

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 3rd, 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—**ON TODAY**

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*where love comes to life*

### 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 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his Temple!

Praise his strength in heaven!

**People: Praise him for the mighty things he has done.**

**Praise his supreme greatness.**

Praise him with trumpets. Praise him with harps and lyres.

**Praise him with drums and dancing.**

**Praise him with harps and flutes.**

Praise him with cymbals. Praise him with loud cymbals.

**Praise the Lord, all living creatures!**

**Praise the lord!**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for faith in our risen Lord.

**Merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, who gives hope and joy to those who doubt. Give to us who do not see you, faith and life and blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings:

**Acts 5:27-32**

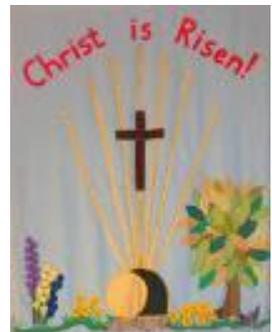
The apostles boldly proclaim Jesus' resurrection

**Revelation 1:4-8**

Every eye will see the Lord

**John 20:19-31**

The resurrected Jesus gives his people the Holy Spirit





**‘And with that Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit... ‘ John 20:22.** Do you have the Spirit? It’s a fairly common question in some Christian circles. We don’t so much ‘have’ the Spirit—for no one owns the Spirit. As part of the Triune God he is not there to be ‘owned’. Instead, we are given the Spirit. And as John’s Gospel shows, on God’s terms rather than our own. So today we will look at how Christ himself speaks about his resurrection gift of the Holy Spirit. Are you baptized? Be assured you have been given the Spirit... and with it, Jesus’ gift of forgiveness of sins and his commission of being ‘sent out’ to share his message of forgiveness for all who believe.

**Thanks to all** who helped with morning tea Easter Sunday, and for all who helped in many and various ways with all of our Easter worship services. ‘We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

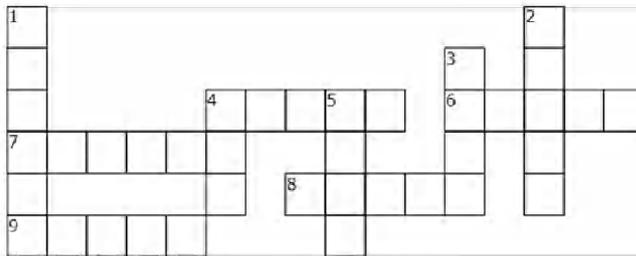
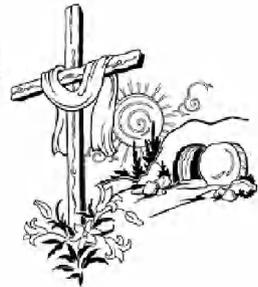
**Grow ministries newsletter:** Grow ministries is the name of the Lutheran Church of Australia’s child, youth and family ministry support team. Their latest newsletter arrived this week. The article on page 3 on ‘caring conversations’ gives plenty of practical advice on the type of conversation we’d all like to do more of with our children and grandchildren. The cover article is a helpful story about the benefits of families eating together—much more to it than meets the eye. And the 30 day prayer cross on the last page will keep you in plenty of prayer ideas over the next month. Available in the foyer.

**Step up to communion:** A step-up to Communion class will be conducted early in Term 2, 2016. Consistent with LCA practice, this is a pre-confirmation course designed to admit baptised children, around the age of 10, to the Lord’s Supper. It will run over 3 weeks. A parent or carer is expected to attend with the student to model learning the faith, discuss questions and tell of their experience. Please advise Pastor Matt of you and your child’s intended enrolment, including by emailing him at [matt.bishop@lca.org.au](mailto:matt.bishop@lca.org.au)



# The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.  
John 20:1 (NIV)



## ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

## DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

EMPTY	ANGELS	EASTER	CLOTH	WHITE
STONE	ALIVE	TOMB	CRY	MARY



# Bethlehem Ladies

## Fellowship

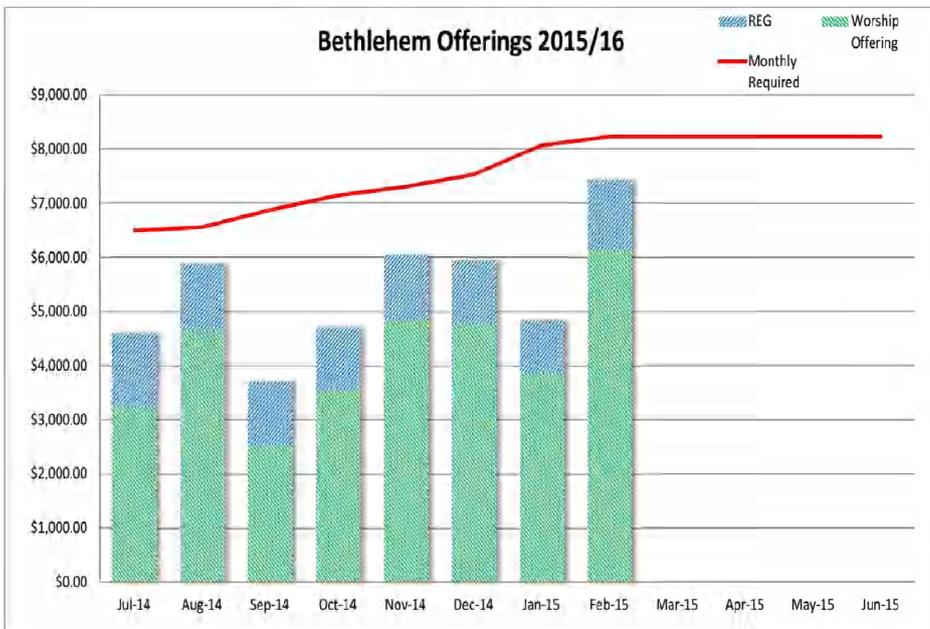
'The Annual BIG Breakfast'  
Saturday 9th April—8:30am

All welcome—please bring something to share



### Stewardship and giving news:

'O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love endures forever' (Psalm 118:29).



It was pleasing to note that February is the first month that we have achieved our budgeted amount for offerings for this financial year.

This means that at the end of February, we are now only \$7,567 below our target offerings for 2015/16.

Thank you to all who have responded so generously, not only in your financial offerings, but also with your donations of food for our Food Bank and also with your commitment of time, both in serving the ministry at Bethlehem Morley and ensuring that our Manse renovations were completed on time.

Fred Kroeger - Treasurer

## Prayer Points

- ◆ Thanksgiving for Christ's 'sending' of us, his gift of the Holy Spirit and his resurrection assurance of the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21-23)
- ◆ That all who don't yet know Christ may through the proclamation of his gospel in his churches say "You are my God; and I will give thanks to you" (Ps 118:28).
- ◆ For the LCA's Grow Ministries Board for Child, Youth and Family Ministry (Deut 6:7)
- ◆ For the safety and good management of all who work in the mining and extractive industries (Ps 46:1)
- ◆ For the children and teenagers of our congregation that they may know of the light of Christ (John 8:12; Ps 45:17).
- ◆ For Lutheran Youth of WA as their executive meets this coming Thursday (Matt 28:18-20).
- ◆ That the BLC Bethlehem Ladies Fellowship 'Annual Big Breakfast' will feed the attendees in mind, body and Christian fellowship (Ps 65:4,9).
- ◆ That all who suffer with anxiety, poor health, recovery from surgery, ruptured family relations and uneasiness for the time ahead will know of God's peace and comfort ('Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens' Psalm 68:19)

## **Please specifically remember in your prayers this week:**

- ◆ Those dealing with health issues: Fred Kroeger, Elfrida Kaszanski, Hans Hornscheidt, Lisa Sitarz, Jutta Chrulew
- ◆ Those facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernst Klenner, Amelia Chrulew and family, Roslyn, Lois and Jye, Carmen's daughter Rihi and family

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 4th	1 Peter 3:1-12
Tuesday 5th	1 Peter 3:13-4:6
Wednesday 6th	1 Peter 4:7-19
Thursday 7th	1 Peter 5:1-14
Friday 8th	Titus 1:1-16
Saturday 9th	Psalm 30

**LIFE IS TOUGH!**  
PRAY HARD

## 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 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm Faith Inquirer's Class
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am Ladies Fellowship Big Breakfast
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am Bethlehem Worship

**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 3rd	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Thurs 7th	April	7pm LYWA Meeting
Sun 10th	April	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

**Third Sunday of Easter — April 10th, (white)**

**Readings: (Acts 9:1-6(7-20) , Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19)**

**Flowers: Susan**

**Cleaners: Kroeger Family**

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