



Welcome to
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Mt Barker SA
 Christmas and Sunday 26th December 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE

DIVINE SERVICE

6.30pm Carols 7.00pm Service with Children's presentation at inbarendi
 9.00pm Lessons and Carols at St Mark's

SERMON

Text: Luke 2:1-20

Theme: The First Christmas

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, you have made this holy night shine with the true light of your Son. Grant that we who celebrate his coming to earth may finally come to full joy with him in heaven. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



CHRISTMAS DAY

DIVINE SERVICE

8.30am with Holy Communion – LH34, LH33, LH627

10.00am with Holy Communion – Joy to the World, Immanuel, Go tell it on the Mountain

SERMON

Theme: God with us

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

The promise of his presence

The precarious nature of his presence

The power of his presence

BIBLE READINGS

📖 Isaiah 52:7-10

📖 Titus 3:4-7

📖 Matthew 1:18-25



PRAYER

M: Let us pray that we recognise God's presence with us

C: Thank you, loving Father, for filling the world with your presence through the birth of your Son. Help us to recognise his presence with us, as we celebrate with the angels and shepherds the good news of your salvation. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER POINTS

For Christmas services and celebrations
 David Kuchel, undergoing surgery this week
 Fay Harms, recovering from surgery
 All those affected by Covid 19 outbreaks and lockdowns

GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's School:** all staff that they have a refreshing summer break
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Governor General, General Hurley
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** 1st Assistant Bishop Andrew Brook
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Paul's, Hahndorf
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Dunn Memorial Uniting

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

26th Dec ~ Kev Schache

27th Dec ~ Justin Kluske, Sarah Powell

28th Dec ~ Gail Weinert, Brianna Kohlhagen, Georgie Schultz

30th Dec ~ Zoe Steven



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

CHRISTMAS GREETING

We would like to extend Christmas blessings to the whole St Mark's community. Thank you for your wonderful encouragement, support and prayers throughout this year. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord with you and stepping forward in faith together in 2022. Pastor Ben, Meghan and family.

WORD OF THANKS

Our thanks to Pastor Greg Lockwood for preaching at our Sunday services on December 26th, and to all church staff, members and volunteers, who have been involved in our Christmas services and celebrations this year.

NEW YEAR'S

There will be no New Year's Day service due to the proximity to regular services. We will take up the New Year's theme on Sunday Jan 2nd, 8:30am and 10:30am.

PASTOR'S LEAVE

Pastor Ben will be on annual leave from January 3rd to 23rd. Please contact one of the elders during this time for pastoral needs or the church office for general enquiries. Our thanks to the retired pastors and lay readers who will take services over these weeks.

ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICES

If you are unable to join us this Christmas, the worship services from St Michael's will be available on www.facebook.com/luthmedia, under Videos.



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 26th December 2021
 1st Sunday after Christmas

DIVINE SERVICE





8.30am Traditional Service: LHS746, LHS802, LHS788, LHS750

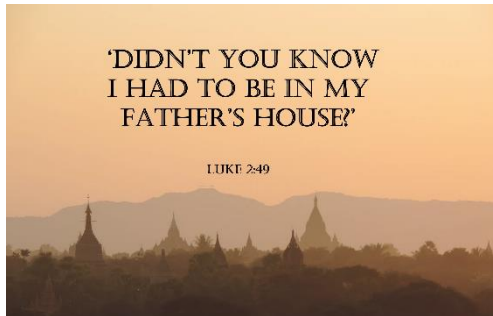
10.30am Contemporary Service with HC: LHS746, AT62, AT10, He Shall Reign

SERMON

Text: Luke 2:41–52

BIBLE READINGS

-  1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26
-  Psalm 148
-  Colossians 3:12–17
-  Luke 2:41–52



PRAYER

M: Let us pray

C: Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Saint Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul, grant that the healing medicine of your Word and sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls, that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Exodus 2:1-10

Tues Isaiah 51:1-5

Wed Hosea 11:1-4,8,9



Thur Colossians 1:15-20

Fri 1 John 1:1-7

Sat Luke 2:15-21

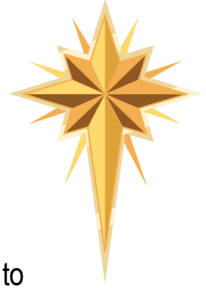
The Lutheran Church teaches that **HOLY COMMUNION** is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink to strengthen us in faith and service. This sacrament is for baptised Christians who repent of their sins, 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

CONGREGATION VISITING

During December and January we encourage all congregation members to phone and/or visit fellow members who may be finding this time of year difficult.



RED CROSS LIFEBLOOD 29-31 Dec



Red Cross will again be using our facility for their blood collection service for 3 days at the end of the year. Access to our facility during this time may be limited.

WORKING BEE 15th Jan

We have again been able to procure external help on Sat 15th January and so will hold a working bee to complete another stage of the front carpark stone wall. This will be the main focus and we require helpers to barrow stone to the garden, measure and sort into similar sizes, hand stone to the layers and back fill loam behind the wall. There are also a few smaller projects we can tackle for those looking for lighter duties. The usual shovels, rakes and wheel barrows are all that is required along with person power and enthusiasm! Please place your name on the sheet in the link or contact Val Schild or Allan Todd by phone prior to 12 January to assist with planning for the day.

Thank you in anticipation St Marks Property Committee (Alias "Dads Army")

GAMES AFTERNOONS

Are you interested in a monthly afternoon of games (eg scrabble, chess, cards) with a cuppa and a chat? To express interest please speak to Charmaine Milburn or write your name on the sheet on the noticeboard.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We welcome anyone interested in joining our group, please contact Jenny Girdham for more information. Subs are due by Jan 2022, please look out for your reminder. The Lutheran Women magazine will be posted individually from next year and addresses need to be sent with the 2022 subs. If your postal address is different from what is in the directory, please let Jenny know.



LUTHERAN
CARE

For December Lutheran Care are seeking donations of Sweet Biscuits, Canned Vegetables (corn, chickpeas, lentils), Tinned Tuna (medium) Shampoo/Conditioner and Dishwashing Liquid

Due to health and safety concerns all donations must be sealed and in original packaging

NOTICE BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Employment: Adelaide Hills CLW Camp Director 2022

Employment: Pastoral Care Worker – Echunga Primary School

Weekly board available in Adelaide

Please see notice board in the Link for more details

Notes from Church Council – 13th December 2021

- Mainly Music: Jane Hill and Annette Cavies will coordinate the team, that will include Julie Pfeiffer, Lauren Kuchel and Philippa Barnett-Pierce. The Education Committee will seek to strengthen links between the congregation and Mainly Music.
- Playgroup: More leaders are still required.
- Elders: Symon Gogel and Ben Footner are new elders. Thanks to David Kuchel and Adrian Curtis for their service.
- Holy Communion and seating in church: After Christmas/January holiday period the worship committee will look at having HC at the altar rail and seating more people in the church.
- A mission project for the church. Evangelism and Welfare Committee will make a recommendation to the AGM in March.
- St Mark's Draft Vision Statement: The Education, Service and Nurture Committee will report on this to the AGM.
- Safe Place Coordinator: Emma will fill this role temporarily and, in consultation with Janice, work out what St Marks needs to do to be compliant with the LCA's new Child Safe Standards.
- Amplify, a new ecumenical child, youth and family conference will be run by Blue Print Ministries in our facilities. The event will be advertised in our bulletin. Cost: \$55
- A Defibrillator is planned for the wall outside the double doors leading to the school carpark.
- Working Bee in January will complete the retaining wall and look at storage issues.
- Ashton Hills land: The School Council is in discussions with Cornerstone College's Board in preparation for a mid-February workshop to bring together interested parties to discuss the development of the Aston Hills land.
- LLL 100th Anniversary Grants: Congregations are invited to apply by Dec 31st for one of 40 special \$2,500 grant which can be used in creative ways to 'give back' to their church or community. See grants@lll.org.au

COVID UPDATE DECEMBER 2021

We have entered a new phase in our state's experience of COVID-19 with interstate borders re-opening and local cases occurring. We rejoice with those members who are able to be reunited with family, while also being aware of the added risk to our more vulnerable members.

We ask all worshippers to make a special effort at this time to adhere to the following:

- Check in and sanitize upon entry
- Stay home if unwell
- Observe the reserve signs and fill up from the front maintaining social distance
- Those over twelve are required to wear masks unless they have a medical exemption
- Please bring your own mask if possible
- Masks can be removed for leading, Bible reading, singing in the band, making announcements and receiving Communion

We encourage you to see ongoing adherence to these guidelines as the small sacrifices we can make to keep one another safe and continue worshipping together as God's people. Church Council will continue to review government and LCA guidelines as they come to hand.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Administrator: Janice Cecil **Email:** janice@stmarksmtbarker.org.au

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

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Elders

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Symon Gogel	0432 989 958	David Kuchel	0427 006 233
Craig Kupke	0429 150 667	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	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Jan 2 – New Year
Sunday	CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY	Christmas 1	Epiphany
1st Reading	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	1 Sam 2:18–20, 26	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Ps /Canticle	Psalms 96	Psalms 97	Psalms 148	<i>Psalm 8</i>
2nd Reading	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 3:4-7	Colossians 3:12–17	Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel	Luke 2:1-14(15-20)	Matthew 1:18-25	Luke 2:41–52	Matthew 2:1-12
1st SERVICE	9pm Church	8.30am HC	8.30am	8.30am HC
Elder/Pastr Ast	Craig Kupke	Ben Footner	David Lockwood	Symon Gogel
Ushers	R & J Paech	Andrejic, Paech, Schild	A Strauss, Hodgson	D & V Schild
Greeters	B&J Bartholomaeus	K & M Mills	D Herbig & J Ferris	W Anderson & A Francis
Reading 1 & 2	Colin Schultz	Jane Hill	Allen Meissner	David Schild
Music	Trevor Wegener	Lisa Grieger	Maryn Schultz	Trevor Wegener
Sound	Garry Hodgson	Simon Milburn	David Schild	Simon Milburn
Computer	Julianne Ferris	Judith Paech	Jane Hill	Jenny Girdham
Link	NA	David Schild	David Buck	Leanne Mibus
2nd SERVICE	6.30pm inbarendi	10.00am HC	10.30am HC	10.30am
Elder/Pastr Ast	C Kupke, D Lockwood	Kym van de M	Symon Gogel	Kym van de M
Ushers	S Moore, K Przibilla & M Pfeiffer	Przibilla & M Pfeiffer	G Foyle & J Hill	K & D van de Meulengraaf
Greeters	B&R Kowald, N Heinrich, K Golder	B&R Kowald	J & I Pfeiffer	T & G Weinert
Reading 1 & 2	-		D Zimmermann	Symon Gogel
Music	Band	Sue Kupke	Casey Work	David Heyne
Sound		Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig	Steve Crowder
Computer	Janice Cecil	Kupke family	Ryan & Eli	Vicki McNeil
Link	NA	Emma van de M	Naomi Heinrich	Emma Graetz
Cleaning/Flower	J. Ferris, J Hill	Hodgson, L Schultz		A Cavies, J Page
Vacuuming	will do vacuuming	will do vacuuming		will do vacuuming
Clean btw Servs	-	O'Higgins & Schild	J Pfeiffer & J Curtis	R & J Paech
Morning tea	-	-	B Paech & B Gogel	M Miller & J Hodgson
Visiting	Everyone: please call	Or visit your fellow	members	

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 12th Dec: 8.30am: 72 (64) 10.30: 75 Total: 147

Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)

Plate 19th Dec: Gen \$1177.00

Required Monthly \$22,116 Total Giving for November was \$37,426

Balance owing Redevelopment loan as at 30/9/21 is \$486,027. We borrowed \$800,000.

REG (Regular Electronic Giving) members who choose to give electronically can do so through the Lutheran Laypeople's League weekly, monthly or as you prefer.

Forms are available in the 'REG' pigeon hole 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

CHURCH CALENDAR 24th December 2021 – 9th January 2022

Christmas Eve	24th Dec	Services	6.30/7.00pm 9.00pm	Nativity & Carols Lessons & Carols
Christmas Day	25th	Services	8.30am 10.00am	Traditional HC Contemporary HC
Sunday	26th	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary HC
Wed	29 th	Office CLOSED Red Cross	All day	
Thurs	30 th	Red Cross	All day	
Fri	31 st	Office open Office open	All day 9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sunday	2nd Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional HC Contemporary
Wed	5 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Fri	7 th	Office open	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sunday	9th Jan	Services	8.30am 10.30am	Traditional Contemporary HC

Please note: the Church Office opening hours will be reduced during the Christmas/New Year week and early January. It may be advisable to ring and check before visiting.



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**