

sunday times

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent



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

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"Hoping against hope" (Romans 4:18, NRSV), Abraham trusted God. So much seems hopeless these days, dear God. Help us hold onto hope that beyond death, you promise resurrection.
Welcome to worship.

PASTORAL PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Dorette Bobrowski is a patient at Overlook Hospital suffering from parafu and a respiratory infection. Dorette is grateful for our prayers for a quick recovery.

Jeri Rossi's mom, **Bernice Ronnow**, has returned home with Hospice care following a hospital stay. Let's surround Bernice and her family with our strong prayers.



Dear Caring Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry, What a sweet outpouring of love you have given me and my family! The cards, pamphlets, goodies and stone cross & angel ornament were all so thoughtful! The prayer shawls are lovely; comforting and cozy like hugs. Knowing we were prayed for was a blessing. Thank you, Caring and Prayer Shawl Ministries for the love and kindness you gave to our family. **Love & Peace**
Connie Rapp Nordstrom

CALL COMMITTEE Update

The Call Committee has unanimously approved a pastoral candidate for Council's consideration. Council will be meeting with the candidate soon and will vote to approve the candidate to continue on in the call process. As a reminder, the candidate's information is kept confidential until officially introduced to the congregation. We appreciate your prayers for the committee, council and our candidate during this call process.



NJ Synod of ELCA is grateful for Calvary's 2023 support of \$20,733.75!!

THRIVENT 101 – EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR THRIVENT MEMBERSHIP

Online Webinar | Tuesday, February 27 at 1:00 or 7:30 PM

During this online webinar, Thrivent Members will explore the benefits, tools and resources of their Thrivent Membership. We will cover it all, from Thrivent Action Teams to Thrivent Choice, to Thrivent's new Mobile App. We will also include educational resources, free and discounted services and other support that is available to Thrivent Members. Whether your client is a new member or just need a refresher this an event they won't want to miss.

Register using the link below

https://thrivent.zoom.us/webinar/register/7517025798663/WN_pg6DpufzTOyLIGkddal_mw?mc_cid=477d1de2a8&mc_eid=UNIQID#/registration



WANTED – Donations of filled plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Plastic eggs can be filled with candy, bible passages, stickers, etc. Please bring all filled eggs or supplies to construct the eggs by March 24. Donations can be left in the Narthex.

THRIVENT MEMBERS – IT'S TIME TO DONATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS.

Any 2023 Choice Dollars must be directed to the charity of your choice by March 31, 2024. Choice Dollars can be directed to Calvary Lutheran Church, CNSCC or any number of ELCA organizations including Immigration and Refugee Service, World Hunger and Disaster Response. You can direct your choice dollars by logging on to your Thrivent account and selecting *Direct Choice Dollars* or by calling 800-847-4836.

BIBLE STUDY Opportunities with HOLY CROSS

You are invited to spend time with scripture and in fellowship. We are using the *LifeGuide Bible Study of Jonah, Joel and Amos*. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of March at 7pm in the Calvary Library. For further information contact Heidi Klebaur at hklebaur@gmail.com



LENTEN CALENDAR

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT CALVARY

Palm Sunday – March 24

10:15 AM Palm and Passion Service with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday – March 28

1:15 PM Conference Call worship
(dial 425-436-6396)

when prompted – access code - 685503
7:30 PM “In Remembrance” Meditative Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday – March 29

7:30 PM Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday – March 31

10:15 AM Festival Service with Holy Communion followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

CALVARY CALENDAR

*Sun., Feb 25, **Second Sunday of Lent***

9am Breakfast Bunch

10:15am Worship (Live and on YouTube)

Thurs., Feb 29

1:15pm Mid-Week Worship via conference call
(dial 425-436-6396) – access code - 685503

*Sun., March 3, **Third Sunday of Lent***

9am Breakfast Bunch

10:15am Worship (Live and on YouTube)

5pm Confirmation Class



Rev. Bridget Gautieri was recently interviewed by Bernie Wagenblast on Cranford Radio. Below is the link (it is also in Sunday's Coming) to listen to the interview Bridget's ministry in Wittenberg and her upbringing in Cranford, NJ!

<https://cranfordradio.wordpress.com/2024/02/09/life-long-cranford-resident-bridget-gautieri-begins-adventure-in-germany/>

THE 2024 NJ SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be held on May 11 at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. If you are interested in going as a representative from Calvary, please contact the church office at 908-276-2418.

2024 NJSYNOD Western Mission District

Saturday, March 2nd

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St John's Lutheran Church, Summit, NJ

This is an important meeting that has to do with synod elections. Also included in this day is an introduction to mental health de-escalation conversation. Contact your district dean or cluster counselor for more information.