

sunday times

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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"Beautiful Savior, King of Creation!" Today the church celebrates Christ as King of all. Welcome!

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.

WELCOME We are happy today to have **Pastor Gunnar Anderson** with us this morning as our guest pastor!!

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



*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.

Pastor Carol is on vacation Nov. 20-27.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office at 908-276-2418 or follow the instructions on Pastor's voicemail for emergency assistance. We are grateful to those who are providing help while Pastor is out of town, especially Lynda Pullis, our Director of Youth/Family Ministry & Communications and Pat Jurpalis, our Caring Ministry Chairperson.



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Calvary's income for YTD October 2015 is \$230,197, which is \$4,150 lower than the same time last year. Our expense totaled \$259,242 which

is \$4,843 higher than the same time last year (\$254,399). However, the efforts to reduce the shortfall are gathering momentum and we look to maintain these efforts for the remainder of 2015. Please take the time to complete your pledge.

Calvary is able to receive your gifts by:

- Making credit card payments through the church's website www.calvarycranford.com
- Adding us to your bill paying procedure on your bank website - we appear on many drop down menus.
- For those of you who prefer to use your smartphone, the QR code is above.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Pastor Raymond Birkel, father of Tim Birkel begins his chemotherapy treatment this week.
- ✚ Helene Miller has a patient this week at Rahway hospital.



"The Homeland of the Prince of Peace: Yesterday and Today"

Cradle of Civilization, Manger of Jesus, Holy Land of Chaos...the season of Advent calls us to consider anew Christ's Coming in our lives and in our world today. Pastor Carol's sermons during this special season will focus this year on the people, places, pieties and politics of the Middle East. May our faith guide us in understanding the world we live in, may it help us in our decision making and may it inspire our congregation to work for God's justice. We pray for God's blessing as we worship and study together. For complete information regarding this series, please see Pastor's Letter in the Dec. issue of Cross Currents.

Faith, Fellowship and Fun for Youth in Grades 7-12

Sunday, December 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Calvary Lutheran Youth – We Need YOU! Come and join us! Bring your holiday spirit as we prepare the goodies we leave with our shut-ins on our night of caroling. These goodies have become part of our caroling tradition and we look forward to seeing you Sunday, December 6th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm for this evening of faith, fun, and fellowship.



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. **Please join us for rehearsal on Sundays, November 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, and Tuesday, Dec 22.** For questions or more information email Lynda Pullis, lynda@calvarycranford.com.



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.



Children and Youth Share the Miracle of Jesus' Birth

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 PM. Children and youth in Pre-K thru Grade 8

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.**

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.	Anne Dawson	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C)	George Bird (C)
	Judy Seavy	Susan Bird
	Chris Wendel	Doug Nordstrom
	Cathy Wendel	Dave Ten Broeck
Acolyte	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan
Altar Guild	TBD	Eric Pastore

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

	<i>Last Sunday of Church Year</i>
Sun 11/22	Worship w/Holy Communion
8:15am	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music
Mon 11/23	
7pm	Cranford Community Thanksgiving Service
Thur 11/26	
1:15pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun 11/29	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:15am	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:30am	Cross†Generational Worship
10:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music
4:30pm	Youth Bell Choir
5:30pm	Youth Fellowship Night Grades 7-12

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

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