

sunday times

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2015



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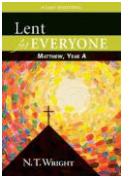
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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

Thank you Associate Organist Tyler Simko for sharing your musical gifts with us as we worship this morning.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TODAY TO OUR "STONE SOUP" CONGREGATIONAL BRUNCH. Join us after worship for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, even if you didn't sign up ahead of time.



Let's Imagine Doing Something New for LENT. It's not too late to start reading N.T. Wright's book entitled, *Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A*.

Interested in reading a book of the Bible and actually understanding it? Want to know how that book of the Bible ties into your life today? Then this book is for you! You can buy the book online or we have copies available for \$9.50. Imagine doing something new this Lent! If you are interested or have questions, speak with Pastor Carol.



LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Calvary will host Lenten Simple Suppers every Wednesday during the 5 weeks of Lent. Please join us this Wednesday, March 4 at 6pm in the Lounge. This is 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. Meals will consist of a soup/chili, salad and bread. For more information, or to help, contact Donna Vaupel at 908-577-1183 or donna.vaupel@gmail.com.

REMEMBER if the weather is bad, we may open on a delayed opening. This means 8:30am Worship and Sunday School would be cancelled. If the weather is inclement, **PLEASE call the office** to check on cancellations before coming to church.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Lou Suriani is a patient at Morristown Hospital with pneumonia.
- ✚ We are happy to report that Christine Swenson O'Grady and her husband, Tim, are expecting their first child. However, she has had some medical concerns in her pregnancy and is now on strict bed rest until the baby arrives. Please join us in keeping the O'Grady family in your prayers.
- ✚ A child from our congregation was hospitalized this week and we will include him and his family in our prayers.



CALVARY CONNECT: BOOK CLUB

Our first meeting takes place this Wednesday, March 4 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We will discuss 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

We have some great opportunities for middle school/Jr high youth this spring and summer. Join us for a parent/youth orientation this Sunday, March 1 during "Stone Soup" Brunch. We'll help ourselves to some soup and then gather in the Dahlquist Lounge. Come hear about Cross Roads Middle School Retreat (April), the Synod Multicultural Leadership Event and Agape Concert (May) and the NJ Synod Middle School Servant Trip (June). We hope to see you there!

High School YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

TONIGHT! 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, 8:15-11:30am. Please contact Jill or Lindsey Garnhart if you plan on going.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

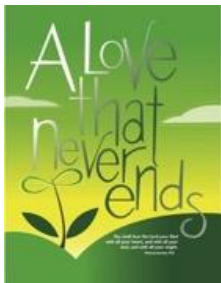


“STAMP OUT DESPAIR” To help New Jersey Synod’s Campaign “Stamp Out Despair” we are collecting writing paper and other items for the detainees of the Elizabeth Detention Center. Please take a star from the sign in the narthex that lists the items needed. Be sure to bring in only what is listed and place them in the collection box located in the narthex. **All donations should be returned by March 8.**

Thank You!

A Reminder from the Mutual Ministry Committee:

Leaders/committees/teams please remember to keep our staff members "in the loop" as you plan church activities. This will help them discuss dates as they are being chosen and ensure our staff's connection and involvement. May the Lord continue to bless the mutual ministry we do here at Calvary.



**Cross Roads Day Camp – 2015
@ Calvary Lutheran Church
Monday, August 17 –
Friday, August 21
9am-3pm**

Extended care daily 8-9am and/or 3-6pm.

Children entering Kindergarten thru 6th grade are invited to join us for an awesome week of action-filled camp aimed at creating great friendships and a stronger faith in God and his love.

Registration is now open! \$125 per camper (add \$50 for extended care)

For more information and to register online go to www.calvarycranford.com.

Register Early – Limited Enrollment

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS – Time is running out to choose where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. Calvary Lutheran Church is an approved recipient of Thrivent’s charitable outreach funds and we would be grateful for this generous donation. Thrivent Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2015. Questions? Ask Robin Marko.

Union County National Alliance On Mental Illness Sponsors Free Classes Beginning Thursday, March 5 This 12-week course is for parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Class will meet every Thursday from 7-9:30pm through May 21. In a confidential setting, loved ones will learn how to understand and support their ill relative while maintaining their own well-being. Classes will meet at St. Agnes Church in Clark. To register call (908)233-1628 or email namiunioncounty@yahoo.com and mention “Family-to-Family” class.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min. Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst. Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers David Ten Broeck (C)
TBA
Acolyte Lindsey Garnhart
Altar Guild Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 3/1 *Laborers in the Vineyard*
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
7-8:45pm “Sunday Night Live” (SNL) Youth Group

Mon 3/2
10am Caring Committee

Wed 3/4
6-7:30pm Lenten Simple Supper
7:30-9pm Calvary CONNECT Book Club

Thur 3/5
1:15pm Worship with Holy Communion
7:30pm CNSCC Sunday Team meeting

Fri 3/9
1pm World Day of Prayer, Church Women United, Cranford @ First Baptist Church, Cranford

Sun 3/8 *Wedding Banquet*
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
3-5:00pm First Holy Communion Study
5-7pm Confirmation Class

Attn: High School Seniors – Scholarship Information!

The Cranford Clergy Council & Interfaith Human Relations Committee is now accepting applications for its 2015 Cranford Human Relations Scholarship Award. The recipient should be a graduating high school senior attending a public or private school, or any graduating senior who is a member of a local Cranford House of Worship. They must be active in their church or synagogue and must plan to continue education after high school. For an application contact the church office. Scholarship applications are due April 1.

2015 CALENDARS

On the table in the narthex are 2015 Christian Calendars. Please take one for you and as many as you like for your friends!

EVERGREENS

BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS AT ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON to be held at Rahway Fitness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Road in Scotch Plains. Registration is going on now for this Spring Bereavement Group geared toward individuals who have recently suffered the loss of a spouse. **The Group will run Thursday mornings March 19-April 30.** Call Jane Dowling RN (732)247-7490.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7:30pm the first non-holiday Monday of each month in the parish center at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Their next meeting will be March 2. The group is for those caring for chronically ill or elderly loved ones. Questions - Call Marilyn Ryan 908-232-1214