

sunday times

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 2, 2017



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Brothers and sisters, welcome to worship as we are wrapped in the embrace of our loving Creator!

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been rescheduled to **TODAY April 2**; we will meet as usual at **9:15 am in the Betty Dahlquist room**. All are welcome to join our friendly group!



Palm Sunday – April 9
Services of Holy Communion
8:15 am & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday – April 13
Middle Eastern Supper with Youth Led
Worship, Fellowship Hall, 6:15pm
(call the church for reservations)

Good Friday – April 14
Tenebrae Service of Darkness 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday – April 16
Festival Services w/Holy Communion
8:15 am & 10:30 am
Children's Easter Service 9:30 am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt



FIRST SUNDAY
TODAY, APRIL 2, 9:15AM

We gather today in the church at 9:15am for a service that engages the little ones and provides Holy Communion for parents. This brief service includes a story for the children, but not an adult sermon. We are focusing on the story of Palm Sunday and the children will be singing Hosanna as we praise our King! CNSCC children will also be invited to sing their Easter Chapel songs during the service.

BAKERS STILL NEEDED FOR 1ST SUNDAY! If you can help, please contact Mary Sterling at (908) 217-9267 or email her at marysterling@yahoo.com

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 father, Faouzi, as well as, the recent loss of her mother, Josephine.
- ✠ Helen M. Wacker (97) died on Friday morning, 3/24, at the Eternal Life Care Center in Tucson, AZ. A Memorial Service will be held for Helen in New Jersey at a later date.
- ✠ Dolores Strockbine is still in Hampton Ridge Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Toms River. She is making slow progress from her stroke back in December.
- ✠ Charles Stanley Ferrise-Slonski was born March 14, 2017, at 8 lbs. 6oz, in Overlook Hospital. The happy parents are Waverly Ferrise and Luke Slonski. The happy grandparents are Chris Shenesky and Kathy Ferrise.



HOLY WEEK DINNER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, APRIL 13 AT 6:15PM

We invite you to a special supper during Holy Week this year. We will have dinner and informal worship where Communion will be served. It will be a creative experience with intergenerational dramatic readings and special music offered by the Bell Choir and Sean McGinity. Our supper will be an authentic Lebanese/Mediterranean spread with dips, pita and falafel, chicken and salad, baklava and rice pudding. We're asking for a suggested donation of \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 11. (Pay less if you need to. Any extra we collect goes to World Hunger.) Please make a reservation for your supper and give your donation in the narthex on Sundays through April 9. If you are a senior adult who needs transportation to this service, please contact the church office. (Would you like to learn some of the music for this special service? All ages welcome. Please let us know in the church office.)

EASTER CANDY AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

 Please support the children's Easter Day Egg Hunt by donating peanut-free candy and plastic Easter eggs. **Suggestions for Peanut Free candy** include Hershey chocolate Kisses (*plain or special dark only*), Jolly Rancher hard candy, Junior Mints, Lifesaver Gummies and Hard Candy, Rolos, Skittles, Smarties, Sour Patch Kids, Swedish Fish, Sweet Tarts, Tootsie Pops & Tootsie Rolls, Twizzlers, Starbursts Fruit Chew, Starbursts Jelly Beans. If you are willing to assist on the day of the Easter Egg hunt, please come to the 9:15am Children's Easter Service. Thank you!



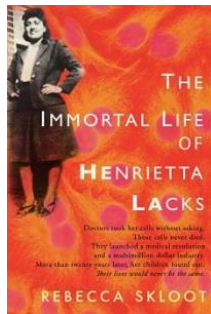
2017 EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The confirmation class is collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Easter food drive. The collection sheets and bags with a list of items needed will be handed out

after services. Gift Cards of \$10 to Shoprite or cash will also be collected. Please return your food/gift card/cash donation by Sunday, April 9. The donations will benefit the food pantry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, East Orange and St. Clare's Aids Resource Foundation for Children in Newark. Thank you for your continued support of these local organizations.

~ STEWARDSHIP REMINDER ~

We are blessed by God's abundant generosity every day. Opportunities to give are our faithful response to God's goodness. We encourage friends and members of Calvary to catch up on their 2017 giving, if you need to do so. Our current receipts for 2017 are \$7,000 behind where we were at this time last year. We are grateful for everyone's support in this ministry. It is a privilege in all of our lives to be part of this family of faith.



THE CONNECT BOOK CLUB, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 9:15AM

The Connect Committee invites you to our next book discussion on Wednesday May 3, 2017 from 7:30 pm to 9pm. We will be discussing "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This non-fiction New York Times bestseller tells the story of Henrietta Lacks, a poor black farmer whose cells were taken from her without her consent in 1951. These cells became vital for developing gene mapping, cloning and the polio vaccine. Books are available in the narthex for borrowing. Please call Nancy Meglio at [\(908\) 418-3679](tel:9084183679) with any questions.

STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER TOUR OF GERMANY, AUSTRIA & PRAGUE, JULY 17 – 28

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by visiting Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Leipzig, Eisenach, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. The trip is hosted by The Rev. Dr. Michael C. Linderman and Dr. Johann M. Vento. The cost is \$3899 per person leaving out of Newark.



Luther Anniversary Tour, August 25 – September 5, 2017

A unique 12 day tour to celebrate the life of Martin Luther, led by expert tour host Uli Buschmann.

Visit Frankfurt, Worms, Eisenach, Erfurt, Eisleben, Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, and Zeitz. On this leisurely-paced tour, you will learn about life in Germany during Luther's day. The highlight will be a day meeting some of Luther's descendants in the delightful town of Zeitz. The cost is \$2599 without air fare. **If you would like a brochure for either or both of these trips, ask Pastor Carol.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

8:15am

Asst. Min. Anne Dawson
Comm. Asst. Chris Wendel
Ushers Cathy Wendel (C)
Chris Wendel

10:30am

Ty Dobbins
Austin Williams
George Bird (C)
Susan Bird

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Acolyte

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Lauren Gaudin

Altar Guild

Lori Gaudin

Lori Gaudin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 4/02

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:15am

Worship with Holy Communion
Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music

9:15am

Sunday School

9:15am

First Sunday in the Sanctuary

9:15am

Prayer Shawl Group Meets

9:30am

Choir Rehearsal

10:30am

Worship w/Holy Communion
Sung Liturgy, traditional music

4pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

5pm

Confirmation Class

7pm

Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday

Thur 4/06

1:15pm

Midweek Worship

Sun 4/09

Palm Sunday

8:15am

Festival Worship with Holy Communion

9:15am

Sunday School

9:30am

Choir Rehearsal

10:30am

Festival Worship w/Holy Communion

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR COPY of the **April** issue of Cross Currents, now available in the narthex.

Sunday, April 30 - The Rev. Bruce Davidson, former Director of the Office of Governmental Ministry, NJ Synod, will be our guest preacher on the topic - Is the Gospel ever political and what does that mean for us. A dialogue about his sermon and this topic will be held in the Sanctuary after both services. May God help us as we consider things that create community and how to deal with differences between ourselves - how to be a family when it's hard to be a family.