



**WELCOME TO  
ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Mt Barker SA  
SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**DIVINE SERVICE**

**8.30am Traditional Service** - LH454, LH248, LH169, LHS822

**10.30am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion** – Humble Yourself/Awesome God, This is Amazing Grace, AT261, AT329

**SERMON THEME** The Authority of Jesus

Text: Matthew 21:23-32

- The challenge to authority
- The question about authority
- The parable on authority



**BIBLE READINGS**

- 📖 Exodus 17:1-7
- 📖 Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
- 📖 Philippians 2:1-13
- 📖 Matthew 21:23-32

**PRAYER**

M: Let us pray for humility.

C: Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient to you all the way to his death on the cross. Help us acknowledge Jesus' authority in our lives and make us eager recipients of his grace and servants of his kingdom. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** Isaiah 45:21 - 25

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup>** Isaiah 57:14 – 21

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** Jonah 3:1 - 10



**Thur 1<sup>st</sup>** Luke 7:25 - 31

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** Acts 22:1 - 21

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>** Psalm 25:1 - 9

*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](http://www.stmarks.sa.edu.au) Ph 8391 0444.

## PRAYER POINTS

Sarah Waack recovering after surgery this week  
 Sam Curtis recovering after surgery this week.  
 Kalnins family, at the death of Vera in Sash Ferguson  
 Cavies family, at the death of Dale's mum Valerie  
 Clara Cavies and Sam Perry preparing to marry on October 9  
 Tim Footner and Tammy Graetz preparing to marry on October 10

## GENERAL PRAYER POINTS

- ❖ **St Mark's Lutheran School:** Jenette Short, Sharon Steven, Jennifer Uebergang
- ❖ **People in Civil Authority:** Mayor Ann Ferguson.
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Leaders:** Director of Chaplaincy Ministry, Ps Peter Miller
- ❖ **Our Lutheran Zone:** St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf
- ❖ **Our Local Churches:** Dunn Memorial Uniting Church
- ❖ **Lutheran Church of Australia, International Mission.** Listed prayer points

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ William Marsh, Bethany van de Meulengraaf  
**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Michelle Barolo, Eric Klenke, Winslow Wright  
**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Anke Sprau  
**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Jean Bartholomaeus  
**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Garry Hodgson, Alexander Menz, Ben Pfeiffer  
**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Jan Hodgson, Joanne Moon



*Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Jean Bartholomaeus, celebrating with friends and family Sunday.*

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

## RITE OF THANKSGIVING

Today Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am service we will have a rite of thanksgiving for Erica Launer, who is retiring from her position in our church office. We thank Erica for her 11 plus years of service and look forward to her ongoing involvement in our church.

## POSITION VACANT

St Marks is looking for an Office Administrator to support the ministry of our church. This is an 8 hour a week casual position. Job descriptions are available at the notice board. Applications close Monday 5 October, 2020. Further enquiries and applications to Pastor Ben ([pfeiffer241@gmail.com](mailto:pfeiffer241@gmail.com))

## 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

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE ADVANCE NOTICE

This year's Confirmation service will be held on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



## RED CROSS

Next week Red Cross will be here from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please be aware when accessing the church buildings during this time.

## INVITING NEW SINGERS & MUSICIANS

If you would like to be involved in our Sunday Worship through the way of either singing or playing an instrument we would love to hear from. There is always plenty of room to include new people into this area of worship and we would also encourage those who are still learning to contact me and discuss ways we can involve you as well. Please send me a message via email at [stmarks.worship@bigpond.com](mailto:stmarks.worship@bigpond.com) or contact me on 0438692622.

## MUSICIANS & SINGERS MEETING

To all current musicians and singers, you are invited to a meeting on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposal to look at a new roster system. This is your opportunity to be involved in the way we organise and structure our band system. The meeting will start at 12noon in the Link – a few nibbles will be provided.

## USHERS

A sincere thank you to everyone at St Marks who helps with ushering duties each Sunday. Your help is very valuable and appreciated by many and your help does not go unnoticed. The new usher roster is again being drawn up soon for 2021 and we hope and pray that you are willing to continue on in this capacity. We would also like to invite new ushers to the team for next year, we would love to hear from you if you feel this is somewhere you may like to help out. We hold a short training session each November in the church to explain the details and importance of these duties. **So if you would like to help, we would love to hear from you.**

Please let Sharon know in the church office or Val Schild or the head ushers – Kevin Przibilla and or Simon Moore. Every blessing as you consider helping with this role. **Thank you.**

## WORKING BEE Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

You are invited to join in and assist with our Spring Working bee, to tidy up the grounds at St Marks. Spades, rakes, pruning snips and a little energy is all that is required. Watch next week's bulletin for specific jobs to be completed. Thank you in anticipation of your help. *The Property Committee.*

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to come to Bible Study on every Wednesday evening in the Church meeting room 7.30pm with Ps David Buck. You can receive study notes by email Tuesday night if you contact Ps David on [dwbuck@outlook.com.au](mailto:dwbuck@outlook.com.au)



## VERGOLA SHADE PROJECT

We give hearty thanks for all of the donations which have come in for the proposed Vergola shade area so far. At last Tuesday evening's Property Committee meeting, we were informed that a generous donation to meet the required amount for Stage 1 of this project has been made. The Property Committee have instructed the Vergola firm – Eclipse – to begin work on this project now and the deposit has been paid by the treasurer. The next step is gaining building approval from Mt Barker Council which is included in cost of the project. This could take some time, but hopefully may enable enough time for the project to proceed and be completed before Christmas. We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 118:1 *The Property Committee*





## DAYLIGHT SAVING

Begins next weekend. Adjust your clocks, 1 hour forward the evening of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## MAINLY MUSIC



The Mainly Music roster is pinned up on the noticeboard in the LINK for Term 4. If you have never had a turn at this and would like to give it a shot, please talk to Val Schild, Yvonne Menz or Julie Pfeiffer. We would be only too happy to explain how it works. We look forward to filling the roster as soon as we can to make sure this program runs smoothly. Thank you all in advance for your continued help.

## Return to Worship Guidelines

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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

**BE COVIDSAFE**



## MORNING TEA BETWEEN SERVICES

We are excited to announce that morning tea will recommence between services, after the SA Government, LCA District and our own Church Council have given the go ahead. At least 3 volunteers will be needed each Sunday to prepare the hall, set up and tidy up afterwards. Extra helpers are needed, so please contact us to let us know of your availability! You will be rostered on with an experienced person to get you started. Morning tea will be done differently due to Covid-19, so we will all be learning together. If you are able to come on the roster, please speak to Marg Miller, Bev Paech or Val Schild, ASAP. Be encouraged to volunteer for the above, as well as participating and inviting others to share in this time of reconnecting through serving and fellowship.

### 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.



Volunteers: see back page    *St Marks Women's Fellowship*

**FUNDRAISING**

Beautiful Pens (Black ink),  
 (Personalized with 'St Mark's Lutheran Church' on them) **\$4 ea or 3  
 for \$10.** On the bench in Link... Please put payment in box provided.

**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                      Matt Hutchinson 0400 917 003  
 David Kuchel 0427 006 233                Craig Kupke 8391 6744,  
 David Lockwood 0427 911 477             Mark Tohl 0414 723 257  
 Kym van de Muelengraaf 0425 256 874

**CONGREGATION CHAIR** Ian Pfeiffer 0413 336 221

**Notes from Church Council 14 Sept 2020**

- *Future Planning.* The Education, Service and Nurture Committee is discussing the next step in the process.
- *Pastor Ben's Ministry Review* is due by the end of the year. A retired pastor will be asked to act as facilitator and congregational members to join a review panel.
- The Council of Bishops and General Church Board have met to discuss *divisions in the LCA NZ over the ordination of women and men.* Reports are available. (See separate Bulletin notice.)
- *Rite of Thanksgiving for Erica Launer* will be held Sept 27.
- *Office Administrator.* A sub-committee has recommended the office secretary's position be renamed *Office Administrator.* It has drawn up a role description to reflect how the role has evolved and expanded with time. It will include broader congregational tasks, general administration, providing a welcoming presence and overseeing volunteers and compliance. It is envisaged some secretarial tasks may be taken over by volunteers. The position is currently being advertised with applications closing on October 5. In the interim Janice Cecil will work four hours a week, with other duties to be covered by volunteers.
- *Interim Worship Co-ordinators.* Julie Pfeiffer Casey Work and Jenny Curtis filled in while the Worship Co-ordinator was on leave recently.
- *Projecting Bible readings* on the screen is being trialled.
- *Finance:* Offerings are down, but extra from facility hire and government payments mean we have a surplus. We won't qualify for JobKeeper beyond September but will receive an additional stimulus payment. Because of the healthy budget situation CC recommends that at the end of the year we *revisit cuts* made to our contribution to the LCA this year.

**CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

We are asking for any volunteers who would like to assist with planning the Christmas Eve Service at Inbarendi to contact Julie Pfeiffer 0401952233 [burwood.stud@bigpond.com](mailto:burwood.stud@bigpond.com). Our first planning meeting will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October after the 10.30 service to discuss themes and format.



### St Mark's Lutheran School Council Nominations

Each year in November, the St Mark's Lutheran Church Mt Barker elects the School Council who hold governance responsibility for St Mark's Lutheran School. One of the roles of the School Council is to provide nominations to the church's November election meeting.

The school constitution sets the membership of the Council at eight councillors. Of the eight at least six members shall be members of St Mark's Lutheran church or another Lutheran Church with up to two councillors able to be practicing Christians from the school or wider community.

The St Mark's School Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for two people to join the school council governance team. The role on School Council is voluntary and requires members to meet once a month during the school year.

Ideally applicants will have experience in one of the following areas: Marketing and communications, education and training, strategic thinking and problem solving, as this knowledge and experience will complement the current range of abilities within council. Due to the current composition of the School Council we require that at least one applicants is a member of St Mark's Lutheran Church, Mt Barker or a member of another Lutheran Church while one applicant can be a practising Christian from the school or wider community.

Any interested church or community members are invited to contact the School Council Chairperson, Bev Gogel by phoning 0422 535 331 or our School Council Vice Chairperson Casey Work, by phoning 0422070986, or by leaving a message at the school front office to receive further details on the nominations process. Nominations will need to be received by Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child, run by Samaritan's Purse, is a unique project that takes gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need in over 100 countries around the world.

The mission of OCC is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In 2020, St Mark's members and friends are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child and bring hope and love to children in great need by filling a shoebox with gifts. Despite the difficulties encountered worldwide through COVID, Samaritan's Purse still intends to run OCC in 2020, trusting in the Lord to overcome all obstacles.

- *A display table has been set up opposite the pigeonholes, where you can access shoeboxes, shoebox-packing brochures, gift idea sheets, colouring-in sheets, prayer bookmarks and other information about the work of OCC and Samaritan's Purse.*

Samaritan's Purse asks for a \$10 donation per shoebox (which can be made online or using the shoebox packing brochure) which covers all project costs including shipping, distribution, training distribution teams, staffing and administration. **Please clearly include your donation** (or advice of online donation) **on top of the shoebox contents** so it is easily located by processing teams.

Filled shoeboxes can be left for collection under the OCC display table. **The final date for deposit of shoeboxes to St Mark's is Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions about the shoeboxes or would like further information about OCC, please contact Lisa Grieger. You can also visit the Samaritan's Purse website at: [samaritanspurse.org.au](http://samaritanspurse.org.au)

Many thanks for your support. God's blessings, Lisa Grieger



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING INFORMATION

Attendance 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.30 – 98 (HC - 74) 10.30 – 102 Total 200

Offering plates Sun Sept 20<sup>th</sup> \$1389.20 Cambodia \$13.95

Required Monthly \$22,415

**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](http://www.ill.org.au). **St Mark's BSB 704942 account no. 100406459**

**LLL Redevelopment Account:** BSB 704942 Account No: 100250491 Account name: *Mount Barker St Mark's Lutheran Church Plant Redevelopment*. Please note: If you prefer debits to keep your bank transactions anonymous, it is better to fill out an LLL form for direct debits.

### **Church Giving (Plate, REG, Redevelopment)**

Required Monthly \$21,336 Giving for August \$16,686

If you wish to pay directly off the Principal of our loan please use these details: BSB 704942 Account 100909094 Account Name: St Marks Lutheran Church. Church Redevelopment

## 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
- Office Administrator position



## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sunday Services – Traditional 8.30am, Contemporary 10.30amHC

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>Sept –

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Office 9am-1pm – Janice Cecil

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sunday Services – Traditional 8.30amHC Contemporary 10.30am

<b>ROSTERS</b>			
Sunday	Sunday Sept 27 Pent 17	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct Pent 18	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct Pent 19
<b>1st Reading</b>	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20	Exodus 32:1-14
<b>Ps /Canticle</b>	Psalm 78:1-4,12-16	Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 22:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>1<sup>st</sup> SERVICE</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>8.30am HC</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	D Schild	M Tohl	D Lockwood
<b>Ushers</b>	M Tohl A Francis	D&V Schild	D&A Shillabeer
<b>Greeters</b>	Jan & Garry Hodgson	B & J Bart	K Golder & Jane Hill
<b>Greeters</b>		A Francis	Dawn Herbig
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Holly Paech	Colin Schultz	Marsh Family
<b>Music</b>	Greg Lockwood	Trevor Wegener	Charmaine Milburn
<b>Sound</b>	James Ziersch	Simon Milburn	David Schild
<b>Computer</b>	Judith Paech	Julianne Ferris	Val Schild
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SERVICE</b>	<b>10.30am HC</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>10.30am HC</b>
<b>Elder/Pastr Ast</b>	M Hutchinson	A Curtis	D Kuchel
<b>Ushers</b>	G Foyle S Steven	Kupke family A Gogel	K&W Przibilla
<b>Greeters</b>	Hermesen family	J & S O'Higgins	T & G Weinert
<b>Greeters</b>	A & N Heinrich	V McNeil	A & B Todd
<b>Reading 1 &amp; 2</b>	Lockwood family	Ali Schultz	Sharon Steven
<b>Music</b>	Casey Work	Leanne Mibus	Sue Kupke
<b>Sound</b>	Dale Cavies	Steve Crowder	Andre Kleinig
<b>Computer</b>	Kupke family	Vicki McNeil	Janice Cecil
<b>Cleaning/Flowers</b>	Val Schild, T Grieger	J Pfeiffer, B Schultz	L Marshall, R Kowald
<b>Vacuuming</b>	Vacuuming Yes	Vacuuming, Yes	No Vacuuming
<b>Clean btwn Servs</b>	B Paech, J Hodgson	S O'Higgins W Kuchel	J & R Paech
<b>Visiting</b>	B Paech J Girdham	K Golder Dawn Herbig	K Golder Dawn Herbig
<b>Morning Tea</b>	V Schild J Ferris A Strauss	M Miller E Lauener C Lockwood	V Schild Y Menz E Marsh

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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](mailto: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