



Welcome to
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mt Barker
Second Sunday in Lent
25th February 2024

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

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Service of the Word – LHS737, LH188, LHS858, LH514





10.30am Service with Holy Communion – AT221, AT95, AT476, Good Grace

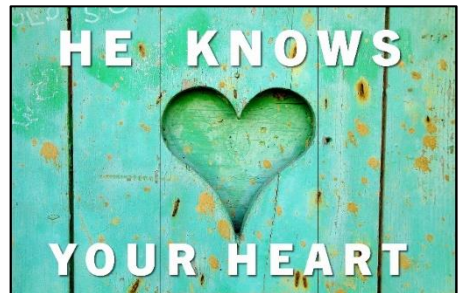
SERMON

Text: John 2:25

Theme: He knows what is in each person's heart

BIBLE READINGS

-  Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
-  Psalm 22: 23-31
-  Romans 4:13-25
-  John 2:13-25



PRAYER

M: let us pray

C: Merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to suffer and give his life for all people. Teach us, who have been born again, to forget ourselves and rely only on Christ our Saviour. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Luke 4:14-30

Tue Luke 4:31-37

Wed Luke 4:38-44



Thurs Luke 5:1-11

Fri Luke 5:12-26

Sat Psalm 19

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 and gluten free communion wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is also available. Please notify the server if this is your need

PRAYER POINTS

Hendrix Paech and his parents Simon & Ruby, as they prepare for his baptism
 Fay Harms, undergoing tests following a fall
 Milton Page, recovering from illness

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** Samantha Holton, Noelene Howis, Amanda Kluge
- ❖ **People in Civic Authority:** Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Exec. Officer of the Church – Mr Brett Hausler
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Strathalbyn Lutheran Church
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Christ the King, Anglican Church

This Week's BIRTHDAYS

27th February ~ Stacy de Haas

28th February ~ Patricia Wurst

29th February ~ Michael Rohde

1st March ~ Margrit Friebe

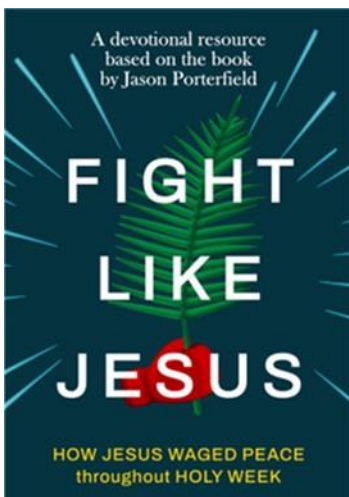
2nd March ~ Brianna Kluske

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



BAPTISMS

Next Saturday 2nd March, Hendrix Paech, grandson of Robert & Judith Paech, will be baptised here at St Mark's. We pray God's richest blessings on Hendrix and his family as he is welcomed into God's family.



MID-WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY HUB

Come on a journey through Jesus' final week on earth, discovering anew why he is called the 'Prince of Peace.'

Wednesdays 7:30-9pm during Lent

February 21st @ St Mark's, Mt Barker

February 28th @ Peace Lutheran Church, Salem

March 6th @ St Michael's, Hahndorf

March 13th @ St Paul's, Hahndorf

March 20th @ Strathalbyn

Carpooling is encouraged.

LUTHERAN CARE LENTEN APPEAL

Offerings will not be collected at Wednesday evening Bible studies, however donations to this appeal can still be made via our eftpos terminal, labelled envelopes in Sunday's offering, or via the brochures available in the Link.

LENT DEVOTIONAL



The 40 day Lenten Devotional Booklet produced by the Lutheran Tract Mission is available from the entrance table or Link noticeboard bench, or you can access it as a readable flipbook on your electronic device from the LTM website. (Lent Devotional - LTM - Grace.pdf) We encourage you to access it digitally if possible to save printing.

If you require a large print version of this study guide, please see Sharon Heyne.

Youth/Youth Adults Bible Study

Sunday 25th February 1pm-3pm

Please gather in the Church meeting room. Ask Emma Graetz or Austin Gogel for further information.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 27th February

What a program is in place for all available to attend this year!

We kick off the year at 12 noon with BYO lunch. Then at **12.30pm** we will have our Bible study led by Pastor Greg. Please note earlier time. At 1pm we **Meet the Pages**. Meredith hopes to join us, so the earlier time works best with her lunch break. Our business meeting will follow that.

We are looking forward to your attendance and all the conversations to happen especially over afternoon tea. Any questions please speak to Jane Hill.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

1st March 7.00pm

This year the prayer service will be held at the Salvation Army Hall on Fletcher Road, Mt Barker. This year the focus is on **Palestine**. And what a year to be spending time learning about and praying for this Country! Christians have lived in Palestine for over 2000 years but life is now at a critical point as war is being waged so indiscriminately and so many are suffering.

Some of our St Marks members are taking part and we invite any interested folk to join us for this special time of prayer 🙏

JAFFA

Sunday 3rd March 1.30pm

We are excited to welcome children in Years 4 – 6 to our first JAFFA for 2024! Join us on March 3rd, from 1:30 – 3:30pm in St Mark's Church Link for JAFFA SPLASH! Contact Emma Graetz on 0418 898 430 or emmagraetz@gmail.com to RSVP by Friday March 1st or for any questions you might have. Cost \$4.00. Looking forward to seeing you there!



From BRIAN BARTHOLOMAEUS



Brian Bartholomaeus and family would like to thank all people who helped and planned Jean's departure from earth to eternal bliss in heaven. The many cards and condolences have been very much appreciated. Brian & family.

Address update

Brian Bartholomaeus, Laurels Aged Care, Room 213, 2 Hutchinson St, Mt Barker.
Ph: 0428 171 379

ST MARK'S MATTERS

The next edition of Matters is now being planned. Articles and photos are requested, please send them to fifer@adam.com.au before due by 30th March.

CONGREGATIONAL VICE-CHAIRPERSON

We are happy to welcome Emma Graetz to the position of Vice-Chair on our Church Council and thank her for taking on this role. We are still in need of a Secretary so please give this your prayerful consideration.

KIDS HOPE

Just an update on this great ministry opportunity where we partner with the school to visit a child for one hour each week.

We now have 8 mentors going into the school. Recently it was exciting to hear that another mentor will join us. Many thanks Jon Footner.

I am about to do the training with Jon so it's an ideal time for anyone else to pop their hand up to join us. Training is much better with 2 or 3.

Also, you can partner with us as a congregation by praying for the mentors as they commence this new year. See Jane Hill if interested.



ALWS Asante

Asante is the Swahili word for 'thank you'!

It's a word you hear a lot when you visit the refugee camp you support through ALWS at Kakuma in Kenya.

The people you help in Indonesia want to thank you too, and the word they use is 'Terima kasih'.

ALWS wants to pass that thank you onto you in person, and so this is your personal invitation to an **ALWS Asante**.

What makes your Asante special is not just the nibbles and shared meal you'll enjoy but the stories and songs you'll hear from special guests, **Robin and Dorothy Mann**, Ambassadors for ALWS **Lives You Touch** program.

When: 6:00pm for 6:30 start, Sat 16th March for tea & presentation

Where: St Mark's Lutheran Church

RSVP: Friday 8th March 2024 1300 763 407 or alws@alws.org.au

Packed into your 90 minute **ALWS Asante** will be stories and songs from these two brilliant Christian musicians ...

... PLUS an inspiring journey with Julie Krause to a community where people with disability are no longer forgotten, but celebrated

... PLUS you'll be given an update on your ALWS action on the frontline in conflict zones of Ukraine, Myanmar and Somalia

... PLUS a Q&A, where you can ask anything you like about your ALWS action - including the power of ALWS Matching Grants.

You will enjoy a meal interspersed with the ALWS Asante presentations and songs as St Mark's turns on the hospitality!

Feel free to invite along family and friends to your **ALWS Asante**, so they can see what you do for others through ALWS.

Simply tell us on the RSVP how many are coming, to help our catering.

Thank you for all you do to help people through ALWS.

As a Christian, I always feel humbled seeing faith at work, being lived out in practical ways in people's lives – it's a powerful message! That's why I think you'll come away from your **ALWS Asante** inspired, excited and filled with joy.

I look forward to seeing you then!

Jonathan Krause, Community Action Manager



FRIENDS of LUTHERAN ARCHIVES

Thursday 29 February 7.30pm

Church Stumps and Four Children's Graves: Headington Hill, Qld. A descendant of a founding family, Jennifer Stehn, tells the story of a short-lived rural church (1900-41) and what the remaining 'one acre of history' means to the local community.

North Adelaide Lutheran Church, 139 Archer St, Nth Adel. LIVESTREAM on FoLA

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>



Lutheran Care are currently seeking donations of:
Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Tinned Steak/Veg, Tinned Sausage/Veg, Butter, Margarine, Sugar, Toothbrushes, Shampoo & Conditioner

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	February 25	March 3	March 10
Sunday	Lent 2	Lent 3	Lent 1
1st Reading	Gen 17:1-7, 15,16	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9
Ps /Canticle	Psalm 22:23-31	Psalm 19	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
2nd Reading	Romans 4:13-25	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel	John 2:13-25	Matthew 23:13-32	Mark 14:1-11
1st SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am HC	8.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	Mark Tohl	Symon Gogel	Mark Tohl
Ushers	R & J Paech	K Brinkmann, R Paech	A Strauss, J Hodgson
Greeters	Marsh Family	Wendy Anderson	Julianne Ferris
Reading 1 & 2	Mibus Family		Jo-Ann Schutz
Music	Greg Lockwood	Trevor Wegener	Lisa Grieger
Sound	Garry Hodgson	Help needed	David Schild
Computer	Jenny Girdham	Jenny Girdham	Val Schild
2nd SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	Ben Footner	Gary Altmann	David Lockwood
Ushers	J Hill, M Pfeiffer	G Foyle, A Gogel	N & G Hein
Greeters	Vicki McNeil	Julie & Ian Pfeiffer	Gail & Trevor Weinert
Reading 1 & 2	Vicki McNeil	Ali Schulz	Annette Cavies
Music	Casey Work	Leanne Mibus	David Simpfendorfer
Sound	Andre Kleinig	Steve Crowder	Dale Cavies
Computer	Janice Cecil	Ryan Schwarz, Eli Peach	Debbie Zimmermann
Clean/Flowers	E Marsh, W Anderson	G Weinert, D Buck	V Schild, T Grieger
Morning tea	C Lockwood, E Stevenson	M Friebe, B Paech	B Gogel, K Simpfendorfer
Visiting	Jane Hill	D Herbig, K Golder	D Herbig, K Golder

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE and OFFERINGS

Attendance 18th February: 8.30am 86 (77) 10.30am 67 Ash Wednesday 49 (48)

Giving 18th February (plate): General \$1309.90

Required Monthly \$23,653 Giving for Jan \$17,470 (Plate \$5,190, Electronic \$12,280)

Balance Redevelopment loan as at 31/12/2023 is \$323,353. We borrowed \$800,000.

Electronic giving: members can give electronically in several ways.



QR Code: this will take you to the giving page of our website where you will find information on various giving methods.

EFTPOS: terminal available at the rear of the church

REG (Regular Electronic Giving): via the LLL. Forms are available from the 'REG' pigeonhole or online at www.ill.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 (email stmarks.mb.treasurer@gmail.com to inform them) or eftpos terminal rear of the church.

CHURCH CALENDAR 25th February – 10th March 2024.

Sunday	25th Feb	Services	8.30am 9.45am 10.30am 1.30pm	Service of the Word Sunday School Holy Communion Bible study
		Youth / Young Adult		
Mon	26 th	Office Open Mainly Music	9.00am-12.00pm 9.30am	
Tues	27 th	Office Open Women's Fellowship E & W Committee Property Committee	9.00-12.00pm 12.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Meet the Pages
Wed	28 th	Office Open Lenten Bible Study	9.00am - 1.00pm 7.30pm	Peace, Salem
Thurs	29 th	Ed, Service & Nurture	7.00pm	
Fri	1 st March	Office Open Prayer group World Day of Prayer	9.00am – 1.00pm 11.00am 7.00pm	Salvation Army
Sunday	3rd March	Services	8.30am 9.45am 10.30am 1.30 – 3.30pm	Holy Communion Sunday School Service of the Word Splash!
		JAFFA		
Mon	4 th	Office open Mainly Music Worship Meeting	9.00am – 12.00pm 9.30am 7.00pm	
Tues	5 th	Office Open	9.00am - 12.00pm	
Wed	6 th	Office open Lenten Bible Study	9.00am – 1.00pm 7.30pm	St Michaels Hahndorf
Fri	8 th	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Sunday	10th	Services	8.30am 9.45am 10.30am	Service of the Word Sunday School Holy Communion

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**