

# sunday times

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday



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

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**Welcome to Worship** this Palm [and Passion] Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.



**EASTER FOOD DRIVE:** We will again be supporting the food banks at Holy Trinity – East Orange and Aids Resource Foundation during this Easter Season. **We ask that you return the donations to the narthex by Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>.** **We will pack the food into boxes after the 10:15 service.** We appreciate the congregation's donations and assistance in packing the boxes.

**Food List:** 1 can of fruit, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of sweet or white potatoes, 1 can or jar of coffee, 1 box of cereal, 1 Parmalat milk, 1 can of soup, 1 can of tuna, 1 box of pasta or rice.



On this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Ordination we are thankful for your faithful service here at Calvary. Your generosity and commitment during this time of transition has been a true blessing. You are a wonderful example of what it means to be a dedicated servant to the Lord. May God continue to bless you and Mary on this special occasion and always.

**Your Calvary Church Family**

## **PASTORAL PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS**

**Kevin Mulligan, Ellen Mulligan's son**, has had a good Dr's report as he continues his recovery at the rehabilitation facility in West Virginia. It is a lot of hard work for him as he recuperates, however, Ellen and Kevin feel his improvement and strength is due to the power of prayer. Your ongoing prayers are very much appreciated.

## **EGG-CELLENT TEAMWORK!**

Some of the Caring Ministry members got together and stuffed over 200 plastic eggs with goodies and religious quotes to share with our kiddos, seniors, and outreach to St. Joe's Elizabeth. Thank you to Olive Geisler, Glenda & Doreen Huff, Al Jurpalis, Amy Metroka, Nana Orjonikidze, and Nancy Pastore for their egg-cellent work. A special thanks to Glenda and Doreen for the delicious cookies and Nancy for the yummy Irish Soda bread that filled our bellies!



**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 today, **March 24**. Donations can be left in the Narthex.



Pick up the newsletter from Bridget in the Narthex or Read it online in Sunday's Coming!



There will be a **trial service/sermon** by the candidate on **Sunday, April 7, 2024**. Following the service a congregational meeting will be held to vote to approve Calvary extending a call to our pastoral candidate.



**We will be having a Meet and Greet Reception for our candidate on Saturday, April 6 from 3-5pm in Fellowship Hall.** We welcome congregants to meet and speak with the pastoral candidate who will be leading worship on April 7. Simple Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

**CNSCC Block Party – Tuesday, April 10th from 10am to 11am.**



**YOU are invited!! –**

CNSCC will welcome the staff, children, and families of Helen K. Baldwin Nursery School and St. Michael's Early Childhood Program for their annual Block

Party & Ice Cream Social as part of the national celebration of the "Week of the Young Child."

These three programs from Cranford will unite for a special hands-on event featuring a petting zoo, a Bubble Show, and a "Celebration of Literacy" obstacle course. Cranford Township Police and Fire Departments will be on hand with their vehicles for the children to explore. (Plan to park somewhere other than our parking lot which will be closed.)

Come and see the children, the excitement, the fun – we'd love to have YOU 😊



**LENTEN CALENDAR**

**JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT CALVARY**

***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 (Live and on YouTube)

***Good Friday – March 29***

7:30 PM Tenebrae Service of Darkness  
(Live and on YouTube)

***Easter Sunday – March 31***

10:15 AM Festival Service with Holy Communion (Live and on YouTube)  
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

### **BIBLE STUDY Opportunities with HOLY CROSS**

You are invited to spend time with scripture and in fellowship. The current study/discussion is on "The Women of the New Testament." We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm in the Calvary Library. For further information contact Heidi Klebaur at [hrklebaur@gmail.com](mailto:hrklebaur@gmail.com)

### **Mental Health Association of New Jersey**

**(MHANJ)** is an organization based in New Jersey that offers advocacy, support and resources for persons needing assistance as well as programs for those who wish to identify or understand signs of mental health and substance abuse. A list of resources and contacts can be found at [www.mhanj.org](http://www.mhanj.org) or call (866) 202-HELP (4357).