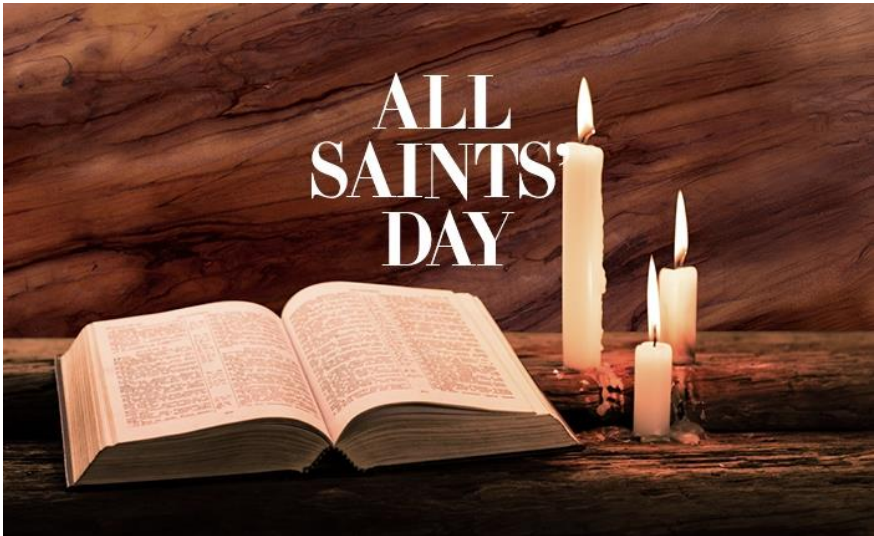


Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



7th November 2021

Welcome to members, friends & 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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WORSHIP SERVICES TIMES: 9:30am and 11:00am

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ernie Kiss

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Revelation 7:9-17 The Great Multitude in White Robes

1 John 3:1-3 How great is the Father's Love

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	Thursday	Hebrews 10:32-39
Monday	Isaiah 54:10-17	Friday	Revelation 3:1-6
Tuesday	Luke 13:22-30	Saturday	Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1-10
Wednesday	Philippians 2:12-18		

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; Ruth FRAUENFELDER; Phyllis HEINER [Yackandandah Health Aged Care]; Robert HASLAM; Gregory JENNINGS; Laurel McRAE [Yallaroo Albury]; Dianne WILLIAMS.
- **Please keep Heather Grealy in your prayers** as she mourns the passing of her best friend Dawn, in England on Thursday morning 4th November 2021.
- **Please pray for Pastor Andre Meyer and God's blessing and guidance as he considers the Call to the Wodonga Parish.**
- **Pray for our Parish as we continue to search for a Pastor to lead us.**
- **Victory Lutheran College** – We pray for our Remembrance Day Chapel and the students that are part of it. As a community we pray for all people in our Services in all the roles they do. We pray for the exams that are continuing for the Year 12s at Victory. Grant peace, safety from COVID and clear heads for all our Senior Students.
- **Nunawading Waverley Multisite Congregation** – Pastor Wayne Muschamp and Denise.
 - **Lay Worker** – John Zhong.
- **(Pakenham): Lakeside Christian College Ltd** – Principal Tom Brennan and staff team.
- **Pakenham Lakeside worship centre** – Pastor Eugene Minge and Nikki.
 - **Lay Worker** – Melissa Schmocker.
- **Portland Heywood Multisite Congregation** – Pastor Stan Rudowski and Vivian.
- **St John's Lutheran Primary School Ltd** – Principal Tara Pritchard and staff team.
- **Rainbow Parish, congregations of Hopetoun, Pella and Rainbow** – Pastor Lucas Matuschka and Beth.

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- The blessing Rev Basa Hutabarat has been in the role of Executive Secretary for the National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation in Indonesia (KN-LWF), Indonesia. Thanks God for her gift of organisation and for the relational connections she has built with the LCA and our Indonesian partner churches

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

CALL

On Sunday, 31st October after the services I announced Pastor Graham Pfeffer had declined the call to the Wodonga Parish. Bishop Lester phoned Pastor Andre Meyer (Perth WA) to inform him that the Wodonga Parish had now issued him the call to serve in this Parish. Pastor Graham Zweck lead the congregation in prayer for Pastor Andre as he now considers our call, and if it is God's will for him to accept it. Please keep Pastor Andre in your prayers at this time. Pray also for our Parish as we continue to search for a Pastor who will come and lead us and work with us as together we spread the Good News of God's unfailing love to all in this community.

RESTRICTIONS CHANGE ... AGAIN

As the restriction on numbers to a worship service has once again changed, there is no need to register to attend the 9.30am service, but you will need to show your double vaccination certificate to the usher on duty at the front door each Sunday.

The 11am service, for those whose vaccination status is unknown, could you please register with me by Saturday evening, as you have done in the past.

My phone number 0407 495 773.

I am very conscience of the workload our retired pastors have taken on, and if there is a very small number registering for the 11am, and they are all vaccinated, I will be in touch with those members to ask if they could worship at 9.30am. I pray for your understanding as we try and carry out the orders placed on us by the Government and for the time when all restrictions will cease.

Jenny Simboras

PARISH/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Monday 8th and 22nd November are the re scheduled dates for the above workshop to be run by Adrian Gutsche. This workshop is to work through a plan on how the Parish and College can work together in Mission and Ministry at the College. The workshop was to have been held in July of this year, but due to lockdown and restrictions it couldn't be held until now. If you would like to join several members of the Parish Council on these two dates, please let me know by the end of Sunday 24th October. The workshops will be held from 6pm to 8pm, and it is very important that you are able to attend both dates. Congregations who have a school in their parish are in the process of working through the Parish/School Partnership workshop. - Jenny Simboras

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MAGAZINE

Please see attached/ enclosed flyer for information.

GIFTS OF GRACE BROCHURES OUT NOW

As Australia keeps struggling against the gloom of COVID, our ALWS prayer is that **Gifts of Grace** can help us come together to **shine** the light of hope . . . not just to the people helped in countries like Burundi and Nepal . . . but to people here in Australia receiving the new brightly coloured press-out Christmas Tree bauble Grace Cards. You'll see we're worked hard to make sure there are Gifts of Grace for everyone to give – and receive: * 5 gifts **under \$10**; * a barnyard of **5 animals**; * gifts for those **vulnerable**, and in danger of being forgotten; * gifts that fight **changing climate**; * hands-on gifts for **farm families**.

All gifts are tax-deductible plus can be home-ordered at alws.org.au/grace, avoiding any hassles from COVID lockdowns. First 500 orders also receive a **FREE shine** fold-down calico Tote Bag, inspired by a Burundi handicraft group!

Please pick up a brochure and prayerfully consider if you are able to help out.

VLC “VOICE OF VICTORY” NEWSLETTER

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

VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT eVOICES

National Church Life Survey update

Please not the time to run Surveys has been extended, with the survey starting in November, and hoping to wrap up in early 2022.

A number of churches (particularly in Eastern states) are choosing to wait till early 2022 to run the survey, and NCLS can accommodate this. Read more [HERE](#). if you have further questions don't hesitate to contact [Erin Grainger](#) or [Pr Brett Kennett](#) .

LCA eNEWS

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/t/F5E2DEDD60D58752540EF23F30FEDED/D7674E8DAB845250CE63909E3969C05F>



Along with other Christians across Australia, we are invited to participate in this annual livestream event as individuals, couples or family groups, or even as congregations. We will uphold in prayer our leaders in their demanding roles of service for the common good of our nation and its diverse communities.

[More information](#)

[Register](#)

Australian Lutheran World Service

WANTED: ALWS ADVENTURER

Are you ready to inspire Queensland?

ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service) is offering a full-time position as ALWS Advocate in Queensland. Your ministry will be to inspire people of all ages to take action for people who are marginalised and in danger of being forgotten by the world.

More Information

ALWS is the Lutheran Church's overseas aid and development agency. As ALWS Advocate, you will be the Queensland face of ALWS. It is your privilege to connect with the extended Lutheran family across the state – in churches, schools and communities.

Using ALWS actions like **Walk My Way, Gifts of Grace, What's My Business?** and Awareness resources, you will inspire students and seniors, and everyone in between, to bring love to life!

You may be a teacher, a church worker, a fundraiser, or work in a profession that calls on you to engage people with your energy and enthusiasm. You will need to be:

- passionate about social justice and development
- able to speak authentically in Lutheran churches
- ready to present to Grades 1–12 in Lutheran schools
- enjoy talking with Seniors
- excited to encourage people to raise funds
- super well-organised within a busy schedule
- disciplined to effectively work remotely
- willing to travel all over Queensland
- flexible to adapt schedules and work some Sundays.

If this sounds like a ministry God is calling you to, and an adventure for which you are equipped, tell us!

Click on the button below, download the job description and selection criteria in Positions Vacant > About Us.

ALWS POSITIONS VACANT

For further information, email jobs@alws.org.au

Applications close **Friday 26 November 2021.**



**Australian
Lutheran**
World Service



Growing
FAITH
at home

ALL SAINTS DAY

Caring Conversations

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

1

What makes you sad?

2

What experiences of people dying have you had? What do you remember from those times?

3

When you read the story of Mary and Martha, what does it teach you about God?

4

How does faith in Jesus change the way you feel about and understand death?

Devotions



All Saints Day Bible Readings

S	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
M	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered us
T	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
W	1 Corinthians 15:12-38	Resurrection of the dead
T	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
F	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
S	Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple
S	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, King of Glory, please come into our lives this day.
Amen

BLESSING

May the Lord be with you, now and forever. May he wipe away your tears, and fill your life with joy and hope. Amen.

God conquers death with
the promise of new life.

Creative Response

All Saints Day is a good time to face death and sadness with hope and courage.

We remember and give thanks to God for Christians who have died.

Light a candle for Christian friends and relatives that have died, whether recently or long ago.

As you light each candle say:

'Thank you, God, for the earthy life of ... (Name)... and for new life they have in you'.

End by reciting the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

mealtime prayer

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the world and those who live upon it. Praise and
thanks to God our maker and provider. Amen

verse for the week

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

REVELATION 21:4

Service



Loss and grief are real experiences that we generally try to avoid. However, death is very real and not God's will.

In Isaiah 25:7 God promises to swallow up death forever. Life, not death, gets the last word. Therefore, we can face loss and death with faith and courage.

Think of someone who is grieving. Visit, call, text or write a card to them and express your care and sorrow and God's promise to conquer death and sadness (Revelation 21:4).

DEFENCE SUNDAY – SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

After the services on Sunday 14th November Pastor Andrew Dockerill will be our Guest Speaker and give a talk on Defence Chaplaincy and all it entails.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	7 Nov	9:30am	All Saint's Day - HC Service (EK)
		11:00am	All Saint's Day - HC Service (EK)
Tuesday	9 Nov	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
		pm	Band Practice
Wednesday	10 Nov	9am-1pm	Church Office OPEN
		7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	11 Nov		REMEMBRANCE DAY
		11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	14 Nov	9:30am	5SOF HC Service (JS) with guest speaker
		11:00am	5SOF HC Service (JS) Pr Andrew Dockerill

LAST WEEK: 31st October 2021

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am	23	22	
St John's – 11:00am	10	10	
Total Attendance:	33	32	

NEXT WEEKEND: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod	5SOF HC Service (JS)	1 Samuel 1:4-20 OR
Sun 11:00am Wod	5SOF HC Service (JS)	Daniel 12:1-8
		Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18)19-25
		Mark 13:1-8

ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND (14th NOVEMBER)

Communion/Altar	14 th Nov	9:30am	Phill Edwards
		11:00am	Marie Hill
Reader	14 th Nov	9:30am	John Donker
		11:00am	Roger & Jan Farrell
PowerPoint	14 th Nov	9:30am	Andy Enever
		11:00am	Volunteer
Usher/Counters	14 th Nov	9:30am	Rhonda Keller
		11:00am	Roger & Jan Farrell
Church Cleaning	Nov 8 th - Nov 14 th		P & S Edwards
Mowers	Nov 1 st - Nov 14 th		Andrew Keller Ralph Behrends