



**WELCOME TO
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mt Barker SA
SUNDAY 15th November 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost**

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service with Holy Communion - LH367, LH124, LH373, LH377

10.30am Contemporary Service– 10,000 Reasons, AT421, AT265, My Worth, Everyday

SERMON

Theme: The Weight of Glory

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

The weight of what is given

The weight of what is expected

The weight of what is offered

BIBLE READINGS

 Judges 24:1-7

 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

 Matthew 25:14-30



PRAYER

M: Let us pray to be ready for Christ's return.

C: Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, to wait for you, to wish for you, and to watch for you, so that when you come again you will find us ready. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 16th Isaiah 65:17-25

Tues 17th Matthew 24:15-28

Wed 18th 1 John 2:18-23



Thur 19th 1 John 4:1-6

Fri 20th Jude 17-25

Sat 21st Psalm 95:1-7a

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



Members are advised the Annual Election Meeting of St Mark's Lutheran School Mt Barker Inc. will be held immediately following the election meeting of St Mark's church which begins at 4pm. Please forward any questions to James Heyne or Bev Gogel.

Weekly newsletters are available on the website: www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444

PRAYER POINTS

de Haas family, as Katie is baptized into God's family
 Confirmation students as they approach their Confirmation service
 Theodorsen family, preparing to serve in Darwin in 2021
 Also all those suffering from the effects of COVID-19

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Rachel Mackenzie, Janiine Messenger, Karen Moseley
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Prime Minister Scott Morrison
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Principal Of Aust Luth College – Ps James Winderlich
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Strathalbyn Lutheran Church
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Trinity Mt Barker
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Nov 15th ~ Leanne Mibus
Nov 17th ~ Sarah Crowder, Ava Mibus
Nov 18th ~ Joy Christian
Nov 20th ~ Tahlia Burdett, Robert Powell



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

BAPTISM

Today we welcome Katie Jill de Haas and her parents Matthew & Stacy for Katie's baptism. We pray this is a special day for Katie and family as she is welcomed into God's family. Please remember them in your prayers.

VICARAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that Mitchell Kitson will be installed as vicar at St Marks on Dec 13 or 20 and will 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.

BIG OFFERING SUNDAY

Next Sunday November 22nd is the last Sunday of the Church Year and our Big Offering Sunday. We encourage members of St Mark's to reflect on God's goodness to them this year and consider an extra gift that they could give to his work in and through our congregation. Paul gives the following advice to Timothy: *'As for the rich in the present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life'* (1 Tim 6:17-19).

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 4pm 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 AT CORNERSTONE

Members and friends of St Mark's are invited to attend this year's Confirmation service at inbarendi, Cornerstone College, on Sunday November 29th at 2:30pm. Please arrive early and follow the sign in procedure. The following young people will be confirmed: William Borgas, Bethany Crowder, Stacey Dowling, Ruby Gogel, Mitchell Kohlhagen, Evie and Maya Krieg, Cooper Lang, Isaac and Sophie Lockwood, Jessica Luxon, Damon Martin, Maddison Norris, Eli Paech, Holly Paech, Amelia Pfeiffer, Georgie Schultz, Ruby Schulz, Ryan Schwarz, Billy Summerling and Hannah Zweck. We wish them every blessing as they approach their Confirmation day. **There will also be a Service of the Word at St Mark's at 9:30am on that day led by Pastor David Buck.**

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. Last week we took up a retiring offering for their work. If you missed it or would prefer to contribute directly or online, you can do so at the following address: <http://wycliffe.org.au/members/patrick-anke/>

SPRAU SUPPORT - CHRISTMAS HONEY BISCUITS

The bakers of our Ladies Fellowship are making Honey Biscuits for you to buy. Details are on the order form on the noticeboard in the Link. Please place your order and indicate a "lick-up" day or ring Fay on 8391 3395. Your children (of all ages) will love the many Christmas shapes.

SENIORS LUNCH

All senior members of our congregation are invited to lunch on Tuesday 24th Nov at 12 noon in the church Link. A delicious roast beef meal followed by plum pudding will be served. Please RSVP today, there is a response sheet near the notice board in the Link. Any special dietary requirements can also be added. Women's fellowship look forward to your company.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our final 'sorting' day at Lutheran Community Care for 2020, is **this Tuesday**, 17th November, they are desperate for our help. Please meet at the church at 9.00am and bring your lunch. Let Bev Schultz know if you are able to help as they need to know numbers for setting up. We will recommence on the third Tuesday in February. Thank you to all of you who have supported the LCC throughout this year.

OPEN DOOR BOOKSHOP

Please come to check out our new display near the kitchen, 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



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.

HONEY BISCUITS FOR LCC

Every year Lutheran Community Care puts out a request for many, many kgs of honey biscuits. These are packed ready for our Chaplains to distribute in hospitals and prisons, others are used in the Christmas Hampers distributed folk doing it tough. Our Women's Fellowship contribute 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 we would be most grateful. We really need your contribution to be in the St Marks kitchen (labelled LCC) by Sun 22nd Nov. Thank you.

YOUNGER CLEANING/VACUUMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Church cleaning is increasingly difficult with declining numbers of ageing volunteers and extra COVID-19 requirements. Additional younger volunteers are needed, especially to help with vacuuming which older people find difficult. If they are not forthcoming, a paid cleaner may need to be reinstated at a possible cost of \$5000 +. An immediate response would be great as **new rosters start on Dec 1**. If you are able to help please contact Bev Schultz at 0408 850 649 or bdesigns2@bigpond.com

NOMINATIONS FOR LCA BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

LCA members are encouraged to nominate themselves or others to fill roles on the LCA's boards, councils, committees and commissions. Most appointments are for a synodical term of three years. Leading up to the next Convention of General Synod (28 Sept– 3 Oct 2021) all positions will be declared open. For further information see the LCA website: <https://www.lca.org.au/about-us/structure-governance/nominations>. This provides details of governing and advisory bodies, competencies needed and information about serving on a LCA governing or advisory body.

ST MARK'S MATTERS

The Theme for the next issue will be "Our Christmas at home or elsewhere" and articles are requested by 10/12/20. Please send them to Mike Pfeiffer at fifer@adam.com.au

BUSHFIRE MEAL DELIVERIES

Our next meal delivery day Friday 27th Nov. If you have a free hour or two we are looking for drivers. Meet at the Woodside Lutheran Church from 9:30am-2:30pm. Please have a travel partner, bring an esky and a drink bottle. Meals or baked goods of biscuits, muffins or cakes can be dropped off in the morning and delivered to homes. Please ensure they are labelled. If you are able to assist, please contact Kelly Johnston - 0400 726 324 / 8388 4468.

INVENTORY OF CHURCH & MANSE EQUIPMENT

A comprehensive record of equipment has recently been completed by the Property Committee and tabled at Church Council. We request that each group within the church check the listing for any errors or omissions that may have occurred. A copy of the document will be in the pigeon hole of each chairperson. Please return to the church office before the end of January. Many thanks to David & Val Schild for their assistance with this task.

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.



LCC hamper wish list

Biscuits – sweet
Biscuits – savoury
Cereal
Cake
Christmas pudding
Tinned ham, turkey
Tinned Tuna
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Chips & lollies
Long life custard
Long life milk
Long life fruit juice
Pasta & Rice
Pasta sauce
Jam, vegemite
Sugar
Tea, Coffee, Milo

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

I have received information that all Operation Christmas Child boxes provided by South Australians in 2020 will be distributed to children in Malawi. Thank you all again for your generous contributions, in bringing Christ's love and the Gospel message to these precious people. Blessings, Lisa Grieger

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.



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!



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL NOVEMBER

Morning tea. People have been blocking the flow-through of people in the Link between services. Chairs with arms have been requested to help elderly people get up.

Office Administrator. Janice Cecil will start this week. A replacement volunteer statistician to work from the office for about 4 hours may be sought.

Bookshop displays in future will be in front of the servery with clear entry and exit points.

IT plans upgrading the no-longer-supported network router and PastoralCare13 (for record keeping), replacing PCs and monitors with refurbished 2018 computers, and investigating technology for livestreaming church services.

Joseph Theodorsen will be ordained Dec 6. Attendance by invitation only.

Confirmation service and Christmas services. Holy Communion COVID logistics are challenging. Many helpers are needed. Two services on Christmas Day are planned with the possibility of only one being investigated. Christmas services theme: 'Fear not.' One-per-family Advent bags will be distributed at the confirmation service. ESN will provide confirmation gifts.

The Property Committee has completed an inventory. Courtyard shade plans are being prepared for Mt Barker Council approval.

Evangelism, Service and Nurture Committee's key 2021 project will be Future Planning Pastor's Three-year Review panel will be Pr David Kent, Val Schild, Charlotte Frost, Rosalie Kowald, Craig Kupke and Jon Footner.

St Marks' constitution. If the SA-NT District model constitution is adopted extensive changes will take till the end of 2021 to complete. The problem for Church Council of 'lag-time' between the Election Meeting and the election of committee chairs will be considered.

Return to Worship Guidelines

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

- 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

BE COVIDSAFE

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:

- 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.



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK 15th – 22nd November

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

Wed 18th Nov – Office 9am-1pm – Janice Cecil

Fri 20th Nov – Office 9am-1pm – Janice Cecil

Sun 22th Nov – Sunday Services – Traditional 8.30am Contemporary 10.30am HC
– Election Meeting, Fellowship evening

ROSTERS	15 th Nov	22 nd Nov	29 th Nov
Sunday	Pent 24	Last Sunday of Church Year	1 st Sunday of Advent
<i>1st Reading</i>	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
<i>Ps /Canticle</i>	Psalm 123	<i>Psalm 100</i>	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
<i>2nd Reading</i>	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
<i>Gospel</i>	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37
1st SERVICE	8.30am HC	8.30am	9.30am
<i>Elder/Pastr Ast</i>	K van de Meulengraaf	A Curtis	
<i>Ushers</i>	R&J Paech	M Tohl A Francis	M Pfeiffer
<i>Greeters</i>	K Golder & Jane Hill	L & E Marsh	J & G Hodgson
<i>Greeters</i>	Dawn Herbig	Julianne Ferris	R & C Foyle
<i>Reading 1 & 2</i>	Bev Schultz	Mark Frost	Jane Hill
<i>Music</i>	Trevor Wegener	Greg Lockwood	Lisa Grieger
<i>Sound</i>	Mark Tohl	James Ziersch	Simon Milburn
<i>Computer</i>	Anthea Francis	Julianne Ferris	Jenny Girdham
2nd SERVICE	10.30am	10.30am HC	2.30pm
<i>Elder/Pastr Ast</i>	D Lockwood	D Kuchel	
<i>Ushers</i>	T&G Weinert	G Foyle V McNeil	R&J Paech, J&G Hodgson V McNeil, A Francis
<i>Greeters</i>	T & G Weinert	J & D Lockwood	R & B Kowald
<i>Greeters</i>	A & B Todd	S Bormann	E Launer
<i>Reading 1 & 2</i>	Annette Cavies	Symon Gogel	Joy Christian
<i>Music</i>	Youth	Casey Work	Band
<i>Sound</i>	Steve Crowder	Dale Cavies	Andy Traeger
<i>Computer</i>	Debbie Zimmermann	Annette Cavies	Janice Cecil
<i>Cleaning/Flowers</i>	J Paech, J Schutz	B Paech, M Miller	
<i>Vacuuming</i>	Vaccuming, Yes	Vaccuming, Yes	
<i>Clean btwn Servs</i>	Ailsa Shillabeer, Val Schild	Julianne Ferris, Greer Hein	
<i>Visiting</i>	W Kuchel M Barolo	W Kuchel M Barolo	
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Marg Miller Jan Hodgson	J Girdham Naomi Heinrich	

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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