

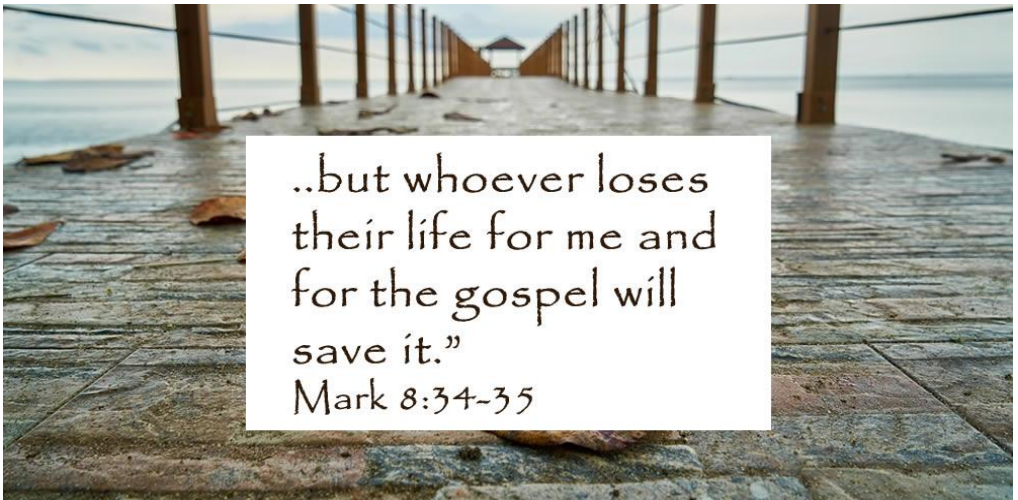
Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus

16th Sunday after Pentecost



12th September 2021

Welcome to members, friends & visitors.

We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us today.

At the end of the Service we invite you to please join us for a cuppa and a chat. Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Graham Zweck
SERMON: Mark 8:34-35
THEME: Winners or Losers for Jesus?

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Isaiah 50:4-9a The obedient servant of the Lord
James 3:1-12 Taming the tongue
Mark 8:27-38 Christ must suffer and die

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Thursday	1 Peter 3:13-18
Monday	Luke 9:57-62	Friday	1 Peter 4:12-19
Tuesday	Philippians 3:7-16	Saturday	Psalm 1
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:1-4		

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week:

- **We pray for the following that are in need at this time:** Shirley BULLOCK (ESTIA); Kevin DRAPER (at home healing after his car accident); Ruth FRAUENFELDER; Phyllis HEINER [Yackandandah Health Aged Care]; Robert HASLAM; Gregory JENNINGS; Laurel McRAE [Yallaroo Albury]; Dianne WILLIAMS.
- **Wodonga Parish** as we seek to find a new pastor to guide us in our mission and ministry in the Wodonga community.
- **Please keep The Call Meeting Ballot in your prayers.**
- **Please pray for the Confirmation Class** – as their faith journey is put on hold due to the COVID lockdown. Also keep Rhonda Keller and Jenny Simboras in your prayers as they prepare to instruct these young people.
- **Victory Lutheran College** – We pray for our students. For their education and their relationships. For their journey of discovering Jesus. And as we head into holidays, for their time with family and friends.
- **Hobart Congregation** – Pastor Mike Steicke and Leanne.
- **Eastside Lutheran College** – Principal Wendy Ruback and staff team.
- **Horsham Congregation** – Pastor Gus Schultz and Elaine; Pastor Vacancy.
- **Lay Worker** – Lynda Henstridge.
- **Lay Staff** – Heather Petering.
- **Holy Trinity Lutheran College Ltd** – Principal Daniel Weller and staff team.
- **Sunnyside Lutheran Retirement Homes** – CEO Denise Hooper and staff team.

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Doctoral Studies Scholarship holder Rev Elkarya Telaumbanua as he completes his studies in Indonesia.
- Tatachilla Lutheran College, SA as they support the scholarship program of the Lutheran Church in Cambodia, Phum Krous by providing for 20 students who are at need financially and connected to the church

'Lord, renew your church, begin with me!'

WORSHIP SERVICE

The Parish Council, at its' meeting on Wednesday (8th) evening, decided that **face to face worship service would not resume this coming Sunday, 12th September**, due to the low number allowed at each service by COVID restrictions. In the coming week, in consultation with the retired Pastors, a decision will be made if in the short term we go back to two services on a Sunday. You will be informed of this decision later next week. The service order and sermon for this coming Sunday 12th are being emailed/posted to you today (Thursday 9th).

CALL MEETING BALLOT

Ballot papers were sent out last Thursday, 2nd September, please let Chairperson Jenny Simboras know if you don't receive your envelope in the coming week. Allow plenty of time for your vote to reach me. Even though we are only a few kilometers apart, Australia Post has to take the longest route, usually through Sydney!

If there are any questions please contact the Chairperson, preferably by email jennsimb@outlook.com, but if that is not possible then by phone 02 6040 4494. All questions and answers will be published in the weekly bulletin.

Ballot Papers to be back to Jenny Simboras by the 30th September 2021.

FUNERAL SERVICE

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jenelle Rothenberg, her daughters Rana, Eva-Anna, Anna-Bree and partner Rolf Egeberg, on the passing away of Jenelle's father, Gary Rothenberg. He was laid to rest in the Myrtleford Cemetery on Friday, 10th September 2021. Pastor Graham officiated at this service.

KEVIN DRAPER THANK YOU

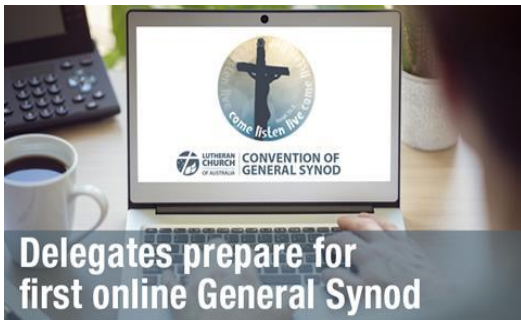
Kevin would like to thank Parish members for their prayers and phone calls. He is recuperating well at home.

JESUS JUKE BOX (12 Sept)

Please be advised that **Jesus Juke Box (12 Sept)** is being postponed to a date to be advised. This is due to the COVID lockdowns and the inability of the band to be able to practise

VLC "VOICE OF VICTORY" NEWSLETTER

<https://www.vlc.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/newsletters>



Delegates are preparing to attend the first sessions of the 20th Convention of General Synod, which will be held online on 1 and 2 October. The online sessions will be followed, God-willing, by in-person sessions next year. [Read more](#)



Due to the widespread lockdowns in many parts of Australia and New Zealand, the Commission on Worship has reactivated its Church@Home resources on the Worship Planning Page. Links to live-streaming congregations, prayer and devotional resources can be found by clicking on the Church@Home button on the navigation bar. In each week's service preparation resources, you will also see a Church@Home icon, where you can access a Church@Home service order, complete with accompanying PPT, printable and video sermons to choose from, YouTube links to music suggestions and printable prayers and Bible readings.

VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT

McCRINDLE RESEARCH SOCIAL TRENDS PRESENTATION

Free online event Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30pm

The Rise of Regional Australia, a yearning for the 'local' connection

What's happening in Australian Society as a result of COVID?

Pastors and Layworkers from across the district recently had an opportunity to hear a presentation from Pr. Brett on some likely future trends in Australia which were based on McCrindle research. Mark McCrindle heads up a social research company that is widely consulted for its insights into demographic trends in Australia.

Perhaps the two most interesting themes are a likely demographic re-location from cities to country areas, and a growing yearning on the part of many for a reconnection to the 'local'. There is an emerging desire for local services, local connections and a sense of local community.

Pr. Brett is planning to present this material again for church workers and lay people who may be interested from across the district, with a Q and A as part of a one hour Zoom session.

This will be an opportunity for us to reflect on a key question: What mission opportunities might the Holy Spirit be presenting to us, both in the city and in the country, as a result of these trends?

To register interest please send an email to Kate Burke kate.burke@lca.org.au with the words "McCrindle Research Social Trends Presentation" in the subject line (or 'reply' to this email) – and a few brief words about your interest in the seminar in the email body by **1.00pm Tuesday 14th September 2021**. You will subsequently receive an invite to the Zoom session.

The date and time for this presentation is Wednesday 15th September 2021, 7:30 – 8:30pm.

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Growing FAITH at home

12 September 2021

SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time when you carried something heavy.

2

Jesus says that if we want to come after him, we must pick up our crosses and follow him. What do you think he means?

3

Do you think it is hard or easy to follow Jesus? Why?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
M	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
T	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
W	Philippians 3:7-16	Running towards the goal
T	Hebrews 12:1-13	The example of Jesus
F	1 Peter 5:6-11	God will restore those suffering
S	Psalms 118:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
S	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
give us strength,
courage and faith
to take up our
cross and follow
you. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's
goodness give
you peace in your
heart and your
mind. May the
Lord protect you
with kindness.

Take up your cross
and follow.

Creative Response

How can we remember the
cross of Jesus each day?

We can make the sign of the cross a regular practice. This is an ancient Christian tradition that reminds us that we are people saved through the cross of Christ.

Make the sign of the cross with your thumb, index and middle fingers together. Place them on your forehead, then move them down to your heart, then from left across to your right shoulder.

Visual reminders of the cross are also a way of communicating our faith.

What crosses do you have on display in your home?



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as we chew and as we swallow, make us strong to love and follow. Amen.

verse for the week

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

MARK 8:34

Service



We serve others not only through what we do but also through what we say.

James 3:1-9 encourages us to use our tongues to bless others, not hurt them.

Aim to be God's 'sacred agents' this week in your home, places of work or education, church and community. Set out each day to give at least one compliment or affirmation to someone else.

'I'm proud of you for...'

'That's ok, how can we learn from that?'

'I'm sorry'

'I love you no matter what'

VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT eVOICES

Read the latest Vic/Tas District eVoices here:

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/FDD3F9A294392E282540EF23F30FEDED/5068D6C3513CC68E2018F019E6F15D33>

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 12 Sept 9:30am 5SOF HC Service (GZ)
Tuesday 14 Sept 11am-3pm Church Office OPEN
pm Band Practice
Wednesday 15 Sept 9am-1pm Church Office OPEN
Thursday 16 Sept 11am-3pm Church Office OPEN
Sunday 19 Sept 9:30am CCIS HC Service (EK)

LAST WEEK: 5th September 2021

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am			NO Service due to COVID lockdown
Total Attendance:			

NEXT WEEKEND: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod CCIS HC Service (EK)

Proverbs 31:10-31 **OR**
Jeremiah 11:18-20
James 3:13—4:3, 7, 8a
Mark 9:30-37

ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND (19th SEPTEMBER)

Communion/Altar 19th Sept Andy Enever
Reader 19th Sept Heather Grealy
PowerPoint 19th Sept Margaret Burkert
Usher/Counters 19th Sept Carolyn Kiss
Morning Tea 19th Sept after service Not until advised it is OK to resume
Church Cleaning Sept 13th - Sept 19th A Gutsche Family & P Lade Family
Mowers Sept 6th - Sept 19th Peter Lade & Adrian Gutsche