



**Welcome to**  
**ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mt Barker**  
*Epiphany*  
**7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

*We thank Pastor Greg Lockwood for leading us in worship today.*

**9.30am Service with Holy Communion – LH40, LH47, We Three kings, AT128**

### **SERMON**

**Text:** Isaiah 60:1-6


**Theme:** Arise, shine, for your light has come

the Wise men

their camels

their gifts

### **BIBLE READINGS**

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



### **PRAYER**

C: Lord God, you revealed your only Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us, who know you now by faith, to see you in your glory. 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** Proverbs 10:1–12  
**Tue** Proverbs 15:16–33  
**Wed** Proverbs 17:1–20



**Thurs** Proverbs 21:30 – 22:6  
**Fri** Proverbs 25:15–28  
**Sat** Psalm 139:1–6,13–18

*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

The people of Japan, following the earthquake  
 All those affected by storms and floods on the east coast  
 Safety for those travelling during this holiday season

## GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **People in Civic Authority:** Mayor David Leach
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Exec Director Luth Education: Craig Fielke
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St John's Woodside
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Hills Family Church, Nairne

### This Week's BIRTHDAYS

**7<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Diedre Henke

**10<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Jenny Girdham, Bev Gogel, Everleigh Jones

**11<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Beverly Hoepner

**13<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Samuel Marsh

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



## JANUARY SERVICES

During January, please join us at 9.30am each Sunday for our combined service with Holy Communion. There will be no mid-week service in January.

## INSTALLATION OF PASTOR GREG PAGE

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm**

Plans are now well under way for the installation service with invitations sent to special guests. Please mark this important date in your diary.



## QUEENSLAND DISASTER RELIEF

Cyclone Jasper has caused widespread flooding in Queensland, including flooding the Wujal Wujal Lutheran church. Further storms have affected many other areas. Tax deductible donations to the Queensland district Disaster Fund can be made on-line. Go to: <https://donation.lca.org.au/project?id=P24011>

## ALICE SPRINGS SUPPORT



We thank everyone who supported our fundraising for the Alice Springs Lutheran Church by buying honey biscuits, the money raised (\$130) will be passed onto the congregation. See the story in St Mark's Matters for more information about the Alice Springs church and some of the difficulties it faces, along with a

personal update, sent by Pastor Ben Pfeiffer.

## MEN'S GROUP

**20<sup>th</sup> January 12 noon**

All men are welcome to come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, a few laughs and some interesting stories to share. Please add your name to the sheet in the Link for catering. For more information please speak to Jon Footner or Mike Pfeiffer



## MAINLY MUSIC



mainly music

Term 1 begins on **5<sup>th</sup> February** for the mainly music program at St Marks church. We will again be looking for helpers to assist with morning tea and chat with the families. If you are able to help for an hour or so on a Monday morning please write your name on the roster on the notice board or contact either Val or Vicki from the mainly music team. They will be only too happy to explain how it all works. Thank you all in anticipation.

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Neville Kriewaldt will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination into the ministry on 7<sup>th</sup> January. Neville served as pastor of our congregation from 1979 – 1988 and played a key role in the development of the school. Greetings have been sent to him on behalf of the congregation.

## PAGEANT BBQ

The BBQ held on the morning of the Mt Barker Christmas Pageant was very well attended and raised \$560. This money has been forwarded to ALWS and a letter of thanks has been received from them. Thank you to all those who helped make the event successful.



## OFFERING ENVELOPES 2024

This year we ask that you use one of the many sets of envelopes left over from previous years, available from the table in the foyer. Once these are all taken we will order extra as needed. These envelopes are quite expensive and we would prefer to avoid wasting them.



## POSITIONS VACANT

Church Council has the positions of Secretary and Vic-Chair open for members who would like to support the congregation in this way. Training can be provided and you would be working with a very friendly and supportive group. For more information please speak to Ian Pfeiffer.

## PHOTOS OF MEMBERS



In preparation for the arrival of Ps Greg Page we would like to update the photos of members in our database. This will allow us to provide him with a members directory complete with photos. At this stage there are no plans to make photo directories available to the general congregation.

You are welcome to email a headshot to the office, instructions are available on the noticeboard. Alternatively, please see Janice Cecil or Annette Cavies between or after service and they will take your photo.



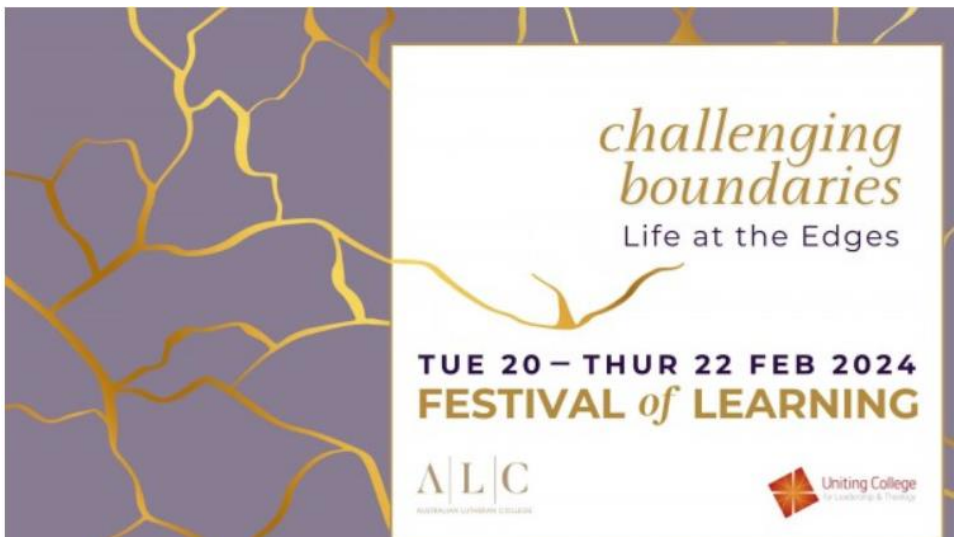
## RENEW Young Adults Camp

The next RENEW camp will be held from 9-11 February 2024 and is open to young adults across the SA-NT District.

Date	9-11 February 2024
Location	Dzintari Campsite, Yankalilla
Ages	Young Adults and Year 12 school leavers
Registration	One Day - \$125 or Two Days - \$170
Year 12 School Leavers	50% off thanks to the generous sponsorship of the LLL
For more information or to register, head to:	
<a href="https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew/">https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew/</a>	

## CANS AND BOTTLES

Have you been accumulating bottles and cans over this festive season? Donating your 10c recyclable containers is a great way to contribute to paying off our redevelopment debt. All containers can be placed in the labelled wheelie bin outside, near the storage shed. Please ensure that containers are empty and lids are removed.



### Challenging boundaries – life at the edges

The 2024 Festival theme is inspired by Mark's gospel where we find various accounts of Jesus crossing physical, religious, and cultural boundaries to engage with people. In our world today the good news is that God's kingdom comes to people beyond all human boundaries. Following Jesus leads us to the edges of what we know as familiar. The Festival of Learning 2024 is a forum to explore life at the edges.

The Festival of Learning provides an opportunity for people to come together (in person or on-line) and learn from each other while reflecting on faith, ministry and theology.

For further details go to: <https://alc.edu.au/connect/events/festival-of-learning-4/>



**LUTHERAN  
CARE**

Lutheran Care are seeking donations of:

Sugar, Coffee, Noodles, Tinned Fruit, Breakfast Spreads,  
Breakfast Cereals, Biscuits (Sweet or Savoury)

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

### **PASTORAL CARE DURING VACANCY**

*All pastoral needs during the vacancy, including requests for baptisms, weddings, funerals, Home Communion and visits, can be directed to the Elders (on duty each Sunday or contact details below). These requests will then be passed on to the most appropriate person, committee or retired pastor at the time.*

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Weekly Newsletters available from the website



ROSTERS	January 7	January 14	January 21
Sunday	Epiphany	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3
	Ps Greg Lockwood	Ps David Christian	Ps David Buck
<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6	1 Sam 3:1-10(11-20)	Jonah 3:1-5,10
<b>Ps /Canticle</b>	Psalms 72:1-7,10-14	Psalms 139:1-6,13-18	Psalms 62:5-12
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 3:1-12	1 Cor 6:12-20	1 Cor 7:29-31
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20
<b>1st SERVICE</b>	<b>9.30am HC</b>	<b>9.30am HC</b>	<b>9.30am HC</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	Ben Footner	Mark Tohl	Kym van de M
<b>Ushers</b>	N & G Hein	V McNeil, M Pfeiffer	K Brinkmann, B Jackson
<b>Greeters</b>	Christine Lockwood	Wendy Anderson	Julianne Ferris
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Mark Frost	Colin Schultz	Julianne Ferris
<b>Music</b>	David Buck	Leanne Mibus	Lisa Grieger
<b>Sound</b>	Garry Hodgson	David Schild	Mark Tohl
<b>Computer</b>	Judith Paech	Val Schild	Annthea Francis
<b>Clean/Flowers</b>	J Hodgson, L Schultz	A Cavies, J Page	B Paech, M Miller
<b>Morning tea</b>	A Strauss, L Schultz	J Hill, J Paech	J Altmann, M Schwarz
<b>Visiting</b>			

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE and OFFERINGS

**Attendance** 31<sup>st</sup> December: 9:30am 119 (100)

**Giving** 31<sup>st</sup> December (plate): General \$1143

Required Monthly \$22,820 Giving for Nov \$31,669 (Plate \$18,332, Electronic \$13,337)

Balance Redevelopment loan as at 30/6/2023 is \$340,590. 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](http://www.lll.org.au). St Mark's details: BSB 704942, Account no. 100406459

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, Acc: 100909094

**Mission Project donations**: place in plate in a labelled envelope or direct deposit to St Mark's general account (email treasurer [stmarks.mb.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stmarks.mb.treasurer@gmail.com) to inform them of your donation) or use the eftpos terminal available at the rear of the church



# CHURCH CALENDAR 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Service Ps Greg Lockwood</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Service Ps David Christian</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Service Ps David Buck</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

*During January office hours will be reduced due to staff and volunteers taking leave, please call ahead to check availability.*

*Mainly Music & Sunday School are in recess during School Holidays*



**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**