



**WELCOME TO
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mt Barker SA
SUNDAY 22nd November 2020
Last Sunday of the Church Year**

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service - LH604, LH602, LH387, LH194

10.30am Contemporary Service – AT486, Have faith in God, Psalm 23, AT329

SERMON

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

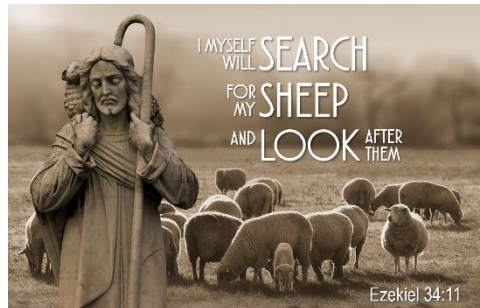
The Sovereign Lord is our Shepherd

BIBLE READINGS

📖 Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

📖 Ephesians 1:15-23

📖 Matthew 25: 31-46



PRAYER

M: Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

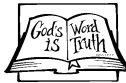
C: Almighty and ever-living God, it is your will to restore all things in your dear Son. Bring together under his just and gentle rule all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 23rd Genesis 19:15-29

Tues 24th Romans 2:1-16

Wed 25th 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10



Thur 26th Revelation 2:1-11

Fri 27th Revelation 20:11-21:1

Sat 28th Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Dear St Mark's community,

God's grace, mercy and peace be yours.

Despite the announcement that restrictions in South Australia will ease on Saturday night, we have decided to stick with the plans we have made over the last few days. This is largely due to the uncertainty of the situation and the pressure another change would put on church staff and volunteers at this late stage.

So here is a summary:

- There will be no regular Sunday services at St Mark's this week
- The Nominations meeting and fellowship evening will be rescheduled at a later date
- The planning for Confirmation service on November 29th is ongoing and a decision will be made about the format as soon as possible
- There will be a reduced version of the bulletin, sermon and worship resources made available online this weekend
- There will be an opportunity for an informal devotion and discussion time online this Sunday November 22nd at 9:30am. You are invited to take part in this for as little or long as you like. There are more details below or you can follow this link for access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89323000457?pwd=a3pMQTRpWWtzR21pN01Ya1N3WHk3dz09>

Please continue to keep an eye on:
the website (<http://stmarksmtbarker.org.au/>) and
facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksmtbarker/>)
for further updates and details.

Please continue to pray for our leaders, health care workers and vulnerable members of our community, and make contact with me via phone (0402 825 173) or email (pfeiffer241@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Many blessings

Pastor Ben



The Annual Election Meeting of St Mark's Lutheran School Mt Barker Inc. has been cancelled due to Covid regulations.

Weekly newsletters are available on the website:

www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444

PRAYER POINTS

Confirmation students as they approach their Confirmation service

Sam Kowald, (grandson of Brenton & Rosalie) prayers of gratefulness and healing after Sam received a kidney transplant on Thursday.

Also all those suffering from the effects of COVID-19

Dr Nicola Spurrier & Steven Marshall and all health care workers

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Siobhan Otto-Williams, Janene Overton, Meredith Page
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Premier Steven Marshall
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Executive Officer Local Mission Dr tania Nelson
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Peter's Callington
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Christ the King Anglican Church
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Nov 23rd ~ Fayleen Fiore, David Kuchel

Nov 24th ~ Tom Phelan

Nov 25th ~ Cooper Kupke, Thomas Marsh

Nov 27th ~ Leony Foyle, Mark Tohl

Nov 28th ~ Debbie van de Meulengraaf

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



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.

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/>

TIME OUT 2021

It's time to order your **Time Out 2021** devotion book. If you would like to order this excellent Australian devotional resource please contact Jane Hill on 0417 008 133. The cost of around \$25 is payable when you receive the book, delivery is usually late December. Please place orders with Jane by 29th November. No one should miss out on having Time Out with Jesus, especially when our opportunities for meeting together may be limited.

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

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

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.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL NOVEMBER

Morning tea. 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.

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 the church can assist with.

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

Lutheran Community Care will have extra demand for their services this Christmas. Please continue to gather items to donate and we will collect them and deliver to LCC when able. Alternatively, you may choose to make a direct monetary donation via their website: <https://www.lccare.org.au/donate-now/>

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



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!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Church Giving Plate Sun 15th Nov - General \$1831.80 Sprau \$20

Required Monthly \$21,336 **Total Giving for October** \$18,883

The balance owing on the Redevelopment loan as at Sept 30 2020 is \$614,981.22.

We borrowed \$800,000.

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.

St Mark's 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK 22 - 29 November

Sun 22 Nov – **NO Sunday services**

Wed 25 Nov – Office 9am-1pm

Fri 27 Nov – Office 9am-1pm

Sun 29 Nov – Sunday Services – 8.30, 10.30, 2.30 – TO BE CONFIRMED

ROSTERS	29 th Nov	29 th Nov	Dec 6
Sunday	1 st Sunday of Advent	Confirmation	Advent 2
1st Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9		Isaiah 40:1-11
Ps /Canticle	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19		Psalm 85:1,2,8-13
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9		2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel	Mark 13:24-37		Mark 1:1-8
1st SERVICE	8.30am		8.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast			
Ushers	R&J Paech		K & J Brinkmann
Greeters	J & G Hodgson		B & J Bartholomaeus
Greeters	R & C Foyle		A Francis
Reading 1 & 2	Jane Hill		R & J Paech
Music	Lisa Grieger		Trevor Wegener
Sound	Simon Milburn		Simon Milburn
Computer	Jenny Girdham		Judith Paech
2nd SERVICE	10.30pm	2.30pm	10.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast			
Ushers	M Pfeiffer V McNeil,	J&G Hodgson A Francis	J & S Heyne
Greeters	R & B Kowald	Volunteers needed	K Golder
Greeters	E Launer	Volunteers needed	A & B Todd
Reading 1 & 2	Joy Christian	confirmees	Vicki McNeil
Music	Volunteers needed	Band	Leanne Mibus
Sound	Volunteers needed	Andy Traeger	Steve Crowder
Computer	Janice Cecil	Volunteers needed	Kupke family
Cleaning/Flowers			
Vacuuming			
Clean btwen Servs			
Visiting			
Morning Tea	Lisa Schulz Angela Strauss		Julianne Ferris Joy Christian

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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