

# sunday times

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 06, 2015



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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How I appreciate this chance, during a busy season, to abide in your presence, heavenly Father. Thank you for this time of worship.

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.



## "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. Pastor Carol is enormously grateful to Dr. David Grafton, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, for his lectures which have informed and inspired these sermons. We ask for God's direction and blessing during this important time.

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, 4:30pm – 5:15pm. **Please join us TODAY for rehearsal and on Sundays, Dec 13, 20, and Tuesday, Dec 22.** For questions or more information email Lynda Pullis, [lynda@calvarycranford.com](mailto:lynda@calvarycranford.com).



## 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](http://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

- ✚ Gene Kobliska, friend of Ed Leicht, is having a medical procedure at Morristown Memorial.

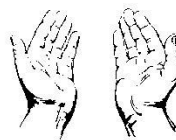


## ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA THIS MORNING!

Help to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Worship! The cost of each plant is \$14.95; order forms are in the bulletins and in the narthex. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, 12/13.

## Advent Cross†Generational Engagement & Worship

St. Nicholas and the Blessing of the Christmas Stockings Sunday, December 6, 9:15 am. Everyone is invited to join us in Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of Advent, December 6, to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas. A faithful follower of Jesus Christ, St. Nicholas' life reflected the way each one of us is called to show God's love to others, especially those in need. We'll learn about St. Nicholas and make an ornament to hang on your Christmas tree. Bring your Christmas stocking or a picture of your Christmas stocking for a special blessing. Don't have a stocking, that's OK, we'll be making stockings to take to the shut-ins as we Christmas Carol next Sunday, December 13.



## Share the Vision - Make a Difference

Members and Friends have received Stewardship materials in the mail. These materials included an Estimate of Giving form for 2016. We are asking everyone to submit a pledge for next year. This is a big part of our Calvary family values – we believe that everyone makes our mission and vision possible. Estimate of Giving forms may be placed in the box in the narthex. Extra forms are available on the table in the narthex. If you prefer to send this electronically, please see the form attached to Sunday's Coming each week.



## CAROLING

## AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR ALL AGES SUNDAY, DEC 13, 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 13th to begin our evening of caroling. After caroling, we will meet back at Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments. Please RSVP Lynda Pullis by Dec.9th at [lynda@calvarycranford.com](mailto:lynda@calvarycranford.com).



**Items for Sale today - from Palestine and the West Bank**

Part of our special Advent sermon series includes an opportunity for congregants at Calvary to help our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. You are invited to "shop" up at the Calvary tree during this Advent season. You will find:

**Olive Wood Ornaments** - \$1.00 each

**Table-top Small Nativities** – priced individually

These items are made in Bethlehem @ Wi'am, the Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center.

**Kafiyeh Scarves** - \$15.00 each - made in Hebron by local workers.

**Pashmina Shawls** - \$25.00 each - woven by women in John the Baptist's hometown (Sebastia) in the upper West Bank.

**Olive Oil Soap** - \$5.00 each - pure olive oil, no additives, very moisturizing, made using traditional methods in the village of Zababdeh, northern West Bank (be sure and take a card with your purchase - which explains where and how these items are made).

Sales are on an "honor" basis. Please put your cash or checks (made out to Pilgrims of Ibillin) in the red decorated box. Pastor Carol encourages everyone to be generous - no change will be given, put something extra in, if you can. These sales help to fund school projects and assist our neighbors in Palestine and the West Bank. Check out their website: [www.pilgrimsofibilin.org](http://www.pilgrimsofibilin.org) and thank you for your support of this important effort!

**REACHING FOR HOME SEAN GARNHART'S NEW CD IS HERE FOR YOU AND FOR CALVARY**

You've heard Sean Garnhart play in church, now you can bring his piano music into your own home...again. That's right, Sean Garnhart's new CD, *Reaching For Home*, is now available. And for every CD sold at Calvary, Sean will donate \$5 to the church to help close the budget gap. Sean's latest CD leads you through a journey of emotions with contemplative piano-based original music. Inspired by the experience of saying goodbye to both parents within the past two years, *Reaching For Home* has helped Sean with the healing process. Sean's CDs will be on sale in the narthex throughout the month of December. Each CD costs \$15, of which \$5 will be donated to Calvary. With the holidays soon upon us, Sean's CDs are a great way to give the gift of music to your family, friends, co-workers, and to Calvary.



**Christmas Shoppe and Soup Festival**

The United Methodist Church is having a Christmas boutique on **Saturday, December 12th from 10am to 3pm**. Join UMC at 201 Lincoln Ave E in Cranford for soup, shopping with quality vendors, and a special holiday performance by the Cranford High School Madrigal Choir. For the children, there will be readings and a book signing by **Laura Sassi** between 10:30am to 12pm.

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

|             |                |                  |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|
|             | <b>8:15am</b>  | <b>10:30am</b>   |
| Asst. Min.  | Anne Dawson    | Richelle Konian  |
| Comm. Asst. | Rob Seavy      | Eric Pastore     |
| Ushers      | Henry Wichmann | David Ten Broeck |
|             | Pat Wichmann   | Barb Birger      |
|             | Cliff Kaiser   | Chuck Sherrick   |
|             | Brian McCarthy | TBD              |
| Acolyte     | TBD            | TBD              |
| Altar Guild | Lori Gaudin    | Lori Gaudin      |

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun 12/6</b>  | <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>     |
| 8:15am           | Worship with Holy Communion        |
|                  | Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music |
| 9:15am           | Cross†Generational Worship         |
| 9:30am           | Choir Rehearsal                    |
| 10:30am          | Worship w/Holy Communion           |
|                  | Sung Liturgy, traditional music    |
| 4:30pm           | Youth Bell Choir                   |
| 5pm-7pm          | Confirmation                       |
| Tues 12/8        |                                    |
| 7:30pm           | Church Council Meeting             |
| <b>Wed 12/9</b>  |                                    |
| 11am             | CNSCC Children's Chapel            |
| <b>Thu 12/10</b> |                                    |
| 11am             | CNSCC Children's Chapel            |
| 1:15pm           | Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion   |
| <b>Sun 12/13</b> | <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>      |
| 8:15am           | Worship with Holy Communion        |
|                  | Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music |
| 9:15am           | Cross†Generational Worship         |
| 9:30am           | Choir Rehearsal                    |
| 10:30am          | Worship w/Holy Communion           |
|                  | Sung Liturgy, traditional music    |
| 4:30pm           | Youth Bell Choir                   |
| 5:30pm           | Christmas Caroling                 |

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

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