

sunday times

First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015



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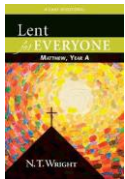
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If you are visiting with us today, welcome, and please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" visitor forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



Today is the First Sunday in LENT – Let's Imagine Doing Something New.

How about taking up something new this Lent instead of giving up something? How about reading a book of the Bible and actually understanding what it's talking

about and how it ties into your life and the life of this world? Sound interesting? You are invited to join in reading a book by the Biblical scholar, N.T. Wright entitled, *Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A*. You can buy this book online or we will have copies available for \$9.50. Let's imagine doing something new this Lent – if you are interested or have questions, please speak with Pastor Carol.



LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Calvary will host Lenten Simple Suppers every Wednesday during the 5 weeks of Lent. This will be an opportunity for us to GROW in our understanding of Lent

through a short, informal devotion and discussion, and CONNECT by sharing a simple meal and fellowship. Sessions will be held in the Lounge **on February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. All sessions will run from 6:30 - 8:00 PM with the exception of March 4 which will run from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.** Meals will consist of a soup/chili, salad and bread. Families are invited to sign up to supply a meal or part of a meal. See the sign up chart in the Narthex. We hope you can join us for one or more of the suppers during Lent.

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Donna Vaupel at 908-577-1183 or donnaupaupel@gmail.com.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Anthony Giovannini (61), a cousin of the Vaupel and Kurasz families, passed away suddenly on January 28. Please pray for his daughter Allison, her husband Riz and all who mourn Anthony's untimely passing.
- ✠ Aimee Alfonso (20) died at Jersey City Medical Center on February 5. She was a dear friend of Waverly Ferrise and we have been asked to include Aimee and all of those who mourn her death in our prayers today.
- ✠ Eva Browne is doing well in rehab after a fall at home last week.

WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL:

Please call the church office to find out if we will have a delayed opening. If the winter weather makes travel dangerous, we will cancel the 8:30am worship service and Sunday School. Please call the church office at 908 276 2418 for updates on service or activity cancellations. This is especially important for those who worship at 8:30am. If the weather is questionable, please call the church office before making the trip.

CALVARY CONNECT:



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Our first event is a Family Movie Night in Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 27 at 7pm. Bring lawn chairs, a blanket and snacks to share as we gather together to watch *Monsters University*, a wonderful movie for kids and parents alike. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, February 25.

"STONE SOUP" CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCH Sunday March 1 after 10:30 am Single Service

Bring a pot of your favorite soup to share as we chase away the cold of winter! As the story goes, many contributions can make a feast. Other items needed include bread, fruit/green salads and desserts. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Mary Sterling to RSVP (908)217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com.



Take note of the NEW CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS –
Monday through Friday 1-5pm.



CALVARY CONNECT: BOOK CLUB

Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 4 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We will be discussing the bestselling book, Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed. We welcome all members and friends to join us for this lively book discussion. Please contact the church office by February 25 if you are planning to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, CRANFORD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6 at 1pm at First Baptist Church, 100 High Street, Cranford.

This year the World Day of Prayer Service has been written by the women of the Bahamas. The theme is "Jesus said, "Do you understand what I have done for you?" Please join with us as women all over the world gather to pray.



"STAMP OUT DESPAIR" In further response to the New Jersey Synod's Campaign to "Stamp Out Despair" we are collecting items to add to the very generous amount of Global Forever

stamps and Forever stamps that were collected in December. **Beginning 2/15**, please take a star that lists the items needed from the sign in the narthex. Be sure to bring in only what is listed and place them in the box located in the narthex. Only the items listed are needed to complete the packets and should be returned by March 8. "Stamp Out Despair" packets will be mailed to the detainees of the Elizabeth Detention Center. More information about this ministry is available on www.njsynod.org. Thank You!



THE PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE

will meet Sunday, March 8 in at 9:30 am in Betty Dahlquist room. Everyone is welcome. We have yarn to spare!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Our tubing event planned for today has been cancelled.

Sunday, March 1 – join us for Sunday Night Live (SNL) 7-8:45pm. Bring a snack to share and a friend and help plan our events for April and May.

Saturday, March 14 – Annual Spring Servant Trip to the NJ Community Food Bank, 8:30-11:30am. Watch for an email with more information from Jill and Lindsey Garnhart.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Chris Wendel	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Carla Flint	TBA
Ushers	Alan Olsen (C) Gaylord Fernstrom Dennis Statue Teresa Statue	George Bird (C) Carly Van Houten David Van Houten Nancy Van Houten
Acolyte	Lindsey Garnhart	Eric Pastore & James Garbowski
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Today 2/22	<i>Forgiveness</i>
8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
3-5:00pm	First Holy Communion Study
5-7:00pm	Confirmation Class
Wed 2/25	
6:30-8pm	Lenten Simple Supper
Thur 2/26	
1:15pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri 2/27	
7pm	Connect: Family Movie Night "Monsters University"
Sun 3/1	<i>Laborers in the Vineyard</i>
9:30am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30am	"Stone Soup" Congregational Brunch
3-5:00pm	First Holy Communion Study

CROSS ROADS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETREAT

This weekend, Kurt, Matthew, Michael, and Thomas are at Cross Roads Camp meeting new friends, exploring their faith, and enjoying great food! The theme for the weekend is "Heart, Mind, and Body" based on Luke 10:27. *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind."* And, *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* The boys will be busy singing, playing games, doing crafts, and just having fun all the while learning more about God's love. Lynda Pullis is accompanying our boys on this wonderful weekend for third, fourth, and fifth grade students.