

sunday times

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2016



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

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Welcome to worship at Calvary Lutheran Church. We're blessed by the presence of each person here today.

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.



Stewardship CAMPAIGN

Our fall campaign is entitled, "**Share the Vision, Make a**

Difference." This is an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we use the gifts God puts at our disposal. You will be receiving a mailing from the congregation soon. Everything that happens after our Baptism - is a matter of Stewardship!!



Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl group will meet TODAY, November 13 at 9:15 am in the Betty Dahlquist room. Together with the Caring Committee, we have now

made and given out about 300 shawls, lap blankets, baby blankets and scarves to those in need of comfort and love. Thank you to all who work on these projects or donate in other ways to our efforts.

CHURCH, SEX & POLITICS AT 9:15AM TODAY, November 13, and then the **third Sunday of every month**, join Karl Schlenker in the church office at **9:15 am** for an informal, frank and open discussion on topics of the day, things that are on your mind or things that are on his. This class is open to all ages and the only requirement is that you come with an open mind and a desire to share and question! There will be no right or wrong answers. This is an opportunity to question what we really believe, to try to find meaning and relevance in the Church and the Bible in a modern world. The only rules are that what we discuss stays with us, if others want to know they are welcome to join us next month!

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

- ✚ Paula Kitchen, aunt of Richelle Konian, is in ICU with heart complications at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY. Please keep Paula close in your prayers.
- ✚ Cora Foltz is now doing rehab at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Eatontown. She will be moved to Atria in Tinton Falls thereafter.
- ✚ Olive Geisler was hospitalized this week with blood clots and is hoping to be back at Clark rehab this weekend.

BEER & BIBLE AT THE KILKENNY PUB IN CRANFORD, NOVEMBER 15



We are continuing our new ministry Beer & Bible at the Kilkenny's Pub on **November 15**. This very informal group will meet on Two Tuesdays every month. We meet 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.

JR YOUTH GROUP MEETING FRIDAY, NOV 18, 7:30PM

The Jr. Youth Group will meet on **Friday, November 18th at 7:30pm to 9:30pm** in the youth room at Calvary. All 5th, 6th and 7th graders are welcome. Please bring a snack or drink to share. We hope to see you there!!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive from **now until Sunday, November 20th**. The collection envelopes and shopping bags will be handed out in the narthex after services starting Sunday, November 6th. The donations will benefit the food bank at Holy Trinity Church, East Orange and The Aids Resource Foundation - St. Claire's Social Services.



~ WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED ~

We are looking for Worship and Communion Assistants for the 8:15 am and 10:30 am services. Please contact Rob at robert.seavy@gmail.com for more information.

UNLOVED GIFTS WANTED

It's that time of year to make room for all of our holiday gifts. If you have any unwanted NEW or VERY GENTLY used gifts, we will be happy to take them off your hands. Please bring your unwanted treasures and place in the blue box labeled "Caring Ministry Re Gifts" found under the table in the Narthex. Your re-gifts were a big hit last year when Santa delivered them to our seniors at the Christmas Thursday Service luncheon. Think of yourself as a Secret Santa spreading joy & happiness...HO HO HO :)



NJ CARES COAT DRIVE 2016

From Nov. 13-Dec. 4 Please bring your gently used coats to donate and help keep people warm this winter! Please make sure coats are cleaned and that all zippers/ buttons are in good working order.



Cranford Community Thanksgiving Service

On **Monday, November 21st**, an ecumenical service will be held at **Cranford United Methodist Church, Walnut & Lincoln Ave.**

Cranford, NJ at 7pm hosted by the Cranford Clergy Council and the Interfaith Human Relations Committee. Our town has so many reasons to be thankful! Please consider attending and bringing non-perishable pantry items to be donated to Cranford Family Care. For more info., contact Cindy at cindy@patwin.com or 908-272-9133.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Applications

The Clergy Council of Cranford announces it is accepting nominations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. The award is given to someone who has made contributions to the cause of improving the community in such areas as civil and human rights, social justice, social action and/or demonstrated concern for the welfare of others. Individuals or groups may make nominations for the Award. The recipient should be either a resident of or identified with the Township of Cranford, though not necessarily living in Cranford. The recipient may be a clergy or a layperson. Applications are available in the church office. **Deadline for nominations: December 1, 2016.** Send to Pastor Tom Rice, Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry St., Cranford.

♥ OPERATION WARM HEART ♥

Operation Warm Heart is sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church & they need our help! They are asking for the following donations: gently used or new clothing, specifically winter clothes, boots, gloves, scarves, packaged milk, sugar packets, instant coffee and tea, canned sodas, boxed juices, dried pastas and vegetarian tomato sauce. Also needed are sewing supplies, laundry pods, plastic eating utensils, paper plates/cups, and napkins. If you are interested in donating your time, you can make dinner, to-go breakfast bags or do some light sewing/repairing of clothing. Finally, if you are a licensed professional interested in giving some light service/assistance/advice, please contact Meg Spatz at 908-304-3531. **Collections will begin in December and go through March.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Matt Spatz	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Chris Wendel	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Cliff Kaiser TBD	George Bird (C) Susan Bird Dave Ten Broeck
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 11/13	<i>26th Sunday After Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group
9:15am	Church, Sex & Politics Discussion
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music Confirmation Class
5pm	
Tue 11/15	
7pm	Beer & Bible at the Kilkenny Pub
Wed 11/16	
7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Thu 11/17	
1:15pm	Midweek Worship
Fri 11/18	
7:30pm	Junior Youth Group Meeting
Sun 11/20	<i>27th 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

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

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