

sunday times

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend, as we celebrate all work—paid and unpaid—that's done for the glory of God and the service of others.

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 Pastor Sara Lilja, Director of the Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry of New Jersey! The Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry (LOGM) partners with coalition partners around the state of New Jersey to advocate on issues related to hunger, housing, economic empowerment, immigration and community violence.
Email: logm@njsynod.org

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

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. We've had lots of conversations together this summer about our Worship Style/Schedule and new ways of doing Faith Formation.

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

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Ann Larsen, Christine Newport's mom, continues her recovery from surgery and is adjusting to a new living arrangement.
- ✠ Missy McNally, friend of Amy Metroka, continues her struggle with advanced stage cancer.
- ✠ Richard Delnickas, father of Mary Sterling, is having knee replacements surgery on the 10th.
- ✠ Ben Cohen, a friend of Ed Leicht's, is in need of prayers for healing.



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 new office hours are:

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

"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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 13th at the 8:15am and 10:30am worship services.



September is here and school is in session! Here, at Calvary, we want to bless another school year. Students, pre-school through adult, bring your backpacks, tote bags, or lunch bags to worship. We will lift up children

and students of all ages dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year.

Cross+Generational Event & God's Work, Our Hands Service Project

All are welcome to gather in Fellowship Hall **Sunday, September 13th, 9:15am -10:15am.**

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 as we hear and respond to God's word, celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School year, and take



part in the ELCA Day of Service God's Work, Our Hands. 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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! 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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

9:30am

Asst. Min.	Leslie Schreiber
Comm. Asst.	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Dennis Statue Teresa Statue Gaylord Fernstrom
Acolyte	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Lori Gaudin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 9/6 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Worship w/Holy Communion

Mon 9/7 Labor Day, Office Closed

Thur 9/10

1:15 pm Midweek Worship

Sun 9/13 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:15am Worship with Holy Communion

Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music

9:15am Cross+Generational Event and God's Work, Our Hands Project

10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
Sung Liturgy, traditional music

Paper copies of the September issues of Cross Currents are available in the Narthex.



9/11 Memorial Service

Friday, September 11th, at 7:00pm

The Cranford World Trade Committee will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Service at the Cranford WTC Park Springfield and No. Union Avenues in Cranford, NJ located across the street from the Municipal building. This event will honor all those who lost their lives or were affected by the September 11, 2001 tragedy. The service will begin at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.



Cranford Food Pantry

It's September and families need to prepare and pack lunches for their children as they return to school. Cranford Family Care is in need of peanut butter and jelly and school snacks for students' daily lunches. Please leave your donations in the metal basket in the narthex.