

sunday times

Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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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.



On Sunday, April 30 - 8:15 and 10:30am, we welcome The Rev. Bruce Davidson to our pulpit. Pastor Davidson will help us be a family when it's hard to be a family. He will focus on how to navigate the current political landscape here in America. After both services - a dialogue about the sermon and this topic will be held in the Sanctuary. Pastor Davidson is the former Director of the Office of Governmental Ministry, NJ Synod. May God help us as we consider what kinds of things help to create community and how we can deal with differences between ourselves.



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. 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.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- ✠ Nancy Leicht (91) was recently admitted to Manor Care in Mountainside for failing health. She also had a recent fall which required a short stay at Overlook. Please keep Nancy in your prayers.
- ✠ Margaret Bebel (82), Peter Bebel's mother, had surgery recently and has been moved to a rehab facility, Meridian Rehabilitation, in Wall, NJ.
- ✠ Good News! We are happy to report that Susan Masino is in remission. She no longer has any treatments as long as scans are clear. She thanks everyone for your prayers
- ✠ We will observe a moment of silence during today's service. We will pray for the men, women and children of Syria. May the Lord guide the leaders of our country and our world and have mercy upon those who are suffering.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Please help hide the Easter eggs on Easter morning by coming to the 9:15am Children's Easter Service. For all others joining us for the Children's Easter service, please bring your Easter baskets as an Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds will be provided for those age 5 & under.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday – April 13

Middle Eastern Supper with Youth Led Worship, Fellowship Hall, 6:15pm
(call the church for reservation)

Good Friday – April 14

Community Service, Alliance Church 12pm
Tenebrae Service of Darkness 7:30pm

Easter Sunday – April 16

Festival Service w/Holy Communion
8:15am & 10:30am

Children's Easter Service 9:15am

Fellowship Hall
Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

~ BRING YOUR BASKETS! ~



PLEASE LEND A HAND AND HELP US DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER.

We will be gathering at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 15th to decorate our church by setting up the flowers around the altar. Many hands make for light work.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

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| | 8:15am | 10:30am |
| Asst. Min. | Carla Flint | Meg Spatz |
| Comm. Asst. | Rob Seavy | Eric Pastore |
| Ushers | Chris Wendel (C) | George Bird (C) |
| | Cathy Wendel | Susan Bird |
| | TBD | TBD |
| | TBD | TBD |
| Acolyte | TBD | Lauren Gaudin |
| Altar Guild | Melissa Sullivan | Melissa Sullivan |

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

- 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
 - 1:30pm Maundy Thursday Rehearsal
- Thu 4/13** *Maundy Thursday*
 - 6:15pm Middle Eastern Maundy, Fellowship Hall
- Fri 4/14** *Good Friday*
 - 12pm Community Service
 - 7:30pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness
- Sun 4/16** *Easter Sunday*
 - 8:15am Festival Worship with Holy Communion
 - 9:15am Children's Easter Service
 - 10:30am Festival Worship w/Holy Communion

Our office hours are:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Tues and Thurs: 10:30am – 5:30pm

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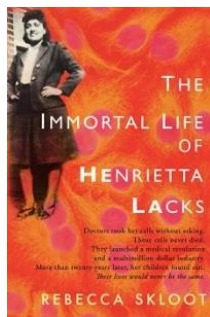


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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR COPY of the April issue of Cross Currents, now available in the narthex.

~ **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 over \$10,000 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, WEDNESDAY, 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 in the Betty Dahlquist Lounge. 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 with any questions. **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks premieres on HBO on Saturday, April 22nd.**

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
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.**



EASTER FLOWERS 2017

Don't forget to submit your order form found in today's bulletin. **Deadline is TODAY, April 9**
Lilies @ \$18
Tulips @ \$13