

sunday times

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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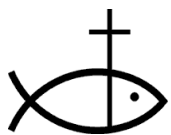
Welcome to worship, fellowship and a new year of Christian education! Please take a moment to greet those sitting near you—longtime friends and new ones.

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!! We are happy today to have The **Rev. Bruce H. Davidson** with us this morning as our guest pastor. Pastor Davidson is the former Director of the Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in the NJ Synod. Welcome, Pastor Davidson, to Calvary!

WELCOME Associate Organist, Tyler Simko, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us!!

Pastor Carol is in Jefferson, New Hampshire, this weekend officiating at the wedding of Rebecca Schlenker and Christopher Walkley. She returns to NJ later today and will be in the office on Tuesday. If you are in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office.



**Confirmation Orientation,
Sunday, September 27 at 4:45
pm – 7:00 pm.** We will begin our
2015-16 Confirmation Ministry with

Something New- a group building, hands-on learning event and orientation for our young people and their parents. Youth should wear comfortable clothes and athletic footwear.

Confirmation is more than a class, it is more than a two-year program – it is a ministry through which God is active in the lives of all who participate. We are going to learn through our actions as well as through worship, conversation, fellowship, and acts of service. Confirmation is a tool that guides us in the life-long adventure of living out our Christian Faith. May God bless this next milestone in the lives of our young people and help us to treasure every new stage in life.

Syrian Refugee Resettlement

The conflict in Syria has caused one of the largest refugee exoduses in recent history and has forced more than 4 million people, more than half of whom are children, to flee their homes in search of safety. In addition, widespread human rights violations perpetrated by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL or ISIS) have left more than 10 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection within Syria and surrounding countries. Our faith compels us to care for those in need, including our brothers and sisters fleeing persecution in Syria. Urge President Obama to stand with people of faith in welcoming these vulnerable refugees into the United States by visiting www.lirs.org and clicking on SUPPORT SYRIAN REFUGEES.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Rebecca Schlenker and Christopher Walkley became husband and wife on Saturday, September 19 in the beautiful state of New Hampshire. May God bless their lifelong union with love and grace.
- ✠ 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.

**Rise Up Together: The Tour
Sunday, October 3, 7pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church, Somerville, NJ**

All are invited to a powerful evening of music, storytelling, and worship featuring AGAPE, Rachel Kurtz, and Joe Davis. Support the ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water Initiative and enjoy an evening of excellent music and raised spirits! For more information, search on Facebook: Rise Up Together Tour Somerville.





New Sunday Morning Schedule

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 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.

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

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

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

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

RSVP to Lorraine.McManmon@thrivent.com or call 201-505-4940 ext. 107 by Sept 28.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Building Men for Christ Workshop October 3rd, 9AM-4:30PM

Lutheran Men in Mission's Building Men for Christ Workshop in an all-day event designed to help congregations increase the participation of men by creating an intentional ministry for men. The workshop describes the types of relationships that men enter into, outlines the different types of men that exist in a church community, and provides useful ways to connect to each other. LMM will be conducting this workshop at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Somerville, NJ on, Oct. 3rd from 9AM-4:30PM. For further details contact Dave Wirth's at wirth_dave@hotmail.com.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Chris Wendel	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	TBD
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Dennis Statue Teresa Statue Gaylord Fernstrom	George Bird (C) Susan Bird TBD TBD
Acolyte	Desiree Santos	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Susan Bird	Susan Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 9/20	<i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship w/Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
Tues 9/22	
7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Thur 9/24	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun 9/27	<i>18th 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
4:45pm	Confirmation Orientation

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

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