

sunday times

Third Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2017



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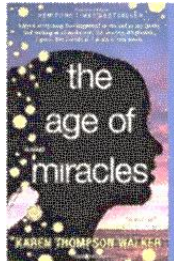
"I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing," said God to Abram (Genesis 12:2). May each of us gathered this morning be blessed so we may go out and bless others. Welcome.

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. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.

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THE CONNECT BOOK CLUB, TODAY, MARCH 19, 9:15AM

Join us for our next book discussion at 9:15 in the Betty Dahlquist lounge. The book is "The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson Walker and tells the story of Julia and her family, who must learn to survive in an ever-evolving world where nothing stays the same. It is a coming-of-age story with an interesting twist that includes catastrophe and survival, growth and change and a mix of the real and surreal. Please contact Mary Sterling at marysterling@yahoo.com or (908) 217-9267 with any questions.



BEER & BIBLE AT THE CRANFORD HOTEL IN CRANFORD, MARCH 28

We are continuing our new ministry Beer & Bible at the Cranford Hotel on **March 28**.

This very informal group will meet on Two Tuesdays every month. We meet at 7pm (Pastor Carol will be there for supper at 6:30 pm). Our conversation about a passage around our pints (or any beverage) begins at 7:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm but you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like. Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.



New Jersey Synod
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THE NJ SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 12-13

will take place at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village in Princeton, NJ. Calvary needs to send two representatives from our congregation to this yearly Synodical gathering. The meeting begins Friday morning and ends early on Saturday afternoon. If you would like to attend, please let us know this week in the church office. Otherwise, if you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Carol.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Please keep the Abs Family, dear friends of Al & Pat Jurpalis, close in prayer as they mourn the loss of May's mother Josephine. In addition, May's father Faouzi is back in the hospital with pneumonia.
- ✚ Kevin Joyce, Kristen Mider's brother, is in a rehabilitation facility after recently being hospitalized.
- ✚ Bonnie Mider, Zach Mider's mother, is suffering the effects of chemo therapy.
- ✚ Jose Ramos, Sonia Engstrom's father, was recently hospitalized with a heart attack and is now in a rehab facility in Rahway being treated for a blood infection.
- ✚ Margaret Bebel, Nancy Bebel's mother-in-law, has been a patient at the Jersey Shore Medical Center for ongoing tests. Please keep her in your prayers.



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF NJ SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @ 8:15AM

This is the last call for volunteers to serve at the New Jersey Food Bank in Hillside on March 25. Everyone 12 years and older is welcome. We will carpool to the food bank from the church. If you are interested, please contact Jill Garnhart by Sunday night at beanbong@thesquack.com or (908) 389-1748.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS ASKS FOR YOU HELP COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR BREAKFAST BAGS

On Tuesday, March 28, the confirmation class will provide a warm dinner for those being sheltered by the Cranford Presbyterian Church as part of Operation WarmHeart. We will also be giving each person a bagged breakfast for their Wednesday morning. We are asking for donations of:



~breakfast bars/granola bars/fruit and nut bars

~individual servings of packaged fruit

~individual servings of milk, water or juice (that do not need to be refrigerated).

Please put your donations in the collection box marked "CONFIRMATION OPERATION WARMHEART" located in the narthex. We will be collecting items until Sunday, March 26. Thank you for your help!



**2017 EASTER FOOD DRIVE
Beginning on Sunday, March 26,**

the confirmation class 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 after services. Gift Cards of \$10 to Shoprite or

Pathmark, or cash will also be collected. The drive continues until Sunday, April 8th. The donations benefit the food pantry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, East Orange and St. Clare's Aids Resource Foundation for Children in Newark. Thank you in advance for your continued support of these local organizations.

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FROM THE
CRANFORD CLERGY COUNCIL & INTERFAITH
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 4, 2017**

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. **Please contact the church office for the application.**

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN
THE CONNECT SURVEY!**

We would like your input to plan events and activities for Calvary's congregation. The survey was handed out last week and additional copies will be available this Sunday if you didn't get one. Or, if you prefer to answer electronically, please click on the link below OR copy and paste the following link to your browser and follow the instructions to answer the questions:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PW3FZFJ>.

This is the same link that was emailed to everyone last week, so if you already did it, then thank you! Please only answer one time, one way. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Sterling at 908-217-9267 or marysterling@yahoo.com. Thank you!!



DONATIONS REQUESTED

Our 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class will be working on a service project to support the Pediatric

Healthstart Clinic at Overlook Hospital in Summit. This clinic provides preventative and sick care to the underserved and uninsured children from our community. Approximately 900 children per year benefit from services provided. We are looking to collect unused coloring/activity books, and puzzles to donate to the clinic so that they can share these items with their patients. New or gently used books are also appreciated. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex beginning this Sunday and will remain in place until the end of **March**. Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer McConnell at Jennifer_bobrowski@msn.com

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Austin Williams
Comm. Asst.	Meg Spatz	Ty Dobbins
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Cliff Kaiser Brian McCarthy TBD	Barb Birger (C) Dave Ten Broeck Chuck Sherrick TBD
Acolyte	TBD	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 3/19	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Connect Book Club Meets
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
Tue 3/21	
7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Thur 3/23	
1:15pm	Midweek Worship w/Holy Communion
Fri 3/24	
6pm	First Communion Class in Youth Room
Sat 3/25	
8:15am	Trip to NJ Food Bank in Hillside, NJ
Sun 3/26	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion Sung Liturgy, traditional music
3-5pm	Cooking with Confirmation Class
4pm	Bell Choir Practice
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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