

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24th, 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 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 148

Leader: Praise the Lord from heaven, you that live in the heights above.

People: Praise him, all his angels, all his heavenly armies.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, shining stars.

Praise him, highest heavens, and the waters above the sky.

Let them all praise the name of the Lord! He commanded, and they were created;

By his command they were fixed in their places for ever, and they cannot disobey.

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea-monsters and all ocean depths;

Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, strong winds that obey his command.

Praise him, hills and mountains, fruit-trees and forests;

All animals, tame and wild, reptiles and birds.

Praise him, kings and all peoples, princes and all other rulers;

Girls and young men, old people and children too.

Let them all praise the name of the Lord! His name is greater than all others; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He made his nations strong, so that all his people praise him—the people of Israel, so dear to him.

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we love others.

Merciful Father, you have reached out to all people through your Son Jesus, who died for us all. Encourage us to live as your chosen people and give of ourselves to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Readings:

Acts 11:1-18 Peter explains how God's salvation is also for Gentiles

Revelation 21:1-6 God will wipe away all tears

John 13:31-35 The new commandment: love one another





Rules, statues, laws and commands! That's what many people think Christianity is about. Often as Christians we do a poor job in demonstrating otherwise, leaving the impression that ours is a faith of legalism rather than freedom. Yet always in the Gospel, how we live as Christians comes in response to the gift of Christ and what he has done for us... not as a means in itself, but as response to the risen Christ living in us. The

Gospel reading today, John 13 makes this clear. Jesus gives us a new commandment: to love one another. But to be sure that it is not just seen as another rule he adds, "As I have loved you, you must love one another". Now at first glance it might look like he is saying "Try to be as good as me". But it's important to know that he is not just talking about his demonstration of perfect love - none of us can keep that. The 'as' in "As I have loved you" also has a *causative* sense. Jesus is causing this love. He is the source of our love for each other. It is out of his love that we follow this new commandment. It's not another rule... it's him living in us as glorified (John 13:31) and risen saviour. That's Gospel, not law, freedom, not legalism, and it is yours by faith!

Thanks to Fred Styants for taking last week's service while I was taking Divine Service at Geraldton. God's people of Hope Lutheran Church Geraldton expressed their appreciation for our combined efforts. They send warm Christian greetings and ask that we continue to keep them in our prayers, as they do us in theirs, as they faithfully serve in their location and under the challenges they endure.

Yay! After a well earned break over the school hols, Sunday School is back **next** Sunday. Thanks to the teachers for their faithful service and planning for the term ahead - it promises to be fantastic as they get into teaching what the Lord's Prayer is all about!

Step up to communion (preparation for admittance to the Lord's Supper): These classes will be held on 12 and 26 May and 9 June from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. If not already done, please advise Pastor Matt of your child's intended enrolment, including by e-mailing him at matt.bishop@lca.org.au

LYWA Young Adults Bible and faith study: In an exciting development, fortnightly Bible/faith studies will be held at Morley at 7:30pm from 5 May 2016 for people in the 18-30ish age range. This is a LYWA initiative responding to recent work in the LCA over the last couple of years that has identified a deep need across our church in this area. Pastor Matt is the supporting pastor and will facilitate a good number of the studies.



Word Search Puzzle

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Revelation 21:1-6

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Word List

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Today we welcome into God's family by baptism Michael Allan Rogers. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14).



Monday 25th April 1:30-3:30—All welcome

Fellowship and get together with
'the Famous Five'

Come and help 5 members of Bethlehem celebrate
their birthdays, totalling more than 310 years!

No presents please.

No prizes for guessing the famous five!!!!!!



Always Say A Prayer (A.S.A.P.)

There's work to do, deadlines to meet, you've got no time to spare,

But as you hurry and scurry, always say a prayer.

In the midst of family chaos, "quality time" is rare.

Do your best; let God do the rest: Always say a prayer.

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear.

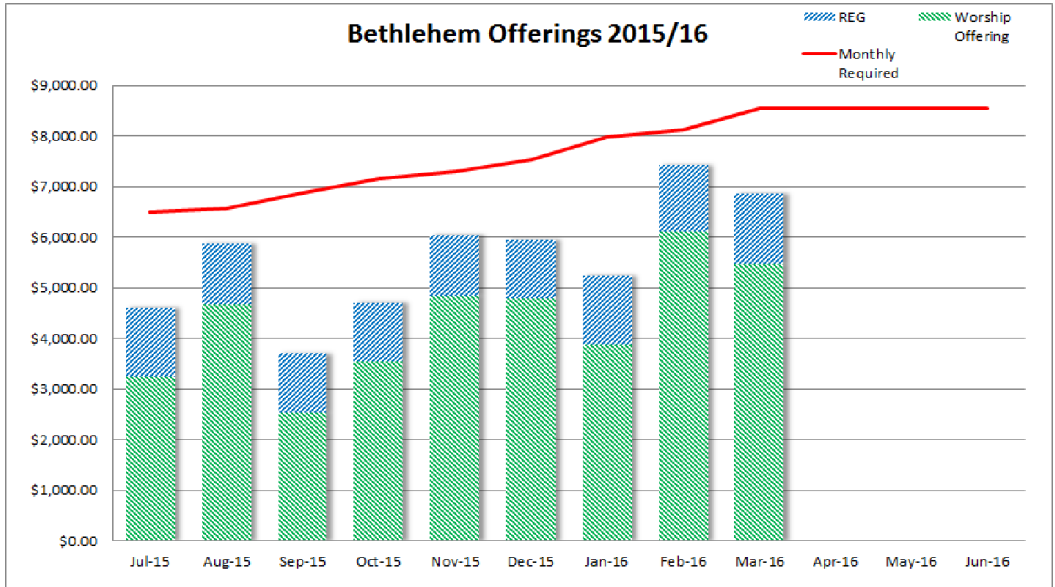
Slow down and take a breather- always say a prayer.

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares,

and He'll respond ASAP- Always say a prayer!

Stewardship and giving news:

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



We have been able to reach our Budget Offerings in both February and March which included special events - Installation Service and Easter. This helped us to reach our Offerings Budget for both months.

This means we are only \$6,645 below our target for the year to date.

Thank you to all who have responded so generously.

Fred Kroeger -
Treasurer

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Thanks to Benoit Paquette

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"SIGH", THOUGHT FRANK, AS HE ALWAYS DID
WHEN SOME CONFUSED PERSON FEELS THAT
THEY SHOULD TITHE "ONE TENT"

Prayer Points



- ◆ That we would live in Christ's gospel rather than the law, knowing that it is Christ living in us that causes us to love one another (John 13:34).
- ◆ Thanksgiving for the new heaven and new earth to come (Revelation 21:1).
- ◆ Praise to God that Michael Rogers has today been born of God (John 1:13) through baptism; and prayer also for God's guidance for Michael's parents Kayla and Ben, and godparents Christopher and Renate, as they bring him up to know Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- ◆ That the worldwide Christian church will work out of Christ's love to love all its members and share that love with all others (Acts 11:17)
- ◆ In the context of ANZAC Day 25 April, for an end to all wars (Ps 46:8-10), that those affected by war would know and be comforted by God's love, and all leaders and nations of the earth would seek peaceful solutions to conflict.
- ◆ For Peter Schirmer, Executive Officer of the LCA, that God will lead, sustain and encourage him in his work to make our church's background operations run smoothly (Psalm 25:4).
- ◆ For the nations of Japan and Ecuador as they suffer in the wake of recent earthquakes (Isaiah 40:1)
- ◆ That God will uphold all who are mourning, sick, facing surgery, recovering from surgery or anxious, including our Bethlehem Morley members personally in need at this time (Ps 63:6-8)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Monday 25th | 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 |
| Tuesday 26th | 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 |
| Wednesday 27th | 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 |
| Thursday 28th | 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 |
| Friday 29th | 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 |
| Saturday 30th | Psalm 67 |

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

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| Sunday 24 th | 9:30am Bethlehem Worship |
| May 1 st | 9:30am Bethlehem Worship |
| May 5 th | 7:30pm LYWA Young Adults Bible Study |
| May 8 th | 9:30am Bethlehem Worship |

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 | |
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| Sun 24th April | 1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church |
| Mon 25th April | 1:30-4:30pm Birthday Celebrations |
| Sun 1st May | 1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church |
| Sun 8th May | 1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church |

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 1st, (white)

**Readings: (Acts 16:9-15 , Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5 ,
John 14:23-29)**

Flowers: Lesley

Cleaners: Schmeiss Family

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