

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

**Last Sunday of Church Year**

**Day of Fulfillment**

**November 20th, 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: Luke 1:68-79

Leader: : “Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to the help of his people and has set them free.

**People: He has provided for us a mighty Saviour, a descendant of his servant David.**

He promised through his holy prophets long ago that he would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us. **He said he would show mercy to our ancestors and remember his sacred covenant.**

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham he promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve him without fear. **So that we might be holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.**

“You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare his road for him, **To tell his people that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven.**

Our God is merciful and tender. He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us

**And to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death, to guide our steps into the path of peace”.**

The child grew and developed in body and spirit.

**He lived in the desert until the day when he appeared publicly to the people of Israel.**

## Prayer of the Day

**(Let us pray for the coming of God’s kingdom.)**

Almighty and ever living God, it is your will to restore all things in your dear Son. Bring together under his just and gentle rule all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 The Lord will raise up a righteous Branch

Colossians 1:11-20 The supremacy of Christ

Luke 19:11-27 The parable of the gold coins

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



**Nothing to fear:** Today is the last Sunday of the church year (already!!!) Custom has it that we look toward and thank God for the promised second coming of Christ when all that has been fulfilled and promised in Christ's earthly life (John 19:30; Luke 24:25-27; Acts 1:11) will be enacted for the life to come. God's word contains a little detail about some of this (for example

John 14:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 25:31-46), yet much we don't know. But as ever, the most important matters God wishes us to focus on are crystal clear and we hear them today in our sermon text from Luke 1. There Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, proclaims in praise: '... [The Lord] has come and redeemed his people... he has raised up a horn of salvation for us... to rescue us from the hand of our enemies and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days' (Luke 1:68-75; selected verses). This is good news indeed!

**Next weekend is our Advent evening from 5pm** for shared tea followed by 'concert' items. Our special guests that night include Mr Didier Mutanda who is the chaplain at Hampton High. Apart from bringing some singers from his church to perform an item, Didier will briefly tell us a little about being a chaplain and how Bethlehem has been able to help. Mrs Elizabeth Chiew, wife of Pastor Albert Chiew of the Chinese Methodist church who meet at Bethlehem on Sunday afternoons, will also be attending and will briefly tell us of their congregation's future plans. And of course, there will be plenty of music... even a little Irish Dancing (with an Advent twist!) and a few other surprises...

### **Congratulations to Ms Eden Bishop and Mr Alex Osbourne!**

Mr Ev Leske, Chairman of the Lutheran Archives, wrote to Eden and Alex through the week saying:

*It's my pleasure to announce that your entry has won the senior section of the Lutheran Archives Research Competition. Congratulations! Both the Acting Director of Lutheran Archives Janette Lange and I felt your work stood out because of its depth of research and also the quality of the production. We particularly appreciated the effort you put into the interviews and were impressed with the slick editing which made the presentation flow very well.*

Eden and Alex have each won a prize courtesy of Wohlers Homewares (a South Australian retailer). Great job Alex and Eden (and Lucinda and all the contributors - surveys, interviews, suggestions...!) Thank you for serving Bethlehem Lutheran Church Morley in this way.

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**Christmas Eve Nativity Play** practices commence from Sunday 27th of November. (1st Sunday of Advent) Bethlehem's team of Sunday School teachers encourage all children/youth who wish to be part of the Nativity play to attend all four Sundays in Advent as they will be practising lines and songs.

The *WA Right To Life Association* Newsletter has been placed on the notice board and will be there for the next three Sundays.

*Lutheran Media's* latest newsletter is in the narthex (foyer).



'I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me' Psalm 13:6. **Thank you to our special guests the Bridge Choir** for assisting us to worship the Lord and for helping us receive God's gift of joy. Background on the Bridge Choir and its director Yoon Sen is as follows:

*The Bridge Choir is conducted by Yoon Sen Lee who is a composer, singer and pianist. Yoon Sen is a senior examiner and Advisory Board member for the Australian Musician Examinations Board and lecturer for the School of Music of the University of Western Australia and professor at International Piano Academy Incontri col Maestro in Italy. The choir consists of singers from age 6 to 14 and we rehearse weekly at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Morley from 4:45pm. It is a non profit organisation and choir members attend via freewill donations. The objectives of the choir is to sing together and through singing to know more about God. The choir sings in various churches, nursing homes and for various community functions. We have also been taking part in eisteddfods and have won many top prizes for the past few years at Fremantle eisteddfod, South Suburban Eisteddfod and North of Perth Music Festival.*

# Advent Tea and items

Sunday 27 November  
from 5pm:



Please join us for a community tea (please bring a plate of food to share) followed by around an hour of Advent related 'concert' items, including from Bethlehem's Sunday School. A Sunday morning service will be held this day at Bethlehem, at the usual time.



Sat 26th November 11:2pm  
Ladies Fellowship Break Up—HIGH TEA  
All welcome—please wear hat, fascinator or  
hair decoration

St John's Lutheran Church in Perth invite you to their **Christmas Tree Festival from Sunday 4 December -16 December.**

There are special events on various days within this timeframe. See the notice board and associated flyers (in the narthex) for more information.

# Word Search Puzzle

from [www.geocities.com/lectionarypuzzles/](http://www.geocities.com/lectionarypuzzles/)

words in a straight line in all directions

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**(Colossians 1:11-20)**

Word List

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## Prayer Points



- “ Praise to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and redeemed his people (Luke 1:68).
- “ Thanksgiving that God has sent his word into the world that we need not fear judgement (Luke 11:28)
- “ That all tyranny will be suppressed and all governments will act wisely and well (John 19:11)
- “ For the people of New Zealand affected by this week's earthquake (Psalm 46:1-2)
- “ For the protection of all young people celebrating graduation from school and those currently facing exams (Proverbs 18:15)
- “ Thanksgiving for the Bridge choir and Mr Yen Soon Lee, and for God's blessing to be upon their work (Psalm 149:1)
- “ For the work of Bethlehem Community Care as it seeks to stock our emergency pantry and collect for Christmas hampers (Acts 4:34)
- “ For all who mourn including Robert and Yvonne Giersch and family: "Jesus said, 'Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted'" - Matthew 5:4.
- “ For the Lord's mercy on the sick and suffering (Mark 7:34)

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 21st	2 Peter 1:1-11
Tuesday 22nd	2 Peter 1:12-21
Wednesday 23rd	2 Peter 2:1-10a
Thursday 24th	2 Peter 2:10b-22
Friday 25th	2 Peter 3:1-18
Saturday 26th	Psalm 122

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm Confirmation Class**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 11-2pm Ladies Fellowship High Tea**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship**  
**5pm Advent Tea and items to follow**

**Bookings:** Visit us on the Web at [www.morley.wa.lca.org.au](http://www.morley.wa.lca.org.au) or email us at [bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au](mailto:bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au)

Bookings—Other Events	
Sun 20th Nov	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Thur 24th Nov	5:30pm Lutheran Homes Meeting
Sat 26th Nov	5-6:15pm Children’s Choir
Sun 27th Nov	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**1st Sunday of Advent— November 27th, (Violet)**

**Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44**

**Flowers: Lesley**

**Cleaners: Mansas Family**

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



# Christmas Hampers

Christmas is rapidly approaching. Over the years now, Morley has provided Christmas Hampers for a number of families. It would be appreciated if you could make a 'Christmas type' donation for these food hampers.



**All items are appreciated, in particular tinned fruit, shortbread, pretzels, crackers, mince pies, tea, coffee, juice and processed cheeses.**



If you still need ideas, please contact Susan Kroeger



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