

# sunday times

First Sunday in Lent  
February 14, 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.

LENT *Lent* LENT *Lent*

We are focusing on Wondering Questions in this Lenten Season. Wondering Questions give us a chance to imagine and explore. They are non-threatening - they have no right or wrong answers. What Wondering Questions do you have about your faith in this Lenten Season? Pastor Carol would love to hear them. What Wondering Questions might you offer to God in prayer?

## LENTEN LIGHT LUNCHEES & 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 spiritual 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 [donnavaupel@gmail.com](mailto:donnavaupel@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

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



**Sunday, Feb. 28** - Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at **11:30am**. Please note that we will have one worship service that day at 10:30 along with Sunday School (9:15am) and Calvary Choir (9:30am). Annual Reports for this fiscal meeting, which includes the approval of the 2016 Budget, are in the narthex this morning.

## Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Please keep Glenda Huff close in prayer as she undergoes knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Morristown Hospital.
- ✠ Anna Seymour has been a patient this week at Overlook Hospital. We are hoping that she can return soon to rehab at Manor Care in New Providence.
- ✠ We have blessed news to share about a congregant who has grown up and grown in God within our community. Bridget Gautieri has been accepted to three ELCA seminaries - Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and Lutheran School of Theology at Philadelphia. She will pursue a Master of Divinity degree as she works to reach her desired goal of serving as a Lutheran Pastor. Bridget will be visiting all three seminaries in February and will need to make her decision by early March. Please keep Bridget in your prayers for safe travels and God's guidance as she makes this important decision.

## **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, 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

**The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet TODAY, 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.** Contact Mary Sterling at 908-217-9267 or Nancy Meglio at 908-418-3679 if you would like to borrow a book. We hope to see you on February 24th!

**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.

**Thank you** for your generous support of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth collected \$751 and 138 cans of soup. The canned goods and monetary donations were delivered to Cranford Family Care on Monday, February 8. Executive Director, Kathy Willis, was thrilled to receive Calvary's substantial gift. We will purchase and deliver the matching donation of soup this week. Our youth boxed and sent 15 Valentine Care packages to Calvary's college students. The boxes were packed full of all kinds of treats and goodies. Thank you for supporting this time honored Calvary tradition.



**USHERS NEEDED** – We are looking for ushers for the 10:30am service. It's really very easy, but Alan Olsen will provide the necessary training. If you can help, please contact Alan at (908) 0272-6172 or email [aolsen272@verizon.net](mailto:aolsen272@verizon.net) for more information.



**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 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.	Carla Flint	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Leslie Schreiber	Donna Schlenker
Ushers	Robin Marko (C)	David Ten Broeck(C)
	Brian Peebles	Barbara Birger
	Josh Peebles	Chuck Sherrick
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

<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
	Youth Bell Choir
<b>Thu 02/18</b>	
12pm	Lenten Light Lunch
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>Fri 02/19</b>	
1 pm	Women's Bible Study Meets
5 pm	Crossroads Elementary Retreat
<b>Sun 02/21</b>	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School and Adult Forum
9:30am	Calvary Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music
	Confirmation
5pm	

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

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 for more than 85 years.

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