

sunday times

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2015

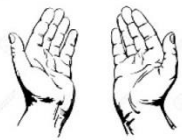


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Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church as we worship, learn and serve together. An especially warm greeting to our guests!

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.



*Share the Vision -
Make a Difference*

In November, we are having a stewardship emphasis at Calvary. This gives us an opportunity to learn more about Calvary's vision for ministry as well as specific information regarding our congregation's fiscal needs. Members and friends will be receiving stewardship materials in the mail, including a 2016 Estimate of Giving/Pledge form. May the Lord help us to approach this special season with an open heart and mind as we learn more about using and sharing the many gifts God has generously given to each one of us.



During the worship service today, **Evelyn Lee Signore**, daughter of Chris and Abbie Signore, will be received into Christ's Church by the sacrament of Baptism. Her sponsors are Jessica Maahs and Leonard Paolillo.

2015 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The collection sheets and bags with items needed will be handed out today, Sunday, November 22. Donations will benefit the food bank at Holy Trinity Church, East Orange and The Aids Resource Foundation – St. Claire's Social Services.

We are assembling a **Youth Bell Choir** to ring the bells on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec 24, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, January 3, at 10:30 AM. All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to participate. Jeanne Elmuccio will rehearse with the Youth Bell Choir on Sundays, 4:30 – 5:15 PM. To be part of this wonderful musical experience, click this link -[Calvary Youth Bell Choir](#). **Please join us on Sundays, November 15, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, and Tuesday, Dec 22.** We will have a pizza dinner at 5:30 PM for all who participate in the bell choir followed by Youth Fellowship, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Questions or more information email Lynda Pullis, lynda@calvarycranford.com.



Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Pastor Raymond Birkel, father of Tim Birkel, is undergoing further testing and is expecting to have chemotherapy soon. He is grateful for our prayers.
- ✚ Terry Stoltz, husband of Marsha Stoltz, is continuing his chemotherapy through New York University Hospital. Marsha and Terry are grateful for our prayerful support.
- ✚ Lynne Hogan, friend of Anne Dawson, is battling a very aggressive form of breast cancer. Lynne is a mother of three and will have to begin chemotherapy again due to the increased severity of the disease.
- ✚ The Rev. Frederick Neiderhiser (64), former pastor of St. Paul's, Elizabeth, died on Wednesday while in hospice care. Services for Pastor Neiderhiser were held yesterday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Secaucus. We are praying this morning for his family including his wife, The Rev. Nancy Ruckert. We thank God for Pastor Neiderhiser's faithful ministry in our Synod and we pray that he will be held in God's peace forevermore.
- ✚ In honor of Veteran's Day, we will have a moment of silent remembrance during the prayers today. We thank God for those who have served our country in the military, especially those who have paid the ultimate price. May the Lord bless them for the freedoms they have helped to protect and may we pray for people throughout our world who yearn for justice and peace.

Community Food Bank of NJ - Youth Servant Event, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, 8:15am – 11:30am All youth ages 12 -18 and Adults are welcome to serve at the Community Food Bank of NJ. To volunteer, click this link [Youth Servant Trip NJ Community Food Bank](#) by Wednesday, November 18. Adult Volunteer/ Drivers are needed. Please indicate your availability on the volunteer form. For more information, please email Lynda Pullis, lynda@calvarycranford.com.



Children and Youth (Pre-K thru Gr. 8) Share the Miracle of Jesus' Birth

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 PM. All children and youth are invited to participate in a dramatic presentation of Jesus' birth. If you would like to participate and plan to attend this service on Christmas Eve, **please email Lynda Pullis at lynda@calvarycranford.com by Sunday, November 29.**

THE CHILDREN OF EDEN Kean University's



Department of Theatre presents "Children of Eden," a performance by Stephen Schwartz and John Caird's sweeping and beautiful

musical, *Children of Eden*. Based on the first nine chapters of Genesis, *Children of Eden*, is a story about second chances, and the importance of family. Suitable for all ages, the performances run from **November 13-21, 2015**. For more information or tickets, please visit

www.keanstage.com/theatre or call Holly R. Logue, Kean University's Theatre Program Director at 908-737-4428.

Women's Bible Study meets on the Third Friday of every month at 1pm in the lounge. On **November 20th** we will be discussing Session 3 SLOW FAITH theme verse Luke 8:15. Come join us in study and prayer!



Cranford Community Thanksgiving Service

On Monday, **November 23rd**, an ecumenical service will be held at **St. Mark's A.M.E. Church, 34 High Street,**

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 information, 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, 2015.** Send to Pastor Tom Rice,

Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry St., Cranford.



Join us for **Jazz Night at Simply...** in downtown Cranford on **Friday, December 4 from 7pm to 9pm**. This event is open to all over the age of 21, and will feature a live jazz band, refreshments and

the opportunity for holiday shopping in a fun, festive atmosphere. Simply..., located at 11 North Union Avenue, is a wonderful art gallery, gift, jewelry and framing store with many one-of-a-kind items that will bring out the artist in all of us. Check out their website at

www.simplyartandframes.us **Tickets will be available for \$5 each in the narthex after services, through the church office or at the door. Please feel free to bring your own wine and beer.** Nonalcoholic beverages and snacks will be provided. **This event is limited to 40 people so get your tickets early.** Contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 with any questions.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Chris Wendel	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Leslie Schreiber	TBD
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C) Judy Seavy Chris Wendel	George Bird (C) Susan Bird Doug Nordstrom
Acolyte	Cathy Wendel	Dave Ten Broeck
Altar Guild	Desirée Santos Glenda Huff	Eric Pastore Glenda Huff

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 11/15	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music
4:30pm	Youth Bell Choir
5:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Tues 11/17	
7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Thur 11/19	
1:15pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Fri 11/20	
1pm	Women's Bible Study
Sat 11/21	
8-11:30am	Food Bank Project
Sun 11/22	<i>Christ the King Sunday</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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