

Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 29th, 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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*And there appeared unto them
like as of fire, and it sat upon*

Acts 2:3



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 96

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the world!

People: Sing to the Lord, and praise him! Proclaim every day the good news that he has saved us.

Proclaim his glory to the nations, his mighty acts to all peoples.

The Lord is great and is to be highly praised; he is to be honoured more than all the gods.

The gods of all other nations are only idols, but the Lord created the heavens.

Glory and majesty surround him; power and beauty fill his temple.

Praise the Lord, all people on earth; praise his glory and might.

Praise the Lord's glorious name; bring an offering and come into his Temple.

Bow down before the Holy One when he appears; tremble before him, all the earth!

Say to all nations, "The Lord is king! The earth is set firmly in place and cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with justice."

Be glad, earth and sky! Roar, sea, and every creature in you;

Be glad, fields, and everything in you! The tress in the woods will shout for joy when the Lord comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the peoples of the world with justice and fairness.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for perseverance in faith

Almighty and ever living God, increase in us your gift of faith in your Son. Teach us to forget what lies behind and reach out for what is ahead, and run to win the crown of eternal joy. 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:

Kings 18:20-39

Elijah's triumph over the priests of Baal

Galatians 1:1-12

No other gospel

Luke 7: 1-10

The Roman officer's faith



St Paul in his letter to the church in Galatia ('Galatians') is cranky! It's a righteous sort of crankiness because other preachers have been there telling the Galatians that more than the pure gospel is necessary for salvation. In essence the other preachers claim that Christ's death on the cross is not sufficient to take away sin. Certain practices given in the law must be added. Paul is furious because this means people have turned their back on the sole sufficiency of Christ's saving death. As Paul writes, 'It is for freedom that Christ set us free' (Gal 5:1). Christians are not to be re-yoked to slavery to the law (Gal 5:2). To do so is to alienate themselves from Christ (Gal 5:4) because they are rejecting the Spirit they received solely by faith (believing what they heard - Gal 3:2). So this is serious business. Paul's crankiness is warranted!

We need to keep hearing this. It is easy to let other gospels crowd in, especially in post-Christian Australia. So over the next six weeks we will follow the assigned readings from Galatians in order to let this book of Galatians preach us its gospel message of freedom in Christ... and freedom in response to serve one another in love (Gal 5:13). Be prepared to be a bit shocked at some of Paul's terminology (Gal 1:6; Gal 3:1; Gal 5:12). But be prepared to even more shocked at the depth of God's grace - at the depth of the pure Gospel of Christ taught us by the Holy Spirit.

Today we start by hearing of the sufficiency of Christ's grace (Gal 1:3-5) . It is given to us in the ONLY gospel, for there is no other gospel (Gal 1:6-7).

Next LYWA GROW Young Adults (18-36) Bible Focussed Faith Group is on at Bethlehem Morley **2 June 2016 from 7:30pm**. The topic is *Paul's letter to the Galatians: background, main themes and hearing its message today*.

Next and final Step Up to Communion class is **9 June 2016 5:30pm to 6:45pm**. Most students will be admitted to the Lord's Supper on the 12 June 2016; there is a subsequent admittance on 26 June for the remainder.

Registration forms for the LYWA YAC camp Wed 6 July 2016 to Sun 10 July are now available. Register by 13 June to secure the super early-bird rate. A small number of registration forms have been placed in the foyer.

Last week's presentation from Colin and Ruth Hayter reminded us of the important work that Hannah Schultz and Mick Hauser are doing to bring the Gospel to PNG. A number of people have expressed interest in supporting Hannah and Mick further - sponsorship cards are in the top of the tract rack in the foyer.





Ladies Fellowship Meeting
-Saturday 11th June
9:30am—with Soup &
Buns

Bring along a baby photo or something that is
"very special to you"

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Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 2:7-25)

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I BELIEVE THE LORD HAD SOMETHING MORE
SUBSTANTIAL THAN FETCHING REMOTES IN
MIND WHEN HE CREATED WOMAN TO BE A
SUITABLE HELPER

Sunday School Dates for this Term

5th June
19th June
3rd July

God vs. Baal

1. Who did Elijah say he was from God?

A Disciple

A Prophet

A Leader

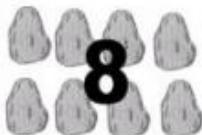
2. What did Elijah suggest God or Baal could send?



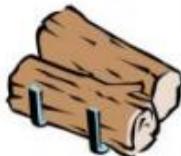
3. How long did they call to Baal?



4. How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?



5. What did Elijah put on the altar to make it harder for the fire?



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5th June Initiating Peace (Principal Mark Doecke)

We all deal with conflict in our lives. It may be as parents with our children, in the workplace, with our partners or in our friendships. How can we deal with conflict and manage those that can't be resolved?

12th June Chosen (Pastor Richard Fox)

Have you ever missed out on something that you've desperately wanted? Or have you ever been rejected? How does that compare to being chosen? We are special and chosen.

19th June Molly (Pastor James Winderlich)

Every now and then we all get glimpses of what life could be. Listen to a life changing encounter with Molly.

26th June No Favourites (Pastor Adrian Kitson)

Have you ever felt that you're not good enough, that you don't meet up with other people's expectations or maybe even your own! Why does low self-esteem have such power and what can we do about it?

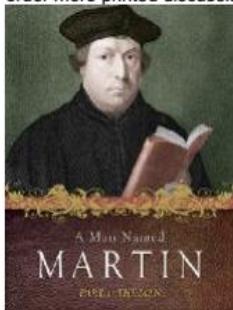
New For Men Website

A new outreach website at www.facetoface.org.au/for-men has been launched. You'll find videos, booklets, and new small group discussion videos and guides to download and enjoy. Share it with your mates.



Martin Luther DVD

Ever wondered who Martin Luther was? The Martin Luther: The Man DVD contains a 5 session video and discussion guide and goes through the details of Luther's life. Watch and download the videos for free or order the DVD version that comes with a printed discussion guide for \$15 at www.lutheranmedia.org.au/luther. Or call us on 1800 353 350. You can order more printed discussion guides too for \$2 each.



Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for sufficiency of Christ's Gospel (Gal 1:3-5)
- Protection from false 'gospels' (Gal 1:7)
- God's blessing for the LCA WA district (Eph 6:23)
- For boldness and power for in the persecuted church (Eph 6:19)
- For God's merciful leading of our nation's government and our institutions (1 Tim 2:2-4)
- Thanks giving for Christ's healing mercy (Luke 7:10)
- Comfort for all who suffer, including those in our congregation and known to each of us personally (Jer 31:3b)



Please remember in your prayers this week:

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



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 29th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

June

Thursday 2nd 7:30pm LYWA Young Adults

Sunday 5th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship

Thursday 9th 5:30pm-6:45pm Session 3 of Step-up to Communion

Sunday 12th 9:30am Bethlehem Worship—*Special faith milestone celebration as students from the step up to Communion class are admitted to the Lord's Table.*

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 29th May	11:30am Lutheran Homes AGM
Sun 29th May	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 5th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church
Sun 12th June	1-5pm Chinese Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday after Pentecost — June 5th, (Green)

Readings: (1 Kings 17:18-24, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17)

Flowers: Margaret M

Cleaners: Mansas Family

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