

sunday times

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

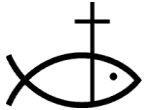
God's work. Our hands.

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Welcome to worship 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" forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Confirmation Orientation Today – Sunday, September 27 at 4:45 pm – 7pm.




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.

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

 **Save the Date! Fall Festival at Calvary, October 25th after 10:30 service** Delicious food, games for all ages, pumpkin painting and more! Look for more info, including a sign-up sheet for food, in the next few weeks.

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE Calvary's income for YTD August 2015 equaled \$170,552, a shortfall of \$23,158 (12%) compared to last year. Expenses for YTD Aug 2015 equaled \$209,348, an increase of \$5,379 (3%) more than last year. As we roll into the fall season and our new service schedules, now is the right time to start working as a Congregation to close this gap.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

✠ 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.

OPERATION WARM HEART IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE MEALS

Operation Warm Heart is a program being sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford which shelters homeless guests (adults only) from December of 2015 through March 2016. The Presbyterian Church will house these guests on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of these months. It is one of the programs offered by the Elizabeth Coalition to address the problem of homelessness in Union County. The Presbyterian is requesting assistance from the local Cranford congregations. They still are in need of volunteers to prepare dinner meal (or supply breakfast foods) for approximately 14 people for dates in February or March. The meals could be shared by two families or maybe a Sunday School class. Please contact Catherine Felegi [catherine.felegi@gmail.com] of the Presbyterian Church who will be able to give details.



Calling all readers! The Connect committee will be hosting our next book discussion event on October 21 from 7:30 to 9pm. We will be discussing the novel Left Neglected by Lisa Genova, a story of finding abundance

during difficult times and learning what truly matters. If interested, please call the church office by Oct. 18. If you need a copy, call Nancy Meglio at (908) 418-3679 to borrow her copy or retrieve one copy on your own. Lisa Genova is the author of the best-selling book, Still Alice. Thank you.

The 41st annual CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2015. The 3 mile walk starts from the Cranford United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm and follows a 3 mile path through Cranford. For those wishing to walk, you may obtain a sponsor envelope. Envelopes will be available in the narthex starting Sept. 27th. You obtain sponsors who give you a monetary donation. All donations are posted on your envelope. To sponsor a walker make an online donation at www.crophungerwalk.org or give cash or write a check and make payable to CROP WALK/CWS. Walker envelopes will be in the narthex or you can make a check donation made payable to CROP WALK/CWS and place in the offering plate. Your donation will be credited to one of the walkers. Contact Robin Marko for further information. **All are invited to walk.**

**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.

EXPLORE '15 at Cross Roads, Saturday, October 10th 10am – 3pm An amazing day for 6th-12th graders and their adult leaders to make new friends from across New Jersey and to play, seek, run, explore, ponder, eat, sing, worship and hope together! Friends welcome! Group registration @ njsynod.org/youth.



**RALLY FOR CROSS ROADS -
1st Annual Volleyball Marathon
Fundraiser on October 10 & 11
9PM – 9AM** All-night activities for all

ages! Check-in will begin at 8pm and the event will end with breakfast the next morning. Movies, arts and crafts, food, music, games, prizes and more! For more information or to register, visit CrossRoadsRetreat.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.

HELP AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS The Hearing Society, a Union County non-profit organization serving people with impaired hearing, **meets most Thursday mornings, 10:30 – 11:45 A.M., at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, September through May**, for informal speech reading classes. Under the direction of audiologist Dr. A.M. Puglisi, the class is designed to help its members with hearing loss improve their ability to read lips and improve their communication strategies. Anyone in the greater Union County area who is interested in participating in these classes may contact Alice Knecht, 908 688 8241, or Irma Kaplan, 973 376 3991, for more information. All are welcome.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Leslie Schreiber	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Rob Seavy	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Dennis Statue Teresa Statue	George Bird (C) Susan Bird TBD
Acolyte	Lauren Gaudin	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 9/27	<i>18th 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
Thur 10/1	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun 10/4	<i>19th 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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