

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28th, 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 81:1, 10-16

Leader: "Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good; his love is eternal!" Repeat these words in praise to the LORD, all you whom he has saved.

**People: "Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good;
his love is eternal!"**

He has rescued you from your enemies and has brought you back from foreign countries, from east and west, from north and south.

**"Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good;
his love is eternal!"**

Some wandered in the trackless desert and could not find their way to a city to live in. They were hungry and thirsty and had given up all hope. Then in their trouble they called to the LORD, and he saved them from their distress. He led them by a straight road to a city where they could live.

**"Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good;
his love is eternal!"**

We must thank the LORD for his constant love, for the wonderful things he did for us. He satisfies those who are thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

**"Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good;
his love is eternal!"**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we may offer ourselves to God.

Lord God, your Son humbled himself in obedience to your will and gave up his life for us. Transform and renew us within. Help us not to be conformed to this world, but to dedicate ourselves to you, and do what pleases 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 2:4-13

God accuses Israel of turning away from him

Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16

Obligations in community, home, and church

Luke 14:1,7-14

Humility and hospitality



Many of us will be familiar with the first commandment that simply says: "You shall have no other gods". Many of us will also be familiar with how subtly the other gods of our lives at first present, then before we know it, in effect takeover. Idolatry is the chief topic of our Old Testament reading and sermon text from

Jeremiah 2:4-13 today. "Hear the word of the Lord..." is how it starts. In it God takes us through the charges against his people in this regard. It drips with hurt, pathos, rejection and incredulity. We need to hear that. To hear what the Lord has done for us and how he has loved us, and therefore why our idolatry is so wrenching. To hear how idolatry makes the idolator just like the idol: worthless (Jer 2:5). But we also need to hear that God's very address of this matter is indeed part of his deep care, commitment and concern for us... to go out of one's way to address with your child what is the most tetchy of topics (with the risk of further rejection and hurt) shows God's grace and commitment to us knows no bounds, in its effort to bring us back to worship of the one true God.

'Confirmation' starts here at Bethlehem next week **Friday 2 September from 6-8pm**. Our class of seven and their parents/carers will be undertaking the first of our two part Bible introduction module (and building a little of our Ten Commandments memory palace). To the class: please bring your Bible and \$5 for your Small Catechism if you have not paid already.

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.

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 in your LCA



Story of the Week

Lunch first for young campers

Ninety Victorians made history on 29 June, but it had nothing to do with the upcoming federal election or end of the financial year! Read the story on your LCA website www.lca.org.au



What great opportunities we have been given through the media the share the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

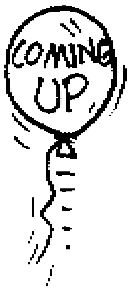
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Greeting cards for sale in the foyer.

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

DON'T FORGET ROAD CLOSURES SUNDAY SEPT 4th

Information available at :

<https://www.granfondonworldchampsperth.com.au/road-closures>

or Main Roads website.

Word Search Puzzle

from www.geocities.com/lectionarypuzzles/
words in a straight line in all directions

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(Hebrews 13:1-8)

HOSPITALITY FORNICATORS ENTERTAINED YOURSELVES CONFIDENCE
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Prayer Points



- .. Thanks giving that God cares enough about us to give us his word (Jeremiah 2:4)
- .. Forgiveness for our sin of idolatry (Jeremiah 2:13)
- .. That the Holy Spirit would lead us to put God first in all we do (Jeremiah 3:14)
- .. God's grace as Tim Ross of the LCA Professional Standards Unit and Christine Materne of LCA Church Worker Support continue to settle into their new responsibilities (Hebrews 13:20-21)
- .. That our hospitality would be unbiased and we would not forget to 'entertain strangers' (Hebrews 13:2)
- .. That marriages everywhere will be strengthened and upheld (Genesis 2:22)
- .. For the 45th Parliament of Australia which commences on Tuesday 30 August (Hebrews 13:17)
- .. That as we approach our 18 September AGM all in Bethlehem Morley would have the attitude and servant nature of Christ (Phil 2:5;7)
- .. That John and Roslyn Zadow will have a blessed and rejuvenating break and come back to us safely (Genesis 2:2)
- .. That as we pray for all who are sick, anxious, depressed, lonely and grieving, they will know of the unsurprising peace of Christ (Phil 4:7)

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 29th	Romans 11:13-24
Tuesday 30th	Romans 11:25-36
Wednesday 31st	Romans 12:1-8
Thursday Sep 1st	Romans 12:9-21
Friday 2nd	Romans 13:1-7
Saturday 3rd	Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

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 28th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

September

Sunday 4th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Sunday 11th 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 28th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 3rd Sept	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Sun 4th August	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 10th Sept	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost — September 4th, (Green)

Readings: (Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33)

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Dube Family

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