

sunday times

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church, where our purpose is to share the good news of God's love made known in Jesus Christ.

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 CROSS ROADS PROGRAM DIRECTOR KATHRYN SCHAEFER

We thank Kathryn for sharing her time with us this morning as we celebrate Cross Roads Outdoor Ministries. Many of our young people attend Cross Roads Summer Camp, participate in age-group retreats and Calvary's day camp. Cross Roads offers several programs for adults, too.

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 LUNCHESES & SIMPLE SUPPERS

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 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.

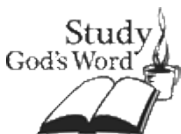
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LIGHT LUNCH – Church Narthex

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

SIMPLE SUPPERS – Lounge

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



Women's Bible Study meets on the third Friday of every month at 1pm in the lounge. On **March 18th**, we will be discussing Session 3 - Being of One Mind Theme

verses Philippians 2:19-4:3. All women are welcome. Come join us in study and prayer.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Carlie DiPasquale has been a patient this week at Trinitas Hospital. She has been treated for a serious case of bronchitis. She is also undergoing tests for nodules in her lungs. Please pray for this young woman, who was raised in our congregation, and who is dealing with multiple health concerns.
- ✠ Christine Bagniewski, beloved gym teacher from Cranford High School, died on Tuesday after her battle with cancer. Let us pray for Christine's family along with many young people who are mourning her death.
- ✠ Eric Pastore's grandfather (Nancy Pastore's father) John Iwanyshyn (95) has been a patient this week at Morristown Hospital. He has had a thoracic surgical procedure and we are praying for his recovery.
- ✠ Evelyn Loderstedt has been at patient this week at Overlook Hospital. Please keep Evelyn in your prayers.



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet next Sunday, **March 13, at 9:15am** in the Dahlquist room.

2016 EASTER FOOD DRIVE We are currently running our annual Easter Food Drive, collecting food items and gift cards for the benefit of the outreach pantry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, East Orange and St. Clare's Aids Resource Foundation for Children, Newark. Shopping bags and collection item lists will be handed out at Sunday services to be **returned by Sunday, March 20th**. Thank you for your support!!





**SPEND A SATURDAY MORNING
GIVING BACK, ALL AGES**

WELCOME On Saturday, March 19, youth (12+), adults, and families with children age 6-11 are invited to volunteer at the NJ Community Food Bank in Hillside, NJ. 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. A parent or significant adult must accompany children ages 6-11. Space is Limited. If you would like to attend please email Lynda at lynda@calvarycranford.com.



Palm Sunday – March 20

Services of Holy Communion
8:30AM & 10:30AM

Maundy Thursday – March 24

Service of Holy Communion
Stripping of the Altar
1:15PM & 7:30PM

Good Friday – March 25

Community Service 12pm at
St. Michael's
Tenebrae Service of Darkness
7:30PM

Easter Sunday – March 27

Festival Services with Holy Communion
8:30AM & 10:30AM

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - "The Last Supper: A Maundy Thursday Portrayal" Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm. The youth and adults will lead our 7:30pm worship with this visual portrayal of the sacrament of Holy Communion. There are many ways to volunteer during this worship drama including both readers and actors. Children from 3rd grade thru high school and adults are invited to take part in this dramatic Lenten presentation. Please contact Lynda Pullis if you are interested.



**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT –
SUNDAY, MARCH 27 AT 10AM**

Volunteers in 5th grade through high school are needed to stuff Easter eggs and supervise the hunt. Contact Lynda Pullis if you can help.

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
New Jersey Invites You to Attend "Caring
for the Caregiver"**

A Forum for Families and Friends Caring for Individuals Affected by Mental Illness. **Saturday, April 9th, 10:00am - 3:30pm.** RWJ Fitness & Wellness/Conference Center 3100 Quakerbridge Rd, Hamilton Township, NJ This first of its kind forum provides an opportunity for caregivers to examine barriers standing in the way of their own self-care, learn relaxation methods, gain a better understanding of support resources and network with other caregivers.



A Celtic Journey of Ireland

May 10-21, 2016 Anyone interested in traveling to Ireland, please contact the church office. Pastor Carol has traveled with Sister Margo from the

Convent of St. John the Baptist saying these trips are wonderful and affordable!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Karl Schlenker
Comm. Asst.	Leslie Schreiber	Carl Flint
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C)	TBD
	Judy Seavy	TBD
	Chris Wendel	TBD
	Cathi Wendel	TBD
Acolyte	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 03/06	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
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
Thu 03/10	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
6pm	Lenten Simple Supper
Sun 03/13	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group Meets
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Our office hours are:

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

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