



Welcome to
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Mt Barker SA
 2nd January 2022
 2nd Sunday after Christmas

DIVINE SERVICE

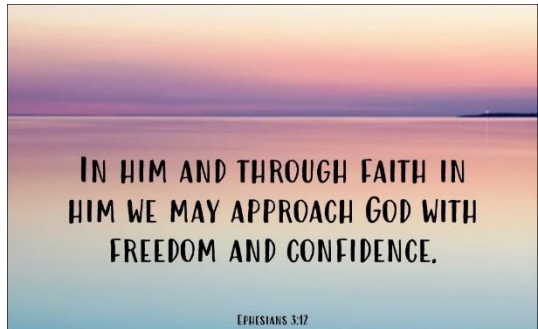
8.30am Traditional Service with Holy Communion: LH46, LH40, LH191, LH47
10.30am Contemporary Service: Here I am to Worship, We Three Kings, Yet not I, Cornerstone

SERMON





Theme: Confidence in Christ

Text: Ephesians 3:1-12

Confidence in the self
 Confidence in the surrounds
 Confidence in the Scriptures
 Confidence in the Saviour



BIBLE READINGS

-  Isaiah 60:1-6
-  Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
-  Ephesians 3:1-12
-  Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYER

M: Let us pray that people of all nations come to faith in Christ.

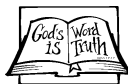
C: Eternal God, you led the wise men by the shining of a star to adore your Son. Guide the nations by his light, so that the whole world sees your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Isaiah 2:1-5

Tues Zechariah 14:6-11

Wed John 8:12-20



Thur Matthew 2:1-12

Fri Romans 10:11-17

Sat Psalm 29

The Lutheran Church teaches that **HOLY COMMUNION** is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink to strengthen us in faith and service. This sacrament is for baptised Christians who repent of their sins, believe in Jesus as their only Saviour, and intend to live as God wants them to. **If you have any questions please see an Elder or Pastor.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion from your pew, can you please confirm with the residing Pastor, the Elder on duty, or one of the Ushers, before the service begins. Allergy free communion wafers are available for people with an intolerance to dairy, gluten or wheat



Weekly newsletters are available on the St Mark's school website:
www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444

PRAYER POINTS

For the beginning of a New Year

David Kuchel, recovering from surgery in hospital

Fay Harms, recovering from surgery at home

All those affected by Covid 19 outbreaks and lockdowns

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** all staff that they have a refreshing summer break
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Governor SA Frances Adamson
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** 2nd Assistant Bishop Joel Cramer
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Redeemer, Nairne
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Mt Barker Salvation Army

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jan ~ Fay Harms, Janice Noske, Andrew Henke,
 Symon Gogel, Harrison Barolo

6th Jan ~ Roger Noske

7th Jan ~ Mary Clothier, Deidre Henke, Ashleigh Moon

If you would like a special birthday or anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin, contact the office the week prior



THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that have helped with all of our services throughout the year and especially over the busy Christmas period. May you have a safe and blessed New Year.

PASTOR'S LEAVE

Pastor Ben will be on annual leave from January 3rd to 23rd. Please contact one of the elders during this time for pastoral needs or the church office for general enquiries. Our thanks to the retired pastors and lay readers who will take services over these weeks:

9th Jan – Pastor David Buck

16th Jan – 8.30am Mark Frost, 10.30am Symon Gogel

23rd Jan – Pastor David Christian

CONGREGATION VISITING

During December and January we encourage all congregation members to phone and/or visit fellow members who may be finding this time of year difficult.

LADIES RETREAT 15th Jan

Today is the **last day to register** for the Lutheran Women SA–NT Retreat on the 15th Jan at Para Vista. Please pick up an enrolment form now from the Link Noticeboard or contact Val Schild today.

WORKING BEE 15th Jan

We have again been able to procure external help on Sat 15th January and so will hold a working bee to complete another stage of the front carpark stone wall. This will be the main focus and we require helpers to barrow stone to the garden, measure and sort into similar sizes, hand stone to the layers and back fill loam behind the wall. There are also a few smaller projects we can tackle for those looking for lighter duties. The usual shovels, rakes and wheel barrows are all that is required along with person power and enthusiasm! Please place your name on the sheet in the link or contact or Allan Todd by phone prior to 12 January to assist with planning for the day.



Thank you in anticipation St Marks Property Committee (Alias “Dads Army”)

GAMES AFTERNOONS

Are you interested in a monthly afternoon of games (eg scrabble, chess, cards) with a cuppa and a chat? To express interest please speak to Charmaine Milburn or write your name on the sheet on the noticeboard.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We welcome anyone interested in joining our group, please contact Jenny Girdham for more information. Subs are due by Jan 2022, please look out for your reminder. The Lutheran Women magazine will be posted individually from next year and addresses need to be sent with the 2022 subs. If your postal address is different from what is in the directory, please let Jenny know.



For December Lutheran Care are seeking donations of Sweet Biscuits, Canned Vegetables (corn, chickpeas, lentils), Tinned Tuna (medium) Shampoo/Conditioner and Dishwashing Liquid

Due to health and safety concerns all donations must be sealed and in original packaging

Notes from Church Council – 13th December 2021

- Mainly Music: Jane Hill and Annette Cavies will coordinate the team, that will include Julie Pfeiffer, Lauren Kuchel and Philippa Barnett-Pierce. The Education Committee will seek to strengthen links between the congregation and Mainly Music.
- Playgroup: More leaders are still required.
- Elders: Symon Gogel and Ben Footner are new elders. Thanks to David Kuchel and Adrian Curtis for their service.
- Holy Communion and seating in church: After Christmas/January holiday period the worship committee will look at having HC at the altar rail and seating more people in the church.
- A mission project for the church. Evangelism and Welfare Committee will make a recommendation to the AGM in March.
- St Mark's Draft Vision Statement: The Education, Service and Nurture Committee will report on this to the AGM.
- Safe Place Coordinator: Emma will fill this role temporarily and, in consultation with Janice, work out what St Marks needs to do to be compliant with the LCA's new Child Safe Standards.
- Amplify, a new ecumenical child, youth and family conference will be run by Blue Print Ministries in our facilities. The event will be advertised in our bulletin. Cost: \$55
- A Defibrillator is planned for the wall outside the double doors leading to the school carpark.
- Working Bee in January will complete the retaining wall and look at storage issues.
- Ashton Hills land: The School Council is in discussions with Cornerstone College's Board in preparation for a mid-February workshop to bring together interested parties to discuss the development of the Aston Hills land.
- LLL 100th Anniversary Grants: Congregations are invited to apply by Dec 31st for one of 40 special \$2,500 grant which can be used in creative ways to 'give back' to their church or community. See grants@lll.org.au

ALWS Christmas Appeal – South Sudan flooding

In Twic East 48,000 people are living on 12 islands surrounded by flood water, see photo. 90% of people have lost their homes to the floods. Disease is a deadly danger as there is nowhere to dig pit latrines, and people must go to the toilet in the same water they use for washing, cooking etc. The only food people trapped on the islands have, is fish they catch from the floodwater.

While much of the world seems to have forgotten the people of South Sudan, ALWS is there, helping people start over.



Flooding is so severe that 40 out of 47 schools in the area where ALWS work have had to be relocated. ALWS is building Temporary Learning Spaces for Early Childhood Development in Bor South county.

As we go into 2022, where there will continue to be so many challenges, you can be certain that for the flood-survivors of South Sudan right now ... and all those you have helped in 2021 through ALWS ... you are a blessing ALWayS. Thank you!

Help is still needed for flood survivors in South Sudan. You can have your donation for \$111 Family Flood Kits matched dollar for dollar by a Lutheran couple from Queensland. (Your gift is also tax-deductible.) Donate now at ALWS.org.au



COVID UPDATE 2ND JANUARY 2022

With the number of COVID cases in South Australia increasingly daily, the SA government and SA-NT District continue monitor the situation and provide directions to churches. There are a few changes that we need to implement this week, including remaining seated for the duration of the service, including Holy Communion, which will take place in the pews.

We will also try to minimise close interaction between members before and after services, and so will forgo morning tea for the immediate future. We ask all worshippers to enter the outside spaces after services, which will assist with cleaning. We ask everyone to continue to adhere to the following protocols:

- Check in and sanitize upon entry
- Stay home if unwell
- Observe the reserve signs and fill up from the front maintaining social distance
- Those over twelve are required to wear masks unless they have a medical exemption (please bring your own mask if possible)

We encourage you to see ongoing adherence to these guidelines as the small sacrifices we can make to keep one another safe and continue worshipping together as God's people. Church Council will continue to review government and LCA guidelines as they come to hand.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ROSTERS	Jan 2 – New Year	Jan 9	Jan 16
Sunday	Epiphany	Epiphany 1	Epiphany 2
1st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5
Ps /Canticle	<i>Psalm 72:1-7,10-14</i>	<i>Psalm 29</i>	<i>Psalm 36:5-10</i>
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17,21,22	John 2:1-11
1st SERVICE	8.30am HC	8.30am	8.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	Symon Gogel	Craig Kupke	David Kuchel
Ushers	D & V Schild	D & A Shillabeer	R & J Paech
Greeters	W Anderson & A Francis	C Lockwood & J Hill	Marsh family
Reading 1 & 2	David Schild	Kerry Brinkmann	Bev Schultz
Music	Trevor Wegener	Charmaine Milburn	Lisa Grieger
Sound	Simon Milburn	David Schild	Mark Tohl
Computer	Jenny Girdham	Val Schild	Anthea Francis
Link	Leanne Mibus	Simon Milburn	David Schild
2nd SERVICE	10.30am	10.30am HC	10.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	Kym van de M	Ben Footner	David Lockwood
Ushers	K & D van de M	V McNeil & A Gogel	T & G Weinert
Greeters	T & G Weinert	B & A Todd	S & J O'Higgins
Reading 1 & 2	Symon Gogel	Annette Cavies	Lockwood family
Music	David Heyne	Leanne Mibus	Sue Kupke
Sound	Steve Crowder	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder
Computer	Vicki McNeil	Debbie Zimmermann	Annette Cavies
Link	Emma Graetz	Heyne	Emma van de M
Cleaning/Flower	A Cavies, J Page	J Paech, J Schutz	B Paech, M Miller
Vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming
Clean btw Servs	R & J Paech	B Paech & J Hodgson	G & N Hein
Morning tea	n/a	J Girdham & N Heinrich	L Schliebs & J Ferris
Visiting	Everyone: please call	or visit your fellow	members

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 24th Dec: inbarendi: 215 9.00pm: 34 Total: 249
 25th Dec: 8.30am: 95 (85) 10.00am: 65 (54) Total: 160
 26th Dec: 8.30am: 45 10.30am: 42 (36) Total: 87

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 24-26th Dec: Gen \$1325.90 Redev \$66 Mission \$62.25 ALWS \$812.15

Required Monthly \$22,116 Total Giving for November was \$37,426

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 30/9/21 is \$486,027. We borrowed \$800,000.

REG (Regular Electronic Giving) members who choose to give electronically can do so through the Lutheran Laypeople's League weekly, monthly or as you prefer.

Forms are available in the 'REG' pigeon hole or online at www.lll.org.au.

St Mark's details: BSB 704942 Account no. 100406459

If you wish to pay off the principal of our loan directly please use these details:

Account Name: St Mark's Lutheran Church, Church Re-Development

BSB 704942 Account 100909094

CHURCH CALENDAR 2nd – 16th January 2022

Sunday	2nd Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional HC Contemporary
Wed	5 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Fri	7 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sunday	9th Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary HC
Wed	12 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Fri	14 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sat	15 th	Working Bee		
Sunday	16th Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary

Please note: the Church Office opening hours will be reduced during the Christmas/New Year week and early January. It may be advisable to ring and check before visiting.



St Mark's Lutheran church is dedicated to providing a safe place for all members and visitors.

The LCA encourages all members to follow a standard of ethical behaviour, and if you believe these standards have been breached, you can direct a formal complaint to the LCA complaints hot line on **1800 644 628** or email **complaints@lca.org.au**. **Copies of the LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour are available from the church foyer.** Our church uses the SP3 Safety Management System for all children ministries. Our SP3 Coordinators are Andy & Joey Traeger email: **safechurch@stmarksmtbarker.org.au**