



**Welcome to
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mt Barker SA
25th April 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service – LH91, LH387, LHS794, LH344

10.30am Combined Service with Holy Communion – AT486, Psalm 23, AT145, AT301, The Power of your love

SERMON

Text: 1 John 3:16-24

Theme: What love is

We ought to lay down our lives

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us


This is how we know what love is

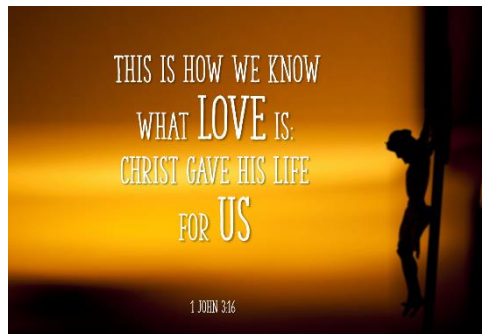
BIBLE READINGS

 Acts 4:5-12

 Psalm 23

 1 John 3: 16-24

 John 10:11-18



PRAYER

M: Let us pray that we follow our good shepherd.

C: Loving God, we thank you that your Son Jesus is the good shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. Open our hearts to hear his voice, and lead us to lay down our lives for others. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Ezekiel 34:1-16

Tues Matthew 18:10-14

Wed John 10:22-30



Thur Acts 20:25-32

Fri 1 Peter 5:1-7

Sat Psalm 22:25-31

*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*



Weekly newsletters are available on the St Mark's school website:
www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444

PRAYER POINTS

Hutchinson family, as they transfer their church membership to Victor Harbor
 Judith Paech, undergoing radiotherapy
 Michelle Barolo and family, at the death of her father Max Noske
 Trudy Watkins, daughter of Beverly Hoepner, undergoing surgery this week

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** Leanne Llewellyn, Susann Loeffelbein, Ellen Lyall
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Governor SA, Hui Van Le
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Director of Lutheran School Association, John Proeve
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Peace Lutheran, Callington
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Emmanuel Community Church
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

27th Apr ~ Ruth Hutchinson

30th Apr ~ Jon Schulz

1st May ~ Gladys Schulz, Bill Steven

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



HUTCHINSON FAREWELL

This Sunday we will have a rite of farewell for the Hutchinson family at our second service. Matt, Sharnie, Jasmine, Olivia, Thomas and Henry have been part of our community for many years and contributed a great deal through their involvement in youth groups, playgroup, St Mark's school council, PNF, Elders, Bible readings and much more. Last year they moved to Victor Harbor where Matt took up a role at Adare Campsite. Today we formally farewell them and ask God to bless them in the next chapter of their lives.

KUCHEL FAMILY

David, Wendy and Lauren would like to sincerely thank members for all of their support, prayer, visits and meals over the past few weeks. It is gratefully appreciated. The future will hold many challenges for our family, but thankfully Wendy's back issue is slowly improving. Love, the Kuchel's.

ORDINATION FORUM

For many years the Lutheran Church of Australia has been discussing its practice of ordination, specifically whether the Bible allows for women, as well as men, to be ordained as pastors. Proposals have been brought before general synods but not gained the two-thirds majority required for doctrinal change. This year a similar proposal will come before our district synod in May. Our Church Council has decided to run an ordination forum at St Mark's on Tuesday May 4th at 7:30pm to which all members are invited. This is not a debate but a dialogue and an opportunity to become more aware of the history, different viewpoints and supporting documents. It will be run by Pastor Ben with the help of our retired pastors. Please add your name to the list in the link if you plan on coming along so we have an idea of numbers.

FIRST COMMUNION

St. Mark's will be holding a First Communion course soon. The Lutheran Church of Australia encourages children to be admitted to Holy Communion 'at the earliest appropriate age' after baptism, following a time of instruction. If you or your child is interested in taking part, please contact Vicar Mitch or Pastor Ben.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Would your mother like an arrangement of fresh flowers for Mother's Day? Order today and collect your flowers at church on Mother's Day. The order form is on the notice board in the Link.



2021 BUDGET

As at the end of March our offerings are \$9,600 below budget whilst our expenditure is on target. If this continues we will finish the year \$38,000 behind. Now would be a good time for us all to work on this.

REDEVELOPMENT LOAN

You may have noticed that our Loan balance has reduced significantly this quarter. This is because a member of the congregation generously paid \$50,000 off the loan balance. This will have the effect of reducing our loan term by about one year. We thank them for their generous support of the congregation.

LINK PROJECTOR

Dear members, we are in need of a few extra people to learn how to use the Link projector and help out every few weeks (either 8.30 or 10.30am services). It is a very easy system to use and only takes about 10min to learn. If you are able to help out, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you, Sharon Heyne.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A big thank you to everyone that supported Sunday School in Term 1. If you would like to lead or help lead a session in Term 2 please add your name to the roster on the notice board or speak to Meghan. You can also email meegspfeiffer@gmail.com. Thank you.



mainly music

The term two roster for **MAINLY MUSIC** helpers has now been placed on the notice board in the Link. Please, if you have a spare 1½ hours this term we would love to hear from you. You can put your name on the roster on your preferred date/s to help. Please contact any of the people listed below if you would like further information.

Many thanks, Yvonne Menz, Julie Pfeiffer, Val Schild or Stephanie Fourie.

ORGANIST HEATER

The portable heater used by the organists can not be found. If you know where it is could you please replace it at the organ or let the office know. It's hard to play the organ with cold fingers!

Notes from Church Council Meeting 12th April 2021 and AGM of 18th April 2021

- The Church Council meeting opened with a devotion led by Pr Ben on a reading from Acts 3:12-19. Three questions were considered – what surprises you positively, what convicts you personally, and what refreshes you spiritually.
- A poster about the LCA 'Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan June 2020-2021 can be viewed on the notice board.
- St Mark's is in the process of organising the St Mark's archives and church records, facilitated by Christine Lockwood with guidance from the Lutheran Archives staff.
- St Mark's AGM. 47 members attended the AGM, and 14 apologies were received. The meeting commenced at 4pm and closed at 4.45pm. The Hillview Lutheran Services to the Disabled and St Mark's School AGMs followed directly after.
- At the Annual General Meeting the following proposal was unanimously carried: 'Church Council proposes that the congregation gives \$5000 from the 2020 surplus to the SA-NT District to support the wider ministry of the LCA NZ.'

MandM's

Upcoming events:

- Thursday 20th May: "Travel Discovery". For those who will be attending, there are a few 'items' you will need to pre-organise and bring. Please see the Link Notice Board or Sharon Heyne for an instruction sheet.
- Saturday June 19th, 2pm: Baby shower for Lauren Kuchel – please note change of day/date.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th April. For those wishing to meet for BYO lunch; meet at 12 noon, otherwise Bible Study and meeting will start at 1.00pm. Please remember to bring your Bible and April Lutheran Women.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new Directory with the contact details of our members will be printed shortly. Have your details changed since the last Directory was printed in 2019? Have you cancelled your landline? Can we add mobile phone or email information? Please check your old blue directory and contact Janice in the office with any changes.

PIGEON HOLES

Please note that some names on pigeon holes have been moved to accommodate newer members. Please check the name carefully before removing any items. Newer members: please check the location of your pigeon hole.

KINDLING WOOD

Bags of kindling \$5 Bags of off-cuts \$3
 Get ready for winter while supporting our church. All proceeds to Redevelopment fund.
 Contact Kevin Kuchel on 0416 128 051

**NEBULISER AVAILABLE**

A used but in very good condition Actineb Mini Nebuliser is available for any member who may have a need for one. A donation to the church is requested in payment. Speak to Janice in the office to view the nebuliser.

LUTHERAN CARE

For April Lutheran Care (previously Lutheran Community Care) are seeking donations of Spreads, Tuna (Small Tins), Soap and Toothbrushes



NEW COVID 19 INFORMATION

The new government regulations have increased the density allowances for places of worship from 1 person per 2 sq metres to 3 people per 4 sq metres (equivalent to 75% capacity). Physical distancing is still encouraged but this does not apply to people who live together, who are friends or family members, or people who regularly associate with each other.

Church Council would like to maintain reserve signs in the church for the time being but also encourage worshippers who regularly associate with each other to begin to sit in closer proximity to one another. This will allow a greater number of people in the church. Please continue to follow the direction of ushers and fill up from the front to ease congestion at the rear of the church.

Morning Tea will continue to be held between services in the hall. Standing with food and drink is now permitted. Our current sign in codes and sheets, hand sanitising, offering, Holy Communion and exit procedures will continue. After worship, please leave from the rear of the church at the direction of the ushers and remember to keep the walkways and ramp clear. Thank you for observing these guidelines.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Worship Coordinator: Sharon Heyne **Email:** sharon@stmarksmtbarker.org.au

Church Facility bookings: Val & David Schild **Phone:** 8391 2004

Elders

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Craig Kupke 8391 6744	David Lockwood	0427 911 477
Mark Tohl 0414 723 257	Kym van de Meulengraaf	0425 256 874

Congregation Chair Ian Pfeiffer 0413 336 221

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ROSTERS	April 25	May 2	May 9
Sunday	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6
1st Reading	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48
Ps /Canticle	Psalms 23	Psalms 22:25-31	Psalms 98
2nd Reading	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6
Gospel	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17
1st SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am HC	8.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	Adrian Curtis	Mark Tohl	Kym van de Meulengraaf
Ushers	M Tohl & A Francis	D & V Schild	D & A Shillabeer
Greeters	L & E Marsh Julianne Ferris	Jane Hill Dawn Herbig	B & J Bartholomaeus A Francis
Reading 1 & 2	R & J Paech	Jane Hill	Holly Paech
Music	Greg Lockwood	Trevor Wegener	Charmaine Milburn
Sound	James Ziersch	Simon Milburn	David Schild
Computer	Jenny Girdham	Judith Paech	Val Schild
Link	David Schild	David Buck	James Ziersch
2nd SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	Matt Hutchison	David Kuchel	Craig Kupke
Ushers	G Foyle J Cecil	G Turner J Hill	M Pfeiffer V McNeil
Greeters	R & G Hermsen N Heinrich	T & G Weinert S Heyne	R & B Kowald K Golder
Reading 1 & 2	Cecil family	Sharon Steven	Hutchinson family
Music	David Heyne	Casey Work	Leanne Mibus
Sound	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig
Computer	Annette Cavies	Debbie Zimmermann	Kupke family
Link	Emma Graetz	James Heyne	Sharon Heyne
Cleaning/Flower	Val Schild, T Grieger	J Pfeiffer, B Schultz	L Marshall, R Kowald
Vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming	No Vacuuming
Clean btw Servs	S O'Higgins, W Kuchel	V&D Schild	J Pfeiffer, J Curtis
Morning tea	Christine L & Erica L	Yvonne M, Elizabeth M	Sue O'H & Debbie Z
Visiting	G Reichelt, C Zweck	G & J Hodgson	G & J Hodgson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 18th Apr 8.30pm: 76 (70) 10.30: 86 Total: 162

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 11th April, all services: Gen \$1655.05 (corrected)

Required Monthly \$22,116 Total Giving for March: \$21,096

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 31/3/21 is \$528,878. 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.ill.org.au.

St Mark's details: BSB 704942 Account no. 100406459

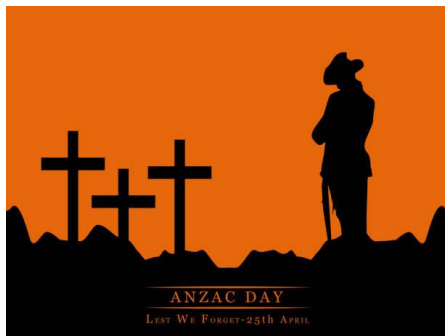
If you wish to pay directly off the Principal of our loan please use these details:

Account Name: St Marks Lutheran Church. Church Re-Development

BSB 704942 Account 100909094

CHURCH CALENDAR 25th April – 9th May

Sunday Anzac	25th April Day	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary HC
Mon	26 th	Anzac Day Public Holiday		
Tues	27 th	Ladies fellowship	1.00am	
Wed	28 th	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Fri	30 th	Office open Playgroup	9.00am – 1.00pm 9.30am	
Sunday	2nd May	Services	8.30am 9.40am 10.30am	Traditional HC Sunday School Contemporary
Mon	3 rd	Mainly Music	9.30am	
Tues	4 th	Ordination Forum	7.30pm	
Wed	5 th	Office open	9.00am – 1.00pm	
Fri	7 th	Office open Playgroup	9.00am – 1.00pm 9.30am	
Sunday	9th May	Services	8.30am 9.40am 10.30am	Traditional Sunday School Contemporary HC



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 email: safechurch@stmarksmtbarker.org.au