

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6th, 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. Please feel free to write your name and address in the visitor's book

Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
fortnightly—**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 32

Leader: *Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.*

People: Happy is the man whom the Lord does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit.

When I did not confess my sins, I was worn out from crying all day long.

Day and night you punished me, Lord; my strength was completely drained, as moisture is dried up by the summer heat.

Then I confessed my sins to you; I did not conceal my wrongdoings.

I decided to confess them to you, and you forgave all my sins.

So all your loyal people should pray to you in times of need; when a great flood of trouble comes rushing in, it will not reach them.

You are my hiding place; you will save me from trouble. I sing aloud of your salvation, because you protect me.

The Lord says, “I will teach you the way you should go; I will instruct you and advise you.

Don’t be stupid like a horse or a mule, which must be controlled with a bit and bridle to make it submit.”

The wicked will have to suffer, but those who trust in the Lord are protected by his constant love.

You that are righteous, be glad and rejoice because of what the Lord has done.

You that obey him, shout for joy!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for faith in Jesus our Saviour.

Loving Father, when we were captive in the darkness of sin and death, your Son rescued us and brought us back to you. Teach us to trust in him and to live as your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 5:9-12

The passover at Gilgal, in the promised land

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 In Christ the new has come

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 The parable of the lost son





The sermon today is based on the Luke 15:11-32. Many people know this as 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son', or 'Sons' (there were two 'lost brothers'), but less so as 'The Parable of the Loving Father.' This morning we will hear of the Father's unrestrained celebration at the return of

the lost son and his desire that all join these celebrations when one who has been lost is found.

Lenten services recommence this Wednesday 9 March at 7:00pm. Among other things, we will continue the account of Christ's Passion from the Gospel according to St Luke. The specific reading is Luke 22:54-23:25 if you can't make it or want to prepare beforehand.



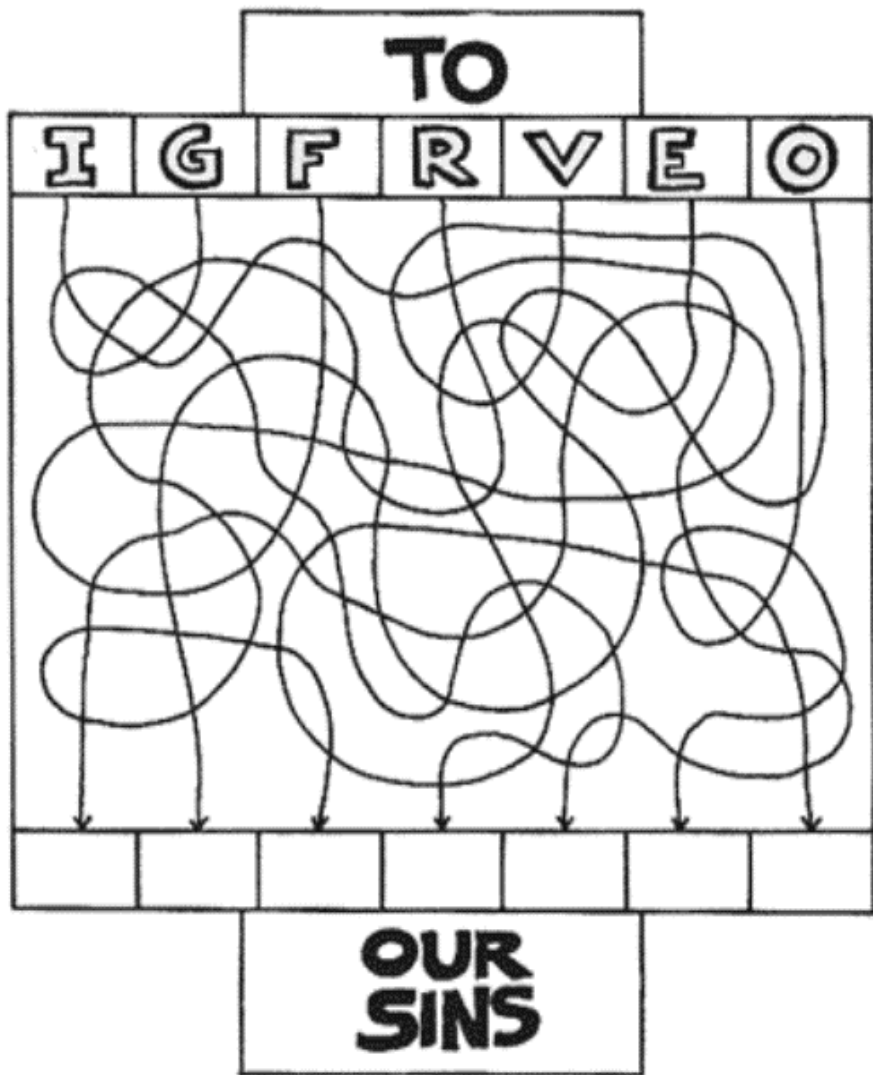
Diary Date 1: On **Saturday 2 April** our district will be blessed to have Pastor Mike Fulwood present a seminar entitled 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. As you heard in today's epistle, reconciliation and forgiveness is central to the ministry Jesus Christ has given to each of us (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). Pastor Mike is an expert in this area and you won't regret attending. See the flyer for details.

Diary Date 2: After the service on **Sunday May 22** Mr Colin Hayter will provide us with a brief update of LCA Mission International's work in PNG. He will particularly update us on the work of Mr Mick Hauser who we have been supporting through our retiring offering at Lenten Devotions. More to come on Colin's presentation closer to the event.



Jesus Died for You

Why did Jesus die on the cross? To find the answer, follow the lines to put each letter in a blank square.





Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday 24th
March —7:00pm**

**Good Friday 25th March
—9:30am**

Easter Sunday 27th March —9:30am

Food Hampers



Stocks are rather low again,
appreciated.

so if anyone can help out it would be greatly

Items needed are.. Long life milk, rice,
tinned fruit, tuna, processed cheese,
tinned veg, tea, coffee, Milo, pasta sauce.



No pasta or tinned tomatoes please!



Food Drive



Thank you, Susan Kroeger

Thanks for your support. Please use whatever information you like below in your bulletins and newsletters.

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Messages of Hope

Listen to FACE TO FACE and invite others to do the same. Download or listen online at www.facetoface.org.au, including on your mobile internet devices.

6th March Easing the pain (Principal Mark Doecke)

Have you ever experienced pain that won't go away? Where we can look for hope, when it just won't go away?

13th March Is Jesus real? (Round the Table)

Is he more than just a swear word or a made up story? How do we know if he is real?

20th March After the fire (Interview)

Hear stories from people who have lived through a major fire bushfire. Hear about what they experienced the day the fires hit and how they've coped years down the track.

25th March Why not me? (Round the Table)

What questions do you ask when you see, or experience, suffering? Where do you find hope in these times?

27th March A wedding miracle (Pastor Richard Fox)

Have you ever had times in your life when you felt so embarrassed that you just wanted to run away and hide? Hear stories on how people have survived through such moments in life.



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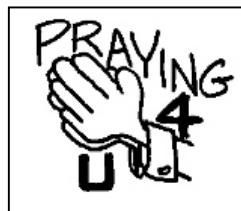
Prayer Points

- ◆ Thanksgiving that God celebrates our repentance (Luke 15:22-24)
- ◆ That the Holy Spirit continues to bring us to our senses concerning our need for repentance (Luke 15:17) and that we celebrate with those who are lost and have been found (Luke 15:32).
- ◆ For the people of Syria that the ceasefire will hold, lasting peace be agreed and further humanitarian disaster be averted.
- ◆ For our Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove.
- ◆ For the work of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse and the protection of all children everywhere.
- ◆ For our church council as it prepares to meet this Wednesday 9 March 2016 after the Lenten service.
- ◆ For the Food Pantry ministry here at Bethlehem Morley (Matthew 6:3a) and all in our community who go without life's most basic needs
- ◆ That all our members who are sick and in need of healing, or who are dealing with difficult life circumstances, may offer prayer to God in their distress (Psalm 32:6).
- ◆ That all families experiencing grief and difficulty would be preserved from trouble (Psalm 32:7).

Please specifically remember in your prayers this week:

- ◆ Those dealing with health issues: Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Selma Hohol, Kalia Nosow, Jutta Chrulew, Klaus Hornscheidt, Lucinda's elderly parent's Joan and Peter
- ◆ For Gibson Yurisich who had surgery on Thursday March 3rd
- ◆ Those facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernest Klenner, Amelia Chrulew and family, Elfrida Kaszanski and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family

IF GOD IS FOR US,
WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?
(ROMANS 8:31)



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Monday 7th	Matthew 16:21-28
Tuesday 8th	Matthew 17:1-13
Wednesday 9th	Matthew 17:14-27
Thursday 10th	Matthew 18:1-9
Friday 11th	Matthew 18:10-20
Saturday 12th	Psalms 126

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 6 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Wednesday 9 th	7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Devotion
Sunday 13 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Wednesday 16 th	7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Devotion
Sunday 20 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship—Palm Sunday

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 6th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 13th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 20th	March	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Lent — March 13th, (purple)

Readings: (Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8)

Flowers: Kea

Cleaners: Dube Family

All Items, etc for the “Bethlehem Bulletin” should be given or emailed to
Pastor Matt by Wednesday afternoon

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

Saturday, 2nd April, 2016

St Luke's Lutheran Church, Nicol St.

Parkwood WA. 6174

Cost : \$10

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!*

Blessed Are The Peacemakers
Presented by **LCA Reconciliation Ministry**

“Blessed Are The Peacemakers”

A Bible Study Seminar presented by

LCA Reconciliation Ministry

Why Should I Come?

Jesus says, ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God’ (Matt. 5:9). Yet, our lives are often anything but peaceful. *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* gives practical ways for Christians to live out their faith, even in the face of conflict.

What You Will Learn

- How God empowers you for doing what you cannot do on your own
- How to admit your wrongs with godly sorrow
- How to forgive and experience healing from the deepest hurts
- How to model reconciliation with your children
- How to be a peacemaker in your church, home, and work-place

Date & Location

Saturday, 2nd April, 2016
St Luke’s Lutheran Church
28-32 Nicol Road
Parkwood WA 6147

Schedule

Registration: 8:30 to 9:00 am
Sessions 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Cost \$10 pp
Lunch provided for gold coin

For directions or additional information, please call 0417 179 093

Registration

Name(s)

Address

City

State

Postcode

Phone

Email

Mail registration to:

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c/- 3 Endgate Court, Parkwood WA 6147
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