

# sunday times

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 19, 2016



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship.  
Please greet one another with words of peace.

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.

*Next week is New members Sunday. Please contact the church office if you would like to be included in the service as a new member.*

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 26th after the 9:30am** worship service. Please help us by being present as we elect new council members.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE JUNE 26  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

## **Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns**

- ✠ We are praying today for those who lost their lives in Orlando, for those who are mourning their deaths and for the emergency workers who are caring for them. Bishop Bartholomew's letter gives us other concerns to pray for as well - it is included in this issue of Sunday Times. May the Lord give mercy and peace to those who suffer; guidance and direction to those in leadership.
- ✠ Don Coleman, friend of Chuck Sherrick, has been in the hospital's intensive care unit in serious condition for the last few days with a possible heart attack. Please keep Don, his family and Chuck close in prayer.
- ✠ We continue our prayers for Judy Winters friend of Lorrie Bove, as she battles breast cancer.
- ✠ Daniel Swing, brother of Pat Jurpalis, continues to need our prayers as he navigates through severe health issues.
- ✠ Joyce English, Caryl Strand's dear friend, will have cancer surgery next Tuesday in Doylestown, PA.



From the Office of the Bishop  
NJ Synod, ELCA

June 13, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing with a heavy heart as again our country is mourning the senseless loss of over 50 lives at the hands of hatred and violence. This time, the particular target was the LGBTQ community. Later this week, we will mark the one year anniversary of the massacre at Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, SC, which resulted in nine black lives being taken. In between these two events, we have wept too often at the senseless violence that has penetrated our everyday reality.

While we may feel helpless, there are things we can do and say as people of faith in Jesus Christ. First, some of you have told me that your congregations are gathering for prayer. I encourage all of us to be in prayer and to invite neighbors and friends to join us in those prayers. We pray for the victims of violence, the families of those affected, the root causes that lead people to prey upon others, and even those who seek to do us harm.

Second, we can reach out to our Muslim neighbors to stand with them and support them in a climate of fear and suspicion. We know what it is to have religion co-opted by fundamentalists who would pervert the tenets of faith to justify killing. We stand with our Muslim friends in denouncing hatred and violence at any time, but especially in the name of God.

Third, we can proclaim a clear message of love and support to our LGBTQ community -- You are welcome in this church. There is a place for you at Christ's table of grace. You are beloved children created in the image of God.

Fourth, we can work to prevent and end gun violence in this country. I am not interested in a debate on gun control. I am concerned that as followers of Jesus Christ we do everything in our power to bring an end to the violence we inflict on each other with weapons that are too readily available to anybody with money to buy them. Our Bishop's Convocation in October will help us address this very issue. In the meantime, become educated about local efforts to end gun violence, join a coalition of those already working to make our streets and homes safer, contact LEAMNJ Director, Rev. Sara Lilja if you don't know where to turn for resources.

Finally, we can remember that we worship a God who defeated sin, death, and the devil. By the death and resurrection of Jesus, God made clear that the last word is life. We cling to this promise, even as we shed tears of sorrow for the lives lost in Orlando, Charleston, and in our own neighborhoods.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

*Tracie*

The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew  
Bishop

# HELP WANTED!!

## HELP WANTED: YOUTH MINISTRY



A Youth Ministry Leadership Team is forming and we need you! If you are

interested in working with Calvary's youth, from elementary to high school age, we would like to hear from you. There will be a meeting during the last week of June. There are many opportunities to get involved: chaperoning events, leading a youth group meeting, driving to the Food Bank, going on an overnight retreat, shopping for supplies and coordinating special worship activities, just to name a few. Working in youth ministry is a very rewarding experience for you and for our youth!! Please contact Mary Sterling at [marysterling@yahoo.com](mailto:marysterling@yahoo.com) or 908-217-9267 for more information.

## HELP WANTED: GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS



God's Work, Our Hands Project Chair: We are looking for someone to select and organize this year's God's Work Our Hands service project Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is the ELCA designated day for the projects. It is also the 15 year

anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. In honor of the first responders who saved lives on that day, we'd like to see a project selected that benefits Fire Departments, EMTs or other first responders. This is a great leadership opportunity to make a positive impact with a specific project. If interested in learning more, please contact Steve Owens at [gomets06@verizon.net](mailto:gomets06@verizon.net).

## HELP WANTED: USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for ushers for the 9:30am service. It's very easy, but Alan Olsen will provide the necessary training. Please contact Alan at (908) 0272-6172 or email [aolsen272@verizon.net](mailto:aolsen272@verizon.net).

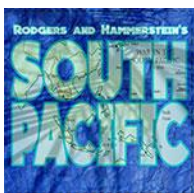


## HELP WANTED: COUNTERS NEEDED

COUNTERS



The finance team is looking for someone to help count on Monday mornings at 7:45am. If you can help, please contact the church office at (908) 276-2418 or email [finance@calvarycranford.com](mailto:finance@calvarycranford.com) for more information.



**PLAYS IN THE PARK: SOUTH PACIFIC, Friday, July 29** The Connect Committee invites Calvary members and friends to enjoy an "enchanted evening" with the classic musical "South Pacific" on Friday evening July 29th at Roosevelt Park in Edison. The play starts at 8:30 pm and costs \$7 per person. Those over 60 cost \$5 and children under 12 are free. We plan on gathering beforehand to enjoy a picnic dinner in the park. Carpooling and rides will be available for those who require transportation. For more information, please see flyer or contact Robin Marko at [rdmarko@verizon.net](mailto:rdmarko@verizon.net) or 908-789-0379.

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

9:30am

Asst. Min. Carla Flint  
Comm. Asst. Todd Sweeney  
Ushers George Bird (C)  
Susan Bird  
Frank Kylish  
TBD  
Acolyte TBD  
Altar Guild

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

**Sun 06/19** *Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*  
9:30am Single Service of Worship with Holy Communion  
**Thu 06/23**  
1:15 pm Midweek Worship  
**Sun 06/26** *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*  
9:30am Single Service of Worship with Holy Communion  
New Members Sunday

### Our office hours are:

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

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