



Welcome to ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mt Barker





15th January 2023
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

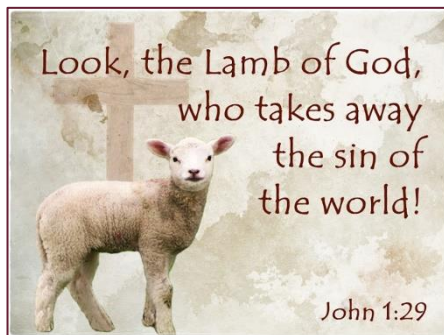
"To know Christ in His word and make Christ known in His world"

DIVINE SERVICE

9.30am Service of the Word: AT 313, AT217, Behold the Lamb, The Power of the Cross

BIBLE READINGS

-  Isaiah 49:1-7
-  Psalm 40:1-11
-  1 Corinthians 1:1-9
-  John 1:29-42



SERMON

Reader: Mark Frost
The Lamb of God

PRAYER

L: Let us pray to be made clean.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lead us by your Spirit to know the power of this truth and live as your holy people. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Isaiah 49:13–23
Tue Isaiah 50:1–11
Wed Isaiah 51:1–8



Thurs Isaiah 51:9–16
Fri Isaiah 51:17–23
Sat Psalm 27:1,4–9

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

Zoe & Jay on the birth of baby Ivy-Lyn Jade Lovelady
 Peter Schultz in hospital from Covid
 Synod participants as they prepare to meet in February
 Healing for those recovering from surgery or illness
 For safety for those travelling
 For protection from flooding

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** all staff, that they have a refreshing summer break
- ❖ **People in Civic Authority:** Local Federal MP, Rebekha Sharkie
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** SA-NT Bishop David Altus
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Michael's, Hahndorf
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Mt Barker Church of Christ

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

15th January ~ Joyleen Thiele, Sophie Marsh

16th January ~ Duncan Forbes

21st January ~ Justine Lockwood, Nicole Bolto

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



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

FUNERAL of WES RAMM 16th January

We thank God for the life of Wesley Norman Ramm, who died on Wednesday December 28th in his sleep at Oakfield Lodge Residential Care at 95 years of age. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hetty and her family at this time. Wes' funeral will be held Monday January 16th at 2pm at St Mark's. All are welcome to attend. *'Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints'* (Psalm 116:15).

PETER SCHULTZ

Peter Schultz was admitted to Mt Barker Hospital on Christmas Day and then transferred to Flinders ICU for 2 weeks due to a Covid 19 serious Infection. He is now in High Dependency Unit awaiting transfer to Mercy Hospital Marion for further care. A marked improvement has been seen in the past week but return home remains unknown. Please pray for both Peter and Trish.

CALL ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday January 1st I shared my decision to accept the call to Alice Springs Lutheran Church and complete my time at St Mark's. This has been a very difficult decision and one we have made with heavy hearts. The people of St Mark's have been incredibly kind and generous in their support of us from day one. We have loved our time here and will always remember it with much thanksgiving to God. Thank you especially for the way you have received, blessed and encouraged us along the way. I plan to complete my time at St Mark's at Easter time in April. Please feel free to contact me about any aspects of this call or time of transition.
Pastor Ben

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 29th January

Our congregation will soon be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving. We invite all members to take home a 'Thanksgiving Bag' to fill with any food items you can provide and return it to church on Harvest Thanksgiving morning (or they can be left in the Worship Coordinators Office prior to the 29th).

Please only place non-perishable food in your bag – if you have some garden produce you would like to donate, you are welcome to bring it along on the Sunday morning.

Bags are available to collect from the foyer from this Sunday. Food items from Harvest Thanksgiving will be donated to Lutheran Care.



PASTOR'S LEAVE

Pastor Ben is on leave until January 23rd. We thank Mark Frost (Lay reading on January 15th) and Pastor David Christian (January 22nd) for leading services during this time. A reminder that each week in January there is a **single service at 9:30am**. During January office hours will be reduced due to staff and volunteers taking leave, please call ahead to check availability.

CHURCH LIBRARY

A selection of resources for your summer reading/viewing pleasure are on display in the Link. Many of these have been generously donated by our members and friends - thank you. Please record loan details in the borrowing book, found within the Church Library cupboard.
Blessings, Lisa Grieger



MAINLY MUSIC



The new **mainly music** roster for Term one 2023 is on the noticeboard in the Link. Please add your name if you are able to assist one or more Mondays. Your offer of help is very much appreciated in running this important ministry that St Mark's provides.

HUNGRY NO MORE 2023

Thanks to the Mt Barker Uniting Church we have this wonderful opportunity to serve our community by providing an evening meal on the following Sundays. Closer to the dates information will be available regarding numbers. This year our dates and contact persons are: Feb 26th Men's Group (Kym van de Meulengraaf), July 2nd Care Group (Jane Hill), Sept 10th Ladies Fellowship (Rosalie Kowald). Thank you all so much. Rosalie 0401 640 413

CHURCH AIR-CONDITIONERS

Usually, the ushers will be responsible for controlling the new air-conditioners however these are basic instructions for everyone's information.



There are five units, four in the church and one in the cry room. A single remote control will operate all units (including the cry room). The remote is stored in the cupboard by the entry to the church where collection bowls etc. are stored. During summer the control will be set as follows and should not be altered unless conditions are extreme: temperature 23° cooling (snowflake symbol), fan speed medium - low, air directed upwards. Only operate the number of units as conditions require. Use the separate fans to help distribute the cool air.

DIRECTORY CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

Friebel, Fred & Margrit: unit 60/1 Lysander Ct NOT unit 6.
 Heyne, James & Sharon: moved to 23 Gollan Circuit, Mt Barker
 Golder, George & Kathy: please delete landline phone number

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN HOMES

Notice is hereby given that an **Extraordinary General Meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Homes Hahndorf** has been called and will be held on **Monday 30th January 2023** commencing at 11am in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, 10 Mt. Barker Rd. Hahndorf. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain member approval for three resolutions relating to the future ownership and operation of St. Pauls Lutheran Homes Hahndorf.

All Registered Members of the Company are invited to attend.

LCA FLOOD APPEAL

Many parts of Australia have now been affected by on-going floods. The Lutheran church at Forbes (pictured) was flooded and may not be able to be used for many months. Central West Lutheran Parish Pastor James Leach and his wife Adele have been supporting locals with visits, home-cooked meals, other food and drinks, gift cards, tracts and other items as needed.



Floodwaters are now inundating South Australian towns along the River Murray. The Lutheran church at Forster (pictured) and Camp Kedron at Lake Bonnie have been closed and many people in communities along the River Murray who have been

displaced and incomes are being impacted.

The LCA/NZ Disaster and Welfare Fund was established to assist congregations in their care of people and communities affected by such events.

If you would like to contribute directly the details are:

LCA SA-NT District Disaster and Welfare Fund

BSB 704 942, ACC 1000 07244

Reference: DWF Donation

Please keep the people living and working all along the River Murray in your prayers in the coming weeks and months.

MISSION PROJECTS

Thank you for your generous financial support of English teacher Cathryn Zarnke at Martin Luther Seminary in PNG. Please continue your support for both this project, and our support of Asia Focus in Vietnam, by placing an offering in an envelope marked 'Asia Focus' (Vietnam) or 'LCA Mission International' (PNG). You can also transfer funds electronically through our congregation account, but please send an email to treasurer Adrian Curtis, to confirm the amount and project it is intended for.



LUTHERAN
CARE

For January Lutheran Care are seeking donations of:
2 Minute Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Soap, Toothpaste,
Toothbrushes, Dishwashing Liquid

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	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Sunday	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	HARVEST THANKSGIVING
1st Reading	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4	Micah 6:1-8
Ps /Canticle	<i>Psalm 40:1-11</i>	<i>Psalm 27:1,4-9</i>	<i>Psalm 15</i>
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel	John 1:29-42	Matthew 4:12-23	Matthew 5:1-12
1st SERVICE	9.30am	9.30am HC	9.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	Mark Tohl	Craig Kupke	Dale Cavies
Ushers	Kerry Brinkmann	A Strauss, J Hodgson	S Moore, K&D vd M
Greeters	Dawn Herbig	Julianne Ferris	A Francis & K Golder
Reading 1 & 2	Kerry Brinkmann	David Schild	Bev Schultz
Music	Trevor Wegener	David Buck	L Grieger & S Kupke
Sound	Mark Tohl	Garry Hodgson	Steve Crowder
Computer	Annthea Francis	Val Schild	Janice Cecil
Clean/Flowers	B Paech, M Miller	J Paech, J Schutz	J Ferris, J Hill
Vacuuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming
Morning tea	L Schultz & A Strauss	J Altmann & M Schwarz	V Schild & A Schulz
Visiting	All congregation members are encouraged to visit others		

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE and OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 8th Jan: 9.30am: 110 (95)

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 8th Jan: General: \$ 1000.50 Redev: \$ 67.70

Required Monthly \$22,466 Giving Nov. \$31,397 (Plate \$15092, Electronic \$16305)

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 30/9/22 is \$410,087. 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 him of your donation: stmarks.mb.treasurer@gmail.com

Sunday	8th Jan	Service Pastor David Buck	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wed	11 th	Office CLOSED		
Fri	13 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Sunday	15th Jan	Service Reader: Mark Frost	9.30am	Service of the Word Lay Reading
Wed	18 th	Office CLOSED		
Fri	20 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Sunday	22nd Jan	Service Pastor David Christian	9.30am	Holy Communion

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Mainly Music, Playgroup & Sunday School are in recess during School Holidays



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**