

sunday times

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

WELCOME TO CALVARY!

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.

2015 EASTER FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Easter food drive. The collection sheets and bags with items needed will be handed out starting Sunday, March 15th. The drive will continue until Sunday, March 29th. The donations will benefit the food bank at Holy Trinity Church, East Orange and The Aids Resource Foundation - St. Claire's Social Services. Thanks in advance to the congregation for the continued support of these local organizations.



FOOD DRIVE



Finance Update

CALVARY FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As of the end of February 2015, income totaled \$28,941 with expenses totaling \$57,949, approximately \$29,000

shortfall. While the nasty weather limited the opportunity for services, additional maintenance costs were required to keep the facility running. Please remember to "catch-up" as we thankfully and collectively start to thaw out this Spring.

	2014 Dedicated Giving	Feb 2015 YTD 2015 Giving
GROW		
Christian Education	\$1400	\$100
Worship & Music	1250	0
CONNECT		
Fellowship	554	0
Caring	2036	112
Youth	1675	0
SERVE		
Stewardship	195	0
Evangelism	400	0
	\$7510	\$212

*Thrivent money excluded in these totals

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Francine Kurasz, Donna Vaupel's cousin, died on Sunday, March 8. Francine was 69 years old and battled cancer for quite some time. Please keep the Vaupel family and all who mourn Francine's death in your prayers.
- ✚ Madlyn Elias (96) died on Tuesday at the Green Brook Manor Nursing Home. She was a former member of Christ in Union. Visitation is today, 3-7pm and her funeral service will be on Monday, 10:30am at McCracken's Funeral Home in Union. Please keep all who mourn Madlyn's death in your prayers.
- ✚ Walter Roth was a patient earlier this week at Overlook Hospital. He is now in hospice care at Cranford Extended Care. Please pray for him, Eleanor (his wife), Gayle Regan (his daughter) and the rest of his family as his time of death draws near.
- ✚ Kevin Mulligan was in an auto accident on Tuesday evening and received emergency care at University Hospital in Newark. He is very swollen and sore and in need of our prayers.
- ✚ Eva Browne has been diagnosed with pneumonia during her rehab stay at Genesis nursing home in Westfield. Let's give Eva our prayer support in the face of this additional and possibly serious challenge.



LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER

Wed., March 18 ~ 6pm ~ The Lounge
Join us for dinner and fellowship as we gather to CONNECT with each other and GROW in our understanding of

Lent. For more information contact Donna Vaupel at 908-577-1183 or donna.vaupel@gmail.com.

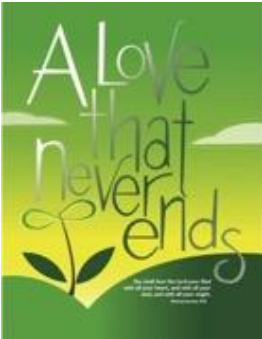
CALVARY CONNECT BOOK CLUB

RESCHEDULED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us on March 18 at 7:30pm to discuss Cheryl Strayed's book "Wild". RSVP to the office if you plan on attending!

If the weather is bad PLEASE call the church office to check on cancellations before coming to the church. We may delay opening. This means 8:30am Worship and Sunday School would be cancelled.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS – There is still time to give your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Calvary! More than \$4000 Choice Dollars are still available to be given to the non-profit of your choice. 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.** Questions? Ask Robin Marko.



Cross Roads Day Camp – 2015
@ Cavalry 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 fun! Crafts, songs, worship, games and Bible study are all jam-packed into this amazing day camp experience 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 <http://www.calvarycranford.com>
 Register Early – Limited Enrollment

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Cranford Clergy Council & Interfaith Human Relations Committee is accepting applications for its 2015 Cranford Human Relations Scholarship Award. The recipient should be a graduating high school 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.



Do we have your email address?

Please make sure we have your current email so you get the latest news about all the great things happening here at Calvary!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/calvarycranford](https://www.facebook.com/calvarycranford). You don't have to be a member of Facebook to see our page. So check it out!



THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Chris Wendel	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Leslie Schreiber	TBA
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Peebles Family	David Ten Broeck (C) Barb Birger TBD
Acolyte	Desirée Santos	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Melissa Sullivan	Melissa Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 3/15	<i>Bridesmaids (or Talents)</i>
8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
3-4:30pm	First Holy Communion Study
5-7pm	Confirmation Class
Tue 3/17	
7pm	Worship and Music Committee
Wed 3/18	
6:00pm	Lenten Simple Supper
7:30pm	Calvary Connect Book Club
Thur 3/19	
1:15pm	Mid Week Worship w/Holy Communion
Fri 3/20	
1pm	Women's Bible Study
Sat 3/21	
10am	Communion Bread Baking
Sun 3/22	
8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion & First Holy Communion

ENJOY AN EVENING OF WONDERFUL MUSIC

“Silver, Wood & Ivory” in concert to benefit Oasis Ministries Sunday, April 19 at 4PM at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton Highstown Rd., Princeton Junction, NJ. Cindy Wittenberg (Pianist) and Tracy Dietrich (Flutist) are two women who play various flutes (Silver), recorders (Wood), piano and keyboard (Ivory), and Celtic harp. The Silver, Wood & Ivory Concert includes original arrangements from a wide variety of musical styles written and performed by the two women. Tickets: \$20 (Senior and group rates available), can be purchased by calling 717-737-8222 or visiting www.OasisMin.org/BenefitConcert.html.

Paper copies of the **CROSS CURRENTS March 2015** issue are available in the narthex.

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!

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.

UNION COUNTY NAMI SPONSORS A FREE COURSE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

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. We will meet every Thursday from 7-9:30pm now 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.

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 April 13. The group is for those caring for chronically ill or elderly loved ones. Questions - Call Marilyn Ryan 908-232-1214

HELP FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS "The Hearing Society" meets most Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:45 am at the First Baptist Church in Westfield (Sept.-May) for speech reading classes. Classes help people with hearing loss improve their ability to read lips as well as their communication skills. All are welcome. Annual dues are \$25. For info contact Alice Knecht at 908-688-8241 or alirobkn@aol.com.



EASTER FLOWERS 2015
Deadline is Sunday, March 22

_____ Lilies @ \$18
_____ Tulips @ \$13

(please circle one)
To the Glory of God - In Memory of -
In Honor of

Given By:

Telephone:

Amount enclosed: _____
Envelope #: _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after the late service on Easter Sunday.

_____ Please give my plant to the sick or homebound.

Please place in collection plate or send to church office.