

# sunday times

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 2015



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

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Brothers and sisters in Jesus, welcome to this time set aside to focus on the Holy Spirit working among us. May our hearts be open and eager to receive God's Word!

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.

**Blessing of the Backpacks today 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. 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 today 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.

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

- ✠ We remember all of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, including Thomas Regan, a member of our congregation.
- ✠ Ned Garnhart (75), father of Sean Garnhart, died at home very unexpectedly on Sunday. A Memorial Service for Ned was held yesterday at Friendship Village in St. Clair, PA. Let's keep Sean, Jill, Lindsey and Mason in our prayers along with Ned's entire family including Sean's brother Geff.
- ✠ Missy McNally, dear friend of Amy Metroka, died on Sept. 9 after a courageous struggle with cancer. Please keep her husband Andrew, Amy and all who mourn her death close in prayer.
- ✠ The Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor, Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford, as she completes her ministry there and begins a new call in FL.
- ✠ We join our prayers for the Syrian refugees and those who are trying to help them in Europe.



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.

## **Contemporary Music @ the Early Service ???**

In our conversations this summer about Worship Style/Schedule we talked with many of you who often attend the Early Service. Many of you expressed concerns about moving entirely to a spoken liturgy. You talked about how much you would miss music if it were taken out of the service completely.

Let me tell you a story, quickly. Early in the month of August a gentleman named, Mr. Sean McGinity, came to Calvary to play music at a memorial service. Long story short, he took an interest in our congregation and I took an interest in him and his music - particularly since some of you were expressing an appreciation for the kind of music he sings and plays. The Council was equally excited about this possibility for ministry.

Sean is a resident of Rahway and has been leading music in Roman Catholic congregations recently. He plays a beautiful acoustic guitar, has written some liturgical pieces and has an extensive background in voice and theatre. His fulltime job is in marketing and sales with The Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

Sean will be here almost every week to provide some music during our 8:15am service. He will provide a prelude at 8:10am, lead the congregation in a closing hymn and he will also offer a solo or congregational piece during Holy Communion. Help us in welcoming Sean to Calvary !! May the Lord bless his work among us.



## 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

#### Our new office hours are:

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

**Calvary Choir Schedule:** We will be moving to a seasonal choir this year. Choir rehearsals for the Fall season will begin on **Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 AM.** We welcome newcomers at any time during the year. Please contact Jeanne Elmuccio on Sunday mornings or email at [jeanne@calvarycranford.com](mailto:jeanne@calvarycranford.com).

**Special Music:** We welcome members of the congregation that would like to share their musical gifts during a worship service anytime during the year. Please contact Jeanne Elmuccio on Sunday mornings or email at [jeanne@calvarycranford.com](mailto:jeanne@calvarycranford.com)

**Retirement and Estate Planning Strategies Workshop offered by Thrivent Financial** Hosted by Cindi Crane, RICP®, FIC and William O'Doherty, FIC, CLTC. Get important info about our volatile economy, recent tax changes and retirement strategies from a membership organization of Christians that's been helping members be wise with money and live generously for over 100 years.

**Tuesday, Sept 29 7:30-9am OR 6:30-9pm** at Bloomfield Steak and Seafood, 409 Franklin St, Bloomfield, NJ

**Thursday, Oct 1 6:30-9pm** at Restaurant Serenade, 6 Roosevelt Ave, Chatham, NJ

**Tuesday, Oct 6 12:30-3pm OR 6:30-9pm** at Ferraro's Restaurant, 14 Elm Street, Westfield.

**RSVP to [Lorraine.McManmon@thrivent.com](mailto:Lorraine.McManmon@thrivent.com) or call 201-505-4940 ext. 107 by Sept 28.**

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

	<b>8:15am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Anne Dawson	TBD
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Dennis Statue Teresa Statue	George Bird (C) Susan Bird TBD
Acolyte	Gaylord Fernstrom	TBD
Altar Guild	Michael Kawczynski Melissa Sullivan	Eric Pastore Melissa Sullivan

### THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

<b>Sun 9/13</b>	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship w/Holy Communion
9:15am	Cross†Generational Event and God's Work, Our Hands Project
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group meets
<b>Thur 9/17</b>	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>Sun 9/20</b>	<i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music

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