



**WELCOME TO
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mt Barker SA
SUNDAY 25th October 2020
Reformation Sunday**

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am Traditional Service - LHS885, LH197, LH195, LHS822

10.30am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion – AT311, Speak O Lord, LH195, Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

SERMON

Theme: A mighty fortress is our God

Text: Psalm 46

The threats around us
The refuge for us
The stillness offered to us



BIBLE READINGS

-  Jeremiah 31:31-34
-  Romans 3:19-28
-  John 8:31-36

PRAYER

M: Let us pray

C: Lord God, you have given all holy Scriptures for our learning. Lead us to hear them, read, note, learn, and inwardly digest them. Encourage and support us by your holy word, so that we may always hold onto the joyful hope of eternal life, which you have given 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 26th Isaiah 58:7-12

Tues 27th John 15:9-17

Wed 28th Acts 5:1-11



Thur 29th 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Fri 30th 1 Thessalonians 4:7-12

Sat 31st Psalm 43

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 at www.stmarks.sa.edu.au Ph 8391 0444
We are currently advertising for a Pastoral Support Worker to begin in 2021 when our current staff member retires. See the school website or contact James Heyne for details.

PRAYER POINTS

Gaylene Male and family, at the sudden death of Anthony
Anthony Waack undergoing heart surgery on Monday
George and Kathy Golder, following George's gall bladder operation
Also all those suffering from the effects of COVID-19

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Tracey Holmes, Samantha Holton, Noelene Howis
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Local Federal MP – Rebekha Sharkie
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** LCA Assistant Bishop, International Mission – Matthew Anker
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** Trinity, Springhead
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Christian Outreach Centre
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Oct 25th ~ Noah Crowder, Ian Foyle
Oct 27th ~ Felix Kluske
Oct 28th ~ Lorna Heinrich, Jasmine Hutchinson,
Debbie Zimmermann



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

BAPTISM

Next Sunday November 1st we will have the baptism of Indiana Smith, daughter of Aaron and Tori, and little sister of Oscar at the second service. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family this week. Church members are encouraged to leave space for Indiana's family and friends at the front of the church next week.

ALL SAINTS

Next week on November 1st we celebrate All Saints and light candles for those who we know who have died in the faith. Join us for these special commemorations at both services

CONFIRMATION SERVICE ADVANCE NOTICE

This year's Confirmation service will be held on Sunday November 29th at 2:30pm at Inbarendi, Cornerstone College. This venue was chosen due to the large number of confirmees (twenty-one) in the class and limited number of people we can fit in the church at present. We encourage congregation members to mark this date in their diaries and come along for this special occasion.

CUPCAKES FOR CANCER

This year to help raise money for the Cancer Council, the M&M's will be selling cupcakes between services on Sunday 8th November. The cupcakes will be \$2 each and available in the following flavours: Vanilla, Chocolate, Blueberry, Pear & Cinnamon, Fairy/Cream and Lemon. There will also be a few Dairy/Gluten Vanilla cupcakes available.

To help alleviate waiting and queuing issues on the day you can pre-order your choices by completing the list on the LINK Noticeboard.



ROSTERS 2021

Dear members, we are taking this opportunity to update the Greeters, Readers, Sound & Computer rosters to allow for any changes to be made. There is a printed list of each duty under the notice board in the link. Please take note of the following:

- If you are no longer available please cross your name off the list
- If you wish to be included on a roster, please add your name to the list
- if you wish to swap duties please make all necessary changes

If no changes are made to names currently on the lists they will remain on the roster.

If you have previously notified either myself or Erica of any changes please update the list if we have not remembered.

If you are interested in helping with Computer, Sound &/or Link projector but unsure how to do it, we will provide all instruction and assistance as needed.

If you have any questions please contact me on 83911695 on Tues or Wed, or email: stmarks.worship@bigpond.com Thank you for your help, Sharon

MandM's CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Ladies please keep Thursday November 19th free for our annual MandM's Christmas Tea. More information in the bulletin next week!



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL FOR OCTOBER

- The Annual Election Meeting will be at 4pm Nov. 22.
- Pastor's Three-year Review is due soon. Pr David Kent will chair this. Pastor will attend Safe Church Coordinator training 14/10 and Pastors' retreat 19-21/10.
- Office Administrator: 3 applicants will be interviewed. Janice Cecil is currently filling in 4 hours/week.
- Congregational Archives: ways of improving these are being investigated.
- Pictorial directory. Paused due to COVID, steps towards this are being reinvigorated.
- Support for the Sprau family in PNG: a retiring offering is planned.
- Big Offering Sunday will be held Nov. 22.
- Updating St Marks' constitutional bylaws: volunteers for a review committee are being sought.
- Red Cross hiring our facility dates for 2021: Jan 5–8; Mar 29–Apr 1; Jun 29–Jul 2; Sept 28–Oct 1; Dec 29–31.
- Vicar: St Marks' has accepted an offer to take on a vicar again later this year.
- Finance: offerings are down \$18,000 for the year but facilities hire is up and government COVID payments means the budget is in surplus.
- Courtyard shade: donations are in hand for stage one to proceed asap. The appeal for the second stage will remain open until the first stage is completed.
- Manse: quotes are being sought for laundry and kitchen repairs. Leaking underground pipes have been cleaned and will be monitored.
- School: a Pastoral Support Worker (to replace Janene Overton who is retiring) is being sought and 2 School Council nominations – a Lutheran plus another practicing Christian who may be non-Lutheran. Council Chair Bev Gogel will be retiring from the council.
- Hill View Lutheran Services for the Disabled: David Schild is now Board Chairman and Public Officer, Paul Andrejic is Treasurer, James Ziersch a Board member, and Angela Strauss plans to join the board.

Updating St Mark's Constitution's Bylaws

Is there anyone with an interest or expertise in constitutional matter willing to join a sub-committee help update the by-laws of St Marks' constitution? If so please contact James Heyne at 8391 5762/0417 941 411 or jheyne@stmarks.sa.edu.au

Help With Our Church Archives

As current secretary of the Church Council I am looking for people who can help me with advice and decision-making about what church records should be kept, for how long, where and in what format i.e. help set policy and develop a better archival/record keeping system for the church's committees, groups, publications etc. Help in sorting and organising files would also be appreciated but if you don't have time for that, advice is my first priority at this stage. If you are willing to help, please contact me at 8391 0309 or 0438 965 990 or chris.lockwoo@internode.on.net

NOMINATIONS

Thank you to all members who have filled elected positions this year, your contribution to the congregation is greatly appreciated. We would like all those in these positions to prayerfully consider if you wish to continue in 2021. If you are unable to continue would you please contact one of the nomination committee. Also, if you are considering joining one of our committees, please contact one of the nomination committee members Janice Cecil 0400 753 267, Rob Paech 0422 949 546, Craig Kupke (Elder) 0429 150 667

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 27th October meeting 1 pm with Bible Study followed by business and our Annual Meeting to plan for 2021. Covid 19 has certainly changed the format of our meetings but we have endeavoured to keep our fellowship going in Bible study, prayer and appropriate activities to support our various projects.

Two areas in which we would be grateful for monetary donations is our ongoing commitment to purchase Bibles for each year 2 student and our support for the Sprau family who have committed their lives to caring for villagers and Bible workers in New Guinea. This is of all times a difficult and dangerous time to be working in a foreign country and these folk need our constant prayers and financial support.



VERGOLA SHADE PROJECT

Stage one of the courtyard shade/ vergola has been fully funded by some kind donations from members and construction will soon commence. The appeal for funds to purchase stage two (fold out awning costing \$5927) is still open and this will not be erected until fully funded. We currently need another \$2900 of donations. Please clearly state when giving your donations that they are for the courtyard shade. We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Change to Directory

Jeff & Jenny Girdham no longer have a landline, please use their mobile phone numbers.

For sale: Digital Piano Roland HP 307 Please contact Charmaine Milburn for further details 0416 06 1823

St Paul's Lutheran Homes Hahndorf Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 15, 2020 at 12 noon, St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall
Business to be transacted: Minutes of AGM held November 10, 2019, Director's Report and Auditor's Report, CEO Report, Election of Members to the Board, Appointment of Auditor, Planning for future Independent Living Units, Future Constitutional Changes

Return to Worship Guidelines

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BE COVIDSAFE

Thank you for making our 'return to worship' a smooth process. Please continue to observe the following:

- Maintaining 1.5m distance from others and make use of hand sanitiser
- Follow the direction of the greeters and ushers, as well as the signs and arrows
- Sign the declaration that you are present, well and understand the expectations of entry
- Fill the church from the front, only using seats without a reserved sign
- Members of the same household may sit together but others must remain 1.5m apart
- Leave from the rear as directed by ushers and make use of the hand sanitizer
- Worshippers in the link leave first into the hall for morning tea or into the outside areas
- Worshippers in the Church leave second via the link, maintaining social distance
- Please do not congregate in the link, especially between services, and continue to refrain from handshaking and hugging



MORNING TEA BETWEEN SERVICES

Morning tea has now been running for several weeks and is going very well.

There are just a few protocols to follow:



Directions for Morning Tea

- Leave from the rear of the Church through the Link and form a queue following arrows to the hall for morning tea
- Enter the hall through the single door to the hall servery
- Pick up your tea / coffee / biscuit which will be prepared for you.
- Find a seat and sit down before consuming food or drink.
- Exit through the hall double doors and those adjacent the main church office.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 18th Oct 8.30 – 88 (HC – 68) 10.30 – 81 Total 169

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate Sun Oct 18th: General \$1445.60 Redev \$44 Sprau \$50.55

Required Monthly \$21,336 **Total** Giving for September \$21,702

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.ill.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.

LLL: Our congregation has received an 'LLL Interest Rate change' notice advising that effective 1 October 2020, the interest rate on at-call Savings Accounts is **0.80%**

This notice has been placed on the church notice board for your information.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

Oct Shopping list includes Biscuits/Crackers,

shampoo/conditioner, ladies underwear (small and new) boys/mens

socks (large).

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! LCC have a severe shortage of the following items: Long life milk, small boxes of cereals, pasta and rice, toilet paper (in small bags), 2 minute noodles and other small meal parcels.



NOTICE BOARD – More details & flyers on Notice board

- Lutheran Church SA/NT - Job Vacancies
- Latest Faith Family brochure is available in the foyer on the wall
- Latest Church Council Minutes
- LCA SA/NT Training - Professional Standards Workshops
- SMG newsletter
- Mainly Music Roster
- Flyer advertising Contemporary dance/exercise class for seniors (seated)
- Mission News (Sprau family) on Mission notice board in Link
- Cambodia Village update
- A message from Lutherans for Life
- Office Bearers list



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK 25th Oct – 1st Nov 2020

Sun 25th Oct – Sunday Services – Traditional 8.30am, Contemporary HC 10.30am

Wed 28th Oct –

Fri 30th Oct – Office 1 – 5pm – Janice Cecil

Sun 1st Nov – Sunday Services – Traditional 8.30am Contemporary 10.30am HC

ROSTERS	25 th Oct	1 st Nov	8 th Nov
Sunday	REFORMATION	ALL SAINTS	Pent 23
1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Joshua 3:7-17	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Ps /Canticle	Psalms 46	Psalms 34:1-10;22	Psalms 78:1-7
2nd Reading	Romans 3:19-28	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel	John 8:31-36	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13
1st SERVICE	8.30am	8.30am HC	8.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	D Lockwood	M Tohl	M Hutchinson
Ushers	J Hodgson A Strauss	K&J Brinkmann K&J Brinkmann	D&A Shillabeer D&A Shillabeer
Greeters	Jan & Garry Hodgson	B & J Bart	B & J Bart
Greeters	R & C Foyle	A Francis	A Francis
Reading 1 & 2	Allen Meissner	David Schild	Kerry Brinkmann
Music	Trevor Wegener	Lisa Grieger	Charmaine Milburn
Sound	James Ziersch	Simon Milburn	David Schild
Computer	Jenny Girdham	Judith Paech	Val Schild
2nd SERVICE	10.30am HC	10.30am	10.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	M Hutchinson	D Kuchel	C Kupke
Ushers	G Foyle J Cecil	Meulengraaf family Meulengraaf family	M Pfeiffer
Greeters	E Launer	Hermesen family	J & S O'Higgins
Greeters	R & B Kowald	A & N Heinrich	V McNeil
Reading 1 & 2	Hutchinson family	Debbie Zimmermann	Hermesen family
Music	Casey Work	Leanne Mibus	Sue Kupke
Sound	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig
Computer	Annette Cavies	Kupke family	Vicki McNeil
Cleaning/Flowers	G Riechelt, J Hodgson	E Launer, S Heyne	L Scholz, J Page
Vacuuming	Vacuuming, Yes	No Vacuuming	No Vacuuming
Clean btwn Servs	J Ferris, G Hein	J Pfeiffer, J Curtis	
Visiting	K Golder Dawn Herbig	W Kuchel M Barolo	W Kuchel M Barolo
Morning Tea	M Miller D Zimmerman L Schultz	Val Schild Ali Schulz	Bev Paech Bev Gogel

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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