

Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH **MORLEY**

29 Robinson Rd, Morley

September 6th, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

We pray God's joy and comfort will be yours this day as you receive God's blessing in worship. If you would like to talk further concerning faith in Christ or about the Church, please speak with our Pastor or one of our members. Visitors are warmly invited to get to know us a little further after the service and to sign our visitors book. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we are not serving morning tea at present.

Worship

Sundays 9:30am

Sunday School - still waiting...

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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 our community.

Entry Psalm: Psalm 149

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman

Romans 13:8-14

The debt of love

Matthew 18:15-20

Steps towards reconciliation

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray for harmony in the church.

Thank you, heavenly Father, that through your Son you have reconciled us to yourself and to one another. Teach us to follow his example by living at peace with each other. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Prayer Points

- That the Lord would lead us not only into temptation (where in faith we trust him – Matthew 4:1), but deliver us from evil (Matthew 6:13)
- That we may all be grounded on Christ and the gospel, and humbly recognise our own need for forgiveness (Matthew 18:14; 6:12)
- That God will open the hearts of the churches' enemies to receive Christ (Matthew 5:44)
- Help for all who live with anger and bitterness in their hearts (Psalm 32:3)
- That the Lord will make the paths straight as Hanna Schulz goes back to Gulf Province and continues her translation work including through building the necessary personnel and physical infrastructure (Isaiah 40:3; Psalm 104).
- For Fathers that they do not exasperate their children but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesian 6:4)
- The Lord Jesus' presence with the people of Victoria as they struggle with strict lock-down measures; that the measures will help bring an end to the suffering of many, and that the Lord, including through the many parts of his church, will bring comfort and relief to all those who are struggling with sudden changes to their lives, and also protect all essential service workers. (Psalm 130:1)
- God's comfort for those who are sick, lonely, struggling, disorientated or grieving (Psalm 68:19)

Please remember in your prayers

Please continue to pray for resilience, understanding and God's grace across the LCA as it continues to deal with and be affected by COVID-19, including all members, friends, pastors, church workers, and congregational and district leaders. Kyrie eleison.

Ill or healing members and friends

- Tristram & Helga Van Rooyen, Anneliese Sitarz, Carmen Lawson, Roslyn Zadow, Johanna Videmanis, Margaret Mansas (knee surgery), Lorraine Schutz (recovering from shoulder surgery) Elfie Heller and Peter Hueppauff

Members facing challenging circumstances

- The Bishop Family, Zadow Family and the Dube Family



Temptation and evil... Matthew 6:13. The pastors of the LCA WA District are each contributing a video sermon on a petition of the Lord's Prayer to a 'sermon pool' that can be drawn upon where that is needed and desirable. 'Think' our district's congregations without pastors, but also those with pastors who will be elsewhere from time to time, or simply want to feed from across our synod. The lot of the 6th/7th portion fell to me. I'll preach a draft of that today as I finalise it. No light stuff here in Matthew 6:13... but one thing in all the questions I've had about this part of our Lord's Prayer is how when we experience temptation and cry out for mercy to God, God never fails us if we come back to trusting in Jesus and what he has done for us. Whether that be now or our faith condition the day we meet Jesus face to face.

Zoom Bible Study: due to Church council Wednesday night and a pretty huge load for me with some other work through the rest of the week, we will not hold the Zoom format Bible Study this week. But see you on Wednesday 16 September.

Reminder: All parents wanting their grade 7-9 children to commence **Bethlehem's discipleship course** (formerly 'Confirmation') are invited to meet on Wednesday 9 September from 5pm (for an hour). We'll go through the context, discuss faith formation challenges at this age of life and settle the logistics (subject to some subsequent input from the students themselves). As this is a whole of congregation ministry, all members are invited, but please advise Pastor Matt of your attendance on 0420 958 898 in advance.

Today we celebrate Michael Down's confirmation with him and his family. Over the past year or so Michael has undertaken a course of instruction on Jesus' key teachings and Christian discipleship, applying all this in day to day life. He now desires to confirm the faith that was active when he was baptised as an infant. He will also be admitted to the Lord's table. We thank God for the way his Spirit works... As Jesus said to his disciples the night before he died "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." (John 15:16; NIV)

Geraldton family weekend: Consistent with our ministry partnership I'll be serving at Hope Lutheran Church Geraldton on the September long weekend 26-28 September. If you are interested in being part of the weekend, please let me know soon so that we can communicate numbers to Geraldton.



Milo really does make a marvellous difference... the breakfast at Hampton High has started again, although on Wednesday mornings rather than Thursdays. Thanks to the team from Bethlehem that is helping. Donations of tins of milo will be gratefully received on Sunday mornings, blessed at the altar and passed on!



Fathers Day

Fathers have a special role
In each young child's life
To mould and shape them to become
A follower of Christ
To show them the Father's heart
And help them understand
How God's love can be their guide
As they take Him by the hand.

By M.S.Lowndes



Update from Church Council

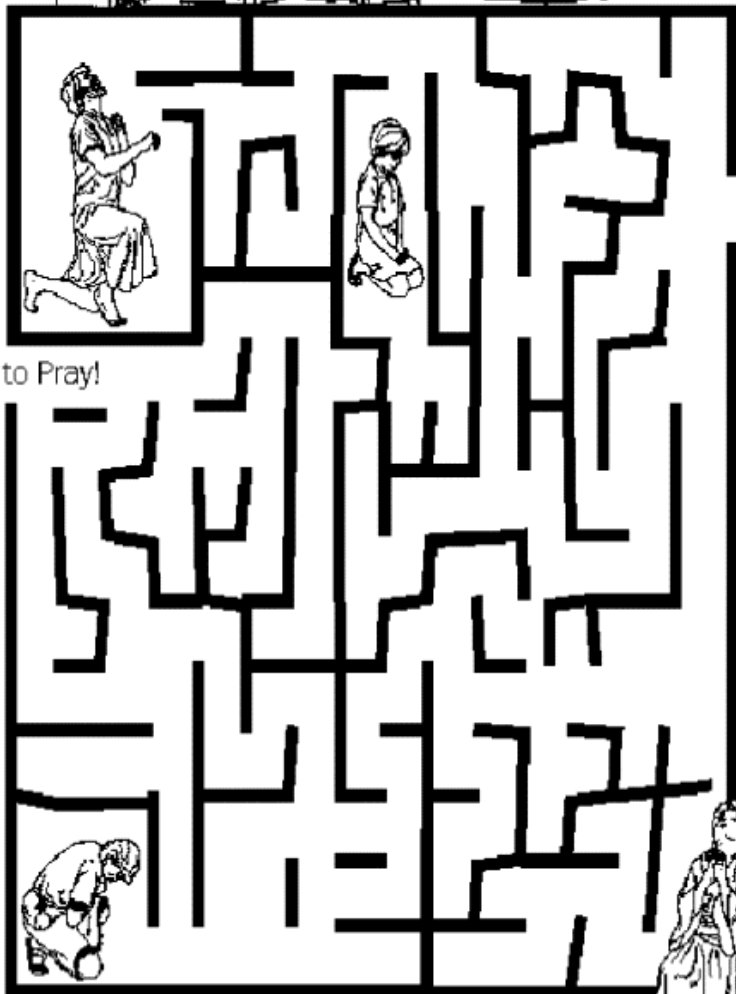
Church Council wish to advise the Congregation that Pastor Matt has received another call, this time to the Nazareth Woolloongabba Lutheran Church in inner Brisbane. Please remember him and his family in your prayers as he considers the call and also remember the Nazareth congregation as they seek a new minister. Pastor Matt has around 4 weeks to advise them of his decision.

Scripture Readings

Sep 7th Heb 8:1-9:10
Sep 8th Heb 9:11-10 :18
Sep 9th Heb 10:19-39
Sep 10th Heb 11:1-12:2
Sep 11th Heb 12:3-29
Sep 12th Heb 13:1-19
Sep 13th Heb 13:20-25



Sep 14th Mark 1
Sep 15th Mark 2-3
Sep 16th Mark 4:1-34
Sep 17th Mark 4:35-5:43
Sep 18th Mark 6
Sep 19th Mark 7:1-8:26
Sep 20th Mark 8:27-9:50



Teach us to Pray!

Let us Pray!

**Current Financial
Status from the
Treasurer**

Offerings	Actual	Budget	Variance
August	\$10,794	\$10,462	\$332
Year to Date	\$20,710	\$20,231	\$479

Special prayer concerning Covid-19.

Heavenly Father, bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from Coronavirus COVID-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus where it is uncontained. Thank you for your mercies that have been evident in Australia throughout this time and that through the plans and people you have served us with we have been able to be spared from the depth of trauma, rupture and desperation that so many other countries have endured. Be with those in Victoria suffering at present and help their authorities to get it back under control. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask your protection over them as they go about their work. Give wisdom to governments around the world as they manage this outbreak. Help us to care for those who have lost work or businesses and keep them from despairing. Lead your church as it continues transitioning back to worship in the places it can. Help all of our members and friends at Bethlehem Morley to place our trust in you for all things, knowing that our life is safely hidden in you and that you are the Lord of all creation. Enable us to show your love to others, including through the ministry of Bethlehem Community Care and our food pantry ministry. Help us to share the hope we have in you, praying and caring for the sick and needy as best we can in the name of Christ. Amen.

Visit us on the web at: morley.wa.lca.org.au

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

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Sunday Sep 6th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper
Wednesday 9th	7:00pm Church Council meeting via Zoom
Sunday Sep 13th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper
Sunday Sep 20th	9:30am Worship Service with Lord's Supper

WORSHIP SERVICE - 13th September

Flowers: Renate
Cleaners: Mansas Family

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