

# sunday times

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 13, 2016



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Today we share in the communion meal instituted by Jesus himself. Welcome, as we celebrate this profound yet humbling gift – and privilege.

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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your support!

**TWO NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**  
**"The Last Supper: A Maundy Thursday Portrayal"** Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm Youth and adults will lead our 7:30pm worship with this visual portrayal of the sacrament of Holy Communion. This dramatic worship service provides glimpses into the personalities and backgrounds of the disciples and an insightful look into one of the most poignant moments in the life of Jesus.



## 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 if you are interested at [lynda@calvarycranford.com](mailto:lynda@calvarycranford.com).

**CHILDREN'S EASTER SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 27 AT 9:30 AM** We joyfully invite families with young children to worship with us on Easter Sunday and celebrate the Risen Lord together at this special service especially designed for children through age 8. An Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn will follow the service.



## 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 at [lynda@calvarycranford.com](mailto:lynda@calvarycranford.com).



## Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Ada Thompson (97), Richelle Konian's grandmother, Ani and Peter's great grandmother, died on March 5<sup>th</sup> in Saugerties, NY. The family is grateful for the long life she was able to live.
- ✠ Evelyn Loderstedt began hospice care at home this week. We are sad to let the congregation know that she has been diagnosed with inoperable tumors in her liver.
- ✠ Eric Pastore's grandfather, John Iwanyszyn has been a patient this week at Overlook Hospital. He is now recovering at home.
- ✠ Pastor Raymond Birkel is now doing rehab at Genesis in Westfield.
- ✠ Michaela Sullivan had shoulder surgery on Thursday and is now recovering at home.
- ✠ Carl Jones has been a patient at the VA Hospital. His heart being monitored for possible concerns.
- ✠ Carlie DiPasquale has been released from Trinitas Hospital and is now recovering at home.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday – March 20**

Services of Holy Communion  
8:15 am & 10:30 am

### **Maundy Thursday – March 24**

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

### **Good Friday – March 25**

Community Service 12pm at  
Cranford Alliance Church  
Tenebrae Service of Darkness 7:30 pm

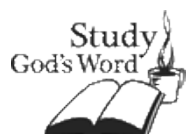
### **Easter Sunday – March 27**

Festival Services with Holy  
Communion  
8:15 am & 10:30 am  
Children's Easter Service 9:30 am  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt



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

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at **1pm** in the lounge. On **March 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will be discussing Session 3 - Being of One Mind Theme on Philippians 2:19-4:3. All women are welcome. Come join us in study and prayer.



**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 Pullis at [lynda@calvarycranford.com](mailto:lynda@calvarycranford.com)

**LENTEN LIGHT LUNCHESES & SIMPLE SUPPERS**

We are offering some Light Lunches which 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. Members of the congregation will lead the session as well as provide the meals, with support from Thrivent. Please email Donna Vaupel at [donna.vaupel@gmail.com](mailto:donna.vaupel@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

**LIGHT LUNCH – Church Narthex**

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



**Invitation To Masjid Darul**

**Islam Mosque** We are invited to the Masjid Darul Islam Mosque on **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. Please let us know in the church office if you're interested in joining our carpool for this event.

**Religion and Identity in the Middle East: the rise of Islamic Radicalism – Lifelong Learning!**

The Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. The course runs five consecutive Thursdays, **March 31-April 28, 2016 | 7:00 pm-9:00 pm** Live on the LTSP campus OR online webinar \$70/individual | \$125/congregation (up to 8 congregation members per \$125 registration are welcome to attend on campus) – **please see the golden rod course flyer in the narthex and let us know in the church office if you are interested in taking the course.**



**COME JOIN US** for Chicken or Fish, Grits, Collards, String Beans, Biscuits and Peach Cobbler **Saturday, March 19, 2016 12pm-6pm** Sponsored by the men and women of St. Mark's

A.M.E. Church 34 High St. Cranford. For more information, please call Pastor Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis at (908) 276-3449. Donation: \$10

**Church Women United, Cranford**

**World Day of Prayer** Friday, March 18, 2016 at 1pm St. Mark's A.M.E. 34 High Street Cranford, NJ A Meditation will be led by Rev. Wilfred Lewis. Come join us as we meet to pray.



**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**8:15am**                      **10:30am**

Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Todd Sweeney
Comm. Asst.	Chris Wendel	Matt/Meg Spatz
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C)	Alan Olsen
	Judy Seavy	TBD
	Chris Wendel	TBD
	Cathi Wendel	TBD
Acolyte	Desiree Santos	TBD
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

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<b>Sun 03/13</b>	8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music Sunday School
	9:15am	Prayer Shawl Group Meets
	9:30am	Calvary Choir Rehearsal
	10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music Youth Bell Choir
	4pm	
<b>Tue 03/15</b>	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed 03/16</b>	11am	CNSCC Spring Chapel
<b>Thu 03/17</b>	11am	CNSCC Spring Chapel
	12 pm	Lenten Light Lunch
	1:15 pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
	5:15pm	Carpool to Masjid Darul Islam Mosque
<b>Fri 03/18</b>	1pm	Women's Bible Study Meets
<b>Sat 03/19</b>	8:15am	Food Bank Trip
<b>Sun 03/20</b>	8:15am	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music Sunday School
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**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13! Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour before falling asleep Saturday night!**