



**Welcome to  
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Mt Barker SA  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

**8.30am Traditional Service with Holy Communion** – LH519, I am the vine, LH228, LHS844

**10.30am Combined Service** – The Potter's Hand, I am the Vine, Yet not I, Blessed be your name

### **SERMON**

Theme: "I am the true vine"

Text: John 15:1-8

God plants the vine

God prunes the branches

God produces the fruit



### **BIBLE READINGS**

 Acts 8:26-40

 Psalm 22:25-31

 1 John 4:7-21

 John 15:1-8

### **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray that we may remain in Christ.

C: Loving heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. Strengthen our faith, so that we remain united with him and bear the fruit of love. We ask this through your Son, 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 5:1-7

**Tues** Amos 9:13-15

**Wed** John 14:1-14



**Thur** Galatians 5:22-26

**Fri** 1 Peter 2:11-20

**Sat** Psalm 98

*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 presiding 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](http://www.stmarks.sa.edu.au) Ph 8391 0444

### PRAYER POINTS

Trudy Watkins, daughter of Beverly Hoepner, recovering from surgery  
 Ian Rosenzweig, ongoing health issues  
 Ordination forum to be held this week  
 First Communion course starting soon

### GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** Rachel Mackenzie, Janine Messenger, Karen Moseley
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local Federal MP, Rebekha Sharkie
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** LCA/NZ Bishop John Henderson
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Peace Lutheran, Salem
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Uniting Church Meadows
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** ~ Andy Traeger

**6<sup>th</sup> May** ~ Allan Todd, Sue O'Higgins

**7<sup>th</sup> May** ~ Charli Schulz

**8<sup>th</sup> May** ~ Kevin Schenscher, Emma van de Meulengraaf

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



### KUCHEL FAMILY

David, Wendy and Lauren would like to sincerely thank members for all of their support, prayer, visits and meals over the past few weeks. It is gratefully appreciated. The future will hold many challenges for our family, but thankfully Wendy's back issue is slowly improving. Love, the Kuchel's.

### ONE ST MARK'S Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3.45pm

Our school and congregation are looking to establish a sub-committee with the aim of exploring how to build more connections between our two communities. You are invited to *Coffee, Cake and Conversation* in the Library to learn about what currently happens and brainstorm ideas for the future. RSVP to the school. See the noticeboard for more details

### **ORDINATION FORUM**

For many years the Lutheran Church of Australia has been discussing its practice of ordination, specifically whether the Bible allows for women, as well as men, to be ordained as pastors. Proposals have been brought before general synods but not gained the two-thirds majority required for doctrinal change. This year a similar proposal will come before our district synod in May. Our Church Council has decided to run an ordination forum at St Mark's on Tuesday May 4th at 7:30pm to which all members are invited. This is not a debate but a dialogue and an opportunity to become more aware of the history, different viewpoints and supporting documents. It will be run by Pastor Ben with the help of our retired pastors. Please add your name to the list in the link if you plan on coming along so we have an idea of numbers.

### **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS**

Would your mother like an arrangement of fresh flowers for Mother's Day? Order today and collect your flowers at church on Mother's Day. The order form is on the notice board in the Link. In addition to the flowers, small gifts for \$2.00 to \$3.00, will be available in the hall next Sunday for the children to buy for mum.



### **WORKING BEE** Saturday 15th May 8.30-12.00.



The Property committee are seeking people to assist with gardening, cleaning, painting and general maintenance. In particular they require some young, strong members to assist with moving rocks for a retaining wall. A trailer and wheelbarrows in addition to shovels, rakes, brooms etc would be appreciated.



To assist with planning please contact Val Schild 0404 432 920 or Allan Todd 0448 066 821 as early as possible if you are able to assist.

### **PHOTOS OF MEMBERS**

St Mark's has previously taken photos of members to assist with recognition of members, especially Office bearers. These photos need updating and we are asking members to take their own digital photos where possible and send them in. If you are unable to do this alternatives can be arranged. More information and instructions are in your pigeon hole or speak to Annette Cavies.



## KAHOOT QUIZ & GAMES

Sunday 16th May 3-5pm in St Mark's School Library  
 Bring your quick firing brain, some friends and \$3.  
 See flier on noticeboard for more details

### Notes from Church Council Meeting 12th April 2021 and AGM of 18th April 2021

- The Church Council meeting opened with a devotion led by Pr Ben on a reading from Acts 3:12-19. Three questions were considered – what surprises you positively, what convicts you personally, and what refreshes you spiritually.
- A poster about the LCA 'Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan June 2020-2021 can be viewed on the notice board.
- St Mark's is in the process of organising the St Mark's archives and church records, facilitated by Christine Lockwood with guidance from the Lutheran Archives staff.
- St Mark's AGM. 47 members attended the AGM, and 14 apologies were received. The meeting commenced at 4pm and closed at 4.45pm. The Hillview Lutheran Services to the Disabled and St Mark's School AGMs followed directly after.
- At the Annual General Meeting the following proposal was unanimously carried: 'Church Council proposes that the congregation gives \$5000 from the 2020 surplus to the SA-NT District to support the wider ministry of the LCA NZ.'



Hillview Lutheran Services for the Disabled invite you to **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

27<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

in the Community Centre, 6 Withers crt, Mt Barker.

This is a great chance to visit at least the Community Centre at Hillview.

Morning tea will be provided for a donation.

Please RSVP to 0428 881 815 (Hills Community Options) by the 20<sup>th</sup> May if interested as there will be a cap of 50.

## **LINK PROJECTOR**

We are in need of a few extra people to learn how to use the Link projector and help out every few weeks (either 8.30 or 10.30am services). It is a very easy system to use and only takes about 10min to learn. If you are able to help out, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you, Sharon Heyne.

## **MandM's**

Upcoming events:

- Thursday 20th May: "Travel Discovery". For those who will be attending, there are a few 'items' you will need to pre-organise and bring. Please see the Link Notice Board or Sharon Heyne for an instruction sheet.
- Saturday June 19th, 2pm: Baby shower for Lauren Kuchel – please note change of day/date.



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

A new Directory with the contact details of our members will be printed shortly. Have your details changed since the last Directory was printed in 2019? Have you cancelled your landline? Can we add mobile phone or email information? Please check your old blue directory and contact Janice in the office with any changes.

## **CARAVAN PARKING**

Erica Launer has a small van which she needs to store. It has been in her driveway but family have moved in and they are short of parking space. She would GREATLY appreciate a corner of someone's yard to park it. Please contact Erica 0417840543 if you can help.

## **KINDLING WOOD**

Bags of kindling \$5      Bags of off-cuts \$3  
 Get ready for winter while supporting our church. All proceeds to Redevelopment fund.  
 Contact Kevin Kuchel on 0416 128 051



## **LUTHERAN CARE**



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For April Lutheran Care (previously Lutheran Community Care) are seeking donations of Spreads, Tuna (Small Tins), Soap and Toothbrushes

### COVID 19 INFORMATION

The new government regulations have increased the density allowances for places of worship from 1 person per 2 sq metres to 3 people per 4 sq metres (equivalent to 75% capacity). Physical distancing is still encouraged but this does not apply to people who live together, who are friends or family members, or people who regularly associate with each other.

Church Council would like to maintain reserve signs in the church for the time being but also encourage worshippers who regularly associate with each other to begin to sit in closer proximity to one another. This will allow a greater number of people in the church. Please continue to follow the direction of ushers and fill up from the front to ease congestion at the rear of the church.

Morning Tea will continue to be held between services in the hall. Standing with food and drink is now permitted. Our current sign in codes and sheets, hand sanitising, offering, Holy Communion and exit procedures will continue. After worship, please leave from the rear of the church at the direction of the ushers and remember to keep the walkways and ramp clear. Thank you for observing these guidelines.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**St Mark's Church Office:** 8391 1695

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**Church Premises:** 35 Hampden Rd, Mt Barker

**POSTAL ADDRESS:** PO Box 836, Mt Barker 5251

**Pastor:** Ben Pfeiffer      **Mobile:** 0402 825 173      **Email:** [pfeiffer241@gmail.com](mailto:pfeiffer241@gmail.com)

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**Office Administrator:** Janice Cecil      **Email:** [janice@stmarksmtbarker.org.au](mailto:janice@stmarksmtbarker.org.au)

**Worship Coordinator:** Sharon Heyne      **Email:** [sharon@stmarksmtbarker.org.au](mailto:sharon@stmarksmtbarker.org.au)

**Church Facility bookings:** Val & David Schild      **Phone:** 8391 2004

#### Elders

Adrian Curtis 8398 2186	David Kuchel	0427 006 233
Craig Kupke 8391 6744	David Lockwood	0427 911 477
Mark Tohl 0414 723 257	Kym van de Meulengraaf	0425 256 874

**Congregation Chair** Ian Pfeiffer 0413 336 221

**St Mark's School:** 37 Hampden Rd, Mt Barker. **Phone:** 8391 0444

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ROSTERS	May 2	May 9	May 13	May 16
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	<b>Easter 6</b>	<b>ASCENSION</b>	<b>Easter 7</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
<b>Ps /Canticle</b>	Psalms 22:25-31	Psalms 98	Psalms 47	Psalms 1
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 John 5:9-13
<b>Gospel</b>	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	Luke 24:44-53	John 17:6-19
<b>1st SERVICE</b>	<b>8.30am HC</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>7.30pm HC</b>	<b>8.30am HC</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	Mark Tohl	Kym van de Meulengraaf		David Schild
<b>Ushers</b>	D & V Schild	D & A Shillabeer	D & V Schild	R & J Paech
<b>Greeters</b>	Jane Hill Dawn Herbig	B & J Bartholomaeus A Francis	J & G Hodgson	Jane Hill Dawn Herbig
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Jane Hill	Holly Paech	Colin Schultz	Marsh family
<b>Music</b>	Trevor Wegener	Charmaine Milburn	David Buck	Lisa Grieger
<b>Sound</b>	Simon Milburn	David Schild	Dale Cavies	Mark Tohl
<b>Computer</b>	Judith Paech	Val Schild	Annette Cavies	Annthea Francis
<b>Link</b>	David Buck	James Ziersch	??	David Schild
<b>2nd SERVICE</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>10.30am HC</b>		<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	David Kuchel	Craig Kupke		David Lockwood
<b>Ushers</b>	G Turner V McNeil	M Pfeiffer J Hill		K & D van de M
<b>Greeters</b>	T & G Weinert S Heyne	R & B Kowald K Golder		S & J O'Higgins V McNeil
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Sharon Steven	Hutchinson family		Debbie Zimmermann
<b>Music</b>	Casey Work	Leanne Mibus		Sue Kupke
<b>Sound</b>	Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig		Steve Crowder
<b>Computer</b>	Debbie Zimmermann	Kupke family		Janice Cecil
<b>Link</b>	James Heyne	Sharon Heyne		James Heyne
<b>Cleaning/Flower</b>	J Pfeiffer, B Schultz	L Marshall, R Kowald	K Golder, A Brady	J Hodgson, L Schultz
<b>Vacuumping</b>	will do vacuumping	No Vacuumping	will do vacuumping	will do vacuumping
<b>Clean btw Servs</b>	V&D Schild	J Pfeiffer, J Curtis		A&D Shillabeer
<b>Morning tea</b>	Yvonne M, Elizabeth M	Sue O'H & Debbie Z		Val S & Ali S
<b>Visiting</b>	G & J Hodgson	G & J Hodgson		G & J Hodgson

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

**Attendance** 25<sup>th</sup> Apr 8.30pm: 77      10.30: 81 (61)      Total: 158

**Church Giving** (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 18<sup>th</sup> April Gen \$1420.10      Redev \$71.20

25<sup>th</sup> April Gen \$1725.55

Required Monthly \$22,116      Total Giving for March: \$21,096

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 31/3/21 is \$528,878. We borrowed \$800,000.

**REG (Regular Electronic Giving)** Members who choose to give electronically can do so through the Lutheran Laypeople's League weekly or monthly or as you choose. Forms are available in the 'REG' pigeon hole or online at [www.ill.org.au](http://www.ill.org.au).

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

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

Account Name: St Marks Lutheran Church. Church Re-Development

BSB 704942 Account 100909094

**CHURCH CALENDAR 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>8.30am</b> 9.40am <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Traditional HC</b> Sunday School <b>Contemporary</b>
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mainly Music	9.30am	
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ordination Forum	7.30pm	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
		<b>Service</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Shared lunch
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
		Playgroup	9.30am	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>8.30am</b> 9.40am <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Traditional</b> Sunday School <b>Contemporary HC</b>
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mainly Music	9.30am	
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
		<b>Service</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	One St Mark's	3.45pm	Coffee, Cake & Conversation
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
		Playgroup	9.30am	
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee	8.30am – 12.00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>8.30am</b> 9.40am <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Traditional</b> Sunday School <b>Contemporary HC</b>
		JAFFA	3.00pm	Kahoot Quiz & Games

**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**