



Welcome to  
**ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Mt Barker SA  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
**BAPTISM of JESUS**

Thank you to Pastor David Kent for leading our services today

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

**8.30am Traditional Service** – LHS826, LHS748, LHS749, LH47

**10.30am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion** – AT4, What the Lord has done in me, AT264, Who you say I am

### **SERMON**

Sermon Theme: The Baptism of Jesus

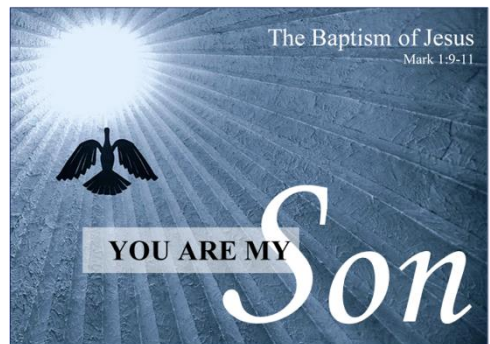
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### **BIBLE READINGS**

 Genesis 1:1-5

 Acts 19:1-7

 Mark 1:4-11



### **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray that we live as God's baptised children.

C: Loving Father, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your dear Son. Thank you for making us your children by water and the Spirit. Keep us faithful to you throughout our lives. 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** Isaiah 43:1-7

**Tues** Ezekiel 36:24-28

**Wed** Acts 2:36-42



**Thur** Romans 6:3-11

**Fri** 1 John 5:6-12

**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 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

Lisa Angwin, recovering from a car accident on Christmas Day  
 Lyndall Schliebs as she prepares for her baptism, planned for next Sunday  
 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at the 10.30am service  
 Safety for those travelling during the holiday period

### GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Dianne Herrmann, James Heyne, Tracy Holmes
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local State MP (Heysen) – Josh Teague
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** LCA Secretary of the Church – Dr Nigel Long
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Peter's Lutheran Church, Callington
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Uniting Church Meadows
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

*Jan 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Jenny Girdham, Bev Gogel, Thomas Henke, Clara Perry,  
 Everleigh Jones*

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

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

*Jan 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Joyleen Thiele, Sophie Marsh*

*Jan 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Duncan Forbes*

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



### STAFF LEAVE

Pastor Ben will be on leave from 4<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Sharon Heyne will be on leave from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Janice Cecil will be on leave Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.

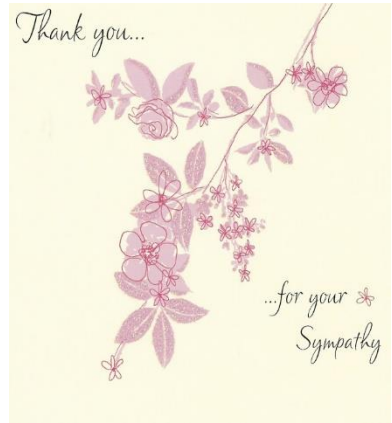
We thank Pastors David Kent, David Christian and David Buck for assisting with services during this time. Please direct pastoral matters to the Elders in Ben's absence and worship matters to Julie Pfeiffer.

**'Lyn, Juanita, Andre and girls, Wade, Michelle and boys, say THANK YOU :**

We are extremely grateful for the words of comfort, support and prayers of our Church family and friends, as Gordon struggled with his declining health, and our thanks continue, and we feel blessed, knowing thoughts are still with us, as we come to terms with & celebrate Gordon's release from this earth, and his freedom and peace with our Lord and Saviour.

Many thanks to all who helped leading up to, & on the day, of Gordon's Memorial Service. It was a very special occasion for us all. *"From His abundance, we have all received one gracious blessing after another"* John 1:16.

With love, grace and appreciation. 'Lyn Marshall and Families.



### **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**

### **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

### **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.

### **TANGARA**

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.



# Thanksgiving BAG

## St Marks will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

This year we would like to introduce the 'Thanksgiving Bag'. We invite all members to take home one of these bags, fill with food items you can supply and return it to church on Harvest Thanksgiving. These bags will then be donated to an option still to be confirmed.

Bags will be available to pick up after service next week – there will be two size options available. Suggestions of food include: fresh or canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, pasta, sauces, rice, soup, spreads, long life milk, canned fish, biscuits, juice etc. If you wish to make a cash donation, a bowl will be available on the way out of church on the day.



## **MORNING TEA**

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

## **RED CROSS DATES 2021**

Red Cross has again booked our facility for their Mt Barker visits in 2021. Please note the following dates:

29th March to 1st April  
 29th June to 2nd July  
 28th September to 1st October  
 29th to 31st December



## **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.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION**

Attendance New Years Day: 44 (HC – 40)

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: 8.30 – 70 (HC – 64), 10.30 – 72 Total: 186

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Required Monthly \$21,336 **Total** Giving for December \$29,275

The balance owing on the Redevelopment loan as at 31 Dec 2020 is \$598,998.

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 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January

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

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Office **CLOSED**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Office 9am-1pm

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Services – Traditional HC 8.30am, Contemporary 10.30am

ROSTERS	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24
Sunday	Baptism of Jesus	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3
1st Reading	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	Jonah 3:1-5,10
Ps /Canticle	Psalm 29	Psalm 139:1-6,13-18	Psalm 62:5-12
2nd Reading	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20
1 <sup>st</sup> SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am HC	8.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	Craig Kupke	Mark Tohl	David Schild
Ushers	P Andrejic S Moore	R & J Paech	A Strauss J Hodgson
Greeters	B & J Bartholomaeus A Francis	L & E Marsh Julianne Ferris	Jane Hill Dawn Herbig
Reading 1 & 2	Paul Andrejic	Bev Schultz	Mark Frost
Music	Charmaine Milburn	Trevor Wegener	Lisa Grieger
Sound	David Schild	Mark Tohl	James Ziersch
Computer	Val Schild	Annthea Francis	Julianne Ferris
Link	David Buck	David Schild	David Buck
2 <sup>nd</sup> SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	David Kuchel	Kym van de Meulengraaf	Adrian Curtis
Ushers	M Pfeiffer J Cecil	A Gogel D Zimmermann	G Foyle J Hill
Greeters	G & T Weinert S Bormann	S & J O'Higgins V McNeil	R & B Kowald Kathy Golder
Reading 1 & 2	Hermesen family	Symon Gogel	Janice Cecil
Music	Sue Kupke	Casey Work	Leanne Mibus
Sound	Andre Kleinig	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder
Computer	Debbie Zimmermann	Vicki McNeil	Janice Cecil
Link	Emma Gratez	James Heyne	Sharon Heyne
Cleaning/Flower	Val Schild, T Grieger	J Pfeiffer, B Schultz	L Marshall, R Kowald
Vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming	no vacuuming
Clean btw Servs	R & J Paech	B Paech, J Hodgson	J Ferris, G Hein

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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