

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 21st, 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 —
ON 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 71:1-6

Leader: Lord, I have come to you for protection; never let me be defeated!

People: Because you are righteous, help me and rescue me. Listen to me and save me!

Be my secure shelter and a strong fortress to protect me; you are my refuge and defence.

My God, rescue me from wicked men, from the power of cruel and evil men.

Lord, I put my hope in you; I have trusted in you since I was young.

I have relied on you all my life; you have protected me since the day I was born. I will always praise you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we please God with our worship.

Thank you, great and loving God, for bringing us into your presence with the angels and all your people. Fill us with joy as we come to receive good gifts from you. 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.

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

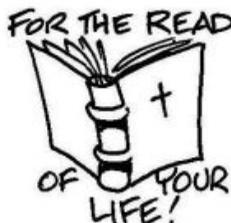
The Lord calls Jeremiah

Hebrews 12:18-29

Mount Sinai and Mount Zion contrasted

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath





Jeremiah was a young man when the Lord called him to be a prophet to the kingdom of Judah (and 'the nations' - Jer 1:5) in the 40 years before Judah's exile to Babylon in 587 BC. He was worried about what he would say, offering up the excuse of his youth (Jer 1:6). Humanly, Jeremiah's concern is under-

standable. But it was Divine initiative at work here and therefore able to overcome all obstacles. Hence the Lord comforted him, promising: "Do not be afraid... for I am with you and will rescue you" (Jer 1:8). With that he also put his words in Jeremiah's mouth (Jer 1:9). Naturally, we tend to put our humanly understood abilities (and resulting limitations) ahead of God's reality when we think of what is possible in his kingdom. So today, we'll look at how God's word also works in our life to bring us into Godly vocations. In these vocations we serve him and his creation in confidence, although as with Jeremiah, not necessarily without trial!

50:500 congregational history competition: Straight after the service today our youth who have entered this competition will **briefly** be advising you of the next steps and **asking for your help**.

Background: On 29 October 2016 the LCA will celebrate 50 years since the two main Lutheran synods 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. There are still opportunities for any other 13-16 year old Bethlehem members to join the research team - just let Pastor Matt or Lucinda know! A poster with details about the competition is on the notice board and the LCA's website (also the reverse of the handout you will receive today).

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 have commenced work and are available to discuss how you see yourself using and developing your God given gifts to His glory.

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Pastor's Pen cont.....

Young Adult GROW Bible/Faith study: 7:30pm 25 August 2016 at Bethlehem Morley. We will finish looking at the parables of Matthew 13, and the importance of language therein.

50th anniversary of the dedication of Bethlehem Lutheran Church **Hermannsburg NT** and 120th anniversary of the old church in historical precinct: 25 September 2016. Please see the notice board for details.

This week I will be at the **SANT district pastor's conference** in Adelaide for part of the week. All WA pastors are attending in what is a new initiative designed to facilitate a closer interaction with the rest of the LCA. I can be contacted through the usual means

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 Northern Hwy/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.granfondonworldchampsperth.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. Also look at Main Roads website.





Greeting cards for sale in the foyer.
Handmade cards with Bible verses or Christian messages are available in the foyer. All proceeds to Hannah Schulz's Bible translation work in Gulf Province, PNG.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church AGM

Our congregation is having its AGM on Sunday the
18th of September after the service

This meeting is an important opportunity for members to participate in the work of the congregation, and be directly involved in our future planning.

Nomination are now open for a number of positions that will be elected at the meeting. These are:

- Chairperson (1)*
- Vice-chairperson (1)*
- Secretary (1)
- Treasurer (1)
- Additional members of the Church Council (at least 2)*
- Lay- Assistants*
- Members of the Property Committee (2)*
- Auditors (2)*
- Lay-Readers*
- Sunday School Superintendent (1)

We are very keen to get a broad involvement of members from across our congregation in the Church Council and other roles, and I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to whether you can serve in this way. Positions noted with an **asterisk** above, currently have no nominations (or fewer nominations than the available positions) and we are very keen to receive nominations for these so that we have a full complement for the year ahead.

If you would like to know more about what is involved with these positions, please feel free to speak with myself, Pastor Matt or one of the existing Church Council members.

If you have any items (reports, etc.) for inclusion in the Annual Report I ask that you get these to me by **Friday 2 September** to allow time to prepare and print the report. You can email items to me at john@theodorsen.com.au

John Theodorsen
Secretary, Church Council



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Calvary Kids Pages www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-index

Amos, Chronicles, Daniel, Deuteronomy, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra, Genesis, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Job, Joel, Jonah, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Lamentations, Leviticus, Malachi, Micah, Nahum, Nehemiah, Numbers, Obadiah, Proverbs, Psalms, Ruth, Samuel, Song of Solomon, Zechariah, Zephaniah

Prayer Points



- .. Thanksgiving for the power of God's word that uproots, tears down, destroys, overthrows, builds and plants (Jer 1:10)
- .. That we may faithfully trust in God as we serve him in the vocations he has placed us in (Jer 1:7)
- .. Thanksgiving for Bishop Henderson and District Bishop Pfeiffer (Heb 1:7)
- .. God's protection and guidance of the SA/NT district pastor's convention that WA pastor's will be attending next week (Jer 1:7-8)
- .. Grace and protection for all working in prison chaplaincy, and that the spiritual and other needs of prisoners and victims of crime will be met (Heb 13:3 / Ps 71:1)
- .. That God will protect all marriages and bring people everywhere to honour and support his institution (Heb 13:4)
- .. For those in our congregation and community that are sick, anxious, distressed, grieving, overworked, embittered and lonely (Psalm 71:5)

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 22nd	Romans 9:1-18
Tuesday 23rd	Romans 9:19-33
Wednesday 24th	Romans 10:1-13
Thursday 25th	Romans 10:14-21
Friday 26th	Romans 11:1-12
Saturday 27th	Psalm 81:1, 10-16

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 21 st	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Thursday 25 th	7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Sunday 28 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
September	
Sunday 4 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 21st August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 27th August	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Sun 28th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 3rd Sept	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost — August 28th, (Green)

Readings: (Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15, 16, Luke 14:1,7-14)

Flowers: Kea

Cleaners: Dube Family

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