

# Bethlehem Morley

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 29 Robinson Rd, Morley

March 11th, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## 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.

### Contact Details

Pastor:- Pastor Matthew Bishop

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Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am

Sunday School at 9:45am:

**NOT TODAY**



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA

*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 our community.

## Entry Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Leader : "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good; his love is eternal!"

People: Repeat these words in praise to the Lord, all you whom he has saved. He has rescued you from your enemies, and has brought you back from foreign countries, from east and west, from north and south.

Some were fools, suffering because of their sins and because of their evil; They couldn't stand the sight of food and were close to death.

Then in their trouble they called to the Lord, and he saved them from their distress.

He healed them with his command and saved them from the grave.

They must thank the Lord for his constant love, for the wonderful things he did for them.

They must thank him with sacrifices, and with songs of joy must tell all that he has done.

## 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:

Numbers 21:4-9

The snake of bronze in the desert

Ephesians 2:1-10

Saved by grace through faith

John 3:14-21

Jesus brings life and light to the world



## Prayer Points



- Thanksgiving for Jesus the light of the world without which we would all be dead in darkness (John 3:20-21)
- That Christ will shine his light through the church and the church will be his willing and able servant (John 8:12/15:7-8)
- For all the blind, that God would provide them the necessary tools to live their daily lives (John 9:5-7)
- For our governments so that may do right in the Lord's eyes (1Timothy 2:1-4)
- That all living in darkness may come into life in the Lord's light (Isaiah 9:2)
- Thanksgiving for Hope Geraldton lay reader Mr Michael Walton and blessings for a great week of absorbing, learning and clarification as he spends time in the Bethlehem Morley parish this week (Psalm 113:1)
- God's grace, mercy and protection for our Treasure Hunter's Ministry at Noranda Primary School and joy for all the Bethlehem volunteers (Psalm 121:5-8)
- Thanksgiving for the Breakfast Club ministry at Hampton and encouragement for all the Bethlehem volunteers (John 6:35)
- Praise for the wonderful transformation that has happened in our faith formation and meeting space out the back of the church (Ps 127:1)
- Healing for all who are sick, comfort for all who are mourning and relief for all who are anxious (1 Peter 5:7)

### Please remember in your prayers

- Ill or healing members and friends: Tristram Van Rooyen, Elfriede Kaszanski, Anneliese Sitarz, Carmen Lawson and Don Kowald (Keith's Dad)
- Members and friends facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernst Klenner, the Zadow family.

### Daily Bible Readings

Monday 12th	Luke 6:12-26
Tuesday 13th	Luke 6:27-38
Wednesday 14th	Luke 6:38-49
Thursday 15th	Luke 7:1-17
Friday 16th	Luke 7:18-35
Saturday 17th	Psalm 51: 1-12



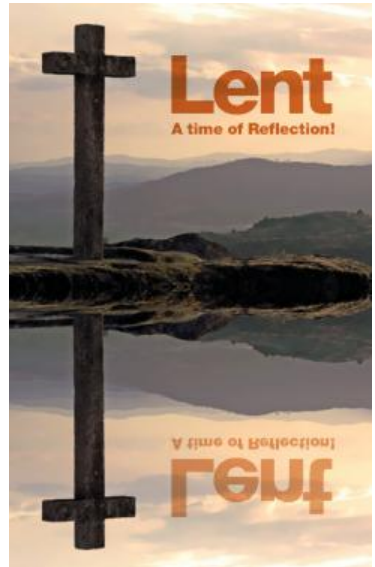
The verdict of light... It's a strange sort of verdict. Normally it's guilty or not guilty... or pass or fail. Not light or darkness. The verdict for you as a believer in Jesus Christ is one of light. Out of this comes a life of living in Christ and his truth (John 3:21). But darkness abounds. It has not understood him (John 1:5). And it is hard not to find that menacing. Do we despair? Humanely that is our likely inclination. Yet Christ gives us reason not to. While we are to take the darkness seriously, we live our lives out of Christ's light and the great promise and reason behind it: that all who believe in his son's 'giving' (his death) will not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16), because 'God did not send his son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through him' (John 3:17).

Easter services Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday night vigil and Easter Sunday: There will be an increased opportunity to participate in the Easter Services this year compared with previous years. Please see/email/phone Pastor Matt if you can serve.

Lenten Bible Studies: 'Christ: was, is and will be forever', continue again this Wed 14 March at 7pm and then again, 21 March.

This year for our mid-week devotions we'll use a short prayer order then undertake some Bible study on the person of Jesus Christ. The four week topic is 'Christ: was, is and will be forever'.

Taking the second article of the Nicene Creed as our cue, we will explore Christ before time, in Creation and the Old Testament, Christ in human form as he walked amongst us, and Christ in his glory awaiting to bring all things to fruition.



Confirmation and step-up communion: I am exploring the possibility of beginning separate faith development classes after Easter in support of eventual confirmation (around school yr 8) and 'step up to communion' (around school year 4-5). Confirmation will run for a year with an anticipated confirmation date of Palm Sunday 2019. Step-Up Communion would run for 6 weeks. Further specifics including dates, times and class sizes will be settled in consultation with parents and carers. So please contact me on 9276 7668 if you, or someone you know might be interested. As with last confirmation course, there will be an opportunity for congregational members to be involved in various seminars that will be held as part of the faith development. Parents will need to attend some of the confirmation sessions, and all of the step-up to communion sessions.

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## Lutheran Women of Western Australia 49<sup>th</sup> Convention

Theme: Trinity Travels

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

trinity travels

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
<b>Venue:</b>	Trinity Lutheran Church, Narrogin
<b>Registration and Morning Tea:</b>	8:30 am
<b>Commences:</b>	9:30 am
<b>Cost:</b>	Love box donation for lunch
<b>What to bring:</b>	Bible, Pen and Convention booklet
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Anne Fitzpatrick author of "Cycle of Learning"

See Roslyn for further information

The next WA Lutheran News is due at the end of March. Deadline – 27th  
If you have any articles; advertisements; poetry; photos or anything else you would like included, please send these thru to Karen Crouch:  
[waneews@wa.lca.org.au](mailto:waneews@wa.lca.org.au)

# Community Care Hampers

There has been an increase in requests for Community Care Food Hampers recently.



We have helped several people from the neighbourhood around our Church. The food store is regularly depleted, so we ask that you consider adding an item or two to your weekly shopping to help with this vital and valued ministry of our Church to our community.



To fill a hamper we need cereals , long life milk, tea, coffee, small tins Milo, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, cous cous, pasta sauces, tuna or salmon, sardines, soups, processed cheeses, muesli bars, crackers, peanut butter and vegemite spreads.

Thank you for your generous support of the Food Hamper ministry and Bethlehem Community Care.

## *Update from the Treasurer*

### Offerings

February	\$7,021	Year to Date	\$63,551
Budget	\$7,539	Budget YTD	\$65,962
Shortfall	\$ 518	Shortfall	\$ 2,411

March 23rd 7-10pm

Suburban Challenge



This will be a joint night with St John's.

Leave Bethlehem Morley 6:30pm to meet up with St John's by 7pm

If you need a lift, please advise early to help with organising cars. Chris

Email: [cdkuchel.ck@gmail.com](mailto:cdkuchel.ck@gmail.com) Mobile: 0401212521

## Word Search Puzzle

Numbers 21: 4-9 The snake of bronze in the desert

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H S P S S E N R E D L I W D O O F  
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### Word List

WILDERNESS ISRAELITES POISONOUS MISERABLE IMPATIENT WHENEVER  
SPEAKING SERPENTS EVERYONE SOMEONE  
NUMBERS BROUGHT AGAINST SINNED PRAYED PERSON  
PEOPLE DETEST BRONZE BITTEN BECAME AROUND WOULD WATER  
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## 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 WEEKS

- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Lenten Devotion  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm Lenten Devotion  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm departure, combined Youth night with St John’s  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Bethlehem Worship (Palm Sunday)

Visit us on the Web at: [morley.wa.lca.org.au](http://morley.wa.lca.org.au)

Bookings: email us at [bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au](mailto:bookings@morley.wa.lca.org.au)

### WORSHIP SERVICE COMING UP

Fifth Sunday in Lent— March 18th, 2018 (Purple)

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 , Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Flowers: Pilot of no flowers during Lent.

Cleaners: Kroeger Family

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All Items for the “Bethlehem Bulletin”, please email to Lorraine ([lschutz99@gmail.com](mailto:lschutz99@gmail.com)) by Wednesday afternoon.