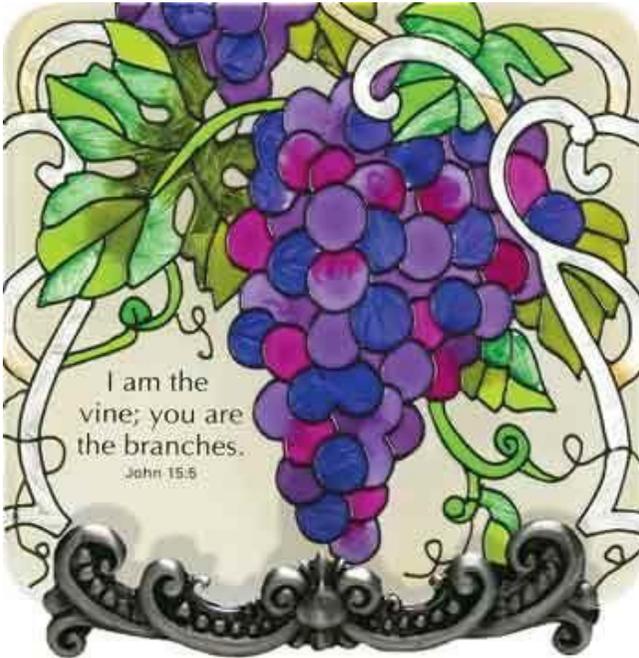


Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



**5th Sunday
of Easter**

**2nd May
2021**

WELCOME TO MEMBERS, FRIENDS and VISITORS.

We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us today.
Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian
1 John 4:7-21 Love one another, As God loved us
John 15:1-8 The true vine and the fruitful branches

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	John 15:1-8	Thursday	Galatians 5:22-26
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7	Friday	1 Peter 2:11-20
Tuesday	Amos 9:13-15	Saturday	Psalms 98
Wednesday	John 14:1-14		

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week:

- **We pray for the following that are in need at this time:** Pastor Graham ZWECK; Shirley BULLOCK (ESTIA); Ruth FRAUENFELDER; Phyllis HEINER [Yackandandah Health Aged Care]; Robert HASLAM; Gregory JENNINGS; Laurel McRAE [Yallaroo Albury]; Dianne WILLIAMS.
- **Nhill Parish, Congregations of Nhill, Jeparit, and Woorak** – Pastor Carl Thiele and Krista.
- **Lay Staff** – Jennifer Goldsworthy. **Nhill Lutheran School** –Principal Damon Prenzler and Staff Team.
- **North Tasmania Parish, Congregations of Burnie, Devonport and Launceston** –Pastor Stuart Kleinig and Julie.
- **For Victory College** – Mother’s Day stall and the work of the P&F that it may be a success. Plus the ALWS visit in the coming week.
- **Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance** on the Call Committee of the Wodonga Parish as they meet to bring a list of Pastor candidates to the next Call meeting.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

HEATHER IS TAKING 5 WEEKS ANNUAL LEAVE FROM 12TH APRIL UNTIL 16TH MAY

The Parish Office will be closed while Heather is away.
If you are in need of pastoral care please leave a message on the office answering machine (02 6024 7072), which will be checked regularly.
If you urgently need pastoral care phone Chairperson Jenny Simboras (02 6040 4494). Many thanks.

ST JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE TIME
ONE Service ONLY on Sunday at 9.30am.

CALL DECLINED

Pastor Greg Fowler informed Jenny Simboras that he has declined our call to WLP. The Call Committee has been asked to continue with the search for a pastor, but ***other members are invited to join the Call C'tee*** if they feel called to do so.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting for the Women's Fellowship is on Wed. 5th May at 9:45am in the Church Hall. All welcome.

DINE-OUT

The monthly Sunday Dine-Out will be at the Plant Farm today.

CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

CLW PURPLE

A week-long camp for High School students where you will have the chance to encounter God, grow your faith, meet new and old friends, and have an awesome time!

To be held from 5-9th July, at Tandara Lutheran Camp Halls Gap. Contact Emilie-Rae via clw.lyv@lca.org.au or see the **[LYV Facebook page](#)**

CLW ORANGE

To be held from 20-24th September (Cost \$295*)

Contact Emilie-Rae via clw.lyv@lca.org.au or see the **[LYV Facebook page](#)**

MYANMAR UNREST

We bring the people of Myanmar to you, God, and pray for a peaceful resolution to the unrest in that country. We pray for all world leaders, that they govern with wisdom, compassion and understanding.

IN MEMORIAM



PASTOR CLEM TRAEGER (9/1/1931–13/4/2021)

Ordained 10 January 1954 (Bethlehem Adelaide SA); served Port Lincoln SA (1954–1957), Mannum SA (1957–1968), Tarrington Vic (1968–1976), Para Vista SA (1976–1984), Glandore SA (1984–1996); retired 1996; died 13/4/2021 (Adelaide SA); funeral 21/4/2021

(Bethlehem Adelaide SA); mourned by children Peter, Jennifer and Terri

NEW LEARNING HUB 'COMPREHENSIVE AND USER-FRIENDLY'

The LCANZ's Church Worker Support Department (CWS) has launched a new user-friendly learning hub that can be accessed through Australian Lutheran College's (ALC) iLearn online learning environment.



The comprehensive training hub has been developed by CWS in partnership with ALC.

The LCA Learning Hub is designed to provide church members with information, training, links and resources on a broad range of

subjects that are essential and relevant for congregations, parishes and their leaders. It replaces the Congregational Leadership Training package but is more comprehensive and wide-ranging in the topics and subject matter it covers.

In developing the learning hub, we tried to address all of the questions congregations and parishes are asking, as well as any information they may be seeking. There is a base level of information included on each topic, but what makes this hub so useful are the extensive resources provided to assist leaders and the links that are included for those wanting further information.

We have tried to make the LCA Learning Hub as user-friendly as possible by including a short introductory video on how to navigate it as well as a handy master index. CWS Department Manager Dr. Chris Materne said that while our team couldn't get out to visit congregations in 2020, we worked hard to compile the resources and information now accessible via this new hub. 'Our prayer is that it will support all those in leadership across the church as they navigate an increasingly complex compliance and training landscape', she said.

Two new training courses also have been included through the learning hub – the 'Workplace Health and Safety Training' and 'Managing Mental Health' courses.

People who have had previous access to the Congregational Leadership Training will have automatic access to the new LCA Learning Hub.

Those with an LCA email and LCA portal access can simply go to the [ALC iLearn page](#) and log in using their LCA email and password. Others will need to contact CWS (churchworkersupport@lca.org.au or 08 8267 7300) for an enrolment key which will enable them to enroll and log in using an email and password that they will then set up. **Verena Johnson is a Church Worker Support officer.**

RECORD NUMBERS FOR ALWS 'WALK MY WAY'

A record contingent of more than 750 walkers has signed up for Walk My Walk events in May to support children in refugee camps to go to school – and the number is growing every day!



The number of participants is more than double the highest turnout in the previous three years of Walk My Way events and Walk Your Way individual walks in 2020. As of 27 April, more than \$125,000 had been raised and education supported for more than 4,800 children – not quite half-way to the target of 10,000.

It's not too late to get involved. You can still register as a walker for one of the events, or to do your own walk in your own time, or to donate towards the goal of \$260,000. And volunteers are also still needed for the major Barossa Valley Walk My Way this Saturday in South Australia.

As well as the Barossa Valley Walk My Way on 1 May, where almost 600 people have so far registered to walk, run, wheel, or cycle their way along the 26-kilometre course from Nuriootpa to Lyndoch, more than 40 members and friends of St John's Lutheran Church Unley will walk up to the same distance through suburban Adelaide on the same day. People from the communities of Encounter Lutheran College Victor Harbor in SA and Good Shepherd Lutheran College in the Northern Territory will also stage walks on 4 and 22 May respectively.

Among the new recruits for the Barossa Valley Walk My Way are Dave L and Dave P. The 'Daves' (*Dave L on left, and Dave P on right*) are part of a Walk My Way team from Lutheran Disability Services (LDS) in the Barossa Valley.

Two LDS clients will be assisted in wheelchairs, while another two will power along under their own steam. Joining them will be their support workers, like Tamara (second from left in back row of team photo above), who says: 'This is a wonderful chance for our clients to give back to the community and demonstrate that everybody has the ability to make a difference for the good of others.'

'We're all very excited about the challenge', she says. 'Dave P insists our team's theme song has to be "These boots are made for walking".'

Support worker Julie will assist Dave P in his wheelchair for his Walk My Way and says, 'We are so inspired by what these children in the camps over there have to go through, that this is the least we can do'.

'It is a privilege and honour to walk with our clients to support them and enable them to contribute to society in a positive way. It helps make them feel important and valued too.'



Growing
FAITH
at home

2 May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

What is your favourite fruit? Why?

2

Jesus says that we show that we are his followers by producing fruit. What do you think Jesus means by 'fruit'?

3

Jesus tells us that if we are to produce fruit, we need to remain with him. Other translations use the word 'stay' or 'abide'. What do these words mean for you?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
M	Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the eunuch
T	John 4:7-21	God is love
W	Deuteronomy 10:12-19	What the Lord wants
T	Mark 12:28-34	The first commandment
F	Galatians 3:23-29	Purpose of the law
S	Psalms 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving
S	John 15:9-17	Love one another

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for never leaving us. Help us to stay with you. Produce your good fruit in our lives today. Amen

BLESSING

May the love of God bless you, live in you, and be perfected in you.

Jesus is the vine we are his branches

Creative Response

This is a great week to creatively represent what John 15:6 says. Use pipe cleaners, construction paper etc to create a vine, branches, leaves and fruit. Discuss what the 'fruit' is and note times this week when you see it displayed in one another's lives. Pray God will use you as you love each other. Keep the verse close to your heart by learning the actions below.

"I am the vine" –Move arms around in the air.

"you are the branches"

–Stand as still as a tree with your hands up.

"If you remain in me and I in him,"

–Hug your arms around your body.

"You will bear much fruit."

–Act like you are picking fruit off of a tree.

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

–Hold your arms apart with your palms out.

mealt ime prayer

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; so thank you Lord, for all you give, this food and drink and love. Amen.

verse for the week

I am the vine, and you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

JOHN 15:6

Service



The Easter joy began with women at the empty tomb being sent out with a message that Jesus has been raised (Mark 16:8).

We, like the women, are sent out into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death. It was the same for Philip who met the Ethiopian eunuch on a wilderness road (Acts 8:26). As you meet people in your daily activities, find ways through your words and actions to communicate God's love to them. Whose life can you touch today with the freedom of the gospel that has conquered sin and death? Pray for Christian outreach throughout the world.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	2 May	9:30am	LAY Service (AU) + Holy Communion (Ps GZ) DINE-OUT at the Plant Farm
Monday	12 Apr to 16 May		Heather taking 5 weeks annual leave
Tuesday	4 May	11am-3pm	Church Office CLOSED
Wednesday	5 May	9am-1pm	Church Office CLOSED
		9:45am	Women's Fellowship
Thursday	6 May	11am-3pm	Church Office CLOSED
Sunday	9 May	9:30am	Service with Holy Communion (JS) MOTHER'S DAY

LAST WEEK: 25th April 2021			
Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am	33	nil	Offering \$455 (ex REG)
Total Attendance:	33	nil	

NEXT WEEKEND: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun 9:30am Wod Service with HC **(JS)**

READINGS

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND

Communion/Altar	9 th May	Jason Zweck
Reader	9 th May	John Donker
PowerPoint	9 th May	Andy Enever
Usher/Counters	9 th May	Roger & Jan Farrell
Morning Tea	9 th May	after service Sheryl Parsons & Paul & Lorraine Schirmer
Church Cleaning	May 3 rd - May 9 th	N & S Jacob
Mowers	May 3 rd - May 16 th	Peter Lade & Adrian Gutsche

