



"To know Christ in His word and make Christ known in His world"

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Service with Holy Communion: LH500, LH344, AT292, LH323

10.30am Service of the Word: Light of the World, Speak O Lord, Salt & Light, AT292, Let Your Kingdom Come

SERMON

Theme: Ingredients of life with Christ

Text: Matthew 5:13-20

A pinch of salt

A dash of light

A generous helping of God's word

BIBLE READINGS

📖 Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

📖 Psalm 112:1-9(10)

📖 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

📖 Matthew 5:13-20



PRAYER

M: Let us pray that we are light to those around us.

C: Faithful God, you have called us to be a light shining in the world. Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions. We ask this through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon John 1:35–42

Tue John 1:43–51

Wed John 2:1–12



Thurs John 2:13–22

Fri John 2:23 – 3:15

Sat Psalm 119:1–8

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

PRAYER POINTS

Barnett-Peirce family at the birth of Lucy Loy
 Hassold family at the death of Mike
 Charmaine Milburn for upcoming surgery
 Trudy Watkins, daughter of Beverly Hoepner, for upcoming surgery
 Jean Bartholomeus, in RAH following a fall and surgery
 School staff joining us for a special blessing this Sunday
 LCA Synod coming up his week
 Cathryn Zarnke and her work in PNG
 Auckland area of NZ as they experience extreme flooding

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** Danielle Barolo, Antoinette Brady, Alice Cameron
- ❖ **People in Civic Authority:** Prime Minister Anthony Albanese
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** SA-NT Assistant Bishop Mission, Stephen Schultz
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Cornerstone College
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** St Andrew's Presbyterian

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

5th February ~ Trevor Wegener

7th February ~ Craig Kupke, Michael Paech, Sienna Mibus

9th February ~ Anthea Francis

10th February ~ Elizabeth Marsh

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

happy
birthday

BLESSING OF SCHOOL STAFF 5th February



This Sunday we welcome our St Mark's school staff for a special rite of blessing at the 10.30am service. We trust that God will bless and guide your work again this year and thank God that he has called you to serve among us. We welcome back Siobhan Otto-Williams (Year 3), Jade Schubert (Year 1) and Melissa Emmett (German) who have all worked previously at St Mark's.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Adam and Philippa Barnett-Pierce on the birth of Lucy Loy on January 30th at Mt Barker Hospital. Lucy weighs 3.42kg and is 50cm long. She is a little sister to Edmund and Clementine and granddaughter to David and Veronica Buck. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this special time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes this Sunday February 5th between services. Join us in the hall from 9:45am. All welcome.



SYNOD ABSENCE 12th February

We thank Pastor David Buck for taking services next Sunday while Pastor Ben attends Synod.

LUTHERAN CARE THANKS



Your Harvest Thanksgiving donations have been delivered to Lutheran Care who were most grateful for them all. They asked that their thanks be passed on to all the congregation.

TRADING TABLE

If you are a keen gardener, have flourishing fruit trees, lovely laying hens, an abundance of fresh food, bunches of floral colour, freshly baked yummys or jars of jams/preserves, we would love for you to bring them to church and place them on the Abundance Table. An 'Honestly Jar' will be supplied for those wishing to purchase any of this produce. All donations received will go to the Redevelopment Fund.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



St Mark's Lutheran School is still seeking a member of the Lutheran Church to serve on our School Council for the 2023. Ideally the School Council member would hold skills and knowledge in the finance area. If you would consider serving in this position please contact our School Council Chairperson Casey Work by email caseywork86@gmail.com or phone 0422 070 986 to discuss further.

PLAYGROUP HELPERS NEEDED

St Marks playgroup runs on Friday mornings at 9:30am in the link and provides a space for parents, children and grandparents to meet, play and grow together. This is also a special opportunity to connect to our school families as the program runs straight after weekly chapel services. We are currently looking for some new leaders to join the team. Please speak to Pastor Ben if you are interested.



LCA Synod 2023



This week the second part of the 20th General Convention of Synod is being held at Melbourne Convention Centre from February 9-12. The theme is based on Isaiah 55:3, '... come to me, listen, that you may live'. The first part of this Synod was held online back in 2021. Kym van den Meulengraaf is our congregational delegate.

As always there are many important papers and agenda items for the Synod to consider (some 500 pages worth of material!) But the major theological topic up for discussion again is the ordination of women to the public ministry. Proposals on this topic have been voted on at four past synods but the 2/3 majority required for change has never been reached.

If you would like to learn more about the agenda of synod and topics for discussion, please see the Synod website <https://www.generalsynod.lca.org.au/>. If you would like to learn more about the ordination discussion in particular, see here <https://www.generalsynod.lca.org.au/business/agenda-ordination-proposals/>.

Please be aware of the sensitive and complex nature of this topic in the life of our church, and hence of the Synod as it gathers this week. Please pray for the Synod, the bishops, pastors and delegates. Pray for the unity of the LCA, its fidelity to God's word, its calling to love one another and its mission in the world.



Mt Barker Lutheran Netball Club

The Mt Barker Lutheran Netball Club is for all players born in 2016 and prior. Last season we had 13 teams from 9 & Under through to Seniors, including A Grade. If you are interested in joining the Club or continuing please note that all registrations are online and information including links is available. Please email mblncpresident@gmail.com if you do not currently receive emails from us. The AGM will be held on Monday 20th February from 7pm on Monday 20 February 2023 in the St Mark's Lutheran Church Link.

All players, coaches and umpires are most welcome as well as new members J Committee positions available and Constitution changes to be approved. Any queries can be directed to Jodie Karayiannis 0419 919 613.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

As the new committees begin another year and confirm meeting dates, could you please ensure that you contact the Schild's to book a meeting room, and the church office, so that reminders can be included in the bulletin.

MAINLY MUSIC



Our **mainly music** year kicks off again Monday 6 February at 9.30. What an encouraging year we had in 2022. I've written before how we appreciated your involvement in so many ways during that year.

This ministry is fertile ground for revealing Jesus to families in our local community. These weekday ministries flourish when they operate with the acknowledgement, involvement and support of you the Sunday congregation. Please pray for the **mainly music** team and the families that attend. Our families will appreciate that their children, and by extension their families, are being prayed for by you the congregation.

We'll keep you updated as to any needs we may have during the year. But PRAYER first is our every week need.

Thank you to those already offering help with the kitchen roster. Please come for a visit anytime. We often need more laps!!!

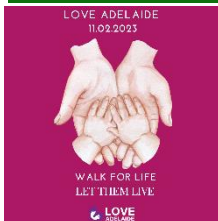
Jane and Annette, mainly music co leaders

LOST PROPERTY

A special Adelaide Crows cap (similar to picture) was left at the Christmas Eve service. If this is yours, it is in the church office.



WALK FOR LIFE 11th February



Lutherans for Life are a group within the LCA who seeks to promote the sanctity of human life. They join with other organisations who seek the same thing. One such group is *Love Adelaide* who for the past 3 years have organised the Walk for Life. Participants meet on the grass outside of Adelaide Oval to listen to presenters sharing on the topic then proceed peacefully to government house.

Lutherans for Life see this as a wonderful opportunity to stand beside other members of the body of Christ in promoting the value of human life.

For more information see poster on noticeboard or the *Love Adelaide* website: <https://www.loveadelaide.org.au/>

LUTHERAN NURSES AUST. 6th February

All Healthcare workers, members and visitors are invited to attend our meeting with John van Ruth presenting on Lutheran Disability Services, at 7.30 pm at 137 Archer Street, North Adelaide, at LCA/SA District Office. Entry through rear door with 2 hour CDP evidence provided. Phone Rose Howard 0410 463 649

FRIENDS of LUTHERAN ARCHIVES 23rd February

Guest speaker: Bethany Pietsch – ‘Dear Sisters in the Faith: Letters of Thanks from Post-War Germany.’ North Adelaide Lutheran Church, Archer Street North Adelaide. 7.30 pm All welcome, supper & \$5.00 donation.



For February Lutheran Care are seeking donations of:
Tea, Coffee, Sugar, 2 Minute Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Soap

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

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Weekly Newsletters available from the website

ROSTERS	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19
Sunday	Epiphany 5	SYNOD Epiphany 6 / Proper 1	TRANSFIGURATION
1st Reading	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 24:12-18
Ps /Canticle	<i>Psalm 112:1-9(10)</i>	<i>Psalm 119:1-8</i>	<i>Psalm 2 or 99</i>
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 17:1-9
1st SERVICE	8.30am HC	8.30am	8.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	Symon Gogel	Ben Footner	Mark Tohl
Ushers	K & J Brinkmann	D & A Shillabeer	V Schild, & W Anderson
Greeters	M & K Mills	Wendy Anderson	Marsh family
Reading 1 & 2	Margrit Friebe	Jon Footner	Marsh family
Music	Greg Lockwood	Casey Work	Trevor Wegener
Sound	Simon Milburn	David Schild	Mark Tohl
Computer	Judith Paech	Val Schild	Annthea Francis
2nd SERVICE	10.30am Blessing of School Staff	10.30am HC	10.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	David Lockwood	Kym Van de M	Craig Kupke
Ushers	K & D van de M	K Przibilla & J Hill	N & G Hein
Greeters	Sharon Heyne	Joy Christian	A & B Todd
Reading 1 & 2	Joy Christian	Symon Gogel	Chloe Footner
Music	David Heyne	Lisa Grieger	Leanne Mibus
Sound	Andre Kleinig	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder
Computer	Vicki McNeil	Kupke family	Ryan & Eli
Clean/Flowers	W Przibilla, S O'Higgins	van de M family	E Marsh, W Anderson
Vacuuming	will do vacuuming	no vacuuming	will do vacuuming
Morning tea	M Mills & A Cavies	C Lockwood & E Stevenson	Y Menz & E Marsh
Visiting	D Herbig & K Golder	D Herbig & K Golder	D Herbig & K Golder

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE and OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 29th Jan: 9.30am: 159 (140)

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 29th Jan: General \$1,938.40 Redev \$29.30

Required Monthly \$22,466 Giving Dec \$18,332 (Plate \$8352, Electronic \$9980)

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 31/12/22 is \$392,230. We borrowed \$800,000.

REG (Regular Electronic Giving) members can give electronically via the Lutheran Laypeople's League. Forms are available in the 'REG' pigeonhole 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

Mission Project donations: place in plate in a labelled envelope (either Asia Focus or PNG) or give via direct deposit to St Mark's general account and email treasurer to inform them of your donation: stmarks.mb.treasurer@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR 5th - 19th February 2023.

Sunday	5th Feb	Services	8.30am 9.45am	Holy Communion Sunday School
		Blessing of School Staff	10.30am	Service of the Word
Mon	6 th	Office Open Mainly Music Worship committee	9.00am – 12.00pm 9.30am 7.30pm	
Tues	7 th	Office Open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Wed	8 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Fri	10 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Sunday	12th Feb	Services	8.30am 9.45am 10.30am	Service of the Word Sunday School Holy Communion
Mon	13 th	Office Open Mainly Music Church Council	9.00am – 12.00pm 9.30am 7.30pm	
Tues	14 th	Office Open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Wed	15 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Fri	17 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Sunday	19th Feb	Services	8.30am 9.45am 10.30am	Holy Communion Sunday School Service of the Word

Vision: To know Christ in His word and make Christ known in His world

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 LCA Safety Management system for all children ministries. Our Safe Church Coordinator is Emma Graetz. Email: **safechurch@stmarksmtbarker.org.au**