

sunday times

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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

This Mother's Day we thank God for the special women in our lives while remembering Jesus' declaration: "Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). As Jesus' own family, let us worship God together now.

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.

The altar flowers today are given by Pastor Carol in loving memory of Phyllis Elmuccio (on her birthday) and in honor of all of our mothers, living and deceased, including Willie Lindsay.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 17 at 10:30am 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Recognition



On May 17th at 9:30am, there will be a coffee hour to recognize and thank the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Shawls will be on display for everyone to view the ministry's handiwork.

The "Thrivent Action Team" program awarded a \$250 grant to the Prayer Shawl ministry, which was used to purchase additional yarn, fabric and supply the refreshments.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Joan Gauer, June Kaiser's sister-in-law, is undergoing tests for kidney problems.
- ✚ We are praying today for Pastor Gary Kugler. Pastor Kugler is being treated for cancer. Ronald Pajonk, former member of St. Paul's in Elizabeth, has asked us to remember him in our prayers.
- ✚ We are continuing our prayers for those who are suffering in Nepal from the recent devastating earthquake. Let us pray for those who mourn the dead, those who must rebuild 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.
- ✚ We will be praying this morning for all those who mourn the death of NYPD Officer, Brian Moore, who died on Monday in the line of duty. Funeral services for Officer Moore were held on Friday.

JOIN THE UNITED CHURCH

WOMEN OF CRANFORD for their Friendship Day Program "**Journey of the Caregiver**"



Sunday, May 15 at 1-3pm here at Calvary Lutheran Church. Join us for a short service and informative talk by Lillie Faulk, RN. Refreshments to follow. Come and

support the United Church Women of Cranford. Questions? Call Lois Hasselman at 908-789-0640

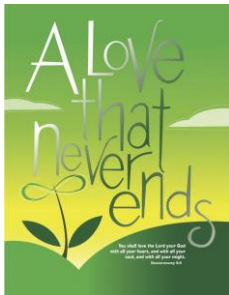
Calvary CONNECT Committee will meet Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30pm. Contact Mary Sterling marysterling@yahoo.com or 908/272-8982 if you are interested in attending or have ideas for future events.

CALVARY FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As of the end of April 2015, income totaled \$103,026 with expenses totaling \$120,282, leaving an approximate shortfall of \$17,250. The overall shortfall is a result of lower 2015 giving combined with seasonally higher expenses, which should be lower during the spring/summer seasons.

	2014 Dedicated Giving	YTD May 7, 2015 Dedicated Giving
GROW		
Christian Education	\$1400	\$215
Worship & Music	1250	600
CONNECT		
Fellowship	554	50
Caring	2036	1609
Youth	1675	500
SERVE		
Stewardship	195	50
Evangelism	400	50
	\$7510	\$3074

*Thrivent money excluded in these totals



**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 is 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>.



The New Jersey Synod Assembly will be held June 4, 5 & 6 in Long Branch, NJ. If anyone is interested in going to represent Calvary please contact the church office. Registration closes May 21.

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

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Anne Dawson	Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers	Henry Wichmann(C) Pat Wichmann Cliff Kaiser Brian McCarthy	George Bird (C) David Van Houten Nancy Van Houten Carly Van Houten
Acolyte	TBA	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

- Sun 5/10** *Hope of Resurrection*
8:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am Sunday School/ Fellowship/Choir
10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
5-7pm Confirmation Class
- Tue 5/12**
7:30pm Church Council Meeting
- Thurs 5/14**
1:15pm Mid-week Worship w/Holy Communion
- Fri 5/15**
1-3pm United Church Women of Cranford event
- Sun 5/17** *God's Love Poured Out ~
Sunday School Celebration ~
Prayer Shawl Recognition*
8:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am Sunday School/
Prayer Shawl Recognition/Choir
10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion
5-7pm Confirmation Class



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PICTURE APPOINTMENT?

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 with this project, please contact Donna Vaupel at 908-577-1183 or donnaupaupel@gmail.com.

CALVARY ABROAD!

Calvary college student Bridget Gautieri is spending this semester abroad in Germany. She's already been there for more than 2 months and has had many adventures! Check out her blog at <https://bridgetingermany.wordpress.com/2015/> to read about her experience as she studies theology at the Catholic University of Eichstätt.

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 planning to or attending a two or four year accredited college or university as an undergraduate may apply. 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. 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 June 1. 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.

~Challenges of Growing Old Gracefully and Moving Forward

Wednesday, May 20 7 – 9 pm

Learn about aging with dignity, move management for older adults, organizing and decluttering, making smooth transitions, treasuring memories, and supporting adult children. Coping with the loss of a loved one and after care programs will also be discussed. This program, part of our monthly PREP meeting, will be led by *Doreen Hall and Anne Bangs*, from *TLC Senior Relocation*.

~Diagnosed with Dementia – Now What?

Tuesday, May 12 6 - 7:30pm

If you or a loved one has recently been diagnosed with dementia, you probably feel overwhelmed, stressed out, and full of questions. *Deanna Butters, Director of SAGE's Spend-A-Day*, will discuss what to do after diagnosis, ways to manage the stress, and what your next steps should be.

FREE CHAIR LIFT

If you or anyone you know could benefit from a chair lift for the side of a stairway please contact Pat Jurpalis 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.