

sunday times

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
October 23, 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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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. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.

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



We have begun a series of sermons on the topic of Stewardship. Our fall campaign is entitled, "**Share the Vision, Make a Difference.**" This is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on how we use the gifts God puts at our disposal. You will be receiving a mailing from the congregation later in October. May the Lord bless our reflections on this important topic. Everything that happens after our Baptism - is a matter of Stewardship!!

BEER & BIBLE AT THE KILKENNY PUB IN CRANFORD, OCTOBER 25



We are continuing our new ministry Beer & Bible at the Kilkenny's Pub on **October 25**. This very informal group will meet on Two Tuesdays every month. We gather at 7pm (Pastor Carol will be there for supper at 6:30

pm). Our conversation about a passage around our pints (or any beverage) begins at 7:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm but you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like. Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.

BAKERS NEEDED FOR 1ST SUNDAYS!

We need baked goods and snacks (**preferably peanut free**) for **Nov. 6 and Dec. 4** First Sunday services for young families. If you can help out, please contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL ALL HALLOWS EVE/ REFORMATION LUNCHEON THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 12:15PM

Seats are still available for the **Annual**

Thursday Service All Hallows Eve/Reformation luncheon, Oct 27, 12:15pm. RSVP a must to Pat Jurpulis 908-447-2907. Costumes encouraged! WE'LL BID FAREWELL TO CORA FOLTZ TOO!

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE As of the end of September, Calvary's income is \$212,102 with expenses of \$233,624, a shortfall of \$21,522. In comparison to 2015, we had a shortfall of \$25,107 and managed to end the year in the black. Please consider reviewing your 2016 pledges to keep them up to date as we approach the 4th quarter of 2016.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Anthony Mistretta, Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta's father in law, died on October 16, 2016. A funeral service was held for Anthony on Wednesday.
- ✠ Cora Foltz, a longtime member of Calvary, is moving to the Atria in Tinton Falls, NJ, on October 31. Cora and her late husband, Dick, have been a very important part of our Calvary family since 1958. We will be having Farewell and Godspeed for her this Thursday during the All Hallows Eve/ Reformation Luncheon. May the Lord bless and watch over Cora. We thank God for her many contributions to our congregation.
- ✠ Olive Geisler fell at home on Thurs. She had orthopedic surgery on Friday for a broken hip. She continues her recovery at Rahway Hospital.

CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 23 TODAY AT 2PM Help fight hunger globally and in your local community. There is no minimum donation. Sponsor envelopes will be available today after service in the narthex.

ELCAvotes!

#ELCA VOTES - VOTE FAITHFULLY

In the ELCA, we believe that we are called to be a public church. We believe that God is present in all realms of life, including our government. We are called as Christ's people to ministries of justice and advocacy. These ministries include being informed about public policy issues and faithfully exercising our right to vote. The ELCA's concern extends to everyone in our nation being able to exercise their civic rights.

For more information about this faithful and fully non-partisan campaign to encourage voter participation - see the handout in the pews this morning. If you would like complete information about this churchwide effort - pick up an ELCA votes 2016 Civic Participation and Voter Education Guide in the narthex. Buttons are also available for those of you who would like to wear one - (see Pastor Carol's stole this morning.)

Here is another very important piece of information **Anyone can vote by mail in the state of NJ.** You can do this for any reason - you are unable to get to the polls, you will be out of town on business, etc. You simply need to mail in an Application for Vote by Mail Ballot. Copies for all Union County residents are available in the narthex this morning. The Applications must be returned by the end of October and you will receive your Mail-In Ballot by mail with instructions - these must be received by the County Board of Elections before close of polls on Election Day, November 8, 2016.



**TRIP TO THE NJ FOOD BANK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

The youth group & confirmation students will volunteer their time and talents at the New Jersey Food Bank in Hillside, NJ. They will meet at the church at **8:15 am** and carpool to the food bank. Parents will be needed to drive. They should be back at the church around 11:30 am. This service opportunity is open to everyone, 12 years and older. If you would like to attend, please contact Shawn Vath at SMVath@verizon.net.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 30 AT 9 AM**

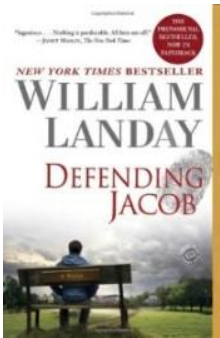
There will be a Pancake Breakfast on Reformation Sunday, **October 30th, at 9am in Fellowship Hall.** There is no charge for this event but we will be accepting donations for Lutheran Disaster Response, an ELCA organization that brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the U.S. and around the world. Bring your appetites and your wallets! If anyone would like to help with set up, cooking or clean up, please contact Mary Sterling at 908-217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com.



**YOUNG FAMILIES CONNECT GROUP
GIGGLES INDOOR ACTIVITY CENTER
SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 8 AM – 10 AM**



LAUGHTER, JOY, and GIGGLES on **Saturday, November 5**, meet from **8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Since the weather is getting colder, we are moving our free play indoors! Join us at **Giggles at 103 Miln St, Cranford, NJ.** Giggles is an indoor activity center for children up to 6 years old. While the little ones play and explore, the adults can enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack in the cafe. **BRING YOUR SOCKS** (Adults and kids). First child \$12 (second Child in the same family \$8) and Adults FREE (Pay directly to Giggles at the Door). To reply, please text/call Kristin Santos at [\(609\) 933-9884](tel:6099339884) or email her at cranfordsantosfamily@gmail.com.



**CONNECT BOOK CLUB
SUNDAY, NOV. 6 at 9:15AM**

The Book Club will meet on **Sunday, Nov. 6 at 9:15am** in the **Betty Dahlquist Lounge.** The book selection is "Defending Jacob" by William Landay. Books are now available for borrowing, please look for the blue bags on the narthex table. There is a sign out sheet in the bag. **PLEASE** list your name and telephone number on the sheet if you take a book. These must be returned together to the library so we need all books back by Nov. 6th. Please join us for a lively discussion on this suspenseful, unpredictable legal thriller that tells a story of families, loyalty, truth and the relationship between parents and their children.

**The Annual Downtown Cranford
SCARECROW STROLL has begun!**

It runs now through October 31st and we highly encourage you to visit with your family and **VOTE** for the annual Nursery Rhyme/Fairy Tale entry. Ballots were mailed to all Cranford homes and are available at many merchants in town too. Our Calvary Nursery School scarecrow (the Three Little Kittens) is located just outside Hynes Jewelers!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Matt Spatz	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Gaylord Fernstrom TBD TBD	George Bird (C) Sue Bird TBD TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 10/23	<i>23rd Sunday After Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
1:45pm	Crop Walk
Thu 10/27	
12:15pm	All Hallows Eve/Reformation Luncheon
1:15pm	Midweek Worship
Sun 10/30	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:00am	Pancake Breakfast
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music

Our office hours are:

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

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