

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4th, 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 139: 1-6,13-18

Leader: Lord, you have examined me and you know me.

People: You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts.

You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions.

Even before I speak, you already know what I will say.

You are all round me on every side; you protect me with your power.

Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding.

You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my heart.

When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there

You saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began.

O God, how difficult I find your thoughts; how many of them there are!

If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we follow Jesus.

Jesus, our light and life, make us ready to turn away from everything else that claims our allegiance, and follow you as our only Saviour. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 18:1-11 The potter

Philemon 1-21 A personal appeal to Philemon

Luke 14:25-33 The cost of being a disciple



It's not often that 85 per cent of a single Bible book is one of the texts set down for a Sunday. That's what we have this week as we look at Paul's brief but Christ-filled pastoral letter to **Philemon**. In it we see Paul working out of Christ's grace to encourage Philemon to be free himself, from his hold over his

'slave' Onesimus. The letter drips with encouragement, grace and the reminder of Christ's own intercession to the Father on our behalf. A key section: 'Therefore in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love...' (Philemon 8-9a).

Thanks to everyone who has prayerfully considered various requests from our nominations committee or made offers as we approach our AGM on 18 September. Your responses have been very encouraging and continue to show the depth of the heart for the Gospel here at Bethlehem. It is anticipated that most AGM reports will be available next weekend.

Resurrection Garden: The bulbs planted by the Bethlehem kids on Easter Sunday in the garden beds behind the Sunday School rooms are going 'gangbusters'. Take the time today to visit this beautiful reminder of the life God has given us in Christ, and the joy we receive in his beautiful creation. 'Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made' (John 1:3).

Can you help? The Hampton Senior High breakfast on Thursday mornings has been growing steadily and Bethlehem's provision of milo, eggs and labour has been gratefully received. From a Christian perspective the fact we are able to be on site echoes Jesus' own ministry of presence - Matthew 1:23 (and see Philippians 2:13). With the procedures settling down and our assistance a vital part of their operations, it would be terrific if we were able to grow our pool of three Bethlehem helpers even to the point of developing a roster. But the breakfast is held at an awkward time for many - from around 7:40am to 9am. Obviously, this cuts out lots of our members who are completing school drop offs or working. But please let me know if you might be available to help occasionally. Perhaps you have some capacity to re-arrange a current routine? All the cooking is simple, and the team at Hampton very welcoming. You will need a current Working with Children Check (not hard to organise).

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Pastor's pen cont...

Hannah Schulz and her work as a Bible translator in Gulf Province PNG features in this week's LCA story of the week. For those who don't know, Hannah attended Bethlehem when her dad, Pastor Ray was pastor here, and we support her through efforts such as our fortnightly after service winter soup. A full copy of the story has been placed on the notice board, but you can read it online at www.lca.org.au

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.



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.

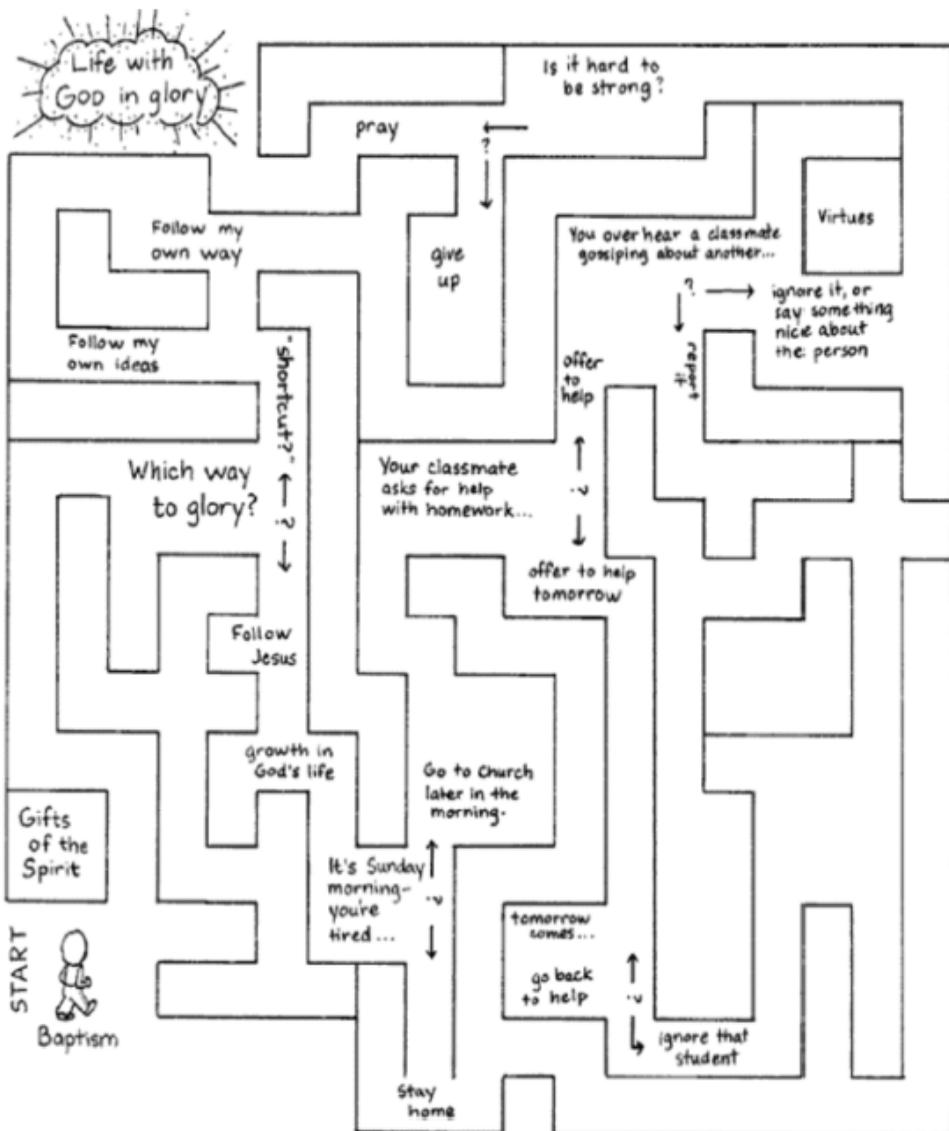


Fathers Day

Fathers have an awesome task
To show what love is made of
So when their children look at them
They'll see the heart of God
And grow to want to know God more
To walk in all His ways
To learn from their Father's wisdom
And be taught how to pray.

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OUTSIDE THE *comfort zone*



When Bible translator Hanna Schultz goes to live and work in a remote Papua New Guinea village for approximately two months out of every four, she goes without mains power and water, a fridge, air-conditioning and a flushing toilet. The weather is 'hot or hotter, sweaty or sweatier' and mosquitoes are a constant pest.

And yet Hanna, who recently came home to Australia for four months of biennial furlough, says the country of her birth is a much tougher mission field than PNG.

'In PNG people want to talk about spirituality, they want to know about God, they want the Bible', says Hanna. 'I think it's a much harder mission field and life in Australia as you've got all the comforts. It's easy to forget that we actually are reliant on God, because there's so much around us that we can lean on instead.'

For her first three years in PNG, Hanna worked with a dozen different languages, helping on different projects. In the past year she has settled into working on one language with one tribe – the Kope people in the Gulf Province village of Ubuo'o. There are 3500 Kope across seven villages in a nation of 7.5 million people.

PNG has four official national languages, but more than 840 tongues in total – more than 10 per cent of the languages in the world. More than 200 language groups do not have a Bible in a translation

they can understand, so the need for translators and support staff is great.

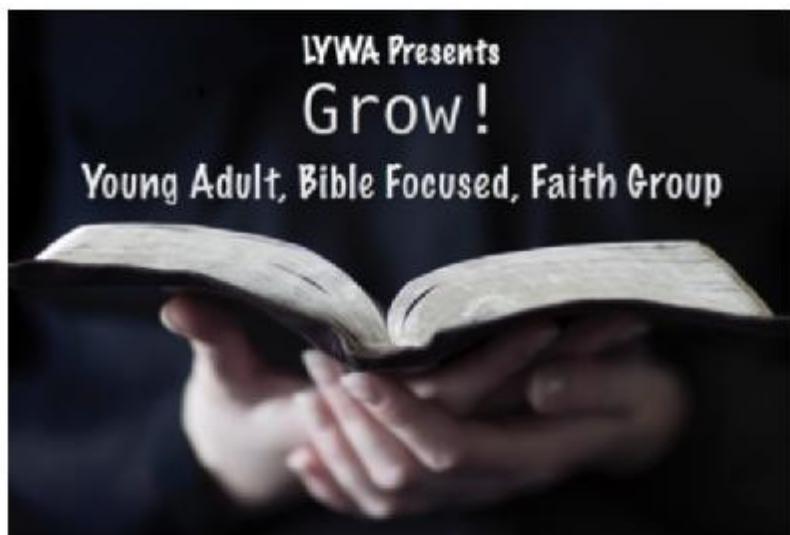
Hanna, who has qualifications in social sciences, theology and linguistics, is backed by the LCA's Lutheran Bible Translators Australia (LBTA) under LCA International Mission and Wycliffe Australia. Her work relies on donations from congregations, individuals and groups, including women's guilds, back in Australia.

Hanna wants to encourage people in whatever mission they are called to. 'Don't put me on a pedestal. Yes, I'm doing God's work where I am using the gifts I've been given, but so are people here (in Australia)', she says. 'It's not a lesser mission or a greater mission; it's God's mission and we participate in that wherever we are with the skills we're given.'

To learn more about Hanna, visit her blog at blessingsandbubbles.blogspot.com.au



To support her or others involved in Bible translation work, or to find out how to become involved, contact: Lutheran Bible Translators Australia
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Young Adult - Bible Study Group

Next Nights:

Thursday, 8 September 2016

Sunday, 25 September 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.

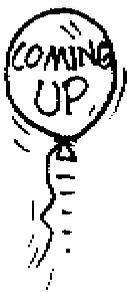
We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.

John Theodorsen
Secretary, Church Council

We thank God for grace and safety in the birth of Zoe Louise Rogers, born Sunday 28 August 2016, a daughter to Ben and Kayla and sister to Michael. 7lbs, 48cms. 'Zoe' is the Greek word for life and is used abundantly in the New Testament, especially in relation to the new life we have in Christ. Please keep the Rogers family in your prayers.

Prayer Points



- “ Thanksgiving that Christ sets us free from slavery to sin (Matt 11:28)
- “ That God would reshape us to be his willing agents of reconciliation (Philemon vv 9,17)
- “ God's encouragement for Pastor Paul Kerber, Assistant to the Bishop, Reconciliation Ministry (2 Cor 5:18-20)
- “ For all who are enslaved in all the world's forms of slavery and abuse (Philemon vv 4,10)
- “ That all in the LCA may be agent's of the Lord's peace and grow in their understanding of the Word and Christ's grace (Philemon v6)
- “ Thanks giving for the safe arrival of Zoe Louise Rogers (Ps 126:3) and that God would sustain Kayla and Ben (Numbers 6:24-26)
- “ God's guidance of our confirmation instruction that we may present every participant 'complete in Christ' (Colossians 2:28)
- “ For God's mercy and comfort for all who are sick, mourning, facing surgery or anxious (Philemon v25).

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 5th	Romans 13:8-14
Tuesday 6th	Romans 14:1-12
Wednesday 7th	Romans 14:13-23
Thursday 8th	Romans 15:1-13
Friday 9th	Romans 15:14-24
Saturday 10th	Psalms 14

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 4th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Thursday 8th	7:30pm Young Adults GROW faith/Bible study
Friday 9th	6-8pm Confirmation study
Sunday 11th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 18th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship 11-1pm Bethlehem AGM

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 4th Sept	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 10th Sept	4:15-6:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal
Sun 11th Sept	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 18th Sept	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost — September 11th, (Green)

Readings:(Jeremiah 4:11,12,22-28, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10)

Flowers: Susan

Cleaners: Kroeger Family

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