

# sunday times

First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016



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

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Welcome to worship as we start preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

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.

## ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA THIS MORNING!

Help to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Worship! The cost of each plant is \$15; order forms are in the bulletins and in the narthex. The deadline to place an order is Thursday, 12/15.



## BEER & BIBLE AT THE KILKENNY PUB IN CRANFORD, NOVEMBER 29



Beer & Bible will continue at the Kilkenny's Pub on **November 29**. This very informal group meets on Two Tuesdays every month 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 spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.



## FIRST SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 9:15AM**

This simple worship service for young children and their families will take place **Sunday, December 4**. We gather in **the church at 9:15am** for a service that engages the little ones and provides Holy Communion for parents. This brief service includes a story for the children, but not an adult sermon. People of all ages are warmly invited and refreshments for the whole congregation will be served following worship.

## YOUNG FAMILIES CONNECT GROUP EMPOWERING LITTLE HANDS

to make a difference in our community. Join us **Sunday, December 4** after the Children's Service in Fellowship Hall. Together we will empower our youngest members to make a difference this holiday season through volunteerism: making sandwiches for the soup kitchen, gifts for the seniors, and cookie making or baking. **All ages are welcomed to participate and support this gathering.**



**BAKERS NEEDED FOR 1ST SUNDAYS!** We need baked goods and snacks (**preferably peanut free**) for **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](mailto:marysterling@yahoo.com).



## "The Stars of Moshi"

### Advent @ Calvary 2016

"Stars of Moshi" is our Advent theme at Calvary this year. You have an opportunity to help Project MEMA bring the Love of Emmanuel to children in Tanzania. Come up and see the Christmas Tree - take an ornament and consider making a financial gift to this non-profit organization. Use the envelopes below the tree to submit your gifts. Consider this as an alternative giving suggestion, too. Cards are available under the tree - if you would like to give this to Uncle Harold instead of filling his drawer with more sweaters he doesn't need. May the Lord bless us as we focus on ways to embody the Word made Flesh in our world today, Pastor Carol

### Advent Worship

#### Prepare the Way: Cultivating a Heart for God

in Advent is our preaching focus this year during this special season. We will be looking at Fearlessness (Nov. 27, Daniel 6), Faithfulness (Dec. 4, Joel 2), Justice (Dec. 11, Isaiah 61) and Peace (Dec. 18, Luke 1). With various issues going on in our world and country right now, these should be meaty topics for us to look at together through the scriptures. If you would like to read along in the book that Pastor Carol is using for this series please look for Pamela C. Hawkins book (title above). It is available from Amazon or from the publisher: [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org). They have a print book, ebook and ecourse available for this title. Amidst the busyness of this time of the year, this is an invitation to slow down and spend some time with God as we prepare for Christ's coming. May the Lord bless this special study at Calvary.

**YOUTH BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS**



The Youth Bell Choir will be preparing music for Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be held from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** on the following Sunday afternoons: **TODAY 11/27, 12/11, 12/18.** We also 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 Jeanne at [jeanne@calvarycranford.com](mailto:jeanne@calvarycranford.com).

**NJ CARES COAT DRIVE 2016**

We are participating in the Annual NJ Cares Coat Drive! **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.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD**

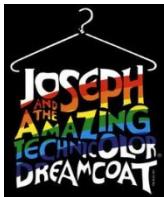
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Award is given to someone who has made contributions to the cause of improving the community in such areas as civil and human rights, social justice, social action and/or demonstrated concern for the welfare of others. Individuals or groups may make nominations for the Award. 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.



**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 : )



**JOSEPH AND AMAZING TECNICOLOR DREAM COAT** DECEMBER 30 at 2PM Connect Ministry is sponsoring a trip to the State Theatre on December 30<sup>th</sup> to see the musical "Joseph and the

Amazing Technicolor Dream coat". This is a wonderful opportunity to see the uplifting story of Joseph and his family written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. This is a family friendly event and appropriate for young children. The play starts at 2:00 pm at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. Tickets are \$7.00 each for children and adults. Due to the popularity of this show, tickets do sell out quickly. More details are on the flyer in your bulletin. If you have any questions contact Robin Marko ([rdmarko@verizon.net](mailto:rdmarko@verizon.net)) or Mary Sterling ([marysterling@yahoo.com](mailto:marysterling@yahoo.com)).

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

	<b>8:15am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Asst. Min.	Chris Wendel	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Meg Spatz	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Cliff Kaiser TBD	George Bird (C) Susan Bird Dave Ten Broeck
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

<b>Sun 11/27</b>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</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 Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal
4pm	
<b>Thu 11/29</b>	
1:15pm	Midweek Worship
7pm	Beer and Bible
<b>Sun 12/04</b>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	First Sunday
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
5pm	Confirmation Class

**Our office hours are:**

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

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**CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE** As of the end of October, Calvary's income is \$236,921 with expenses of \$263,962, a shortfall of \$27,041. Calvary's income year-to-date, for the first time all year, is less than the same time period for 2015. Current estimates indicate that we will finish 2016 approximately \$12,000 in the red (lower income versus expenses). In 2015, we experienced strong end of year giving and will need to equal, if not exceed it, for the last two months of 2016.