

Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH MORLEY

29 Robinson Rd, Morley
December 16th, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

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.

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Worship:

Sundays at 9.30am
Sunday School at 9:45am:
On Today



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: Isaiah 12:2-6

Leader: God is my saviour; I will trust him and not be afraid. The Lord gives me power and strength; he is my saviour.

People: As fresh water brings joy to the thirsty, so God's people rejoice when he saves them."

A day is coming when people will sing, "Give thanks to the Lord! Call for him to help you! Tell all the nations what he has done! Tell them how great he is!

Sing to the Lord because of the great things he has done. Let the whole world hear the news.

Let everyone who lives in Zion shout and sing! Israel's holy God is great, and he lives among his people."

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray that we may receive Christ with joy.

Almighty and merciful God, each year you make us glad as we look forward to the birthday of your Son. May we who joyfully receive him as our redeemer confidently face him when he comes to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The Lord will renew us by his love

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice! The Lord is near

Luke 3:7-18

What must we do?



Prayer Points



- That we may be people living in the joy of Christ and bearing witness to his light (Zeph 3:4; Phil 4:4)
- That our civil leaders will serve the common good and take time to discern God's will (1 Tim 2:3-4)
- That all Australians be freed from despair, poverty and exclusion (Micah 6:8)
- Strengthening of our work in the world as we proclaim the gospel in service, word and sacrament (Luke 3:10,16)
- Smooth running for Carols on the Corner and the blessing of the receipt of the Gospel for all who attend (Luke 2:10)
- Comfort and healing for those who are sick, grieving, troubled and in need of care (Isaiah 12:2)
- *'Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.'*
Isaiah 12:2

Please remember in your prayers

- Ill or healing members and friends: Tristram Van Rooyen, Elfriede Kaszanski, Anneliese Sitarz, Carmen Lawson and Roslyn Zadow.
- Members and friends facing challenging circumstances: Margaret and Ernst Klenner, the Zadow family.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 17th	Ephesians 2: 8 –22
Tuesday 18th	Ephesians 3: 1-13
Wednesday 19th	Ephesians 3: 14-21
Thursday 20th	Ephesians 4: 1-16
Friday 21st	Ephesians 4:17 –32
Saturday Dec 22nd	Luke 1:46b-55



Searching for joy. This week we continue with our Advent themes looking at the biblical theme of joy. As we will hear today, St Paul says: 'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!' (Phil 4:4) I wonder how that is possible? Then I remember that I think I'm only asking that because I've not stopped to remember what God has done for me and what my real identity is. Therefore today we look at Godly joy and will receive our share as God's Holy Spirit ministers to us. In advance, a look at Zephaniah 3:14-20, Hebrews 12:1-3, Luke 1:26-38 and Philippians 4:4-7 will prepare you well.

Carols on the Corner Tuesday night: See you there... Kid's activities and food for sale from 5:30pm, community Carols program from 6:30pm. A huge thanks to Emma, Mike and Serica and families for all their work on this... more on that later.

Thanks to John Zadow for putting up the Christmas lights on the church.

Retiring offering today: The Balga Community Band are kindly providing the music for Carols on the Corner. Bethlehem Church Council has agreed it would love to bless them with a donation to help cover their costs such as music, transport, insurance and instruments... as well as simply encourage them and show them our appreciation for their indescribable gift (2 Corinthians 9:15). Hence, please contribute whatever you are able to our retiring offering today. The proceeds will be presented Tuesday night.



Christmas Hampers

For a number of years now we have asked for special donations of goods for our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We are again planning on putting together a hamper for a number of our families and Community contacts. If you would like to make a special donation consider whether you might make donations of Christmas type items, or make a monetary donation marked 'Christmas Hampers' and place on the offering.



Thank you—Community Care Team



FREE ENTRY

Carols on the Corner

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2018
29 Robinson Road, Morley - Cnr Weld Court



LIVE MUSIC BY:
THE BALGA COMMUNITY BAND

KIDS ACTIVITIES & FOOD FOR SALE FROM: 5:30^{PM}
COMMUNITY CAROLS PROGRAM: 6:30^{PM} - 8:30^{PM}

BYO FOLDING CHAIR OR PICNIC RUG
ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE EVENT

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16th December How God sees Christmas (Pastor James Winderlich)

Do you look forward to Christmas with anticipation? Or do you wonder if you'll experience the peace and joy that Christmas promises? James Winderlich tells the story of one troubled family and a stranger in the rain, who, in a surprising way, all experienced the true meaning of Christmas.

23rd December Story of the Carols (Celia and Richard)

Christmas time is well known for its carols – but why do we actually sing Christmas carols? Celia and Richard talk about some of their favourite carols and share the meaning and memories they bring for them. What are your favourite carols?

30th December Time Matters (Pastor Mark Doecke)

Do you feel like you never have enough time? Or perhaps you wish you used some of your time differently? One sure thing about time is once it's gone you can't get it back. Mark Doecke talks about making the most of the time we have.

Christmas Services:

6:30pm Christmas Eve—

Family and Children's service

9:00am Christmas Day—

Worship with Holy Communion



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Donations towards the cost of Rachel's course at Perth Bible College can be made by putting your gift in a specially marked envelope and placing it in the offering bag.



"Wow! What a great response from members in November for the work of the Lord in our congregation. \$1,931 above budget for the year to date!"

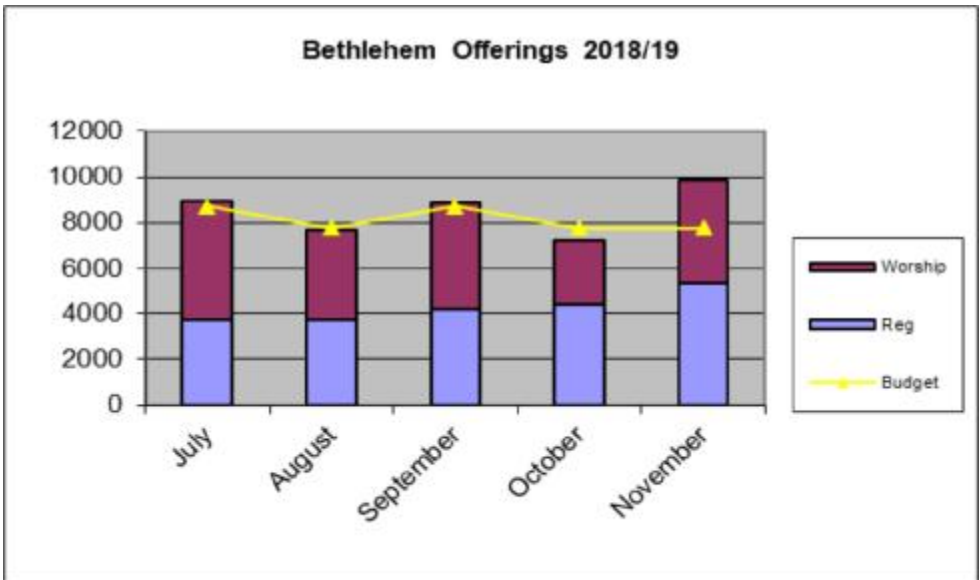
To God be the Glory.

Keith Kowald

Treasurer.

BETHLEHEM OFFERINGS REPORT 2018/19

Month	Reg	Worship	Total	Budget	Variance
July	3700	5270	8970	8728	242
August	3690	4021	7711	7766	-55
September	4205	4703	8908	8728	180
October	4370	2847	7217	7766	-549
November	5400	4479	9879	7766	2113
YTD	21365	21320	42685	40754	1931



Offering envelopes for 2019 are now available. Take a pack from the foyer as an aid to regular weekly giving.





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 until he comes.(1 Corinthians 11:26)

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 FEW WEEKS

Sunday Dec 16 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Tuesday Dec 18 th	5:30pm onwards, Carols on the Corner
Sunday Dec 23 rd	9:30am Bethlehem Worship
Monday Dec 24 th	6:30pm Family Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday Dec 25 th	9:30am Bethlehem Worship

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Bookings: email us at bookings.morley.wa@lca.org.au

WORSHIP SERVICE COMING UP

Fourth Sunday of Advent — Dec 23rd, 2018 (Blue)

Readings: Micah 5:2-5a , Hebrews 10:5-10 , Luke 1:39-45

Flowers: Roslyn

Cleaners: Mansas Family

Communion Usher: Mel Bishop

All Items for the "Bethlehem Bulletin", please email to Lorraine (bulletin.morley.wa@lca.org.au) by Wednesday afternoon.