

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome

We warmly welcome all of you here today for our worship, which will include the Installation of our Sunday School Teachers, Yvonne, Carol and Elissa.

If you would like to talk further about faith in Christ or the Church, please contact our Pastor. After worship you are invited to stay for a cuppa and meet our members or Pastor. Please feel free to write your name and address in the visitor's book

Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am

Sunday School at 9:45am fortnightly

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Our Mission

Being fed with the grace of the Triune God through His Word and Sacraments, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is called to share this Bread of Life with the spiritually hungry of our community

Entry Psalm: Psalm 91:1,2,9-16

Leader: *Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty,*

People: can say to him, "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust."

You have made the Lord your defender, the Most high your protector, And so no disaster will strike you, no violence will come near your home.

God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands to keep you from hurting your feet on the stones.

You will trample down lions and snakes, fierce lions and poisonous snakes..

God says, "I will save those who love me and will protect those who know me as Lord.

When they call to me, I will answer them; when they are in trouble, I will be with them. I will rescue them and honour them.

I will reward them with long life; I will save them."



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for strength in temptation.

Almighty and merciful God, your Son fasted in the desert and was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Protect us when we are tempted, and help us to resist the devil by trusting in your word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Thank-offering for the mighty acts of God

Romans 10:8b-13 The Christian confession: Jesus is Lord

Luke 4:1-13 Jesus tempted

Prayers of God's People

- For those dealing with changing circumstances and many other issues: Margaret & Ernest Klenner, Vickery Family, Amelia Chrulew and family, Elfrida Kaszanski and family, Roslyn, Lois & Jye, Rihi and family (Carmen's daughter).
- For those dealing with health issues: Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Theresa Toborsky, Selma Hohol, Kaila Nosow, Jutta Chrulew and Klaus Hornscheidt.
- For the elderly parents of Lucinda (Joan & Peter) who have both been in hospital in SA.
- For our Sunday School Teachers, Yvonne, Carol and Elissa
- For all who face temptations or trials that seem too great for them
- For those who have undertaken fasting or opportunities for extra service during Lent, that they may be strengthened
- For young Christians, that they may be strengthened against the temptation of unbelief
- For those preparing for baptism or confirmation at Easter
- For all who believe, that they may not be put to shame
- For those who are hungry or homeless, that they may not be tempted to despair



Ladies Fellowship Meeting Saturday 20th of February - 9:30am

All ladies are invited to a planning meeting to arrange the program, and to decide on financial directions for

4th-6th—LCAWA District Mission & Ministry Festival "Grow and Go" Hosted by Rockingham Mandurah Lutheran Church

Location: Living Waters Lutheran College, Halls Head Campus
Corner of Karon Vista and Waxflower Vista, Halls Head



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Monday 15th	Matthew 13:1-17
Tuesday 16th	Matthew 13:18-23
Wednesday 17th	Matthew 13:24-30
Thursday 18th	Matthew 13:31-35
Friday 19th	Matthew 13:36-43
Saturday 20th	Psalms 27

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 14 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Wednesday 17 th	7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Devotion
Sunday 21 st	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Wednesday 24 th	7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Devotion
Sunday 28 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Bookings: Visit us on the Web at www.morley.wa.lca.org.au or email us at bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au

Bookings—Other Events	
Sun 14th February	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 21st February	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 28th February	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Lent — February 21st, (purple)

Readings: (Genesis 15:1-12,17,18, Philippians 3:17-4:1,
Luke 13:31-35)

Flowers: Lesley

Cleaners: Wills & King Family

All Items, etc for the “Bethlehem Bulletin” should be given or emailed to Lorraine at bulletin@morley.wa.lca.org.au by Wednesday afternoon

Installation of the 2016 Sunday School teachers:

During today's service we will be installing Mrs Elissa Farr, Mrs Carol Schmeiss and Mrs Yvonne Giersch into the all important positions of Sunday School teachers, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Morley.



The rite facilitates their installation in the power of God's name and prayers and blessing for their work. Please pray regularly for Elissa, Carol and Yvonne, including that through their work God will teach their students to fear, love and trust Jesus Christ as their saviour.

Pray for our students that they may hear of God's love and of his saving grace.

Mid week Lenten devotions and retiring offering for Mick Hauser's work at Martin Luther Seminary, Lae PNG.

We will meet on Wednesday nights during Lent at 7:00PM for Lenten devotions (except 2 March 2016 when Pastor Matt is at district Pastor's conference). Typically these services go for around 45 minutes and include prayer, Scripture, a brief message and song.

In keeping with the sacrificial and thanksgiving nature of the season, Church Council has decided that a retiring offering will be held each service. The proceeds will support Mr Michael Hauser in his work in the PNG's Lutheran Seminary in Lae. Michael was placed by the LCA into this position last August with the agreement of the ELCPNG.

He serves in this important mission field by teaching PNG's future Lutheran pastors in the areas of systematic theology and historical studies. All donations will be forwarded directly to LCA Mission International and earmarked for Mick's work. For more details on Mick's work, or to join his blog see:

<http://www.lcamission.org.au/2015/08/20/meet-mick/>



What's Lent all about?

If you missed Ash Wednesday's service, you might find the following information useful from that service order. Please speak to Pastor Matt if you want to know more.

The name Lent probably derived from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning spring, the time when the days lengthen. The early Christians remembered with special devotions the forty hours during which our Saviour lay in the tomb. The period of commemoration was later extended to two weeks..., and eventually, in recognition of the forty days of our Lord's temptation, to forty days. Since Sundays were never fast days, being in Lent but not of Lent, four weekdays were added to the six weeks and this ... finally fixed the season as forty fasting days...

The medieval observance of Lent with its rigours and efforts at appeasement was a tragic relapse from the joy of early Christians in completed redemption to the fear and uncertainty of pre-Christian thought. Much of this is felt in the propers [prayers and readings] of the Sundays. Some of these seem to have been chosen in line with the medieval conception of fasting, penitence, and good works in the spirit of work-righteousness and the hope of acquiring "merit" before God.

However, even with the medieval atmosphere still pervading it, the season of Lent has demonstrated positive values for the post-Reformation church...

[But] Whether we fully realize it or not, the church has made a major shift in emphasis from the sense of joy and triumph felt by the early Christians in the long celebration of Eastertide to the sombre contemplation of Christ's sufferings and death and the subjective stress upon personal penitence and self-discipline which pervade the lengthy observance of Lententide. In this, as in other matters, we might well discard the garments of mourning and put on again the robes of victory worn by the pre-Roman church.

[Hence] The Lutheran observance of Lent is commemorative and emulative as well as penitential. It regards the season as a time of special spiritual opportunity to contemplate the Passion of Christ as an incentive for self-examination, repentance, and growth in faith and grace.

Taken from, with minor revisions by Pastor Matt:

Reed, Luther D, 1947. *The Lutheran Liturgy* (revised edition), Fortress Press, Philadelphia PA, pp 490-491.

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.



1.	U	M	H	R	B	R		A	D	J	S	P	O
2.	Z	F	P	E	W	O		L	D	Q	Y	X	V
3.	J	I	H	E	B	D		S	E	R	T	S	W
4.	M	R	C	Y	H	A		T	O	N	E	R	X
5.	B	L	S	A	R	M		U	N	G	R	Y	G
6.	M	W	O	R	S	H		P	T	R	Z	X	J
7.	R	Z	C	T	E	M		T	E	D	Q	R	Q
8.	T	K	A	N	G	E		S	P	Y	I	Y	X

DESERT
TEMPTED

HUNGRY
STONE

BREAD
WORSHIP

WORLD
ANGELS

This week in your LCA

LOVE DRIVES OUT ALL FEAR

Buai is a Lutheran evangelist in northern Thailand. For centuries the Lua people have lived in fear of the spirits, and under the power of spirit doctors who have a vested interest in promoting fear. A new Christian, Buai has already committed her life to bringing to her people the good news of freedom in Jesus. You can read her story on your LCA website **www.lca.org.au**. You share in her ministry through your support for LCA International Mission **www.lca.org.au/international-mission**

*Love drives out
all fear*



A GOOD YARN



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