

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25th, 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 91:1-6,14-16

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.”

He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly diseases.

He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you.

You need not fear any dangers at night or sudden attacks during the day

Or the plagues that strike in the dark or the evils that kill in daylight.

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 that we help other people.

God, the giver of all good gifts, teach us to be understanding and compassionate to all people, whatever their needs, and to share with them the good things you have provided. 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 32:1-3a,6-15

Jeremiah buys some land

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Pastoral advice to Timothy

Luke 16:19-31

Parable of the rich man and Lazarus



Consistent with the readings in this part of the three year Bible reading cycle, this week the epistle (1 Timothy 6:6-19) and Gospel (Luke 16:19-31- The story of the rich man and Lazarus) concern themselves in a large way with money and possessions... especially a right posture toward God and them,

where we realise God has given us good things not to make us slaves to them, but to equip us to be servants of all. At the foundation of both texts is a call to trust in God (and therefore listen to Him). Trust in God is exactly the theme of our Psalm this week - Psalm 91. So today we will take a look on how the Psalmist characterises this trust in God that feeds, encourages, revives and sustains us.

Confirmation learning takes a break over the school holidays. We return in term four with back-to-back Saturday afternoon seminars entitled, 'Jesus: Lord and Saviour'. During the seminars we will go through what the Scriptures tell us about Jesus' birth, life, preaching, teaching, miracles, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, and look at what all this means to us for our personal salvation. The seminars run from 2-5PM; **Part I is 15 October and Part II is 22 October**. An afternoon tea break is included (of course!) These seminars are open to all members and friends of the congregation, but please advise me first of your attendance, so that I can give you a little context on how they operate.

Young Adults GROW Bible/Faith study **tonight from 7:30** at Bethlehem, looks at Luther's reformation breakthrough, and goes under the working title: *God's word of promise*: indulgences, the conscience and the heart of Luther's reformation breakthrough.

A big thanks to all who prepared and presented reports for our AGM, and to everyone who attended. Thank you also to past office holders and those who have made themselves available to serve in the year ahead. In due course all office holders will be installed into their position through a brief prayer rite during the Divine Service. 'Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.' Psalm 40:5



The period from late **October to late November** will be a busy and exciting time for Bethlehem Morley. Bethlehem Council invites you to please put the following dates in your diary - note, it is not envisaged the services will be longer than usual; they just have a special theme!



9:30AM Sunday 30 October: Celebration of **50 years** since the formation of the **Lutheran Church of Australia**. This will be a special service of thanksgiving, which among other things will focus on songs and music home-grown in the LCA, including some with very close connections to Bethlehem Morley today.

9:30AM Sunday 6 November: All Saints Day commemoration. During this service we will have a time of prayer and thanksgiving for our loved ones who over the past year (or so) have gone to their eternal glory. Please pass the names of those you wish to have remembered onto either Pastor Matt or a lay-assistant. More generally, the theme of the service will be thanksgiving to God for Christ's everlasting life of which we, and all who have died in Christ, have a share of through His death and resurrection. Ephesians 1:11-23.

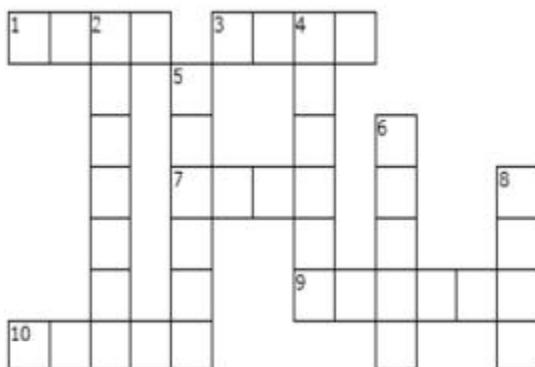
From 9:30AM Sunday 13 November: Reformation commemoration, National Church Life Survey and Longest Lutheran Lunch. What a day!!! With the last Sunday in October when reformation is normally commemorated being used to focus on the LCA's 50th anniversary, and given 10 November is Luther's birthday, the next year will be pretty big regarding the 500th anniversary of the reformation, on this day we'll celebrate the message of being saved through grace. Straight after the service we will complete the National Church Life Survey. This survey is completed by Christians in their churches all over Australia. It would be great to have as many of you here as possible. The responses you give help not only our Bethlehem council and lay assistants plan for our needs, but also our district and national synods, and the National Council of Churches in Australia, as it dialogues with government and represents the needs of Australian Christians. Special surveys are available for the children to have their say. After this we will hold our Longest Lutheran Lunch - more details coming.

Sunday 27 November (time to be advised): **Advent tea and items.** Yes - it's really not that far until Advent begins and we start to reflect once more on what it is to have God among us as we prepare for Christmas. Details for our 2016 Advent tea are forthcoming, but please save this **late afternoon/early evening** date in your diary. A Sunday morning service will be held that day at Bethlehem at the usual time.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions
3. To tell someone of possible danger or harm
7. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit
9. The fleshy part in the mouth that is used in tasting
10. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid essential for most plant and animal life

DOWN

2. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering
4. To change your behavior because you are sorry for what you have done
5. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food
6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering
8. Stopped living

warn

died

comfort

water

gate

agony

rich

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beggar

repent

Our New Church Council for 2016-2017

Chairperson	Fred Styants
Vice-chairperson	Keith Kowald
Secretary	John Theodorsen
Treasurer	Fred Kroeger
Extra Members	Susan Kroeger Michael Yurisich Ben Gargett Chris Kuchel Lucinda Osborne Elfie Heller
Lay Assistants	Wally Chrulew, John Zadow, Carmen Lawson, Phil Schmeiss, Carol Schmeiss, Melissa Bishop and Kearabiloe Dube
Property Committee	Amanda Gargett
Auditor	Nigel Ridgeway
Sunday School Superintendent	Elissa Farr
Lay Readers	Fred Styants, John Zadow, Phil Schmeiss, Margaret Mansas, Nigel Ridgeway, Chris Kempin and Carmen Lawson

Please Pray for our new leadership team.

If anyone would like the Bulletin emailed to them please drop me a line—address on back of Bulletin. The Bulletin is always available on the web site before Sunday Service.—Lorraine

The Piano Lesson

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took the small boy to a concert featuring a renowned pianist. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her.

Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that her son was missing.

The curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive grand piano on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Then, leaning over, the great pianist reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are playing the concerto of your life.

Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. He'll always be there to love and guide you on to great things. Keep the faith, and keep playing. Together, you and the Master will make beautiful music.

Got conflict? You're not alone!

Jesus, our Peacemaker, promises, 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age' (Matt. 28:20).

No one escapes conflict. Misunderstandings, differences in values and goals, and competition for limited resources can lead to bitter disputes. Behind all this the Bible teaches that our sinful desires cause fights and quarrels among us (James 4:1-3). The truth is, sinful people living among other sinful people experience friction.



But God knew that we would experience conflict, and he didn't leave us powerless or alone.

Attend ***Blessed Are the Peacemakers*** and learn from God's Word how you can live out your calling as a peacemaker.

'Blessed Are The Peacemakers' Seminar

Trainer: Rev. Mike Fulwood

Saturday, 22nd October 2016

Perth Chinese Christian Church

9, Gedling Close, Parkwood WA. 6174

Cost : \$10 (inclusive lunch and course materials)

Past participants shared:

- *The first five minutes I knew this was for me.*
- *Boy, do I have conflict! But I also have hope!*
- *I laughed and I cried, but I am leaving with Christ's peace.*
- *So practical, AND life changing!*

Presented by LCA Reconciliation Ministry

Blessed Are The Peacemakers

Registration form on Notice board in Foyer.

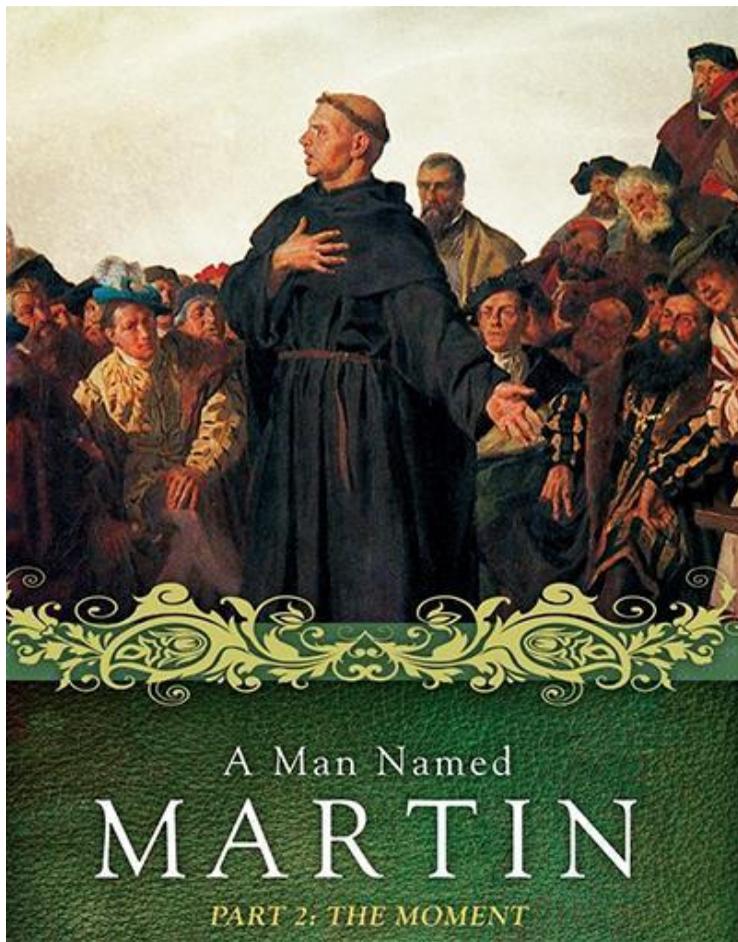
Psalm 91

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A Man Named Martin – Part 2 : The Moment

Following the successful *A Man Named Martin – Part 1: The Man* DVD, the second part in the series, “The Moment” explores how and why the reformation took place and the struggles and opposition Luther had to overcome.

This DVD contains a 3 session video, discussion guide and Reformation Twelve booklet that goes through the reformation events. Watch and download the videos for free or order the DVD version that comes with a printed discussion guide and booklet for \$15 at www.lutheranmedia.org.au/luther or call us on 1800 353 350. You can order more printed discussion guides and booklets too for a combined \$2 each.

Prayer Points



- “ Thanksgiving that we rest in the shadow of the almighty (Psalm 91:1)
- “ That our eyes and those of Christ's whole church will be opened to see better the poverty and human need around us (1 Tim 6:18-19)
- “ That all people will be moved to act richly in good deeds (1 Tim 6:18).
- “ That all in authority would govern well to ensure the best and fairest assistance to those in need (Isaiah 10:1-2)
- “ For rest and refreshment for all children and teachers now on holidays (Gen 2:3)
- “ For final year pastoral students at ALC finishing studies and for students preparing for vicarage (2 Tim 4:2)
- “ For the work of Bethlehem Community Care in alleviating need in our community and assisting with the Hampton High Breakfast Club (Psalm 146:7)
- “ Thanksgiving for our AGM this past weekend and for all office holders willing to serve Bethlehem (Mark 10:45)
- “ For all of us, including the sick, grieving and needy amongst us, to have faith to trust in God and say 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust' (Psalm 91:2)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- “ **Those dealing with health issues:** Ewald Schmidt, 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, Royce family and baby Nicola and Joanna Arkoi.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 26th	1 Samuel 8:1-22
Tuesday 27th	1 Samuel 9:1-14
Wednesday 28th	1 Samuel 9:15-10:1
Thursday 29th	1 Samuel 10:1-16
Friday 30th	1 Samuel 10:17-27
Saturday Oct 1st	Lamentations 3:19-26

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 25th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship 7:30pm Young Adults GROW faith/Bible study
October	
Sunday 2nd	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Thursday 6th	7:30pm Young Adults GROW faith/Bible study
Sunday 9th	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 25th Sept	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 1st Oct	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir
Sun 2nd Oct	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Mon-Fri 3-7th Oct	8-4:30 Youth Care Week
Thur 6th Oct	7:30pm Young Adults Bible Study

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

20th Sunday after Pentecost — October 2nd, (Green)

Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6 , 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Arkoi Family

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