

# sunday times

Last Sunday After Epiphany  
February 7, 2016



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

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We extend our welcome and Christ's love to all who gather for worship today. Glad you're here!

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.

Our Lenten journey begins...

Ash   
Wednesday

Wednesday, February 10, 2015  
Worship with Holy Communion &  
Imposition of Ashes  
1:15 pm & 7:30 pm

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – TODAY!

**Sunday, February 7, 9:15 AM** Our youth will join with young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and in need of warm shelter. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously. Monetary donations of \$1, \$5, \$10 or more are greatly appreciated and will be collected in soup pots after worship.

## In-kind Offering - Canned Soup Challenge

Please bring cans of soup to worship for our Souper Bowl collection. Through a Thrivent Action Grant we will match the number of cans of soup donated by the congregation. All monetary and canned soup donations will benefit Cranford Family Care. Thank you for your generosity.

## Cross†Generational Worship with Holy Communion for All Ages

*Making a Difference: Walking the Talk*  
Today at 9:15am, Fellowship Hall



## VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES – TODAY!

**11:45 am – 1:15 pm** Youth in Grades 6-12, we need your help to pack Valentine goodie boxes for Calvary's college students. Join the fun as we pack boxes and connect with one another. Please bring a donation of wrapped candy, individually packaged snacks, popcorn, chips, or a batch of your



favorite cookies or baked goods to include in the care packages. This annual youth sponsored event is greatly appreciated by the college students. Please bring a bag lunch. A Thrivent Action Grant will help offset the cost of shipping the packages.

## Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

✠ Anna Seymour, Dale Koznecki's mother, has been moved to Manor Care in New Providence for rehab following her hospitalization at Overlook.

## DR. DAVID GRAFTON TO TEACH AND PREACH AT CALVARY

We are very pleased that Dr. David Grafton will be with us on Sunday, February 21, to preach at both of our services. Dr. Grafton will also lead an adult discussion between services at 9:15am. The Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton is Associate Professor, Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations and Vice President for Planning, Assessment, and Administration at our Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. He has a PhD in Islamic Studies from the University of Birmingham, UK. Before joining the Philadelphia faculty he served as the Coordinator of Graduate Studies at the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo, Egypt. Dr. Grafton has provided courses, lectures and seminars on Islam, Middle East Religion and Society, and Christian-Muslim Relations around the world, including Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Sudan, England, and within the United States. He is the author of numerous articles on Christian-Muslim Relations in the Middle East. We are looking forward to Dr. Grafton's visit to Calvary. We encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends to this special opportunity as we seek to learn more about being good neighbors to those of the Muslim faith.

## LENTEN LIGHT LUNCHESES & SIMPLE SUPPERS

Wednesday, February 10th is Ash Wednesday which begins Lent, the time of preparation before Easter. Last year we held some Simple Suppers at Calvary. This year we would like to offer a variation on this to include some Light Lunches, as well as, Simple Suppers so our congregation can participate in a time of fellowship and growth at a time best suited to them. Each session will include a simple meal and a short conversation around related Lenten verses from the Upper Room texts and the gospel of John chapters 13-17. Various members of the congregation and staff will lead the sessions as well as provide the meals, with support from Thrivent. Meals will consist of soup or chili, bread, and dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you can email Donna Vaupel at [donnaupaupel@gmail.com](mailto:donnaupaupel@gmail.com) to let her know if you want to help lead a session or be providing food.

**LIGHT LUNCH** – in the church narthex:

**Thursday, February 18** 12pm - 1:15pm  
**Thursday, March 17** 12pm - 1:15pm

**SIMPLE SUPPERS** – in the upstairs lounge:  
**Wednesday, February 24** 6 pm - 7:45 pm  
**Wednesday, March 2** 6 pm - 7:45 pm  
**Wednesday, March 9** 6 pm - 7:45 pm



### CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Calvary's income for year end 2015 is \$313,411. Our expense totaled \$326,361 which leaves us

with a shortfall of \$12,950 along with designated giving of \$7,472. Thank you for all that helped to close the year in a more positive position. Please take the time to complete your pledge for 2016.

**Please note: "End of Year Giving Statements" have been mailed.**

**The Prayer Shawl ministry** will meet **Feb. 14 at 9:15 am** in the Betty Dahlquist room. All are welcome to join our friendly group.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!** All ages are invited to join us on Friday, **February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** in the lounge.

### CALVARY CONNECT: BOOK CLUB



Our next book is called "The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf" by Mohja Kahf. This is a story of growing up Muslim in the heartland of America in the 1970s, and a young woman's struggle to find

her place in the world. The book club will meet on **Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm**. Copies of the book are available to borrow so please contact Mary Sterling at 908-217-9267 or Nancy Meglio at 908-418-3679 if you would like to borrow one. We will have the books available in the narthex after services. We hope to see you on February 24th!

**CROSSROADS ELEMENTARY RETREAT - FILL YOUR PLATE February 19-21** For youth in Grades 3-6 Come Fill Your Plate thru Prayer and Play! Enjoy a weekend at camp exploring your faith, enjoying great food, and having tons of fun! Registrations are due today.



### CALVARY-CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP

**The Jesus Way August 15-19, 2016**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (extended care available) Children and Youth entering Kindergarten thru Grade 6 join us for an awesome week of action-packed camp fun! Registration opens January 22, 2016. To register, go to Calvary's website [www.calvarycranford.com](http://www.calvarycranford.com) or pick up a flyer and registration form in the narthex.

### THE REFORMATION – NAILING THE 95 THESES IN HISTORY AND PRACTICE

Rev. Timothy Wengert, Professor emeritus of Reformation History at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, will delve into the Reformation – then, now and in the future. Come and learn more about the Reformation in History and Practice as we prepare for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in October 2017. The program will take place on Saturday, March 5 from 10 am – 3:30 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rt. 9 and Cable Ave, Beachwood, NJ. The cost of the program is \$25 which includes lunch. For more information, email Marlene Tona at [matona@optline.net](mailto:matona@optline.net). Please register by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

	<b>8:15am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	Eric Pastore
Ushers	Robin Marko (C)	David Ten Broeck(C)
	Brian Peebles	TBD
	Josh Peebles	TBD
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	Desiree Santos	TBD
Altar Guild	Lori Gaudin	Lori Gaudin

### THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

<b>Sun 02/07</b>	<i>Last Sunday After Epiphany</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Souper Bowl of Caring/
	Cross†Generational Worship
9:30am	Calvary Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music
11:45-1:15	Valentine Care Packages
<b>Wed 02/10</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
1:15 pm	Service of Holy Communion and
	Imposition of Ashes
7:30 pm	Service of Holy Communion and
	Imposition of Ashes
<b>Sun 02/14</b>	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets
9:30am	Calvary 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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