



**WELCOME TO  
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Mt Barker SA  
New Year's Day and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

## NEW YEAR'S DAY




### **DIVINE SERVICE**

**9.00am Service with Holy Communion**  
- LHS862, LH462, AT292, LH159

### **SERMON**

Theme: Beginning with Blessing  
Text: Numbers 6:22-27

### **BIBLE READINGS**

-  Numbers 6:22-27
-  Philippians 2:5-11
-  Luke 2:15-21

### **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray  
C: Lord God, heavenly Father, you have given your dear Son for our salvation. Help us to begin the new year in the name of Jesus, and praise you, our Father, in all that we do. 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.



## SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January EPIPHANY

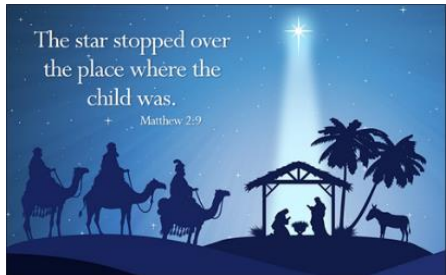
### **DIVINE SERVICE**

**8.30am Traditional Service with Holy Communion** - - LH46, LH40, LHS744, LHS750




**10.30am Contemporary Service** – Here I am to Worship, AT371, The First Noel, He Shall Reign Forevermore

### **SERMON**

Theme: Searching for the Christ  
Text: Matthew 2:1-12



### **BIBLE READINGS**

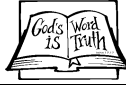
-  Isaiah 60:1-6
-  Ephesians 3:1-12
-  Matthew 2:1-12

### **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray that people of all nations come to faith in Christ.  
C: Eternal God, you led the Magi 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** Colossians 1:15-20  
**Tues** 1 John 1:1-7  
**Wed** Matthew 2:1-12



**Thur** Isaiah 2:1-5  
**Fri** Zechariah 14:6-11  
**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 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

Mary Clothier celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Greg Lockwood and others commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination  
 God's blessings on the New Year  
 Safety for those travelling during the holiday period

### GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Antoinette Brady, Tiffany Dayman, Kelly Hassold
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local State MP (Kavel) – Dan Cregan
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** LCA Assistant Bishop – Pastor Andrew Pfeiffer
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Strathalbyn Lutheran Church
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Emmanuel Community Church
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Roger Noske  
**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Mary Clothier, Deidre Henke,  
 Tristan Ziersch, Ashleigh Moon  
**Jan 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ Akeera Chapman



*If you would like a special birthday or anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin, contact the office on 8391 1695 the week prior*

### STAFF LEAVE

Vicar Mitch is currently on leave from 28/12 to 10/1.  
 Pastor Ben will be on leave from 4/1 to 24/1.  
 Sharon Heyne will be on leave from 10/1 to 17/1.

We thank Pastors David Kent, David Christian and David Buck for assisting with services during this time. Please direct pastoral matters to the Elders in Ben's absence and worship matters to Julie Pfeiffer.

## ST MARKS VOLUNTEERS

A very special thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that have worked extra hard over the last few months to make services possible during the COVID restrictions. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and Safe & Happy New Year. From St Marks Worship Team.

# THANK YOU

## RED CROSS DATES



The Red Cross will be using our facility for blood collection from 5 – 8 January. Between these two dates they will be storing some of their equipment in the Hall.

## CONFIRMATION SERVICES

The recorded Confirmation services have now been added to a private you tube channel. Members wishing to view them please contact Dale Cavies for access: [cavidj@gmail.com](mailto:cavidj@gmail.com) or 0419637771

## MORNING TEA

Morning Tea is not being held currently due to COVID-19 restrictions

## VICAR MITCH

Our new Vicar Mitch Kitson has begun his time with us. His contact details are email: [mitchell.kitson@lca.org.au](mailto:mitchell.kitson@lca.org.au) and phone: 0466 271 209.

The 2020 edition of the **Tangara** magazine is still available. Please see Vicar Mitch if you would like to purchase one at \$10 per copy. Cash is preferable, but other methods are available.



## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

This morning, four of the South Australian members of Luther Seminary's third graduating class are gathering for the 9 am service at Bethlehem, Flinders Street, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their ordinations into the Holy Ministry. In those days they were ordained at various times, usually late December or early January, in their home congregations. Greg Lockwood was ordained at St Paul's, Natimuk, Victoria, on January 3, 1971, and also commissioned for service with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Guinea. There were 12 in that 1970 graduating class. Four of them, now SA residents, will celebrate together with spouses at Bethlehem, the other three being Mike Hassold, Hans Oberscheidt, and Neil Stiller. We are very much aware that it is by God's mercy that we 'clay pots' have been enabled to pass on to others the treasures of the gospel of God's Son. – Greg Lockwood

## SOLAR PANELS

Working out the savings from the Solar Panels is not an exact science. Some of the power generated is put back into the grid and some is used immediately, reducing how much we take out of the grid. Our usage has been irregular due to Covid restrictions and the rates we are charged have been constantly changing. The best estimate is that it is saving us about \$2000 a year, perhaps a bit more. Adrian Curtis

## NOMINATIONS TO SA-NT DISTRICT COMMITTEES

The SA-NT district is looking for people, especially younger members, willing to serve on district committees. These include: District Church Council, Constitutions Committee, Aboriginal Ministry SA (AbMinSA), Loxton Riverview Rest Home Committee, Tanunda Lutheran Home, Immanuel College Council and Concordia College Council. If you are interested in serving, details, including a link to a nominations form, can be found at <https://www.sant.lca.org.au/events/convention-of-synod/>. Nominations are due by February 15. Chris Lockwood.

## LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

Lutheran Community Care welcome **hand knitted scarves/beanies/blankets** which can be donated to via St Marks LCC donations box. If you label items "Not To Be Sold" these items will be donated to Northern Territory communities & people in need.



## HELP AND SUPPORT

Members of St Marks are encouraged to make contact with an Elder, Pastoral Assistant or Pastor Ben (0402 825 173) if there are any pastoral or practical matters with which the church can assist.

### ELDERS

Adrian Curtis 8398 2186

David Kuchel 0427 006 233

David Lockwood 0427 911 477

Kym van de Meulengraaf 0425 256 874

Matt Hutchinson 0400 917 003

Craig Kupke 8391 6744,

Mark Tohl 0414 723 257

**CONGREGATION CHAIR** Ian Pfeiffer 0413 336 221

## COVID 19 WORSHIP CHANGES

After a review of the current Covid 19 regulations, some changes have been made to our Worship services to bring us in line with the compliance guidelines.

- A QR code has been issued and we encourage worshippers to register using the code on the entry doors.
- For those not able to use this method of registration, a written attendance sheet will be available on entry.
- Please observe signage on entry pertaining to your current health status, the 1.5 metre distancing rule and the need for regular hand washing and sanitiser.
- Entry to the church plant for Worship will be available through the doors into the Link on the eastern side or through the door into the Church front office / Hall on the western side. Only worshippers with mobility issues will be able to enter through the main foyer door on the western side.
- Members of the same family or household may sit together
- Please wait for direction from the ushers before being seated and fill seats from the front
- Communion will be offered in the Nave and the Link, so we ask that you follow the instructions from the Covid Marshalls, the Greeters and Ushers
- Singing by the Band and the Congregation during Communion has been discouraged due to distancing being compromised.
- At the completion of the service, we ask that you remain seated until directed to exit by an usher, starting from the back, to avoid congestion.

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL Dec

- A COVID overseer is needed to monitor changes, alert staff and others using the plant, and see regulations are followed. Awareness of movements through the plant is desirable. Elders will discuss how to handle, in a spiritually appropriate way, situations where too many try to enter a space.
- AV equipment is to be provided to live-stream services in the hall as well as in the Link.
- School: COVID makes it difficult for student groups to visit the church. A possibility is to have representatives from the congregation visit and address the children at chapel.
- The Christmas Eve program can only include children registered beforehand, because of COVID.
- Offerings: Christmas Eve – ALWS. Christmas Day and New Year – regular offerings.
- A support group for Vicar Mitch Kitson will be set up in the new year.
- A replacement voluntary statistician is needed.
- There are vacancies on the Worship Committee and Education, Service and Nurture Committee. Suggestions for replacements are needed.
- The SA-NT district is looking for volunteers for district boards and committees. Nominations are due February 15. See notice elsewhere in Bulletin.
- Ordination. Probably in March 2021 congregational presentations will be held on two papers: 1. St Stephens congregation's proposal to the SA-NT District synod to remove clause 6.11 from the Thesis of Agreement which prohibits the ordination of women. 2. The Report of General Church Board and Council of Bishops on their February 2020 meeting on the division in the LCANZ over the ordination of women and men.
- Finances. Thanks to government COVID payments, we will end 2020 with a surplus of about \$30,000 despite giving being down \$25,000. The 2021 budget includes increased amounts for the SA-NT District (up \$5000), property insurance, IT (up \$1,500 for computer upgrades), salaries (up \$3,000) & synod costs (\$2,300). Electricity will be down due to solar panels. Facilities' hire will be up \$2000. We will need to increase giving by \$8,000 in 2021 cf. 2019.
- Entry Code near sacristy is to be changed and the names of those given the new code recorded.
- Courtyard shade. Stage 1 has begun. The appeal for stage 2 continues till Dec 31.
- Manse laundry & back entry improvements. Work will likely begin mid-January.
- 21 members have received Safe place certificates for completing face-to-face training. A similar number have completed training online.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

<u>Attendance</u>	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 7.00pm – 259	9.00pm – 52
	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 8.30am – 87 (HC – 72)	10.00am – 68 (HC – 56)
	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 8.30am – 54	10.30am – 62 (HC – 57)

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

<b>Plate</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 7.00pm – ALWS \$517	9.00pm – Gen \$234
	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Gen \$725	
	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Gen \$1077.80	

Required Monthly \$21,336    **Total** Giving for November \$17,350.

**Big Offering Sunday:** Thank you to all those who gave generously, your extra donations amounted to approximately \$3,000.

The balance owing on the Redevelopment loan as at 30 Sept 2020 is \$614,981.22.

We borrowed \$800,000.

**Offering envelopes** for 2021 are now available in the foyer.

**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.lll.org.au](http://www.lll.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**

**Please note:** If you prefer to keep your bank transactions anonymous, it is better to fill out an LLL form for direct debits.

**LLL:** *Our congregation has received an 'LLL Interest Rate change' notice advising that effective 1 October 2020, the interest rate on at-call Savings Accounts is **0.25%***  
*This notice has been placed on the church notice board for your information.*

### NOTICE BOARD – More details & flyers on Notice board

- Latest Faith Family brochure is available in the foyer on the wall
- Latest Church Council Minutes
- LCA SA/NT Training - Professional Standards Workshops
- SMG newsletter
- Contemporary dance/exercise class for seniors (seated)
- Mission News (Sprau family) on Mission notice board in Link
- Office Bearers list





## CHURCH CALENDAR 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – Service – Combined HC 9.00am

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Services – Traditional HC 8.30am, Contemporary 10.30am

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Office 9am-1pm

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Office 9am-1pm

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Services – Traditional 8.30am, Contemporary HC 10.30am

ROSTERS	Jan 3	Jan 10	Jan 17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Baptism of Jesus</b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
<b>Ps /Canticle</b>	Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Psalm 29	Psalm 139:1-6,13-18
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51
<b>1<sup>st</sup> SERVICE</b>	<b>8.30am HC</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>8.30am HC</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	Adrian Curtis	Craig Kupke	Mark Tohl
<b>Ushers</b>	D & V Schild	P Andrejic S Moore	R & J Paech
<b>Greeters</b>	J & G Hodgson R & C Foyle	B & J Bartholomaeus A Francis	L & E Marsh Julianne Ferris
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Kerry Brinkmann	Paul Andrejic	Bev Schultz
<b>Music</b>	Lisa Grieger	Charmaine Milburn	Trevor Wegener
<b>Sound</b>	Simon Milburn	David Schild	Mark Tohl
<b>Computer</b>	Judith Paech	Val Schild	Annthea Francis
<b>Link</b>	James Ziersch	David Buck	David Schild
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SERVICE</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>10.30am HC</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	Matt Hutchinson	David Kuchel	Kym van de Meulengraaf
<b>Ushers</b>	V McNeil G Hein	M Pfeiffer J Cecil	A Gogel D Zimmermann
<b>Greeters</b>	R & G Hermesen N Heinrich	G & T Weinert S Bormann	S & J O'Higgins V McNeil
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Debbie Zimmermann	Hermesen family	Symon Gogel
<b>Music</b>	David Heyne	Sue Kupke	Casey Work
<b>Sound</b>	Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig	Dale Cavies
<b>Computer</b>	Kupke family	Debbie Zimmermann	Vicki McNeil
<b>Link</b>	Sharon Heyne	Emma Gratez	James Heyne
<b>Cleaning/Flower</b>	Y. Menz, G Weinert	Val Schild, T Grieger	J Pfeiffer, B Schultz
<b>Vacuuming</b>	no vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming
<b>Clean btw Servs</b>	J Pfeiffer, J Curtis	R & J Paech	B Paech, J Hodgson

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**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