

# *Calvary Connection*



## *Calvary Lutheran Church Newsletter*

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### ***Lent 2021***



# Pastor's Piece

It seems like 2021 is rushing us along. February is already here, and we are preparing for the season of Lent at Calvary. Last year, Ash Wednesday occurred at the end of February, and the coming lockdown hadn't happened yet. Later in March, we were not able to gather for our regular Sunday services, or for any other fellowship activities. The pandemic took Lent away from us just as it got going.

This year, we will celebrate Lent in the way we have become accustomed: livestream services and conference-call or zoom meetings. Our experience of limitation, of "restriction", that we have tolerated because of the pandemic is somehow a natural fit for the season of Lent. Lent has involved fasting, or "restriction", for centuries to help us prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

The difference for us is that the restrictions we find ourselves negotiating today are not self-chosen or deliberate. They are mandated by circumstance. But for Christians who are serious about the "renewal of our minds" (Romans 12:2), maybe we can look at Lent this year as an opportunity? Instead of simply tolerating the restrictions we have to deal with, why not embrace them deliberately, in prayer? You don't have to like the situation. In fact, we might really be angry at the situation. But we can always wrap our feelings in honest, clearsighted prayer. Let us lift up our lives to our Lord Jesus Christ in prayer this Lent, and may his grace and peace fill our hearts.

Peace to you all.

+Pastor Linderman

# Worship 'at Calvary' Continues...

... with live streaming at 12:30 each Sunday on our Facebook page!

With music by Elise and Bill , messages from guest pastors and support from Pastor Linderman and a team of members, Calvary continues to provide weekly worship services.

Watch for emails from Bruce Heitman for the services in print so you can join in!

**Share the information with friends, family, neighbors!**

If you miss the live stream, visit the Facebook page to view the service.

Read on to view the schedule for our Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS WITH  
LIVESTREAMED at 7:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY



*Did you know.....*

*the ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are made from burning palms from the previous year?*

# The Annual Congregational Meeting

February 21

2:00 PM



Our Annual Meeting will be streamed on Facebook and stored on Facebook just like our Sunday Services.

**Please make every attempt to view the service live so that we can facilitate responsive voting.**

Voting details to follow shortly

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## OUTREACH

The **Center for Food Action** in Mahwah is collecting non-perishable food items. Hearty soups are especially needed at this time of year. In addition to helping our less fortunate neighbors, the CFA also provides meals for front-line care team members. You can drop off your donations at 90 Ridge Road, Mahwah between 10am and 2pm M-F or leave your contributions in the collection wagon at church and we will take it to the CFA.



for more information about CFA  
visit their website at:

[Center For Food Action, Action Beyond The Bag \(cfanj.org\)](http://CenterForFoodAction.org)

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# Holy Week Worship Services



Livestreamed and posted to Facebook at

12:30 March 28



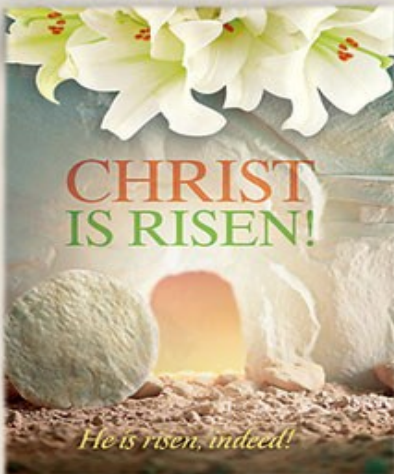
**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*

Livestreamed and posted to Facebook at

7:30 April 1st

Livestreamed and posted to Facebook at

7:30 April 2nd



## *EASTER SUNDAY*

Livestreamed and posted to Facebook at

12:30 April 4th



# Meet Our Guest Worship Leaders during



## Rev. Richard P. Bowman, Esq.

Rich Bowman feels very blessed and honored to be able to share the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus Christ with Calvary Lutheran Church. Rich grew up in a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) home in Baltimore and is the oldest of 3 brothers. His mom, who is from Peru still lives in Baltimore.

In 1989, Rich was ordained as a United Methodist Minister and served 2 churches in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area before moving to New York City in 1994 to attend law school. He maintains his ordination credentials with the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rich and his family became affiliated with the ELCA when they began attending Good Shepherd Church in Pearl River, NY in 2009.



He is currently Associate General Counsel at New York Life Insurance Company, where he has practiced regulatory, general corporate, and securities law for over 20 years. He is also dad to 3 teenagers: Nick, age 19 and a second year student at Drexel University; Sophia, age 18 and a first year student at New York University, and Daniel, age 16, a high school junior.

Rich earned a *Bachelor of Arts* from the University of Maryland, a *Master of Divinity* from Boston University, and a *Juris Doctor* from Fordham University School of Law.



## **Ms. Kara Song**

Kara was born in South Korea and immigrated to the U.S. as a toddler in the early 1970s. She was raised in Georgia, where her father planted two Korean Presbyterian churches.

She graduated from Emory University with a BA in Sociology & Music, received a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University, and is currently enrolled in Drew Theological Seminary's

She has worked in various social service and nonprofit/governmental sector positions in Georgia, Oregon, California, Connecticut, and is currently a Contract Administrator with the State of NJ-Dept. of Children & Families.

Kara has served in a variety of positions in Protestant denominations in mainly Korean-American congregations in Atlanta, San Jose, Los Angeles, Portland (OR), Springfield (MA), Wayne & Woodland Park (NJ). She currently attends Grace United Methodist Church (Wyckoff), where she is a Lay Delegate to the Greater NJ UMC Annual Conference, Church Council Recording Secretary, Staff/Parish Relations Committee, contemporary Praise Band and Handbells Choir member.

Kara views herself, not as the stereotypical Asian “Tiger Mom,” but more like a “Panda Mom” (laying around, eating potstickers)... to her fun sons, Kyle (19), Ryan (16), and adopted canine son, Phoenix (9 mos).

### **Rev. Wayne Jack Plumstead**

Rev. Wayne Jack Plumstead is a retired clergyman of the United Methodist Church. He served pastorates in Bayonne, Kearny and Jersey City before becoming Senior Pastor at the Park United Methodist Church in Bloomfield for twenty years. He was appointed in 2011 by his bishop to serve as District Superintendent of the Palisades District where he supervised 80 churches and 86 pastors in Bergen County, northern Passaic County and Rockland County, New York. He retired in 2016.

Rev. Plumstead has served on numerous District and Conference-wide committees of the United Methodist Church including the Board of Ordained Ministry.

He currently serves as an officer on the Board of CUMAC in the city of Paterson which works to alleviate hunger and its root causes for those in need, feeding 3400 people monthly and warehousing over 2 million pounds of food annually for a network of about 40 partner feeding programs



# Easter Lilies

*Please help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter  
by donating lilies .*

*Each beautiful plant is \$9.00*

*Mail checks payable to Kathy Peterson  
at 186 Church Street Ramsey 07446.  
Include your dedication.*

*Last day for orders to be received*

*March 7<sup>th</sup>*



Grandma Marilyn played catch in the snow.

Janet Berger became a great-aunt on Monday, Jan. 25th.  
Emily Grace is the name of her new great-niece.



The Levitzke family grew by one in February. Meet Bella!

If you have news to share with the congregation in the next newsletter,  
please email Kathy Peterson , [kpeter58@yahoo.com](mailto:kpeter58@yahoo.com)



# Calvary KIDS Connection

DEAR PARENTS,

We have gathered a collection of nine activities that you can print to share with your children to engage them in the Lenten season. They are appropriate for a variety of ages.

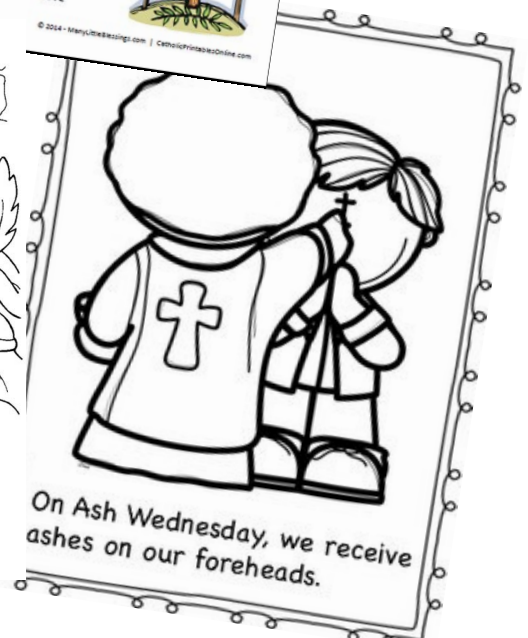
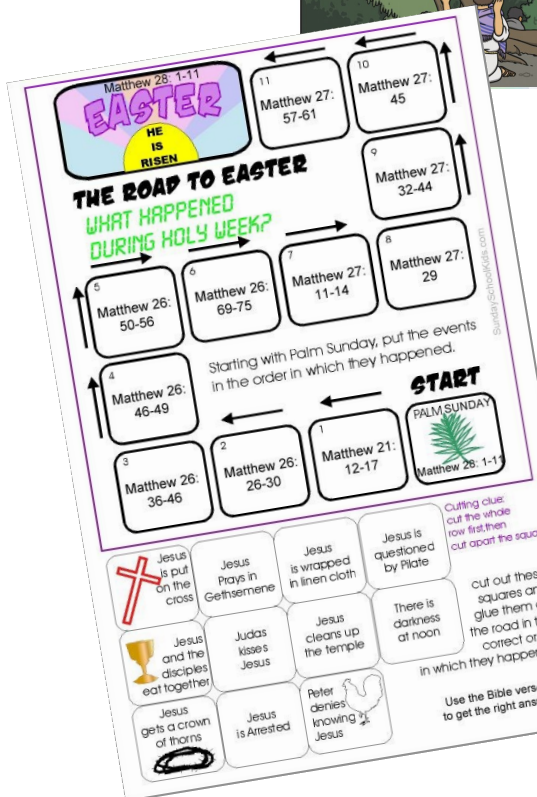
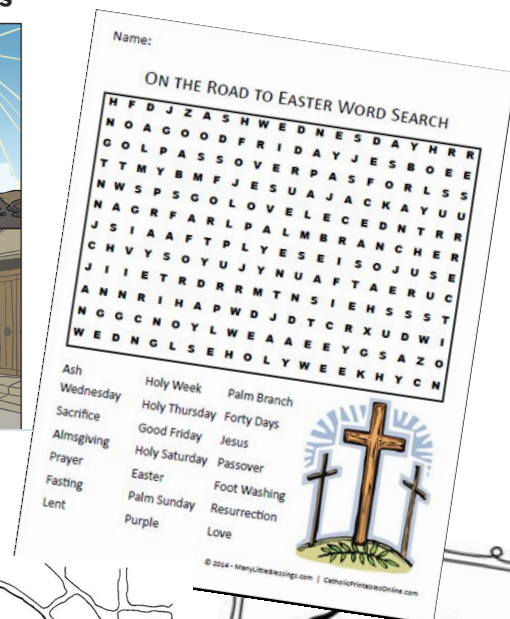
If you would like to access the pages you can use the following link or send your email address to Kathy Peterson and she will send it directly to you.

coloring & word games:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-xo7jASXjCUEx7an-gX7B6RmK0IUgtYI/view?usp=sharing>

sequencing cards: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hIWExpib2vJ0OCJXKHf97iJtP7OI5Vr/view?usp=sharing>

## Holy Week Story Sequencing Cards





## Definition

Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.

## A Very Brief History

The term “Lent” originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” which means “spring.” This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses’ forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

from: [ELCA Worship » Blog Archive LiturgyGram: A Little About Lent - ELCA Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)



Feb. 14	Rev. Richard Bowman	
Feb. 17	Rev. Richard Bowman	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 21	Rev. Richard Bowman	
Feb. 28	Rev. Richard Bowman	
Mar. 7	Rev. Wayne Plumstead	
Mar.14	Ms. Kara Song	
Mar. 21	Rev. Wayne Plumstead	
Mar.28	Ms. Kara Song	PALM SUNDAY
April 1	Ms. Kara Song	Holy Thursday
April 2	Ms. Kara Song	Good Friday
April 4	Rev. Wayne Plumstead	EASTER SUNDAY

## Guest Worship Leaders Schedule



# Church Information

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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