

sunday times

Second Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome to worship, brothers and sisters! It is good to gather to praise our Lord Jesus.

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.

Welcome to Calvary, Dr. Grafton!!

We are very pleased that Dr. David Grafton is with us today to preach at both of our services. Dr. Grafton will also lead an Adult Forum entitled, "What is Islam," between services at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. 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 welcome Dr. Grafton to Calvary as we seek to be better neighbors with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

Youth
Retreat



CROSS ROADS

**ELEMENTARY RETREAT -
Fill Your Plate** This weekend, twelve of Calvary's youth in Grades 3-6 and their adult

leaders Janice Dittmer, Steve Owens, and Lynda Pullis are attending the Cross Roads Elementary Retreat. Youth and adults will focus on what it means to "fill their plates" through *creating, discovering, playing, and prayer*. The retreat's servant project will help hungry kids living in the area by partnering with Toni's Kitchen, a soup kitchen, that is a ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair. Youth are providing food items and filling backpacks with food for children who are served by Toni's Kitchen.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 11:30am.

Annual Reports for this fiscal meeting, which includes the approval of the 2016 Budget, are available this morning. **Please Note – There will be one worship service at 10:30am.**



Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ The Flowers on the altar are in honor of Louise Engstrom in celebration of her 90th birthday given by her family.
- ✠ Glenda Huff had knee replacement surgery at Morristown Hospital on Wed. She hopes to be out of the hospital this weekend.
- ✠ Steve Sarnowski, friend of Ed Leight, is suffering from Huntington's disease. Please keep him in your prayers.
- ✠ 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.



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!

GRIEF IS A JOURNEY AND A PROCESS, NOT SOMETHING "WE GET OVER" The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Ave., will hold their eight week seminar - "**Journey to Wholeness- Healing the Grieving Heart**" on **Sundays evenings from April 24, 2016-June 12, 2016**. It does not matter if your loss is divorce, death or job loss; loss is loss- it must be grieved. It does not matter how long ago you experienced loss. All faiths are welcome. To register for this life changing event, please call 908-709-1341. **No fee is charged.**

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 for more information.



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

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection 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 donna.vaupel@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, 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

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 or pick up a flyer and registration form in the narthex.



BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE AND BRUNCH

Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church invites the general public to their annual black history observance and brunch. There will be singing of negro spirituals and a dramatic

presentation "The Odyssey of Harriet (Ma Moses) Tubman" **Saturday, February 27, 2016 1pm** at 34 High St. Cranford, NJ. The donation is \$10.00. For more information, please contact the church or Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis at 908-276-3449.

THE REFORMATION – NAILING THE 95 THESES IN HISTORY AND PRACTICE

Come and learn more about the Reformation in History and Practice as we prepare for the 500th 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. Please register by Feb. 15th.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Rob Seavy	TBD
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Brian Peebles Josh Peebles TBD	David Ten Broeck(C) Barbara Birger Chuck Sherrick TBD
Acolyte	Eric Pastore	TBD
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 02/21	<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
4pm	Youth Bell Choir
5pm	Confirmation
Wed 02/24	
6 pm	Lenten Simple Supper
7:30pm	Book Club Meets
Thu 02/25	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun 02/28	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Calvary Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Single Worship Service w/Holy Communion
11:30am	Annual Finance Meeting
4pm	Youth Bell Choir
5pm	Confirmation

Our office hours are:

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

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