

sunday times

Third Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2016



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

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Welcome to worship and fellowship in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world!

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 Associate Organist, Tyler Simko, and thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us!!

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 LUNCHESS & 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. 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 – Church Narthex

• **Thursday, March 17** 12pm - 1:15pm

*****PLEASE NOTICE DATE CHANGE*****

SIMPLE SUPPERS – Lounge

• **Thursday, March 3*** 6 pm - 7:45 pm
• **Thursday, March 10*** 6 pm - 7:45 pm

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held TODAY at 11:30am. The 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 this Sunday at 10:30am.**



Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Pastor Birkel, Tim's father, had surgery (removal of a tumor) at a hospital in NYC on Thursday. He is expected to do rehab in a facility in New Jersey.
- ✠ Janet Kobliska, friend of Ed Leicht, is having knee replacement surgery on Monday.
- ✠ We are praying today for Chris Hasselman, Lois Hasselman's daughter-in-law, who is mourning the recent death of her mother, Jean Hayes. Jean died on February 20 while in hospice care.
- ✠ Glenda Huff is doing amazingly well recovering at home after her recent knee replacement surgery.
- ✠ Val Frank continues to slowly recuperate after a fall at home.
- ✠ Josephine Abs, friend of Al and Pat Jurpalis, is in hospice care at the final stage of her struggle with cancer.
- ✠ Ben Gardner, cousin of Chuck Sherrick, continues his recovery after a severe accident at work with extensive surgeries/complications.
- ✠ Lynne Hogan, friend of Anne Dawson, continues her battle with stage 4 cancer.
- ✠ Jeanne Viscito, friend of Jeanne Elmuccio, continues in pain after a car accident.
- ✠ 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 visited all three seminaries in February and will need to make her decision by early March. Please keep Bridget in your prayers and God's guidance as she makes this important decision.



INVITATION TO MASJID DARUL ISLAM MOSQUE We are invited to the Masjid Darul Islam Mosque on **Thursday, March 17th at 6pm.**

Imam Ali K. Muslim and his brothers and sisters of the Islamic faith are opening the doors of their Mosque on March 17. We are invited to join them for food and refreshments at 6pm that evening. This will be followed by a tour of the Mosque and a brief introduction to the Muslim faith.

This event is sponsored by the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council. The Mosque is located at 602 Salem Avenue in Elizabeth. We will be carpooling together from the Calvary parking lot that evening. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about this opportunity and if I should add you to our sign up list. May the Lord continue to help us be good neighbors to all people in this world, Pastor Carol



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Church Women United-
Cranford Friday, March 4, at
1pm St. Mark's A.M.E. Church
 located at 34 High Street Cranford

will have a meditation led by Rev. Wilfred Lewis. Please join with us as women all over the world as we gather together to pray. If you have any questions, please call St. Mark's (908) 276-3449.

Youth and Family Service Day at the NJ Community Food Bank Saturday, March 19,



8:15-11:30am Youth (12+), adults, and families with children age 6-11 are invited to volunteer at the New Jersey Community Food Bank located in Hillside, NJ. In the past, volunteers have sorted & re-packed food items; stocked the shelves with food; packed food boxes for senior citizens and helped assemble fundraising mailings. We will meet at Calvary at 8:15am and carpool to the food bank. We should be back at the church around 11:30am. This service opportunity is open to everyone, 6 years and older. Children ages 6-11 must be accompanied by a parent or significant adult. Space is limited. If you would like to attend, please click this link and add your name/s to the list by February 28: [NJ Community Food Bank Servant Event](#) Contact Lynda Pullis if you would like more information or need help with the Google Doc.

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USHERS NEEDED – We are looking for ushers for the 10:30am service. It's 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.



2016 EASTER FOOD DRIVE
 We are now collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Easter food drive. The collection sheets and bags with items needed will be handed out after services. Gift Cards of \$10 to Shoprite or Pathmark, or cash will also be collected. The drive continues until Sunday, March 20th. The donations benefit the food pantry at Holy Trinity Church, East Orange and St. Clare's Aids Resource Foundation for Children in Newark. Thank you in advance to the congregation for the continued support of these local organizations.

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.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY
10:30am

Asst. Min. Donna Schlenker
 Comm. Asst. Karl Schlenker
 Ushers Robin Marko (C)
 Brian Peebles
 TBD
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 Acolyte Eric Pastore
 Altar Guild Lori Gaudin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 02/28 *Third Sunday in Lent*
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:30am Calvary Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Single Worship Service w/Holy Communion
 11:30am Annual Finance Meeting
 5pm Confirmation Class
Thu 03/03
 6pm Lenten Simple Supper
 1:15 pm Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Sun 03/06 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*
 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion
 Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:30am Calvary Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion
 Sung Liturgy, traditional music
 4pm Youth Bell Choir
 5pm Confirmation Class

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

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 Marsha Stoltz, Council President

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