

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



**First
Sunday of
Advent
(Year C)**

**28th
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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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Jeremiah 33:14-16 A righteous descendant of David as king
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 May God continue to bless you
Luke 21:25-36 Signs of the end of the age

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	Thursday	Luke 17:22-37
Monday	Numbers 24:15-18	Friday	Romans 13:11-14
Tuesday	Joel 3:16-21	Saturday	Psalm: Luke 1:68-79
Wednesday	Micah 4:4-7		

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*** – As we commence the final week of school for our students we pray for blessings for our College families. For those leaving VLC we ask for your guiding hand on their transition to new schools and opportunities.
- ***Victorian District pastors and staff team*** – Bishop Lester Priebsenow and Deidre; Pastor Brett Kennett and Sylvia; Pastor Gordon Wegener and Jenni.
- ***Lay Workers*** – Kate Burke; Erin Grainger; Wai Yee Li; Stephen Mildred; Denise Muschamp; Cathy Nowland.

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- A renewal of faith for those who attended the online 'Reformation: Rediscovery of the Work of the Spirit of God in the Church' seminars, hosted by the Lutheran Study Centre in Malaysia and Australian Lutheran College and presented by Rev Richard Haar, Rev Dr Stephen Pietsch and Rev Dr Andrew Pfeiffer.
- Paul De Tullio and Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, SA and their partnership with Rev Eliezer Peter and Bethany Home, Malaysia

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

LAST CALL FOR 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.

CHANGE IN RESTRICTIONS

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 morning..., as you have done in the past. My phone number 0407 495 773. Jenny Simboras

To the Parish Members of Wodonga Lutheran Parish

I am writing to update you with the Parish financials. The eagle eyes amongst you will have noticed the latest spreadsheet at the back of the church as of 31/10/2021. There is a lot of information on that spreadsheet and therefore the print is a bit small.

In summary our bank balance continues to climb steadily but this is only a temporary situation whilst we have no pastor. The current combined balance is \$71,026.39.

Expenses are just below that budgeted for this year, currently \$72,622.45. You will notice that expenses exceed the money we have in our bank balances.

Income is well below what I had budgeted, and my budget was seriously conservative. Currently income is \$78,461.81 where as I had budgeted that would be \$88,206.00 by this time of the year, that's \$9,744.19 behind where it should be. (Certainly COVID-19 interruptions haven't help). I ask parishioners to consider this fall in income and consider if they can help in the remaining weeks of this year to get the budget back on track.

Thank you once again for trusting me with the financials of the Parish.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Vogelsang
Treasurer

2022 LLL CALENDARS

These calendars are in your pigeon holes awaiting collection.

DINE-OUT FOR NOVEMBER 28th

This Sunday the Dine-out will be at The Blazing Stump Hotel at 12noon to 12:30pm start. All welcome. Entry before 12noon is via the Sports Bar.

Wodonga Lutheran Parish Christmas Services

You will be required to show your vaccination certificate before entering ALL Services – on going requirement

24th December - Christmas Eve - 6.30pm

Luther Hall, Victory Lutheran College,
Drage Road, West Wodonga

25th December - Christmas Day - 9.30am

St John's, Havelock Street, Wodonga

NO Service on 26th December 2021

Only ONE Service will be held each Sunday in January 2022 at 9:30am

2nd January - Name of Jesus Sunday 9.30am

9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th January 2022

one service on these dates beginning at 9.30am

(you will be required to show your vaccination certificate before entering).

MORE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Parish would like to thank all members who have faithfully committed to help out in various volunteer positions to make our Parish run smoothly.

Sadly, over the last few years our list of volunteers has grown smaller. I am appealing to each of you, are you willing to help out in some small way?

Areas where help is needed and not requiring too much effort are: Bible Reading, Ushers, PowerPoint operators, money counters and setting up communion. Areas requiring more physical ability would be mowing and church cleaning.

If you can help in anyway, or you need more information on what is required, please contact Heather in the office or myself. If we all do our little part, the roles don't become huge for so few.

VLC "VOICE OF VICTORY" NEWSLETTER

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

VICTORIA / TASMANIA DISTRICT eVOICES

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LCA eNEWS

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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.

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE

ALWS Christmas Packs are available at the back of church. The good news is that a wonderful Lutheran couple from Queensland have agreed to match dollar for dollar, for ALWS Christmas Action donations this year – up to \$250,000. (They wish to remain anonymous). Their kindness **DOUBLES** the impact our church can make! This generosity comes at a critical time, as our Lutheran-supported work in South Sudan is threatened by floods. Our aim this Christmas is to help 4,816 families. Please pick up an ALWS envelope with full information.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	28 Nov	9:30am	Simple HC Service (EK)
		11:00am	Simple HC Service (EK)
		12noon	Dine-out at The Blazing Stump Hotel
Tuesday	30 Nov	<i>11am-3pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
		pm	Band Practice
Wednesday	1 Dec	<i>9am-1pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
Thursday	2 Dec	<i>11am-3pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
Friday	3 Dec		Students finish school for 2021
Sunday	5 Dec	9:30am	LAY Service (JD)
		11:00am	LAY Service (JD)
		12noon	Dine-out at The Blazing Stump Hotel

LAST WEEK: 21st November 2021			
Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:30am	56	55	ONE service only held
St John's – 11:00am			NO Service
Total Attendance:	56	55	

NEXT WEEKEND: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod SOTW Service (**JD**) Malachi 3:1-4
 Sun 11:00am Wod SOTW Service (**JD**) Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

ROSTER FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND (5th DECEMBER)

Reader	5 th Dec	9:30am	Paul Schirmer
		11:00am	Sheryl Parsons
PowerPoint	5 th Dec	9:30am	Jason Zweck
		11:00am	Margaret Burkert
Usher/Counters	5 th Dec	9:30am	Vogelsang Family
		11:00am	Sheryl Parsons
Church Cleaning	Nov 29 th - Dec 5 th		Sheryl Parsons
Mowers	Nov 29 th - Dec 12 th		Paul Vogelsang

HELPER REQUIRED