

sunday times

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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*This is the day that the LORD
has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday! We are glad you are here to celebrate with us the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice!

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.



TELL US ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Sunday, April 12 is the first day of National Volunteer Week – and our Gospel is Matthew 28 - "Go into all the world and make disciples." Pastor Carol hopes you will share something about your volunteer experience during the 8:30am and 10:30am worship services. It could be as simple as where you volunteer or what you do as a volunteer and why you do it. Maybe you volunteer at Calvary or maybe you serve somewhere else in the world. Either way, we want to hear about how you serve your neighbor with Christ's love. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Carol. This Easter Season, let us join together in celebrating the ministry Christ brings to each one of our lives.

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.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Eva Browne (89) died peacefully Wednesday morning at Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Please keep her children, Richard, John, Susan, and Laura, in your prayers along with everyone who mourns Eva's death.
- ✠ Connie Mruk, Suzy Romero's mom, is back at Overlook Hospital. Please keep Connie close in prayer as she navigates through her challenges.
- ✠ Judi Byrne, Janet Rupp's sister, needs our prayers as she continues a very difficult journey.



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.)

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

SPRING LUNCHEON, Thursday, April 30

Time to shed your winter coat and join in the fun as we welcome Spring with some of our friends from Calvary Nursery School. Please join us for our Spring Luncheon Thursday, April 30th at 12:15pm in the Church Narthex before the mid-week worship service. Dessert with the school children will follow the service. RSVP Pat Jurpalis 908-447-2907.

CALVARY FINANCIAL UPDATE: As of the end of March 2015, income totaled \$79,193 with expenses totaling \$87,786, leaving us with an approximately \$8,600 shortfall. While the weather limited the opportunity for worship services this winter, additional costs were required to maintain the facility. During this Easter season, please remember to “ketch-up” on your giving.

	2014 Dedicated Giving	Mar 2015 YTD 2015 Giving
GROW		
Christian Education	\$1400	\$175
Worship & Music	1250	500
CONNECT		
Fellowship	554	50
Caring	2036	727
Youth	1675	400
SERVE		
Stewardship	195	50
Evangelism	400	50
	\$7510	\$1952

*Thrivent money excluded in these totals

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 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!



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, CRANFORD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, April 10 at 1pm

First Baptist Church, 100 High St., Cranford.

This year the Women of the Bahamas wrote the World Day of Prayer Service. The theme is “Jesus said, “Do you understand what I have done for you?” Please join us as we gather all over the world to pray.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Asst. Min.	Rob Seavy	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Anne Dawson	Kathleen Jacinto
Ushers	Jim Seavy (C) Judy Seavy Dennis Statue Teresa Statue	Doug Nordstrom (C) Steve Johnson Ginger Johnson Chuck Sherrick
Acolyte	Kaitlyn & Kurt Petschow	Eric Pastore & James Garbowski
Altar Guild	Lori Gaudin	Lori Gaudin

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 4/5	<i>Easter</i>
8:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (no Sunday School)
10:30am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Fri 4/10	
1pm	World Day of Prayer Service Church Women United
Sun 4/12	<i>Great Commission</i>
8:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
9:30am	Sunday School/ Fellowship
10:30am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

If you have not read the Council President's “State of The Church” letter for March, pick up a copy in the narthex. Look for the blue letter.

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

**The Church Office will be closed
Easter Monday, April 6 and Friday, April 10.**

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

This morning we continue using the Narrative Lectionary. Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text and follow the stories of early believers and missionaries.

- Sunday, Matthew 28:1-10, *Easter: Matthew*
- Monday, Psalm 118:19-24, *Psalm*
- Tuesday, Matthew 28:11-15, *The Report of the Guard*
- Wednesday, Acts 1:12-26, *Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas*
- Thursday, Acts 2:37-42, *The First Converts*
- Friday, Acts 5:12-16, *The Apostles Heal Many*
- Saturday, Acts 5:17-42, *The Apostles are Persecuted*



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!

WURFFEL FUND COLLEGE LOAN/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A limited amount of financial aid is available for Lutheran college students 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.

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. The 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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