



Welcome to
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mt Barker
Epiphany 3
21st January 2024

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

DIVINE SERVICE




We thank Pastor David Buck for leading us in worship today.

9.30am Service with Holy Communion – LH217, AT329, Listen God is Calling, LH221

SERMON





Text: Mark 1: 14-20

Theme: "Repent and believe the good news of God's reign"

-  To repent means to get a new heart.
-  God's wonderful reign (kingdom).
-  God works repentance and faith in us.



BIBLE READINGS

-  Jonah 3: 1-5,10
-  Psalm 62:5-12
-  1 Corinthians 7:29-31
-  Mark 1:14-20

PRAYER

M: *Let us pray for the freedom of the new life that Jesus gives us*

C: Lord God, set us free from the bondage of our sins, and give us the full life of your kingdom, which you have made known to us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Revelation 3: 1-6
Tue Revelation 3:7-13
Wed Revelation 3:14-22



Thurs Revelation 4:1-8
Fri Revelation 4:9-5:5
Sat Psalm 111

*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 family and friends grieving the death of Greta Schultz
 All those affected by storms and floods on the east coast
 Safety for those travelling during this holiday season
 Pray for all students, teachers and school staff as they prepare
 for the new school year.



GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **People in Civic Authority:** Governor General- General David Hurley
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** SA-NT Bishop – Andrew Brook
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Lobethal Lutheran Church
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Flaxley Uniting Church

This Week's BIRTHDAYS

21st January ~ Justine Lockwood, Nicole Bolto

22nd January ~ Zoe Schutz

23rd January ~ Bernard Jackson

25th January ~ Greg Lockwood, Tiffany Kuchel

26th January ~ Naomi Woidt

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



JANUARY SERVICES

Please note the next two 9.30am Sunday services will be Lay Reading services. No Holy Communion will be offered at these services.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Our sister-in-Christ Greta Schultz died on 11th January. Her funeral will be held Thursday 25th January 2pm. at St Mark's . John writes, 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away' (Rev 4:4).

OFFERING ENVELOPES 2024

More offering envelopes have been ordered and should be available first week of February.



WORKING BEE

Sat 3rd February 9.00am



We would love to have your help making the grounds neat and tidy for Ps Greg's Installation Service. If you can't attend on Feb 3rd, we have placed a list of jobs to do on the Link noticeboard, that can be done when it suits you. Your help is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work! Thank you all in advance. Contact James Briggs-Wilson or Val Schild if you have any queries.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR GREG PAGE

4th February 2.00pm

Plans are now well under way for the installation service with invitations sent to special guests.



We ask all members to bring a plate of afternoon tea to help celebrate this occasion. Cold finger food preferred. Please mark this important date in your diary.



Please note : Ps Greg has not officially commenced his role here until he is installed. Please refrain from contacting him until after this time. Any Pastoral concerns can be directed to an Elder or the Chairman.

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.

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

MAINLY MUSIC



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Term 1 begins on **5th 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.



ALWS thanks St Mark's!

You have given hope and practical help to Bilan and many others through your kind gift of \$1612.20 ! (our Christmas Eve donation) And it's been multiplied 5:1!



CHURCH LIBRARY – NEW RESOURCE

Five packs of *Faith Talk Cards for Children* (as per the accompanying photo) have been placed in the children's section of the church library. Produced by LCA's Grow Ministries, the cards have been designed to provide opportunities for parents and other adults to have meaningful conversations with children about God's presence and his faithfulness. Please enjoy this resource, provided by the Education, Service and Nurture Committee.



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.

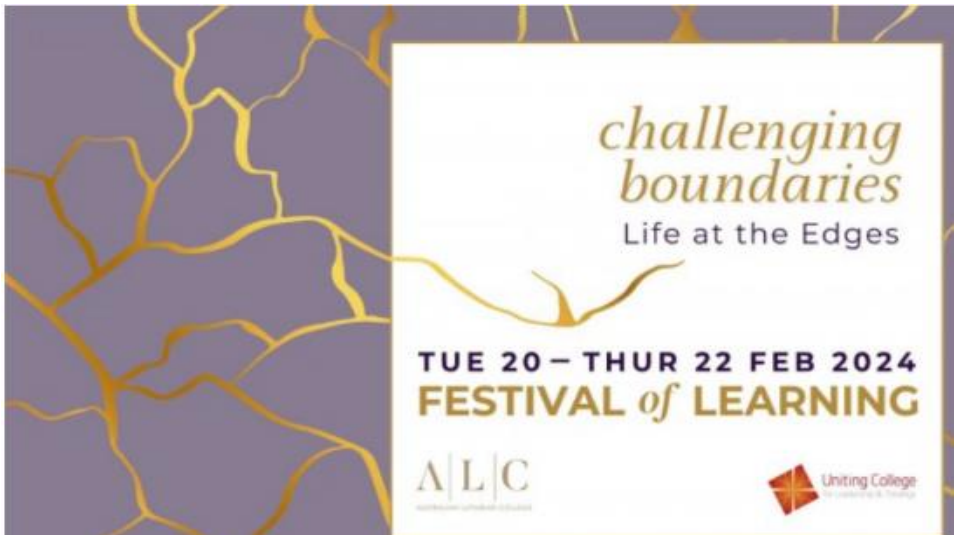




RENEW Young Adults Camp

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: https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew/	



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.

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Weekly Newsletters available from the website

ROSTERS	January 21	January 28	February 4
Sunday	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4	Epiphany 5
	Ps David Buck	Lay Reading	Lay Reading
1st Reading	Jonah 3:1-5,10	Deut 18:15-20	Isaiah 40:21-31
Ps /Canticle	Psalm 62:5-12	Psalm 111	Psalm 147:1-11,20c
2nd Reading	1 Cor 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39
1st SERVICE	9.30am HC	9.30am	9.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	Kym van de M	Gary Altmann	Mark Tohl
Ushers	K Brinkmann, B Jackson	J & S Heyne	B Jackson, S Moore
Greeters	Julianne Ferris	Christine Lockwood	M & K Mills
Reading 1 & 2	Julianne Ferris	Jane Hill	Allen Meissner
Music	Lisa Grieger	L Mibus, G Lockwood	Trevor Wegener
Sound	Mark Tohl	Andre Kleinig	Help needed
Computer	Annthea Francis	Julianne Ferris	Judith Paech
2nd SERVICE			2pm Installation HC
Elder/Pastr Ast			Symon Gogel
Ushers			R Paech, D & V Schild
Greeters			Marie Mills, Julie Pfeiffer, Judith Paech
Reading 1 & 2			E Graetz
Music			Lisa Grieger, David Heyne
Sound			Dale Cavies
Computer			Jane Hill
Clean/Flowers	S Heyne, M Miller	W Przibilla, S O'Higgins	B Paech, J Ferris, J Hill
Morning tea	J Altmann, M Schwarz	V Schild, A Schulz	J Hill, J Paech
Visiting			

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE and OFFERINGS

Attendance 14th January: 9:30am 139 (124)

Giving 14th January (plate): General \$ Bottles & Cans: \$ Asia Focus: \$
 Required Monthly \$23,653 Giving for Dec \$19,013 (Plate \$6504, Electronic \$12,509)
 Balance Redevelopment loan as at 31/12/2023 is \$323,353. 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

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 to inform them of your donation) or use the eftpos terminal available at the rear of the church

CHURCH CALENDAR 21st Jan – 4th February 2024.

Sunday	21 st Jan	Service Ps David Buck	9.30am	Holy Communion
Mon	22 nd	Office open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Tues	23 rd	Office open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Wed	24 th	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Thurs	25 th	Funeral Greta Schultz 2.00pm		
Sunday	28 th Jan	Service	9.30am	Service of the Word <i>Lay Reading</i>
Mon	29 th Jan	Office open	9.00am-12.00pm	
Tues	30 th Jan	Office open	9.00am-12.00pm	
Wed	31 st Jan	Office open	9.00am-1.00pm	
Fri	2 nd Feb	Office open	9.00am-1.00pm	
Sat	3 rd Feb	Working Bee	9.00am onwards	
Sunday	4 th Feb	Service	9.30am	Service of the Word <i>Lay Reading</i>
		Installation Ps Greg	2.00pm	Holy Communion

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**