

# sunday times

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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The psalmist declares: "My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God" (Psalm 84:2). Let us join in song and praise to the God who showers us with grace.

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.

**WELCOME** Associate Organist, Tyler Simko, and thank you for sharing his musical gifts with us in worship this morning.



**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.



**Our new office hours are:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:**  
9am -4pm  
**Tuesday and Thursday:**  
10:30 am-5:30pm.

**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

- ✠ Edith Fornander, mother Carla Flint and grandmother of Nisha Ribardo, is continuing her recovery, after a hospital stay, at home from respiratory issues and a UTI.
- ✠ After a courageous battle with cancer, Erin Brunner, sister of Kristin Santos and aunt of Desiree, passed away on August 25<sup>th</sup> surrounded by her loving family. Please keep the Santos family in your prayers.



The single pink rose is in loving memory of Finley Anderson Poskay. It is a reminder for all of us to keep Matt, Katrina, Ty, Tatum and Finley's entire family in our prayers.

**Our Prayer Shawl group will meet September 13** between the services in the Betty Dahlquist Room.  
**Drop in any time between 9:15 am and 10:30 am.**



We will meet on the second Sunday of each month, so mark your calendars! Feel free to spend some time with us and also attend the Day of Service in Fellowship Hall. Bring your works in progress, pick up some yarn, and hear some new ideas for how we can support those in need with our knitting and crocheting projects. All are welcome to our Prayer Shawl Ministry, including beginning knitters and crocheters and those who can't attend our meetings but would like to contribute. For more information call Mary Wislocki at 908-654-3581.



## 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/Schedule and new ways of doing Faith Formation. We've listened and learned a great deal in the past couple of months and here's what to expect:

## Beginning Sunday, September 13

### 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.	Anne Dawson
Comm. Asst.	Chris Wendel
Ushers	David Ten Broeck (C) Chuck Sherrick TBD TBD
Acolyte	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

**Sun 8/30** 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Worship

**Thur 9/3**

1:15 pm Midweek Worship

**Sun 9/6** 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

## Sunday School for all ages begins Sunday, September 13

**at 9:15 AM.** Sunday School students and parents will gather in Fellowship Hall for our first Cross+Generational Learning Event of 2015-16, *The Creation*. We will GROW, CONNECT, and SERVE with the understanding that we are an active part in the ongoing story of God's work in the world.



## Join us on Sunday, September 13,

**9:15-10:15 AM**

*The Creation – Made To Be In Relationship*

Cross+Generational Event - Fellowship Hall: God's Work, Our Hands **ELCA Day of Service Project – Jersey Cares First Night Kit**



**Program.** 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.