

sunday times

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 29, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

(Matthew 21:9, NIV)

We welcome you to worship on this Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Join us for worship throughout this week as we journey with Jesus to the cross and resurrection.

If you are visiting with us today please fill out one of the yellow “Welcome Friend” visitor forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



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

B.Y.O.T. - You and your family are invited to this year's **Interactive Maundy Thursday Worship on April 2 @ 1:15pm and 7:30pm.** We will be worshipping around the actions of this important day 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.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✚ Fred Renz, husband of Lorraine Renz, has been a patient at Overlook Hospital with orthopedic issues. Please keep Fred and Lorraine in your prayers.
- ✚ Eva Browne was moved from University Hospital in Newark to Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains on Monday. She continues her recovery there and is very grateful for the loving prayers and visits of Calvary members.
- ✚ A Memorial Service for Howard Strand will take place on Saturday, April 18 at 12 Noon in the Calvary sanctuary. A repast will follow in Fellowship Hall. Let's continue our prayers for healing and grace for Caryl and the Strand family.
- ✚ We join our prayers this morning for all who mourn the death of loved ones in this week's plane crash in the French Alps. We also pray for all who suffer with emotional, mental illness. May we work to create a society where people can freely step forward for help.

You are invited to share a Volunteer Story Sunday, April 12

Come and share your favorite Volunteer Story during the 8:30am or 10:30am service on Sunday, April 12. National Volunteer Week begins that day - and our Gospel is Matthew 28 - "Go into all the world and make disciples." Pastor Carol invites you to participate in the sermon time by sharing an experience you have had as a volunteer through your work at Calvary or anywhere else in the world where you have served your neighbor with Christ's love. If you would like to share a story, be sure and sign up for this special opportunity with Pastor Carol. She is also available to answer questions about this invitation. Let us join together in the upcoming season of Easter in celebrating the ministry Christ brings to each one of our lives.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS – LAST CHANCE! Choose Calvary Lutheran Church to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars TODAY! **Thrivent Choice Dollars expire March 31.** Questions? Ask Robin Marko.

CALVARY NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE (CNSCC) SUNDAY – April 26

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Calvary Nursery School and Child Care Sunday will be April 26th! CNSCC Sunday brings together school families and church families to celebrate the success of our school and its ministry. We hope you'll join us for a carnival themed reception after the 10:30am service to learn more about our school and have a little fun. If you're able to donate refreshments for our reception, contact Cindy at cindy@patwin.com. Any questions, please contact Ginny Garbowski at 732-850-8868 or jisrents@aol.com.

CNSCC PLAYGROUND MULCHING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spring has sprung and that means it's time to put some new mulch on the CNSCC playground. Bring your gloves, shovels and wheelbarrows to church on Saturday, April 25 @ 9:30am for a morning of service and fellowship. All volunteers welcome!

Ladies Night Out ~ Jewelry Making Thursday, April 30th ~ 7:30-9:30pm

CRAFT JEWELRY. CONNECT. BE WITH FRIENDS. Meet us in the church lounge/library and perhaps bring a snack to share. Teens/Youth are welcomed. Limit of 14 people so please sign up early by emailing Nancy Bebel at nbebel@verizon.net by 4/23. The Queen Bead will provide all materials and instructions. See the website www.thequeenbeadnj.com to see ideas and prices (cash/checks only). Participants will receive a 20% discount on their jewelry design.

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
GROW		
Christian Education	\$1400	\$125
Worship & Music	1250	300
CONNECT		
Fellowship	554	0
Caring	2036	627
Youth	1675	0
SERVE		
Stewardship	195	0
Evangelism	400	0
	\$7510	\$1052

*Thrivent money excluded in these totals

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Warren Hynes
Comm. Asst.	Chris Wendel	Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers	Robin Marko (C) Peebles Family	David Ten Broeck (C) Barb Birger TBD
Acolyte	Eric Bebel	Eric Pastore
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 3/29	<i>Palm Sunday/Triumphal Entry</i>
8:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am	Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Thurs 4/2	<i>Maundy Thursday/ Words of Institution</i>
1:15pm	Service of Holy Communion
7:30pm	Service of Holy Communion
Fri 4/3	<i>Good Friday/Crucifixion</i>
12pm	Community Service at St. Michael's
7:30pm	Tenebrae Service of Darkness
Sun 4/5	<i>Easter</i>
8:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/ Holy Communion



Cross Roads Day Camp – 2015 Calvary 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 6th 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

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

The Church Office will be closed for Good Friday, April 3.

WURFFEL FUND COLLEGE LOAN/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A limited amount of financial aid for Lutheran college students is available through the Wurffel Memorial Fund. The aid will be provided in the form of a student loan but the entire loan may be forgiven on the basis of being an active member of a congregation in the NJ Synod. Any member of a NJ Synod/ELCA congregation planning to or attending a two or four year accredited college or university as an undergraduate may apply. Assistance is provided on a one year basis, but applicants may reapply annually up to 5 years. Priority is based on financial need and activity in the life of the church as described by the pastor's recommendation letter. Applicants must have at least a "C" average to be considered. If you are interested, please contact the church office for more information and an application. All applications are due back to the church office by June 1.

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 are \$20 (senior and group rates available) and can be purchased by calling 717-737-8222 or visiting 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.



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