

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

TwentyThird Sunday after Pentecost October 23rd, 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 —

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 65

Leader: O God it is right for us to praise you in Zion and keep our promises to you, because you answer prayers.

People: People everywhere will come to you on account of their sins. Our faults defeat us, but you forgive them.

Happy are those whom you choose, whom you bring to live in your sanctuary. We shall be satisfied with the good things of your house, the blessings of your sacred Temple.

You answer us by giving us victory and you do wonderful things to save us. People all over the world and across the distant seas trust in you.

You set the mountains in place by your strength, showing your mighty power.

You calm the roar of the seas and the noise of the waves: you calm the uproar of the peoples.

The whole world stands in awe of the great things that you have done. Your deeds bring shouts of joy from one end of the earth to the other.

You show your care for the land by sending rain; you make it rich and fertile. You fill the streams with water; you provide the earth with crops.

This is how you do it: you send abundant rain on the ploughed fields and soak them with water; you soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow.

What a rich harvest your goodness provides! Wherever you go there is plenty.

The pastures are filled with flocks; the hillsides are full of joy.

The fields are covered with sheep; the valleys are full of wheat. Everything shouts and sings for joy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for healing.

Almighty and merciful God, your Son showed your love by healing the sick and making them whole. Look with compassion on our broken world, and make us whole by his healing power, so that we also may show your love to others. 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:

Joel 2:23-32 God restores fertility to the Land

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Christian courage in the face of death

Luke 18:9-14 Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector



Suffering this side of eternity abounds.... and for many reasons. Many of you have had first hand life-changing times of suffering. (Mind you, joy also abounds - although we seem to find it hard to look for and realise). Where is God in suffering? Today we hear a first hand account from St Paul. Christ is at his

side. Exactly where he is for us too (2 Tim 4:8b)! May this Gospel promise comfort, encourage and strengthen all of us at all times.

Praying thanks to God for this opportunity to connect with our community: In today's bulletin you'll see a short article on the Hampton High Breakfast Club from Hampton High-School's Sept-Oct newsletter. Thanks to our members who have helped Thursday mornings and to everyone who has supported the breakfast with donations. We have now been blessed to be invited by the school's management to operate a display about the breakfast club at their forthcoming 50th anniversary celebrations on 9 November from 3-7pm. Please stay tuned for more details. If you can help out on Wed 9 November please let me know - there may be an opportunity to help with face painting and some cooking.

Just a reminder about our special Divine Services over the next three weeks on 30 October (LCA 50th anniversary), 6 November (All Saints Day) and 13 November (Reformation Commemoration). See full page notice in this Bulletin for further detail.

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>

Next weekend you are invited to a multicultural event at St John's in Perth to remember the reformation and participate in their Longest Lutheran Lunch (Bethlehem's is 13 November). See the notice board for details.



Word Search Puzzle

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Luke 18:10-14

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Nov 6th—Sunday School : SUPER HERO SUNDAY, come dressed as your favourite Super Hero

Forthcoming special worship services and dates

9:30AM Sunday 30 October:

Celebration of 50 years since the formation of the Lutheran Church of Australia.



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!!!

LONGEST LUTHERAN LUNCH

From 9:30AM Sunday 13 November:

Reformation commemoration, National Church Life Survey and Longest 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 that the Lord Jesus stands by our side and gives us strength (2 Tim 4:17)
- .. That in our suffering we remember that 'The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will safely bring me to his heavenly kingdom' (2 Tim 4:18)
- .. That God's words of law and Gospel may go out to all who live in darkness, and that they may work miracles of faith and love (Luke 18:14)
- .. For the Lutheran Church of Australia as it prepares to give thanks next weekend for 50 years since union (Psalm 118:1)
- .. Protection from natural disaster (Psalm 106:47a)
- .. Strength for all students undergoing exams and final assessments in the weeks ahead (Psalm 119:66)
- .. For our homes, families and the church (James 5:16)
- .. For all people who are sick, grieving, anxious or lonely, including those in our congregation (Psalm 119:76)

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 24th	1 Samuel 28:3-20
Tuesday 25th	1 Samuel 31:1-13
Wednesday 26th	2 Samuel 1:1-16
Thursday 27th	2 Samuel 2:1-11
Friday 28th	2 Samuel 5:1-12
Saturday 29th	Psalms 46

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 23rd 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Saturday 29th 6-8pm Confirmation Class

Sunday 30th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

November

Friday 4th 6-8pm Confirmation Class

Sunday 6th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

7-10pm LYWA Grow

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 23rd Oct	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 29th Oct	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir
Sun 30th Oct	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sat 5th Nov	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir
Sun 6th Nov	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Reformation Sunday — October 30th, (Red)

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:19-28, John 8: 31-36

Flowers: Lorraine

Cleaners: Zadow Family

All Items for the “Bethlehem Bulletin”, please email to Lorraine (Ischutz99@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.

Hampton Senior High School

Breakfast Club

Our Thursday Morning Breakfast Club program continues to grow in leaps and bounds. Since taking on the reins of coordinating the program, our new School Chaplain, Mr Mutanda has introduced a number of initiatives to ensure that Breakfast Clubbers get a nutritious and tasty meal to kick off their Thursdays. Our menu has expanded beyond Mr Wong's Patented Perfect Pancakes to now include toasted egg & cheese sandwiches, baked beans/spaghetti on toast, wheat biscuits and fruit salad (yummy yummy!) with more menu items to be added in the coming months. Mr Mutanda has also forged links with Victory Life Church who have kindly donated milk and juice which have been very well received by students.

Another exciting development for the program is the establishment of a new partnership with Morley's Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Thanks to Pastor Matthew Bishop and his congregation, we have been the grateful recipients of support in the form of contributions of food, equipment and funding as well as members volunteering their time to help serve on Thursday mornings.

The research is pretty unanimous on the benefit that a regular and balanced breakfast routine can have on young minds. Increased attendance, concentration and participation have all been cited as evidence that students who begin the day with a healthy meal are more likely to succeed in their endeavours for the rest of the day. However, we understand that not everyone has the time or means to do breakfast so at least on Thursday mornings, the Student Services team is more than happy to fulfil that need.

And the only cost to students is a friendly smile and a wave.

