calling as Christians is to advocate for those who are oppressed and who live in poverty. Let us pray for those who are suffering, those who are mourning the dead and those who are seeking to govern in troubled times.
- ✚ We join our prayers today for those who are suffering in Nepal, those who mourn the dead and those who are giving emergency assistance. If you would like to give a financial gift to help the work of Lutheran Disaster Relief please use the following link: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/> Those without a computer, please contact the church office.

CALVARY CONNECT BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 7 @ 7:30pm



Join us for a discussion about the 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. This novel is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide as they try to survive World War II. RSVP to the office if you plan to join us!

Calvary CONNECT Committee will meet Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30pm. Contact Mary Sterling marysterling@yahoo.com or 908/272-8982 if you are interested in attending or have ideas for future events.

Paper copies of the **May 2015** issue of **CROSS CURRENTS** are now available in the narthex.

FREE CHAIR LIFT

If you or anyone you know could benefit from a chair lift for the side of a stairway please contact Pat Jurpulis at 908/447-2907. We have a family who has a chair lift to give away and you would only have to pay for installation.

CALLING ALL CALVARY MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND



Be a part of our family album

FRIENDS –Sign up today to have your picture taken for the new Calvary Church directory! You can sign up

in the narthex or online by going to www.calvarycranford.com and clicking on the Lifetouch link. Every family who signs up for a photography appointment will receive a FREE 8 x 10! Photography dates are May 28, 29 and 30. If you are interested in helping us with this project, please contact Donna Vaupel at 908-577-1183 or donnaupaupel@gmail.com.

Cross Roads Day Camp – 2015

Calvary Lutheran Church

Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21

9am-3pm

(Extended care daily 8-9am and/or 3-6pm.)

Games! Songs! Crafts! Worship!

All part of the fun filled week that is Cross Roads Day Camp. All children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome. And don't forget to invite your friends! This a great opportunity make new friends, learn about God and discover "A Love That Never Ends". **REGISTER NOW! \$125 per camper** (Add \$50 for extended care). For more information and to register go to <http://www.calvarycranford.com>

You're invited to a CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN LEONARD LANCE ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA on Friday, May 8 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Living Waters Lutheran Church, 11 Old York Road, Ringoes N.J. Congressman Leonard Lance represents New Jersey's 7th Congressional District. He recently joined more than 100 members of congress in the "Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama". This non-partisan event included conversation and visits to sites important in the movement for racial justice. Friday's gathering is not a political event, nor is it a public forum on matters that are not related to the congressional pilgrimage. Light refreshments at 6:15pm. All are welcome! For further information, call Living Waters Church: 908-284-9455.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

10:30am
Asst. Min. Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst. TBA
Ushers George Bird (C)
David Van Houten
Nancy Van Houten
Carly Van Houten
Acolyte Eric Pastore
Altar Guild Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 5/3 *Gospel as Salvation – New Member Sunday – Single Service*
9:30am Sunday School/ Fellowship/Choir
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion
11:30am Cinco de Mayo/New Member Brunch
7-8:45pm Youth Group Spring Fling Dodgeball
Mon 5/4
10:30am Caring Ministry
Wed 5/6
CNSCC Mother's Day Tea
Thurs 5/7
7:30pm *National Day of Prayer*
CNSCC Mother's Day Tea
Calvary Book Club
Fri 5/8
CNSCC Mother's Day Tea
Sun 5/10 *God's Love Poured Out*
8:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am Sunday School/ Fellowship/Choir
10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
5-7pm Confirmation

This morning we continue using the Narrative

Lectionary. Read the following readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text by following the book of Romans, as Paul explains humanity's relationship with God's righteousness.

Sunday, Romans 1:1-17, *Gospel as Salvation*
Monday, Matthew 9:10-13, *Call of Matthew*
Tuesday, Romans 2:17-3:8, *The Jews & the Law*
Wednesday, Romans 3:9-20, *None Is Righteous*
Thursday, Romans 3:21-31, *Righteousness through Faith*
Friday, Romans 4:1-12, *The Example of Abraham*
Saturday, Romans 4:13-25, *God's Promise Realized through Faith*

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 AM we will celebrate and give thanks for our Sunday School ministry, teachers, and assistants. Children in Pre-K thru Grade Four will sing "I've Got Joy" with Pastor Gunnar and Mary Anderson. All Sunday School students are invited to participate in the worship service - opportunities to serve include - Reader, Usher, Acolyte, Carry the Bread and Wine to the Altar. If your young person would like to participate please email Lynda Pullis at lynda@calvarycranford.com.

WURFFEL FUND COLLEGE LOAN/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A limited amount of financial aid is available for Lutheran college students through the Wurffel Memorial Fund. The aid will be provided in the form of a student loan but the entire loan may be forgiven on the basis of being an active member of a congregation in the NJ Synod. Any member of a NJ Synod/ELCA congregation planning to or attending a two or four year accredited college or university as an undergraduate may apply. Assistance is provided on a one year basis, but applicants may reapply annually up to 5 years. Priority is based on financial need and activity in the life of the church as described by the pastor's recommendation letter. Applicants must have at least a "C" average to be considered. If you are interested, please contact the church office for more information and an application. All applications are due back to the church office by June 1.

A Reminder from the Mutual Ministry Committee: Leaders/committees/teams please remember to keep our staff members "in the loop" as you plan church activities. This will help them discuss dates as they are being chosen and ensure our staff's connection and involvement. May the Lord continue to bless the mutual ministry we do here at Calvary.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7:30pm the first non-holiday Monday of each month in the parish center at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. The next meeting will be May 4. The group is for those caring for chronically ill or elderly loved ones. Questions - Call Marilyn Ryan 908-232-1214

HELP FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS "The Hearing Society" meets most Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:45 am at the First Baptist Church in Westfield (Sept.-May) for speech reading classes. Classes help people with hearing loss improve their ability to read lips as well as their communication skills. All are welcome. Annual dues are \$25. For info contact Alice Knecht at 908-688-8241 or alirobkn@aol.com.

The following programs are offered by **SAGE Eldercare**, are FREE and take place at, 290 Broad Street, Summit. Registration is required for all events by calling 908.598.5548 or emailing education@sageeldercare.org.

**~Depression and Anxiety as We Age
Tuesday, May 5 10:00 am - 11:00 am**

While common among older adults, depression and anxiety often remain untreated and undetected. Matthew Barnas, MD, Geriatric Psychiatrist will discuss the prevalence of depression and anxiety among older adults, the signs and symptoms, prevention, as well as treatment options.

**~How Miller Trusts Can Help You
Wednesday, May 6 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

Attorney Robert Murray, Goldberg Law Group, will be speaking about the recently implemented use of Qualified In-come Trusts known as Miller Trusts to allow those individuals who have incomes above the New Jersey Medical Income Cap to receive Medicaid benefits at home or at an assisted living facility. Prior to December 1, 2014, an individual with income the above the income cap was not to eligible to receive Medicaid benefits at home or at an assisted living facility, but this new program allows those seniors to receive benefits. Mr. Murray will explain how to establish, fund and administer the trust and discuss any related issues to be aware of.

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