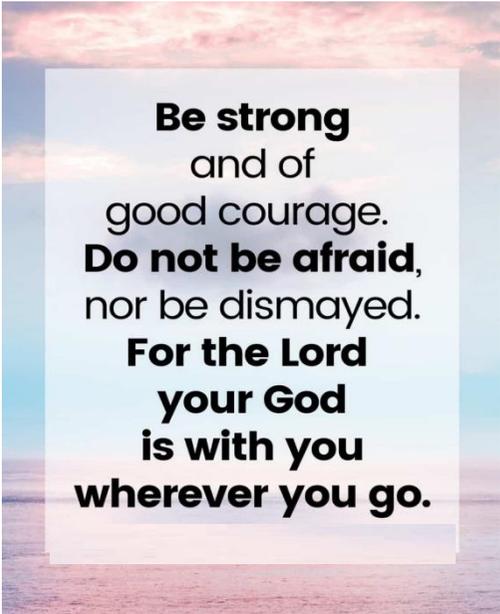


# Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church  
Victory Lutheran College



*Committed to Sharing Jesus*



**Be strong  
and of  
good courage.  
Do not be afraid,  
nor be dismayed.  
For the Lord  
your God  
is with you  
wherever you go.**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after  
Pentecost**

**14<sup>th</sup> 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 SERVICE TIME: 9:30am

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Pastor John Simboras  
**SERMON:** Hebrews 10:19-25, Mark 13:7-8  
**THEME:** A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

**Daniel 12:1-3** The time of the end  
**Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25** Let us confidently draw near to God  
**Mark 13:1-13** Signs of the end of the age

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 13:1-8	Thursday	1 John 4:1-6
Monday	Isaiah 65:17-25	Friday	Jude 17-25
Tuesday	Matthew 24:15-28	Saturday	Psalms 132:1-12
Wednesday	1 John 2:18-23		

## 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 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 the completion of the Year 12 Exams and the staff involved in the support of this process. We also pray for the Foundation Students of 2022 as they begin their Orientation into Victory.
- **Ringwood Knox Parish – congregations of Ringwood and Knox** – Pastor Peter Ghalayini and Sharon.
  - **Lay Workers** – Judy Bowman; Jenny Burr; Jenny Dawson; Chris Scott.
  - **Good Shepherd Retirement Village** – Sharon Ghalayini; Mark Pekkarinen.
  - **Rosebud Congregation** – Pastor Vacancy.
  - **Swan Hill Congregation** – Pastor Denis Grosser (SMP).

## LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- A smooth transition for Patrick, Anke, Jeremy and Benjamin Sprau as they return to Australia from two years' service in Papua New Guinea. Thanks God for the medical support they have given to the community living in Ukarumpa.
- The Mekong Mission Forum and moderator Leon Chau as it accompanies the ministries of the churches in the Mekong area, offers training in theological reflection for clergy and lay people, and strengthens the partnership of the related churches and institutions in Asia and beyond

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

### **NAME BADGES**

The LCA has a special offer for congregations to obtain parish members name badges. If you are interested in obtaining a name badge, please let the Parish Council Secretary, Pastor Ernie know by the end of November. If there are enough people wanting a badge the Council will take up this special offer. The more people ordering the lower the price of the badge.

### **ONE SERVICE - 14TH NOVEMBER - 9.30AM**

There will be one service on this coming Sunday 14th November at 9.30am. Pastor Andrew Dockerill will speak after the service on his role as Chaplain in the Australian Defence Force. You will need to show your vaccination certificate before you enter the church.

### **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 conscious 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

### **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](https://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***

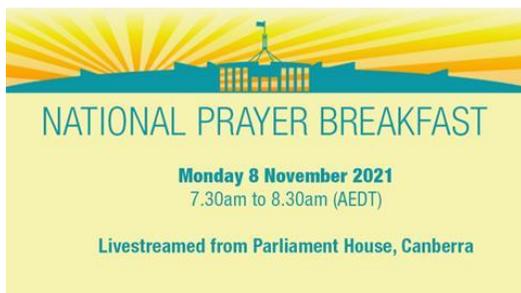
### **National Church Life Survey update**

**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/F5E2DEDDD60D58752540EF23F30FEDED/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](#)



From small beginnings ...

100 Years  
1921 - 2021

## big things have grown

Over the past century, the LLL has helped to build churches, schools and respite and aged-care facilities, buy manses, assist mission work in Australia and abroad, and fund and administer a range of programs and activities in support of the church.

2021 marks a milestone in the LLL's history. It is our 100-year anniversary of serving our supporters and the Lutheran Church in Australia. It is right and proper to give thanks and praise to God as we see what he has achieved through the hearts and hands of his people. We would like to acknowledge and honour our founder Ben Koch and all directors and staff who have faithfully served LLL over that century. Please join us for the LLL 100 Year Thanksgiving Service, to be held on the eve of our centenary anniversary: **Saturday 13 November 10am ACDT**. Streamed live, the service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adelaide, and available to view on the LLL's Facebook page. A recording of the service will be available after the event for those who are unable to view the livestream.

## NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

Starts now

LISTENING TO  
EVERY  
voice



Due to COVID, the survey period for the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) has been extended until February 2022. Nearly 3000 churches have signed up so far, and it's not too late to participate. Churches will receive a survey kit to help them run the 2021 NLCS. A full sample of the kit can be found [here](#).



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

14 November 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## Caring Conversations

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

1

What is a Christian?

2

When do you meet with other Christians? What do you do together?

3

Hebrews speaks of 'motivating one another to acts of love and good works' – why is this important?

4

Who has encouraged you in your faith? Whom might you encourage?

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Mark 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age
<b>M</b>	Daniel 12:1-3	The resurrection of the dead
<b>T</b>	Hebrews 10:11-25	A call to perseverance
<b>W</b>	1 Samuel 26:21-25	David spares Saul's life
<b>T</b>	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
<b>F</b>	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
<b>S</b>	Psalms 16	A life centered on the Lord
<b>S</b>	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord, you have been faithful to us. Help us to remain faithful in worshipping you.  
Amen.

### BLESSING

May the Lord give you a glad heart that your soul may rejoice and your whole body may rest secure.

Hold tight to your faith.

## Creative Response

Psalm 16:7 says; "I will praise the Lord. He gives me good advice. Even at night my heart teaches me."

When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night.

Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us.

Spend a few moments reading or listening to God's Word before you go to sleep this week. Parents, use the Bible or a Bible storybook for bedtime stories with young children.

Memorise Psalm 4:8, "I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety."



### mealt ime prayer

Lord, you fill us with joy when we are with you;  
and your blessings to us never end. Thank you,  
God! Amen.

verse for the week

"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The one who promised is faithful."

HEBREWS 10:23

## Service



Encouraging others is important to our daily health and our Christian faith.

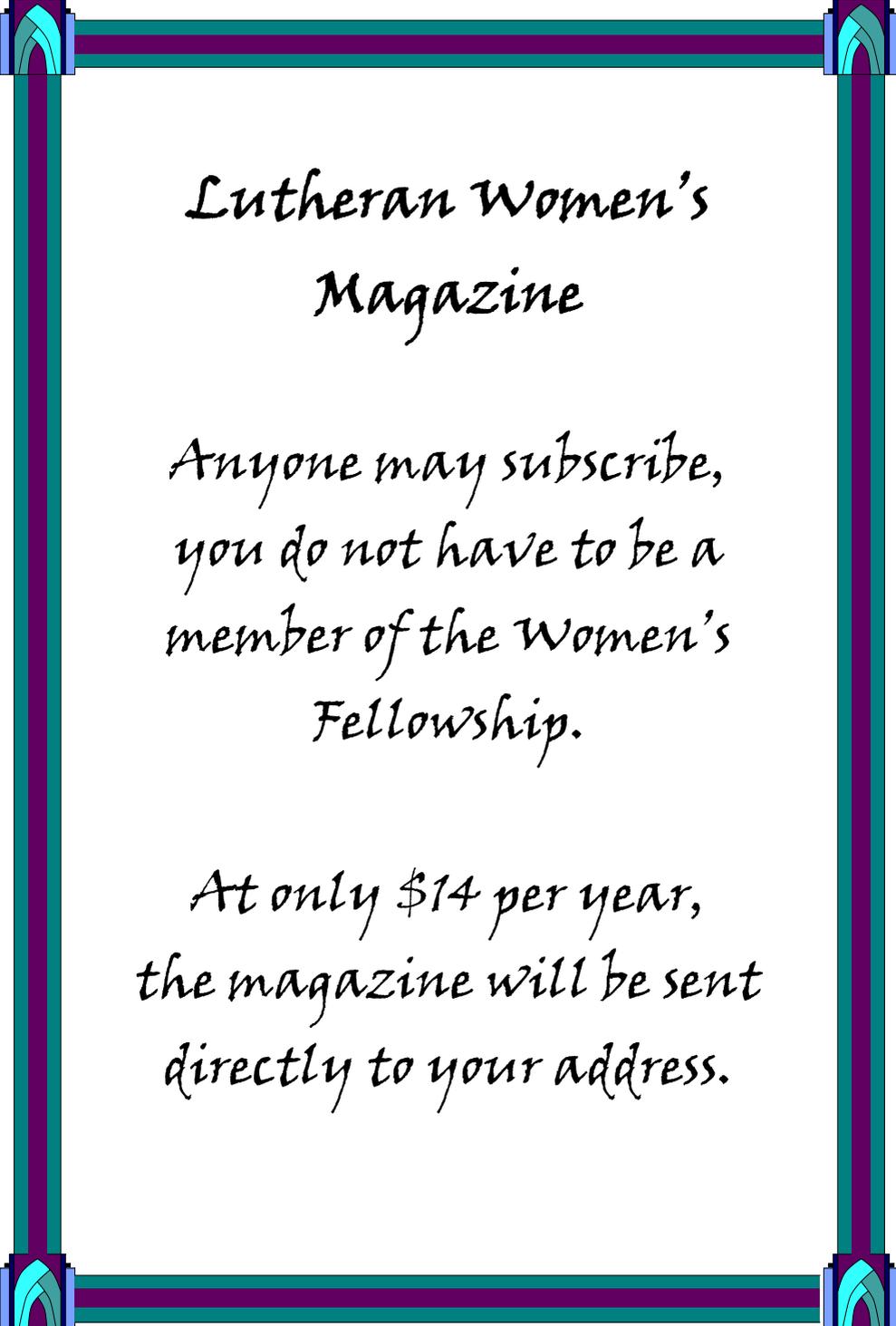
We all experience discouragement.

The Christian faith allows us to be honest with the challenges and difficulties around us and at the same time know that current trials and tribulations do not get the last word.

Find ways to support someone going through a difficult time.

Pray for them and with them.





## *Lutheran Women's Magazine*

*Anyone may subscribe,  
you do not have to be a  
member of the Women's  
Fellowship.*

*At only \$14 per year,  
the magazine will be sent  
directly to your address.*

Please contact Sheryl Parsons  
[0438 247 505] for enquires  
by  
Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

Thank you 😊

**THIS WEEK:**

Sunday	14 Nov	<b>9:30am</b>	5SOF HC Service ( <b>JS</b> ) with guest speaker Pastor Andrew Dockerill.
Tuesday	16 Nov	11am-3pm 6:30-7:30pm	Church Office OPEN Band Practice
Wednesday	17 Nov	9am-1pm	Church Office OPEN
Thursday	18 Nov	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	21 Nov	<b>9:30am</b>	CCIS HC Service ( <b>GZ</b> )
		<b>11:00am</b>	CCIS HC Service ( <b>GZ</b> )

**LAST WEEK: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am	33	32	
St John's – 11:00am	10	10	
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	

**NEXT WEEKEND: LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR READINGS**

Sun 9:30am Wod	CCIS HC Service ( <b>GZ</b> )	2 Samuel 23:1-7
Sun 11:00am Wod	CCIS HC Service ( <b>GZ</b> )	Revelation 1:4b-8 John 5:21-29

**ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND (21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER)**

<b>Communion/Altar</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9:30am	Andy Enever
		11:00am	Ingrid Harder/Maria Davison
<b>Reader</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9:30am	Phill Edwards
		11:00am	Heather Grealy
<b>PowerPoint</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9:30am	Claire Roennfeldt
		11:00am	Margaret Burkert
<b>Usher/Counters</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9:30am	Carolyn Kiss
		11:00am	Jason Zweck
<b>Church Cleaning Mowers</b>	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> - Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>		N & S Jacob
	Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> - Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>		Peter Lade

Adrian Gutsche