

sunday times

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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As the apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians (4:4-6), we come together as one body in one Spirit, trusting in one hope through the one Lord Jesus Christ and the one God and Father of all. Welcome to worship!

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.



Pastor Carol is on vacation Aug. 24 through Sept. 6. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office at 908-276-2418, follow the instructions in the pastor's

voicemail and emergency assistance will be arranged for you. We are grateful to those who are providing help while Pastor is out of town, especially Lynda Pullis, our Director of Youth/Family Ministry & Communications and Pat Jurpalis, our Caring Ministry Chairperson.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Congratulations to the new Officers and Members of our Congregation Council: Marsha Stoltz-President, Karl Schlenker-Vice President, Dale Koznecki-Communications Officer, David Ten Broeck-Finance Officer, Eric Pastore - Operations Officer, Rob Seavy - GROW Coordinator, Mary Sterling - CONNECT Coordinator, Steve Owens - SERVE Coordinator, Tim Birkel-Treasurer, George Bird-Financial Secretary. Let's keep them in our prayers as they lead and guide our church's ministry.

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE: As of the end of July, Calvary's income equaled \$155,527 with expenses of \$184,110, a shortfall of \$29,034. In comparison to last year, the Giving level is \$18,110 lower in 2015, while expense levels are nearly the same (\$982 higher in 2015). We remain focused on holding down expense levels and anticipate Calvary congregational giving to return from the summer and assist us to return to 2014 levels.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Finley Anderson Poskay and her parents Katrina and Matt need our strong prayer support right now.
- ✚ Marsha Stevens, daughter of Olive Geisler, is having surgery on Monday. Please pray for a safe recovery.
- ✚ Susan Kornblum, sister of Karen Skolnick, has entered the last phase of her 12 year battle with breast cancer and has just started on hospice. Susan and Karen are former members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth.
- ✚ Jean Kissack fell in her home last week and is now a patient at Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. Please pray for her daughter, Joyce Ellis and others who are dealing with Jean's terminal condition.



Kathleen Jacinto began her ministry at Calvary as our new Parish Manager on August 3rd. Kathleen's new responsibilities include the management of Calvary's office and property concerns.

The new office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am -4pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:30 am-5:30pm.



Hey everybody! I just got back from Germany three weeks ago and many of you have been asking about my trip. Unfortunately, I haven't had time to prepare a sermon or presentation (I leave for my senior year at Roanoke College on 8/25!), but this link to my blog explains a lot of my adventures in Europe and has a lot of pictures to go along with them. Enjoy!
-Bridget Gautieri

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Do you hear the sound of it.....??

As Jesus says, *The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.* John 3:8

The winds of change are coming to Calvary this fall. We've had lots of conversations together this summer about our Worship Style and Schedule. We've listened and learned a great deal in the past couple of months and here's what to expect as of 9/13/15:

New Schedule & Format

8:15am - Early Service - Spoken Liturgy, 45 min. service w/contemporary music

9:15am Sunday School - will include new class configurations & opportunities for Cross Generational Engagement

10:30am Late Service - Sung Liturgy, 60 min. service w/traditional music

"So, Pastor, why all of these changes?!", you might say. We are facing what most other Lutheran churches are facing - our Sunday School has declined in recent years and it is getting harder and harder for individuals and families to keep the Sabbath in Word and Sacrament. First, we are trying to increase the options for people on Sunday mornings regarding the style or length of service you attend. We are, secondly, trying to improve the ways we pass along the faith to each other. A substantial amount of research shows that young people are very positively affected by knowing adults who have strong faith journeys. We will, thirdly, be able to try out some Cross Generational ideas during the Sunday School hour which may appeal to some of our families and many other folks in our church.

We want to thank each and every one of you who attended our Conversations this summer - over 75 people at Calvary participated in 5 discussions. Please keep all of these opportunities in your prayers. This is a growing process and we will tweak it along the way. May the Spirit be the wind beneath our feet this fall - leading and guiding us as a congregation, Pastor Carol

THOSE SERVING TODAY

9:30am

Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy
Comm. Asst.	Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers	George Bird (C) Susan Bird TBD TBD
Acolyte	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Susan Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 8/23 13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Worship w/Holy Communion

Thur 8/27
1:15 pm Midweek Worship

Sun 8/30 14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Worship

Paper Copies of the July/August issue of Cross Currents are available in the narthex.



ECLA'S God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service -

On **September 13, 2015** from **9am to 10:30am** we

are asking that the congregation come together in Fellowship Hall for a

project in support of the **ELCA's God's work, Our hands Day of Service**. We will be assembling and decorating tote bags of personal care items for the benefit of **Jersey Cares First Night Kit Program**. The supplies will be provided, so no need to shop ahead! Instead, we are encouraging the congregation to consider making a "designated giving" donation in support of our ministries.



Hand in Hand Days

October 24th 9am to 3:00pm - You are invited to come and team up with others from across the

state to volunteer your time and efforts to help those who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices due to Superstorm Sandy. To register, please call (609) 386-7171.