

# sunday times

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2015



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

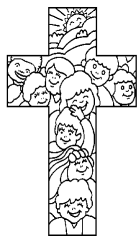
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## WELCOME TO CALVARY!

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.

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



## WELCOME TO THE TABLE First Holy Communion

Today, Ciara Lynskey, Thomas Bernard McCarthy, and Daisy Marie McQuade celebrate the wonderful Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. The children, along with their parents, participated in First Holy Communion classes during this Lenten season. This included Bible Study, conversation, videos, a "field trip" to the Sacristy to "set the table", and bread baking. The children have baked the bread for this morning's celebration of Holy Communion. Please greet and welcome Ciara, Thomas, and Daisy to the table. God bless these children and their parents on this very special day.



### Palm Sunday – March 29

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

### Maundy Thursday – April 2

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

### Good Friday – April 3

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

### Easter Sunday – April 5

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

## Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Walter Roth (85) died while in hospice care at Cranford Health and Extended Care last Monday evening. A funeral service for him was held on Friday at Gray's Funeral Home in Cranford. Please keep Eleanor (his wife), Gayle Regan (his daughter) and the rest of his family and friends in your prayers as they mourn his death. Walter was a former member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Union.
- ✠ Eleanor Giles' granddaughter, Joni Breen (40) died tragically in Oklahoma on March 16. Please keep Eleanor and the Giles' family in your prayers at this difficult time.
- ✠ Eva Browne has been a patient this week at University Hospital in Newark. She is struggling with blood clots and she and her family are grateful for our prayers and support.
- ✠ Ben Gardner, Chuck Sherrick's cousin, continues his struggles after a serious accident at work.
- ✠ Emily Kocis, friend of Holly Miller, continues her battle with a rare and serious form of cancer.
- ✠ Pastor Roger Spencer, Pastor of Good Shepherd in Glen Rock, continues his treatment for cancer and recovery from a stroke.
- ✠ Reverend Wendolyn Trozzo, our missionary in Malaysia, continues treatment for cancer.

## **B.Y.O.T. - You are invited, April 2, 1:15 & 7:30pm**

You and your family are invited to this year's **Interactive Maundy Thursday Worship**. We will be worshipping around the actions of this important night in Jesus' life. The service will include individual absolution, dramatic reading of scripture, communion in the round and foot washing - so, it's B.Y.O.T. - bring your own towel if you would like to have your feet washed and wash someone else's feet as well. The best way to understand these events of Holy Week is to experience them. We invite you to be part of this creative service as we follow Jesus toward the cross and the resurrection. Questions? Speak with Pastor Carol.



**2015 EASTER FOOD DRIVE**

We are now 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, March 29th. The donations 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.



**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Rob Seavy	Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Peebles Family	David Ten Broeck (C) Barb Birger TBD
Acolyte	Lindsey Garnhart	Eric Pastore & James Garbowski
Altar Guild	Glenda Huff	Glenda Huff

**THIS WEEK AT CALVARY**

<b>Sun 3/22</b>	<i>Last Judgement</i>
8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion & First Holy Communion
<b>Weds 3/25</b>	
11am	CNSCC Spring Chapel
6:30pm	Lenten Simple Supper
<b>Thurs 3/26</b>	
11am	CNSCC Spring Chapel
1:15pm	Mid-Week Worship w/Holy Communion
7:30pm	Ministry Review Team
<b>Sun 3/29</b>	<i>Palm Sunday/Triumphal Entry</i>
8:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/ Holy Communion



**LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER**

Join us for our last Lenten supper this Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30pm in the Lounge for dinner and fellowship. For more information contact Donna Vaupel at 908-577-1183 or [donnavaupel@gmail.com](mailto:donnavaupel@gmail.com).



**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	Mar 2015 YTD 2015 Giving
<b>GROW</b>		
Christian Education	\$1400	\$125
Worship & Music	1250	300
<b>CONNECT</b>		
Fellowship	554	0
Caring	2036	627
Youth	1675	0
<b>SERVE</b>		
Stewardship	195	0
Evangelism	400	0
	\$7510	\$1052

\*Thrivent money excluded in these totals



**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.)

Sleepaway camp not your thing?  
Or maybe you're looking for an

awesome day camp experience. Cross Roads Day Camp is the place to be! Children entering Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for an awesome week packed full of crafts, songs, worship, games and Bible study. Join us as we make great friends, learn about God and discover "A Love that Never Ends". **REGISTER NOW! \$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

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS – TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** Choose Calvary Lutheran Church to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars TODAY! With more than \$4000 available there is no time to waste. **Thrivent Choice Dollars expire March 31.** Questions? Ask Robin Marko.

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



### **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!



### **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.

### **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!

**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

### **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](http://www.OasisMin.org/BenefitConcert.html).

### **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.

**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.

**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](mailto:alirobkn@aol.com).