



**WELCOME TO
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mt Barker SA
SUNDAY 8th November 2020
23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service - LH487, LH489, LH287, LHS856

10.30am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion – AT85, Even so come, AT309, I Will Follow

SERMON

Theme: Keeping our lamps lit

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

- Being wise
- Being watchful
- Being welcoming

BIBLE READINGS

-  Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
-  1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
-  Matthew 25:1-13



PRAYER

M: Let us pray for vigilance.

C: Heavenly Father, keep us watchful and alert as we wait for the coming of your Son, our Lord. When he stands at the door and knocks, may he not find us asleep in carelessness and sin, but awake in hope and rejoicing, so that we may live with you forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 9th Isaiah 54:10-17

Tues 10th Luke 13:22-30

Wed 11th Philippians 2:12-18



Thur 12th Hebrews 10:32-39

Fri 13th Revelation 3:1-6

Sat 14th Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11) 12

*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 at www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444
 We are currently advertising for a Pastoral Support Worker to begin in 2021 when our current staff member retires. See the school website or contact James Heyne for details.

PRAYER POINTS

Theodorsen family, preparing to serve in Darwin in 2021
 Gast family as they prepare for Courtney and Steven's wedding this weekend
 Sprau family, serving with Wycliffe in PNG
 Anthony Waack recovering from heart surgery
 Also all those suffering from the effects of COVID-19

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Leanne Llewellyn, Susann Loeffelbein, Ellen Lyall
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local State MP (Heysen) - Josh Teague
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Exec Director of LEA – Lisa Schmidt Assoc. Prof
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Mark's Lutheran School
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Nov 8th ~ Elysia Work, Cooper Lang
Nov 9th ~ Kym van de Meulengraaf
Nov 10th ~ Mitch Kitson, Tracy Luxon
Nov 11th ~ Ruby Gogel

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



VICARAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Mitchell Kitson will become our new vicar at St Mark's in mid-December and serve with us full time for a six month period. Please pray for Mitch and his wife Olivia as they prepare to make this transition later in the year.

FELLOWSHIP EVENING

Church fellowship opportunities have been few and far between this year! So the Evangelism and Welfare Committee would like to invite all members and friends of St Mark's to a fellowship evening on Sunday November 22nd from 5-7pm on the school lawns (following our nominations meeting). BYO everything – picnic rugs, deck chairs, finger food and drinks. We will supply some ice creams for dessert for the kids. We will need to ensure the regular sign in procedure and social distancing occurs, but we would love you to come along and make use of this opportunity to mingle with fellow members and friends.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE ADVANCE NOTICE

This year's Confirmation service will be held on Sunday November 29th at 2:30pm at Inbarendi, Cornerstone College. This venue was chosen due to the large number of confirmees (twenty-one) in the class and limited number of people we can fit in the church at present. We encourage congregation members to mark this date in their diaries and come along for this special occasion.



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Janice Cecil has been offered and accepted the role of St Mark's Office Administrator. We were blessed to have a number of great applicants for the position and we thank God for each one, for their willingness to apply and the gracious attitude they brought to the process. We look forward to installing Janice in her new position in the coming weeks.

SPRAU SUPPORT

Patrick, Anke, Jeremy and Benji Sprau are members of our congregation currently serving in PNG with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Patrick and Anke are providing medical support in Ukarumpa to missionaries and their families and the surrounding villages. Please keep an eye out in your pigeon holes for their latest newsletter. This Sunday November 8th we will have a retiring offering in support of their work.

DISTRICT AND NATIONAL SYNODS

Planning is underway for the LCA's District and National synods to be held in 2021. The District synod will be from May 15-16 and the National synod from Sept 28-Oct 3. While the National synod is planned for Melbourne it is possible that alternative dates or locations will be considered. The St Mark's Nominations Committee is interested in hearing from St Mark's members who would consider being delegates or nominating others as such. We can have up to three delegates for District synod and one for National synod.

HONEY BISCUITS FOR LCC

At this time of the year, Lutheran Community Care put out a request for many, many, many kgms of honey biscuits. These are packed ready for our Chaplains to distribute in the hospitals and prisons while others are to be used in the Christmas Hampers distributed folk doing it tough. Our Women's Fellowship see to the St Marks' contribution but would welcome some help from other members as sometimes our honey "runs dry" and our energy levels "flag" a bit. If you could help us in this area we would be most grateful. In order for us to pack, we really need your contribution to be in the St Marks kitchen (labelled LCC) by Sun 22nd Nov. Thanking you in anticipation.



OPEN DOOR BOOKSHOP

is once again opening it's doors. Please come to check out our new display. The book shelf will be placed down near the kitchen so why not have a browse on the way to morning tea. We do ask however that there is minimal handling of the books and social distancing is observed whilst looking. Thank you as always for your support in purchasing cards. Cards are always available for many occasions. David Buck and Jane Hill

CUPCAKES FOR CANCER

This year to help raise money for the Cancer Council, the MandM's are going to be selling cupcakes between service on Sunday 8h November. The cupcakes will be \$2 each and available in the following flavours: Vanilla, Chocolate, Blueberry, Pear & Cinnamon, Fairy/Cream and Lemon. There will also be a few Dairy/Gluten Vanilla cupcakes available.



There will be two tables set up for purchasing cupcakes – one in the Link and one in the Hall. If you are staying for morning tea, please purchase your cake from the table in the hall. Please remember to allow 1.5m distance while waiting in line.

If you have pre-ordered your cakes please see Sharon.



TANGARA

For the first time since 2009, the student-produced magazine of Australian Lutheran College (ALC) is available for purchase. It includes profiles of students and various photos and feature articles about the happenings at ALC. The 2020 edition of Tangara is \$10.00 per copy. We encourage you to consider purchasing extra copies to share with your family and friends. All proceeds go directly towards funding current and future editions of Tangara. Cash payments are preferred, but card payments and electronic transfers are also possible. See Mitch Kitson to purchase your copy.

ABORTION BILL

Some of you would be aware that there is currently a bill before South Australian Parliament that seeks to make abortion legal up to birth in our state. If this matter concerns you, please follow this link for more information (https://www.austfamily.com.au/stand_for_life_sa) and consider writing to the our members of parliament to raise your concerns. Further details for how to do this are provided at the link. Parliament resumes on 10 November.

MandM's CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

All ladies looking for a social night out are invited to come along to our annual Christmas Tea November 19th at 6.30pm in the Link. Please BYO drinks and \$10 to cover meat etc. Please put your name on the list on the notice board so we know numbers for catering. If you are able to help provide some food for the night, please add your name to the list also.



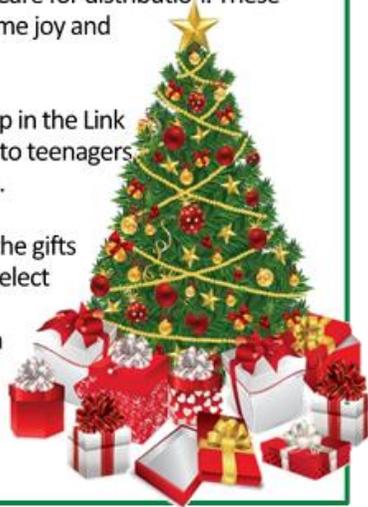
ST MARKS GIFT TREE NOVEMBER 15th – NOVEMBER 29th

Over the last few years we have been donating gifts for children which are taken down to Lutheran Community Care for distribution. These gifts are an opportunity for us to bring some joy and happiness to others at Christmas.

This year the tree will once again be set up in the Link from Nov 15th. Gifts can range from birth to teenagers. Books and creative toys are good options.

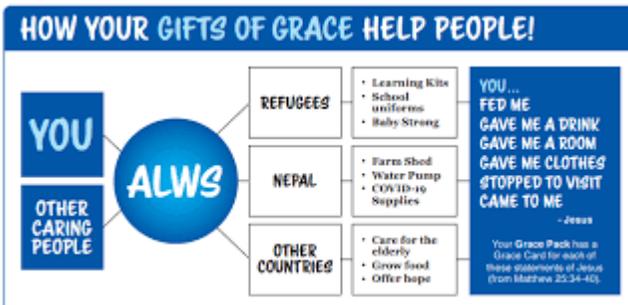
The Lutheran Community Care requests the gifts **not** to be wrapped to enable parents to select and wrap a suitable gift for their own child/children. (Wrapping paper has been requested as a donation option).

All gifts will be delivered to Lutheran Community Care on December 1st.



Gifts of Grace

Australian Lutheran World Service are again promoting Gifts of Grace this Christmas. Brochures are available on the table with the bulletin. A great Christmas gift for the person who has everything!



Gifts of Grace

NEW ALWS
Gifts of Grace
out NOW!

8 gifts under \$10

1300 763 407
alws.org.au/grace

Return to Worship Guidelines

Thank you for making our 'return to worship' a smooth process. Please continue to observe the following:

BE COVIDSAFE

- Maintaining 1.5m distance from others and make use of hand sanitiser
- Follow the direction of the greeters and ushers, as well as the signs and arrows
- Sign the declaration that you are present, well and understand the expectations of entry
- Fill the church from the front, only using seats without a reserved sign
- Members of the same household may sit together but others must remain 1.5m apart
- Leave from the rear as directed by ushers and make use of the hand sanitizer
- Worshippers in the link leave first into the hall for morning tea or into the outside areas
- Worshippers in the Church leave second via the link, maintaining social distance
- Please do not congregate in the link, especially between services, and continue to refrain from handshaking and hugging



MORNING TEA BETWEEN SERVICES

Morning tea has now been running for several weeks and is going very well.

There are just a few protocols to follow:



Directions for Morning Tea

- Leave from the rear of the Church through the Link and form a queue following arrows to the hall for morning tea
- Enter the hall through the single door to the hall servery
- Pick up your tea / coffee / biscuit which will be prepared for you.
- Find a seat and sit down before consuming food or drink.
- Exit through the hall double doors and those adjacent the main church office.

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 the church can assist with.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 1st Nov 8.30 – 84 (HC – 69) 10.30 – 111 Total - 196

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate Sun 25th Oct - General \$1440.70 Redev \$44 Shade \$20

Required Monthly \$21,336 **Total** Giving for September \$21,702

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

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. St Mark's 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 **0.80%**

This notice has been placed on the church notice board for your information.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

November Shopping list includes dry

noodles, dry pasta, pasta sauce and pillows.

Please note that due to COVID 19 restrictions

the smaller parcels of food are easier to sort.

Even bath soap cannot be handed out unless it

is in a separate sealed bag!



NOTICE BOARD – More details & flyers on Notice board

- Lutheran Church SA/NT - Job Vacancies
- 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
- Flyer advertising Contemporary dance/exercise class for seniors (seated)
- Mission News (Sprau family) on Mission notice board in Link
- Office Bearers list



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK 8th – 15th November

Sun 8th Nov – Sunday Services – Traditional 8.30am, Contemporary HC 10.30am

Wed 11th Nov – Office 9am-1pm – Janice Cecil

Fri 13th Nov – Office 9am-1pm – Janice Cecil

Sun 15th Nov – Sunday Services – Traditional HC 8.30am Contemporary 10.30am

ROSTERS			
	8 th Nov	15 th Nov	22 nd Nov
Sunday	Pent 23	Pent 24	Last Sunday of Church Year
1st Reading	Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24
Ps /Canticle	Psalm 78:1-7	Psalm 123	Psalm 100
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46
1st SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am HC	8.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	M Hutchinson	K van de Meulengraaf	A Curtis
Ushers	D&A Shillabeer D&A Shillabeer	R&J Paech R&J Paech	M Tohl A Francis
Greeters	B & J Bart	K Golder & Jane Hill	L & E Marsh
Greeters	A Francis	Dawn Herbig	Julianne Ferris
Reading 1 & 2	Kerry Brinkmann	Bev Schultz	Mark Frost
Music	Charmaine Milburn	Trevor Wegener	Greg Lockwood
Sound	David Schild	Mark Tohl	James Ziersch
Computer	Val Schild	Anthea Francis	Julianne Ferris
2nd SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	C Kupke	D Lockwood	D Kuchel
Ushers	M Pfeiffer	T&G Weinert T&G Weinert	G Foyle V McNeil
Greeters	J & S O'Higgins	T & G Weinert	J & D Lockwood
Greeters	V McNeil	A & B Todd	S Bormann
Reading 1 & 2	Hermesen family	Annette Cavies	Symon Gogel
Music	Sue Kupke	Youth	Casey Work
Sound	Andre Kleinig	Steve Crowder	Dale Cavies
Computer	Vicki McNeil	Debbie Zimmermann	Annette Cavies
Cleaning/Flowers	L Scholz, J Page	J Paech, J Schutz	B Paech, M Miller
Vacuuming	No Vacuuming	Vacuuming, Yes	Vacuuming, Yes
Clean btwn Servs	Judith & Robert Paech	Ailsa Shillabeer, Val Schild	Julianne Ferris, Greer Hein
Visiting	W Kuchel M Barolo	W Kuchel M Barolo	W Kuchel M Barolo
Morning Tea	Bev Paech Bev Gogel	Marg Miller Jan Hodgson	Jenny Girdham Naomi Heinrich

Pastor: Ben Pfeiffer **Office:** 8391 1695 **Mobile:** 0402 825 173 **Email:** pfeiffer241@gmail.com

Office Secretary: Janice Cecil 8391 1695 (Wed 9-1 Fri 9-1) **Email:** stmarks.mtbarker@bigpond.com

Worship Coordinator: Sharon Heyne 8391 1695 **Email:** stmarks.worship@bigpond.com

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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