

sunday times

Second Sunday of Advent
December 04, 2016



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

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Welcome to Advent worship as we continue to prepare for Christ's coming!

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

Members and Friends have received Stewardship materials in the mail, which

included an Estimate of Giving form for 2017. We are asking everyone to submit a pledge for next year. We believe that everyone makes our mission and vision possible. Extra forms are available on the table in the narthex and may be placed in the blue box. If you prefer to send this electronically, please see the back of this form for instructions.



FIRST SUNDAY

TODAY, DECEMBER 4,

9:15AM This simple worship service for young children and their families will take place

TODAY, 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 Make a difference in our community by joining us **TODAY, December 4** after the Children's Service in **Fellowship Hall**. Together we will empower our youngest members to make a difference this season through volunteerism: making sandwiches for the soup kitchen, gifts for the seniors, and baking cookies. **All ages are welcome to participate and support this gathering.**

BAKERS NEEDED FOR 1ST SUNDAYS!



We need baked goods and snacks (**preferably peanut free**) for the **First Sunday services** for young families. This once a month service will be held on the following Sundays: **January 8, February 5,**

March 5, April 2, and May 7. If you can help out, please contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Fred Miller had a bad fall over a week ago and needs our prayers in the healing process.
- ✚ Louise Engstrom had a bad fall at home last Wednesday and is now in ICU at the University Hospital in Newark.
- ✚ Stan Mruk is a patient at Overlook Hospital fighting another infection.
- ✚ We are praying for those who have been affected by this week's fires and tornados in the Southeast and for those who are helping them.

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.**



"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.

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). 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.

MIDWEEK SERVICE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, DEC 8, 12:15 PM SEATS STILL AVAILABLE for the Midweek Service Christmas Luncheon, on **Thursday, Dec. 8th at 12:15 pm.** Please RSVP Pat Jurpulis 908-447-2907 and leave a message. All are welcome to share in **WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & MEMORY MAKING!**

NJ CARES COAT DRIVE 2016

TODAY, December 4, is the last day to participate in the Annual NJ Cares Coat Drive! Please bring your gently used coats to donate and help keep people warm this winter! Please make sure coats are clean and that zippers are in good working order.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR ALL AGES, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 5:30 PM

All are invited!! Bring your voices & enthusiasm as we go caroling and spread Christmas

joy to Calvary's shut-ins. We will gather at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 11th to begin our evening of caroling. After caroling, we will meet back at Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments. Please RSVP Claire Fiebiger by Dec.9th at claire@fiebigers.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 12:30 P.M.

The Women's Bible Study will be going to lunch **Friday, December 16th** at the Chestnut Chateau. We will meet at the restaurant at 12:30 p.m. All are invited! To RSVP, please call June Kaiser at 908-276-2546.

"AMONG A MESS, COMES CHRISTMAS" DECEMBER 24, 7PM



On CHRISTMAS EVE at our family service held at 7pm, the Sunday school children of all ages will present the wondrous story of the Nativity with a fresh "twist" in "**Amongst a mess, comes Christmas.**" A child "pieces together" the Christmas story with characters and beloved carols.

We will have rehearsals for the show during Sunday school time Dec 4, 11, and 18th with one dress rehearsal close to Christmas Eve.

First grade through confirmation will practice all three Sundays. The pre K and Kindergarten children will practice the last 2 rehearsals. We welcome all to be a part of this Christmas tradition, which many of us grew up with! Please contact your Sunday school teachers or Cindy Nordstrom Roy at cmndesigns@aol.com to have your children added to the cast!

♥ OPERATION WARM HEART ♥

Operation Warm Heart is being sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church & they need our help! They are asking for new or gently used winter clothing, boots, gloves & scarves. Also needed are sewing supplies, laundry pods, plastic eating utensils, paper plates, cups, napkins, packaged milk, sugar packets, instant coffee and tea, canned sodas, boxed juices, dried pastas and vegetarian tomato sauce. 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 help, please contact Meg Spatz at 908-304-3531. **Collections go through March.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Anne Dawson	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Chris Wendel (C) Cathi Wendel TBD	Dave Ten Broeck Barb Birger TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 12/04	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	First Sunday in the Sanctuary
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10am	Young Families Connect Group meets in Fellowship Hall
10am	Rehearsal for the Christmas Show
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music Confirmation Class
5pm	
Thu 12/08	
12:15pm	Midweek Service Christmas Luncheon
1:15pm	Midweek Worship
Sun 12/11	<i>Third 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 Rehearsals
4pm	

Our office hours are:

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

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~ YOUTHBELL 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: **12/11 and 12/18.** Please contact Jeanne Elmuccio on Sunday mornings or email Jeanne at jeanne@calvarycranford.com