

sunday times

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 28, 2016



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

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Psalms 81:1 (ESV) invites us to, "Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!" And so we will. Welcome to worship!

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.

Thank you to Pastor Gordon Huff for serving as our guest Pastor at worship today and Lindsey Garnhart for doing the Children's Sermon.



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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 15th 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 prayer for 9/11 in our courtyard. Kids get to tour an ambulance, fire truck, and 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.



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)
- Provide a Baked Good
- Make a Monetary Donation



Pastor Carol left for two weeks of vacation in England on August 24th. If you need pastoral care while she's away, please contact the church office (908) 276-2418 or the

Council President, Marsha Stoltz (201) 519-3036.

**RESCHEDULED:
YOUNG FAMILIES
CONNECT GROUP
Orange Ave Pool and
Playground Potluck
TODAY, August 28, 4PM**




Due to rain on our planned outing day, the YFCG moved the Orange Avenue Pool & Playground event to **TODAY Sunday, August 28 at 4 p.m.** 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). Please contact Kristin Santos at [\(609\) 933-9884](tel:6099339884) or cranfordsantosfamily@gmail.com if you're coming.



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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

September is almost here and school will be back in session! Here, at Calvary, we will lift up children and students of all ages dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year. We will also learn about an ancient Christian Symbol  and get one for your backpacks as we Bless your Backpacks during the 9:30am service. Why was this fish symbol a secret way for early Christians to show that they belonged to Jesus? Can you make one in the sand? Come and try on Sun., 9/11 and don't forget to bring your backpack so that Pastor Carol can bless you in this brand new school year!!



CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 5PM

Our confirmation program provides spiritual nurturing for young people in the 8th and 9th grades. Orientation will take place on Sunday, **September 25 at 5pm** in Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served; you will receive a phone call about bringing salad, drinks or dessert. This is a must attend event for parents and students.
***CLASS DATES FOR 2016: October 9, October 16, November 13, December 4.**

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ We would appreciate your prayers for the Poskay family. Finley Anderson Poskay (3 1/2 months old) died one year ago on Aug. 23. Her parents are Matt and Katrina (Anderson) Poskay.
- ✚ Susan Masino, daughter of Tracy Lynn Masino Pagan, needs our prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy for stage four cancer.
- ✚ Judi Byrne, sister of Janet Rupp, has a blood clot on her lung along with other medical issues. Please keep Judi close in prayer.
- ✚ We are praying today for those who lost their lives, sustained injuries and were devastated by the strong earthquakes that struck central Italy before dawn on Wednesday killing hundreds and injuring many more. We also pray for those who are mourning their deaths and for the emergency workers who are caring for those in need and helping to deal with the aftermath. May the Lord help all through this tragedy.

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9:15am



Are those STARS on the Fellowship Hall walls and ceiling?? We want to see you at **9:15am on Sunday, September 18** for Rally Day. Bring your parents along for this kick off to the new Sunday School year. "You Are a Star" is our theme this year. We will be looking at the book of Genesis together and the promises that God made to Abraham which proclaim that we are all STARS in God's universe. We are very proud of you, boys and girls - we think YOU are STARS and we hope to see you for Sunday School registration, music, refreshments and lots of fun on September 18th. Bring a friend with you and may God help all of us to grow together in faith this year!!



**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 the recovery process. 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](http://www.gulfcoastflooding.org).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

- 9:30am**
 Asst. Min. Chuck Sherrick
 Comm. Asst. Leslie Shreiber
 Ushers David Ten Broeck (C)
 Barbara Birger
 Acolyte TBD
 Altar Guild Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

- Sun 08/28** *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*
 9:30am Single Service of Worship with Holy Communion
 4pm Young Families Connect Group- Orange Ave Pool & Playground Potluck
- Thu 09/01**
 1:15 pm Midweek Worship
- Sun 09/04** *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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Calvary Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) serving Cranford and the surrounding area for more than 85 years.

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**“GETTING PREPARED FOR 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION THEN AND NOW”
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**



You are invited to a day long program at Faith Lutheran Church with Dr. Timothy Wengert, world renowned Luther scholar. Dr. Wengert kicks off the Reformation Anniversary observance on September 17 with presentations on "Deciphering the 95 Theses and Re-Forming The Christian Life." To register, please contact Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence at 908-464-5177 or you can go online at www.famfaith.org.