

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14th, 2016

Welcome

We warmly welcome all of you here today for our worship. 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. You are also warmly invited to sign our visitor's book.

Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am

Sunday School at 9:45am
fortnightly in term time —

NOT TODAY

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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 80:1,2,8-19

*Leader: Listen to us, O Shepherd of Israel; hear us, leader of your flock.
Seated on your throne above the winged creatures,*

People: Reveal yourself to the tribes of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Show us your strength; come and save us!

You brought a grapevine out of Egypt; you drove out other nations and planted it in their land.

You cleared a place for it to grow; its roots went deep, and it spread out over the whole land.

It covered the hills with its shade; its branches overshadowed the giant cedars.

It extended its branches to the Mediterranean Sea and as far as the River Euphrates.

Why did you break down the fences round it? Now anyone passing by can steal its grapes;

Wild pigs trample it down, and wild animals feed on it.

Turn to us, Almighty God! Look down from heaven at us; come and save your people!

Come and save this grapevine that you planted, this young vine you made grow so strong!

Our enemies have set it on fire and cut it down; look at them in anger and destroy them!

Preserve and protect the people you have chosen, the nation you make so strong.

We will never turn away from you again: keep us alive, and we will praise you.

Bring us back, Lord God Almighty.

Show us your mercy, and we will be saved.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for endurance.

Jesus, our guide and our goal, keep our eyes fixed on you.

Encourage us to persevere in running the race that you have set before us, and strengthen us to overcome all obstacles. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of the vineyard

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

The great cloud of witnesses

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus the cause of division



Fire on earth. Family division. Not peace on earth. These are all claims Jesus Christ makes about his ministry in our gospel and sermon text this week from Luke 12:49-56. They are harsh words. Not very Gospel it seems... hardly consistent with the angelic announcement in the fields of Bethlehem of 'peace on

earth to those on whom his favour rests' (Luke 2:14b). Especially shocking after the 'do not worry' in only verse 22 of the same chapter. It's all part of what can be really confusing about Jesus, Christianity and the church, for believer and non-believer alike. So today, we'll look at what is going on here and also make sure we hear Jesus' grace within these words.

50:500 congregational history competition: On 29 October 2016 The LCA will celebrate 50 years since the two main Lutheran synods officially united and became the Lutheran Church of Australia. In the lead up the Lutheran Archives is running a competition for youth of LCA congregations to tell their congregation's story. A couple of our Bethlehem youth have enthusiastically embraced this opportunity, already setting to work behind the scenes to plan and prepare for what is likely to be a short film or other multimedia presentation. You will soon be asked to help share some memories and past work in this area, and help shape the final product. Moreover, there are plenty opportunities for any other 13-16 year old Bethlehem members to join the research team - just let Pastor Matt know! A poster with details about the competition is on the notice board and the LCA's website.

A fortnight ago we welcomed Sandy and Ettiene Quayle into membership, along with their two children Benjamin and Jessica. We have not yet had a chance to mention this in our bulletin - so here it is! We praise God that he has brought the Quayle family to be served and serve with us at Bethlehem (1 Cor 3:7).

Today we farewell John and Corrin McLean who return to Port Macquarie in NSW after an extended stay in Perth to help family. We have been blessed to have them worship with us at Bethlehem.

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Pastor's Pen cont.....

As we approach our AGM please prayerfully consider how you might be able to serve in the Lord's mission here at Bethlehem. The nominations committee of myself, John Theodorsen and Wally Chrulew are commencing work and are available to discuss how you see yourself using and developing your God given gifts to His glory.

Advance notice re road closures on Sunday 4 September

2016: Perth is hosting a major international cycling event that will result in some road closures on **Sunday 4 September**. Some of them may affect our members who use **Reid Hwy/Gt NorthernHwy/West Swan Rd** and whom also need to cross Roe Hwy (it looks as if Gt Eastern Hwy under Roe Hwy at Midland **will not** be affected). We will aim to provide more information on when roads might be opened. But please look into this at :

<https://www.granfondoworldchampsperth.com.au/road-closures> and see what 'work arounds', if any, you may need to plan for. A map has been placed on our notice board.



ALWS earns top accreditation

Written by: [LCA Communications](#)—by Lisa McIntosh

28-07-2016

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) has achieved the highest accreditation possible from the Australian Government as a not-for-profit agency.

The accreditation follows a thorough review of aid and development agencies carried out every five years by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and results are linked to government funding and viability. The process aims to give the public confidence that the government is funding well-managed, professional, accountable organisations capable of delivering quality development outcomes.

If agencies pass the review, they receive one of two levels of accreditation – base or full. Full accreditation provides capped funding, along with access to a share of pooled funding which varies annually, depending on government budget allocations.

The full accreditation confirms ALWS is a highly effective organisation which meets strict criteria across a range of areas. Criteria address issues of accountability and transparency, program management, approaches to partnership, risk management and ethical communications and fundraising

See full article at:<http://www.lca.org.au/alws-earns-top-accreditation.html>



Young Adult - Bible Study Group

Next Nights:

Sunday, 14 August 2016

Thursday, 25 August 2016

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Held At:

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church
29 Robinson Road Morley WA**

Keep Up To Date At:

**[www.facebook.com/
LutheranYouthWA](http://www.facebook.com/LutheranYouthWA)**

This event is open to anyone between the ages of 18 - 36 and focuses on growing your knowledge of the Bible. If you are a young adult with a desire to grow your faith by deeply studying God's Word and hear what it has to say, then we encourage you to come along. There is a light supper provided on the night. These sessions are run fortnightly alternating between 2 Thursdays and a Sunday and cover a range of different topics.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more info contact:

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ALC (Australian Lutheran College) is pleased to announce that our 2016 Evening Class program which will run every Tuesday night in September (6,13,20 & 27) 7.00pm – 9.30pm will include an **online webinar option** for those who live interstate and cannot attend on campus.

The webinar topic is 'Theology in the public square: refugees, asylum seekers and border control' and will be taken by Rev Dr Stephen Haar. See the 'Grassroots' tab at alc.edu.au for more details and to register (\$30).

Word Search Puzzle

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

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A I T A E R G P I O N E E R
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Word List

PERSEVERANCE DISREGARDING SURROUNDED WITNESSES
THEREFORE PERFECTER PIONEER LOOKING HEBREWS
ENDURED CLOSELY WEIGHT THRONE CLINGS BEFORE
TAKEN SINCE SHAME RIGHT JESUS GREAT FAITH EVERY
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HIM HAS GOD TO BY

Prayer Points



- “ Thanksgiving that Jesus has borne the 'fire' of judgement that should have fallen on all people (Luke 12:50)
- “ For all families: those united in faith and those divided; that Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith will build, protect and sustain faith (Hebrews 12:2)
- “ That the church may wisely interpret the present times and be skilled in making Christ's love known (Luke 12:56)
- “ That our witness and actions will bear a crop of good 'grapes/ fruits' (Isaiah 5:2)
- “ (Related to the above) For God's care and provision for our breakfast club involvement at Hampton Senior High School (Psalm 145:15)
- “ Encouragement for those persecuted in their faith (Hebrews 11:35-40)
- “ God's peace wherever violence and hatred reigns on this earth (Isaiah 11:6)
- “ Thanksgiving for John and Corrin McLean as they return back to Pt Macquarie NSW (Ps 121:8)
- “ For our nominations committee (Pastor, John Theodorsen and Wally Chrulew) as it meets this Wednesday night (1 Cor 12:4/14:12)
- “ For all people in need, and the sick, hurting or anxious in our congregation (Matt 11:28)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- “ **Those dealing with health issues:** Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew, Carmen Lawson, Roslyn Zadow and Tristram Van Rooyen.
- “ **Those facing challenging circumstances:** Margaret and Ernst Klenner, Amelia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family, Helga's family: Des and Susanne.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 15th	Romans 8:1-11
Tuesday 16th	Romans 8:12-17
Wednesday 17th	Romans 8:18-25
Thursday 18th	Romans 8:26-30
Friday 19th	Romans 8:31-39
Saturday 20th	Psalm 71:1-6

Questions about attending Holy Communion in the Lutheran Church?

‘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.’

Come to this sacrament:

- as a sinner who wants God’s forgiveness;
- as a baptised believer who trusts that Jesus died for the forgiveness of sin;
- as a guest who humbly accepts what Jesus gives — his true body and blood with the bread and wine ;
- as a witness who gladly joins in this public confession of the death of Christ.

Should you not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may remain in your pew or come to the altar to receive a blessing - crossing your arms to signify your intention.

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 14th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship Ladies Fellowship Trading Table
Sunday 21st	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Thursday 25th	7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Sunday 28th	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 August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 20th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Sun 21st August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 27th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 21st, (Green)

Readings: (Jeremiah 1:4-10, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17)

Flowers: Margrette K

Cleaners: Giersch Family

All Items for the “Bethlehem Bulletin”, please email to Lorraine (lschutz99@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.