

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

TwentySecond Sunday after Pentecost October 16th, 2016

Welcome

Worship blessings in Christ as you gather here today to receive God's good things. If you would like to talk further concerning faith in Christ or about the Church, please contact our Pastor or one of our lay-assistants. Visitors are warmly invited to stay after worship for a cuppa with our members, and also to sign our visitor's book in the foyer

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 119:97-104

Leader: How I love your law! I think about it all day long.

People: Your commandment is with me all the time and makes me wiser than my enemies.

I understand more than all my teachers, because I meditate on your instructions.

I have greater wisdom than old men, because I obey your commands.

I have avoided all evil conduct, because I want to obey your word.

I have not neglected your instructions, for you yourself are my teacher.

How sweet is the taste of your instructions—sweeter even than honey!

I gain wisdom from your laws, and so I hate all bad conduct.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we may approach God with confidence.

Almighty and merciful God, the Lord of heaven and earth, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and a sure faith to draw near to you as our Father, and to ask you for whatever we need. 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 31:27-34

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

Luke 18:1-8

The Lord's new covenant

Responsibilities of the pastor

Parable of the widow and the judge





There was some evidence earlier this week that we had finally sprung into spring. Indeed, that summer was just around the corner too. But what season is it in God's kingdom? One for preaching the word, or not? According to our epistle lesson and sermon text today, it is **always** God's season for preaching the message (2 Tim 4:2). After all, we are 'in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom' (2 Tim 4:1). Conversely, this means it is always God's season for **hearing** the message too. So today, we'll look how God has equipped his church for this preaching task, bringing each one of us into his Gospel of peace along the way.

During Divine Service today we will bless our council members and thank God for them as they take up their positions for 2016-17. The blessing will make use of this Scriptural imperative from Galatians, which comes after the full explanation and giving of the Gospel: 'Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers' (Gal 6:10).

A big thanks to Bethlehem members who attended the WA Council of Churches General meeting on 6 October where I presented on *Wittenberg 500*. The meeting convenor asked me pass on her thanks as well.

On **Sunday 30 October at Bethlehem** we'll celebrate the 50th anniversary since the Lutheran Church of Australia formed (see separate notice on approaching dates). Afterwards you are invited, as you are able and inclined, to join with some of the rest of our WA district for a multicultural event at St John's in Perth to remember the reformation and participate in their Longest Lutheran Lunch. *See the notice board for details*. Our reformation commemoration at Bethlehem is 13 November (some really special things planned), as is our Longest Lutheran Lunch (but for lunch you first need to fill out the National Church Life Survey!!!)

Jesus Lord and Saviour seminar Part II: All members are welcome to attend the second session of our confirmation teaching from **2-5pm Sat 22 October 2016**. During this session we will take an in-depth look at the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and what it means for His church and each believer therein. This is your chance to ask anything you have ever wondered about Christ's crucifixion and resurrection

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Advent evening item? If you have a brief (up to five minute) Advent/Christmas item that you might like to present at our Advent evening on 27 November 2016, please speak to or email me, or one of the lay-assistants, for more information.

Prayers for marriage: In the context of the current national discussions on the definition of marriage LCA Bishop John Henderson circulated a request last week that over the first four Sunday's in October we join our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ who are praying for the institution of marriage. Accordingly, each week our *Prayer of the Church* will include a specific petition written by Pastor Simon MacKenzie of Wollongong Lutheran Parish, NSW. A statement on marriage prepared by Bishop Henderson in May 2015 can be found <http://www.lca.org.au/statement-to-the-members-of-the-lca-on-marriage.html>



13 November 2016,
shortly after church.

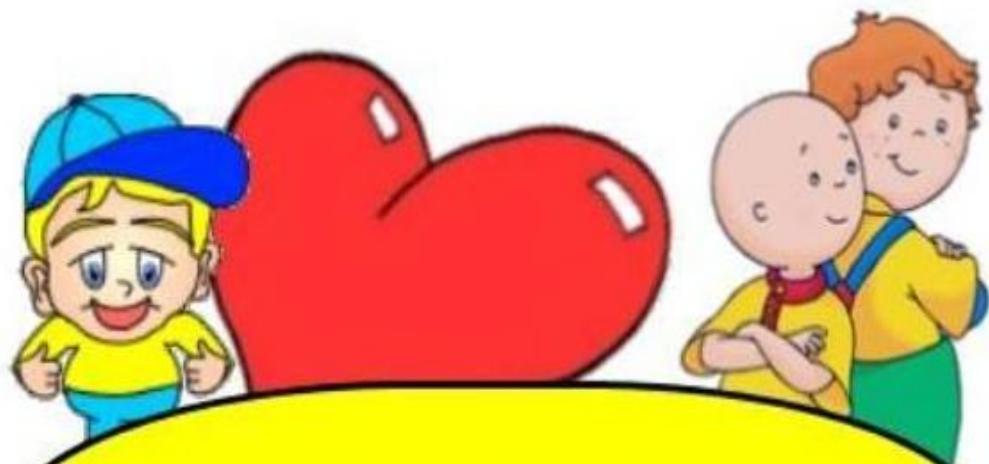
Why not invite a friend?

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LUTHERAN LUNCH

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

Building Christian Character

Find The Hidden Message



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Matthew 7:12

Forthcoming special worship services and dates

The period from late October to late November will be a busy and exciting time for Bethlehem Morley. Bethlehem Council invites you to please schedule 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 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 on to either Pastor Matt or a lay-assistant. Ephesians 1:11-23. **Children are invited** to dress in Super Hero costumes - all will be explained on the day!!!

From 9:30AM Sunday 13 November:

Reformation commemoration, National Church Life Survey and Longest

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LUTHERAN LUNCH

est Lutheran Lunch. What a day!!! Straight after our service, which will commemorate being saved by grace through faith, the congregation will be invited to complete the National Church Life Survey. This survey is completed by Christians in their churches all over Australia to help with assessing needs and planning. Bethlehem Council would appreciate having as many of you here as possible. 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.

Prayer Points



- “ Thanksgiving for Scripture that instructs us for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (2 Tim 3:14)
- “ Thanksgiving and a renewed vigour for God's word that equips us for every good work through the way it teaches, reproofs, corrects and trains us in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- “ That Christ's church may persist (Luke 18:5) in faithfully proclaiming Christ crucified in season and out of season (2 Tim 4:2)
- “ Protection for all God's people that they do not turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths (2 Tim 4:4)
- “ For the persecuted church in China (2 Tim 1:7)
- “ For all who work for peace and justice (Matt 12:18)
- “ That all wrongful discrimination will be ceased (John 13:34)
- “ Christ's comfort and the Holy Spirit's strength for all victims of recent natural disasters (Job 42:12)
- “ For all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families, and for the churches' sensitivity in these matters (John 13:34; part of joint prayer with RC church)
- “ That the Lord, including through his church, will ease the load of all who are burdened including by sickness, grief, anxiety, separation and desperation (Matt 11:28)

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 17th	1 Samuel 18:5-16
Tuesday 18th	1 Samuel 19:1-18
Wednesday 19th	1 Samuel 20:1-23
Thursday 20th	1 Samuel 20:24-42
Friday 21st	1 Samuel 24:1-22
Saturday 22nd	Psalms 65

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 16th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Thursday 20th	7pm LYWA GROW Bible study
Saturday 22nd	2-5pm Confirmation Seminar
Sunday 23rd	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Saturday 29th	6-8pm Confirmation Class

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 16th Oct	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Thur 20th Oct	7pm LYWA Grow Bible study
Sat 22nd Oct	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir
Sun 23rd Oct	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 29th Oct	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

23rd Sunday after Pentecost — October 23rd, (Green)

**Readings: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18,
Luke 18:9-14**

**Flowers: Roslyn
Cleaners: Zadow Family**

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