



Welcome to ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mt Barker





22nd January 2023
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

DIVINE SERVICE

9.30am Service of the Word: LH222, AT413, LH334, TIS611

BIBLE READINGS

-  Isaiah 9:1-4
-  Psalm 27:1,4-9
-  1 Corinthians 1:10-18
-  Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Pastor David Christian

Theme: COME AND FOLLOW ME.

1. From Darkness to Light.
2. From Sinful Life to Kingdom Life.
3. From Shallow Faith to Deep Discipleship.
4. From Coming to Going.



PRAYER

M: Let us pray for Christ's light to shine on us.

C: Thank you, Jesus, for coming as the light for the world. Shine into our darkness, so that we see God's love, and follow in the way you show us. 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 52:1-12

Tue Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Wed Isaiah 54:1-17



Thurs Isaiah 55:1-13

Fri Isaiah 56:1-8

Sat Psalm 15

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

Peter Schultz, recovering at home
 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 as they prepare for the new school year
- ❖ **People in Civic Authority:** Local State MP Kavel, Dan Cregan
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** SA-NT 1st Assistant Bishop Andrew Brook
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Paul's, Hahndorf
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Mt Barker Salvation Army

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

22nd January ~ Zoe Schutz

23rd January ~ Bernard Jackson

25th January ~ Greg Lockwood, Tiffany Kuchel

26th January ~ Naomi Woidt

28th January ~ Margaret Miller, Kevin Kuchel, James Ziersch, Casey Work

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

happy
 birthday

We Shall Not Become More Like Christ Until We Give Him More Time. Frank Laubach.

ST MARKS PRAYER GROUP 27th January

All are welcome to join us at 1pm at church for a time of prayer.
 There are important matters to pray for. David Christian

PETER SCHULTZ

Thank you for all your prayers and kind enquiries. Peter is now home from hospital and is recuperating.



PLAYGROUP HELPERS NEEDED

St Marks playgroup runs on Friday mornings at 9:30am in the link and provides a space for parents, children and grandparents to meet, play and grow together. This is also a special opportunity to connect to our school families as the program runs straight after weekly chapel services. We are currently looking for some new leaders to join the team. Please speak to Pastor Ben if you are interested.

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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare 3 hours on a Monday or Tuesday morning once or twice a month to help out in the church office? The main tasks are answering the phone and welcoming any visitors. Other tasks can be tailored to your interests and skills. Please speak to Pastor Ben or Janice Cecil



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

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.

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

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. Paul's Lutheran Homes Hahndorf. All Registered Members of the Company are invited to attend.

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

LUTHERAN NURSES AUST. 6th February

All Healthcare workers, members and visitors are invited to attend our meeting with John van Ruth presenting on Lutheran Disability Services, at 7.30 pm at 137 Archer Street, North Adelaide, at LCA/SA District Office. Entry through rear door with 2 hour CDP evidence provided. Phone Rose Howard 0410 463 649

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 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 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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Weekly Newsletters available from the website

ROSTERS	Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 5
Sunday	Epiphany 3	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	Epiphany 5
<i>1st Reading</i>	Isaiah 9:1-4	Micah 6:1-8	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
<i>Ps /Canticle</i>	<i>Psalm 27:1,4-9</i>	<i>Psalm 15</i>	<i>Psalm 112:1-9(10)</i>
<i>2nd Reading</i>	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
<i>Gospel</i>	Matthew 4:12-23	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
1st SERVICE	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8.30am HC
<i>Elder/Pastr Ast</i>	Craig Kupke	Dale Cavies	Symon Gogel
<i>Ushers</i>	A Strauss & J Hodgson	S Moore, K & D vdM	K & J Brinkmann
<i>Greeters</i>	Julianne Ferris	A Francis & K Golder	M & K Mills
<i>Reading 1 & 2</i>	David Schild	Bev Schultz	Margrit Friebe
<i>Music</i>	David Buck	L Grieger & S Kupke	Greg Lockwood
<i>Sound</i>	Garry Hodgson	Steve Crowder	Simon Milburn
<i>Computer</i>	Val Schild	Janice Cecil	Judith Paech
2nd SERVICE			10.30am School Staff Installation
<i>Elder/Pastr Ast</i>			David Lockwood
<i>Ushers</i>			K & D van de Meulengraaf
<i>Greeters</i>			Sharon Heyne
<i>Reading 1 & 2</i>			Joy Christian
<i>Music</i>			David Heyne
<i>Sound</i>			Andre Kleinig
<i>Computer</i>			Vicki McNeil
<i>Clean/Flowers</i>	J Paech, J Schutz	J Ferris, J Hill	W Przibilla, S O'Higgins
<i>Vacuuming</i>	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming
<i>Morning tea</i>	J Altmann & M Schwarz	V Schild & A Schulz	M Mills & A Cavies
<i>Visiting</i>	All members are	encouraged to visit	D Herbig & K Golder

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE and OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 15th Jan: 9.30am: 87

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 15th Jan: General: \$ 1101.30

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 them of your donation: stmarks.mb.treasurer@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR 22nd January – 5th February 2023.

Sunday	22nd Jan	Service Pastor David Christian	9.30am	Holy Communion
Mon	23 rd	Office Open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Wed	25 th	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Thurs	26 th	AUSTRALIA DAY		
Fri	27 th	Office Open Prayer Group	9.00am – 1.00pm 1.00pm	
Sunday	29th Jan	Service Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am	Holy Communion
Mon	30 th	Office Open	9.00am – 12.00pm	
Wed	1 st Feb	Office Open Mid-week Service	9.00am – 1.00pm 11.00am HC	Shared lunch
Fri	3 rd	Office Open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Sunday	5th Feb	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Service of the Word

During January office hours will be reduced due to staff and volunteers taking leave, please call ahead to check availability.

Mainly Music, Playgroup & Sunday School are in recess during School Holidays. Term 1 begins 30th January.

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**