

# Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church  
Victory Lutheran College



*Committed to Sharing Jesus*



**Ascension  
of our  
Lord**

**29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**WELCOME TO MEMBERS, FRIENDS & VISITORS.**

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

Please join us for **a cuppa and a chat** after the service.

Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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## **READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND AT VICTORY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

**Acts 1:1-11** Jesus' ascension, promise and commission  
**Ephesians 1:15-23** Christ is the supreme Lord over all things  
**Luke 24:44-53** Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Sunday	Luke 24:44-53	Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Monday	Isaiah 32:14-20	Friday	1 John 2:24-29
Tuesday	Isaiah 41:17-20	Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
Wednesday	John 17:1-19		

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**In our prayers this week:**

➤ ***We pray for the following who are in need at this time:***

*Shirley BULLOCK (ESTIA); Kevin DRAPER; Roger FARRELL, Les & Ruth FRAUENFELDER (home); Heather GREALY; Gregory JENNINGS; Phyllis HEINER [Yackandandah Health Aged Care]; Robert & Elke HASLAM; Ross & Laurel McRAE [LAC Albury / Yallaroo]; Elizabeth JACOB (home in Corowa) heart disease, awaiting specialist treatment in June/July.*

- **Victory Lutheran College** – Prayers for the combined Victory Sunday Service at the College. We are thankful for the blessing that is Michael Ireland who manages our staff absences – a big job in 2022.
- **Rosebud Congregation** – permanent pastor vacancy.
- **Swan Hill** – Pastor Denis Grosser (SMP).
- **Tabor Congregation** – Pastor Sam Modra and Tara.

## ***PARISH and COMMUNITY NEWS***

### **VICTORY SUNDAY – THIS SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY – AT LUTHER HALL, VICTORY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

We encourage everyone to join in our special Worship Service at Victory Lutheran College on Sunday 29th May, at 9.30am. This service will be attended by Victory Staff and St John's members. The theme for the service will be 'Celebrating Jesus' Ascension'.

Following worship there will be a tour of the Victory Campus and an opportunity to see the site of our future Church Centre.

This is the only service in the Parish on the 29th May, there will be NO service at St John's Havelock Street.

### **YEAR-3 BIBLE PURCHASE APPEAL**

Thank you to all members who have donated to the Year 3 Bible Appeal. This appeal is still open and if you would like to purchase a bible, or part thereof, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Year 3 Bibles'

### **NAME BADGES**

The name badges have arrived and can be collected from the office upon payment. The cost of the badges worked out to be \$16 each as we had less than 25 orders.

### **YEARBOOK 2022**

We still have **two** LCA 'Yearbook 2022' left for sale at \$24 each. Please let Heather in the Parish Office if you would like to purchase one.

### **STAMPS FOR MISSION**

A BIG thank-you to all used stamp donors. Some good news: on Monday I sent 10kgs of cleaned stamps to Peter Nitschke (National Stamps for Mission project director). You might want to know how I process the stamps: I clean, sort and soak them to remove the backing. Then I sort them into the same denominations, count and bundle them into 103 lots. Parcel up clean stamps and post to Adelaide for sale. So, please, keep them coming! For more information on how the proceeds are used go to <https://lcamission.org.au> Ingrid Harder.

### **INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JOSHUA MULLER**

The installation of Pastor Joshua Muller into the Wodonga Parish will take place on **7th August at 2pm in Luther Hall, Victory Lutheran College**. Assistant Bishop Matthias Prenzler will officiate at the service.

Neighbouring Pastors and congregations as well as local church representatives, Council dignitaries and others will be invited to attend.

The decision to have the installation at Victory Lutheran College was made by Parish Council because of the possibility of inclement weather (the date being in the middle of winter), having an afternoon tea after the service and an expected large attendance, the facilities at Havelock Street would be unsuitable.

### **WINTER BLANKET APPEAL**

Uniting Care Wodonga is currently holding a blanket appeal. If you have **good quality, clean blankets** that you can donate, please deliver to Uniting Care, cnr Beechworth Road & Nilmar Avenue, Wodonga.

Donations of new blankets and Doonas are also welcome as are cash donations.

Cash donations assist Uniting Care to purchase blankets and small tents for people who are 'sleeping rough'.



## **Children of War** **THE FORGOTTEN VICTIMS**

As the world focuses on the crisis in Ukraine, and works out the most effective way to take action in the midst of war. Here at ALWS we also see victims of other wars, who are now in danger of being forgotten by the world.

Children and families are suffering exactly the same agony as you see on your TV screen as happening in Ukraine. Bombs dropping. Families fleeing.

### **ETHIOPIA**

1.2 million people have been displaced by the war in northern Ethiopia, in Tigray. One of the LWF team returned from the front line, and reported meeting a mother so starved, she could not produce breast milk for her baby.

### **AFGHANISTAN & MYANMAR**

ALWS has also recommitted support for the girls and women of Afghanistan under threat from the Taliban, including those who have made it to safety in Pakistan, and those still in such great danger inside Afghanistan. Through ALWS, you also work inside Myanmar, despite the challenges posed after the military coup one year ago.



School is one of the most effective ways to help children recover from the trauma of war – they have a routine, they learn new things, they make friends, they have fun!

You can see the impact here at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. ALWS work in these war zones, and for children who have found safety at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, is operating effectively and efficiently, bringing healing and hope.

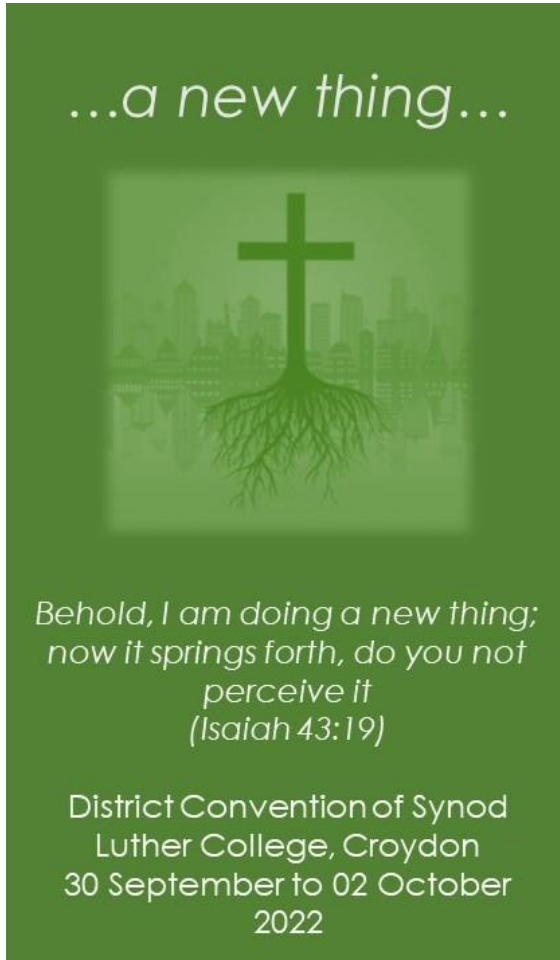
You can take confidence from this for what you can do for victims of the crisis in Ukraine too.

### **LIVES YOU TOUCH**

Now you can keep blessing others with a gift in your Will to ALWS. Like to know more about leaving a gift in your Will to ALWS? Phone 1300 763 407; or go online at [alws.org.au/lives you touch](http://alws.org.au/lives-you-touch), or email to [juliek@alws.org.au](mailto:juliek@alws.org.au), or pick up a 'Lives You Touch' flyer (with more information) at the back of church

**District Convention of Synod**  
*...a new thing...*

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it" (Isaiah 43:19)*



Preparations for District Convention of Synod have commenced. Registrations will open before the end of June and we ask that each congregation consider the election of delegates in the coming months. The congregational statistics are used as the determining factor for lay delegate representation. All pastors of the District with an active call are delegates by virtue of their office.

Other significant actions include the call for nominations to Standing Councils and for proposals affecting the Mission, Ministries and governance of the District. A significant matter at this Convention of Synod is the **election of District Bishop and Assistant Bishop.**

More information will be available very soon via eVoices, District website, Australia Post and Facebook

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**GROW MINISTRIES**

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/9A4076B40A16B3C32540EF23F30FEDED/B2CB8502319BCD3274AF8F7A76570606?alternativeLink=False>



# Growing FAITH at home

29th May 2022  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May We be one

## Caring Conversations



### SHARE

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

1

What things cause us to fight?  
At home, work or school?

2

God has loved and forgiven us – does that change the way we see and respond to other people in conflict?

3

How might your response help other people see what God is like?



## Devotions



### READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for the disciples
<b>M</b>	Romans 15:1-5	A spirit of unity
<b>T</b>	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	An appeal for unity
<b>W</b>	Philippians 2:1-4	One in spirit and purpose
<b>T</b>	Acts 16: 16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
<b>F</b>	1 Peter 3:8-12	Live in harmony
<b>S</b>	Psalms 133	How pleasant is unity
<b>S</b>	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit



### TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAY

Lord, bring your salvation to our household, and fill our home with your joy. Amen.



### BLESS

May God keep us together in love and joy.

## Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Jesus' resurrection has changed our lives forever. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

## Creative Response

Jesus prayed that his disciples would be 'brought together perfectly as one.' Make Christian unity a focus in your household devotion times this week. Here are some prayer suggestions:

**Sunday** – Pray for peace and unity in your congregation

**Monday** – Pray for peace and unity in your church denomination

**Tuesday** – Pray for peace and unity in the homes of your congregational members

**Wednesday** – Pray for peace and unity between churches of different types

**Thursday** – Pray for peace and unity between marriage partners

**Friday** – Pray for peace and unity between parents and children

**Saturday** – Pray for peace and unity in your own home

## mealtime prayer

God, your love for us has filled our table. May our love for each other bring praise to you. Amen.

verse for the week

I want them to be brought together perfectly as one. This will let the world know that you sent me.

JOHN 17:23

## Service



Show unity in your household this week and decide on an activity to do all together. For example you could all plan out the week's menu, all go shopping and then all prepare the meals together for a night or more during the week. You could all hang out the washing together. You could all do the dishes together. You could all go for a walk together. Try and think of something to do each day of the week as you pray for unity.

## THIS WEEK:

Sunday	29 May	9:30am	HC Service @ Victory Lutheran College (GZ)
Tuesday	31 May	12.30pm-4.30pm	Church Office OPEN
Wednesday	1 Jun	9am-1pm	Church Office OPEN
		9:45am	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Thursday	2 Jun	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	5 Jun	9:30am	<b>Pentecost</b> HC Service (JS)

## LAST WEEK: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	46	46	
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	

## NEXT WEEK: PENTECOST

Sun 9:30am Wod HC Service (JS)

## READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 **OR** Genesis 11:1-9  
 Romans 8:14-17 **OR** Acts 2:1-21  
 John 14:8-17 (25-27)

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 5th June

Communion/Altar	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Maria Davison / Ingrid Harder
Readers	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhonda Kelle
PowerPoint	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Vogelsang Family
Usher/Counters	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Glenn & Claire Roennfeldt
Morning Tea	5 <sup>th</sup> June	J & K Donker & Marie Hill
Church Cleaning	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 5 <sup>th</sup> June	P Lade Family
Mowers	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Andrew Keller & Ralph Behrends

