

# sunday times

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 21, 2016



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

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Brother and sisters in Christ Jesus, welcome to worship at Calvary Lutheran Church. May we rejoice in all our diversity as we celebrate our oneness as God's children.

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.

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Sean McGinity, our Contemporary Musician, will be playing throughout the month of August. Come enjoy Sean's beautiful guitar playing and voice.  
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## **YOUNG FAMILIES CONNECT GROUP Orange Ave Pool & Playground Potluck TODAY, August 21, 4PM**



Join us for some fun in the sun!  
The Young Families CONNECT group will meet at the Orange Avenue Pool & Playground today Sunday, August 21 at 4 pm.

BBQ will be provided, just bring a side dish and your little one(s). Cost is \$10 per person without a Cranford Pool Membership (kids under 2 are free).



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## **"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" LUTHERAN DAY OF SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

This national ELCA day of service, takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, September 11. We are hosting a town wide benefit luncheon for the first responders of the Cranford First Aid Squad. Please help us give back to these great men and women by joining us from **Noon to 2pm** for some great ethnic foods provided by local restaurants! The cost is \$10 per person; pay at the door. Invite your friends and neighbors to this International Food Court which includes music and prayers for 9/11 in our courtyard. Kids get to tour an ambulance, fire truck, & police car! A Prayer for 9/11 will be led by Pastor Carol.

Your "hands" are needed to make this service event a success. Please call Meg Spatz at 908-304-3531 to let her know what team you can assist with. You can also pick up some flyers and hang them around town. All proceeds go to benefit the Cranford First Aid Squad!

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

- ✠ Grace Eisner, 101, is in need of our prayers. She is struggling with heart failure and is in a weakened state.
- ✠ Pastor Raymond Birkel was moved last weekend from Sunrise Assisted Living to Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. As his situation progresses, he needs our prayers, as well as, Tim and the rest of the family.
- ✠ Robin Marko is undergoing tests for spinal cysts. She and Richard are grateful for our prayers as her doctors try to find the reason for the ongoing numbness that she has been experiencing.
- ✠ Aaron Slagle (40), husband of Janine Bird Slagle, recently suffered from heat exhaustion and kidney failure.
- ✠ Peter Walkley, father-in-law of Rebecca Schlenker Walkley, had a triple bypass and is doing well.
- ✠ Kathy Vaupel, sister of Ernie Vaupel, is in the hospital following a fall at home. Please keep Kathy in your prayers.
- ✠ We are praying this morning for all of those in Louisiana who are suffering because of the historic floods there. We are also praying for those who are trying to assist them. There is info today available from Lutheran Disaster Response on how you can help.

## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**



September is almost here and school will be back in session! Here, at Calvary, we want to bless another school year. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, at our 9:30 service, we will lift up children and students of all ages dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year.

## **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 9/11 EVENT**



Please take a moment to see how you can help with our 9/11 event. There will be copies of the following list in the church narthex for you to fill out. Thank you for your support!

- Set-up Crew (approx. 10 people, the day before and/or the day of)
- Clean-up Crew (approx. 10 people, after event)
- Advertising crew (approx. 2-3 people hanging flyers and mailing to houses of worship)
- Servers (approx. 8-10 people during event)
- Decorating Crew (app. 5 people the day before)
- Pick-up Crew (approx. 2 people to pick foods up from restaurants prior to event)
- "Leftovers Distribution" (approx. 2-3 people to bring any leftover food to a soup kitchen)
- Provide a Baked Good
- Provide a Side Dish
- Make a Monetary Donation

**NEW TODDLER PRAYER GROUND**

Did you notice the friendly toddler space in the left corner of the church narthex recently? If not, check it out! It is the new addition to our parish community to support those families with small children during Sunday service.



The intent is to have a faith-based space for little ones to quietly move and play while at the same time attending parents are still able to hear the ongoing service just outside the Sanctuary doors.

All materials in the space are specifically picked out with little hands in mind, so moms and dads can feel safe having their little one play in the space. Also, since all the materials are faith-based, it is a fabulous way for moms and dads to start a simple conversation about certain biblical figures.

If you are interested in contributing to the new Toddler Prayer Ground, we are in search of more faith-based board books, Crayola Wonder Mess Free Paper, and Crayola Wonder Mess Free Markers, as well as, other items. For a few inexpensive ideas, please contact Kristin at (609) 933-9884 or [cranfordsantosfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cranfordsantosfamily@gmail.com). We are also certainly open to ideas of additions to the space that are not on the list, but we respectfully ask that all additions are faith-based and toddler friendly. Many of the parents of the Young Families CONNECT group are very excited about this addition and we hope you are as well!

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - Gulf Coast Flooding**

Historic floodwaters have required tens of thousands of people to be rescued and even more have been evacuated as rain sweeps across southern Louisiana. Floodwaters have affected communication, overwhelmed streets and highways, and damaged or destroyed more than 40,000 homes. We know that it will be a long road to recovery, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to assist through every phase of this disaster recovery process.



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**Gifts designated for "Gulf Coast Flooding" will be used (100 percent) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild their lives.** Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected. **Here are ways to give -** Checks or money orders should be sent to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

To give by phone, please call 800-638-3522. To give online, click on [Gulf Coast Flooding](#).

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

- 9:30am**  
 Asst. Min. Matt Spatz  
 Comm. Asst. Carla Flint  
 Ushers Robin Marko (C)  
 Chuck Sherrick  
 Acolyte TBD  
 Altar Guild Lori Gaudin

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

- Sun 08/21** *Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
 9:30am Single Service of Worship with Holy Communion  
 4pm Young Families Connect Group- Orange Ave Pool & Playground Potluck
- Thu 08/25**  
 1:15 pm Midweek Worship
- Sun 08/28** *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
 9:30am Single Service of Worship with Holy Communion

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

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 **Pastor's on Vacation**

Pastor Carol leaves for two weeks of vacation in England on August 24<sup>th</sup>. If you need pastoral care while she's away, please contact the church office (908) 276-2418 and the Council President, Marsha Stoltz (201) 519-3036.

 **SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION**

**CRANFORD FAMILY CARE** – Please join us after church on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> to assemble the new backpacks with the donated school supplies in the narthex.