

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



5th June 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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THEME: FLOODED BY GRACE

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit
Romans 8:14-17 The Holy Spirit declares us to be God's children
John 14:8-17, 25-27 Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	John 14:8-17 (25-27)	Thursday	Acts 4:23-31
Monday	Isaiah 62:1-12	Friday	Acts 8:14-25
Tuesday	Joel 2:28-32a	Saturday	Psalm 8
Wednesday	Acts 4:5-21		

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); 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** – We pray for the success of Year 8 Drama Week and for a time of learning and fun. We pray for the presenters who are travelling from different places to make this week a positive one.
- **Tarrington Parish, congregations of Tarrington and Warrayure** – Pastor Neil Guthrie and Kylie.
- **Victorian District leadership** – Victorian District Church Council DCC. Victorian District Council for Ministry Support CMS, Board for Lutheran Education Vic, NSW & Tas Council BLEVNT.

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand as they continue to focus on evangelism and discipleship and seek to become self-reliant, that the Lord would bless their efforts to build a church built on His word and promises.
- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Asian Church Leaders Conference, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand this month for the first time in three years due to the pandemic.

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

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.

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.

This will be the only service being held on this day in the parish.

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'.

LCA YEARBOOK 2022

ONE only left at \$24 each. See Heather in Parish Office.

2022 DISTRICT CONVENTION OF SYNOD: 30 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 2022

The Wodonga Parish needs a delegate for the above Synod later in the year. If you are available and wish to service as our delegate please let the Parish Secretary Pastor Ernie Kiss, or the Parish Chair Jenny Simboras know. Registrations open 20th June 2022.

The District Convention of Synod will be held at Luther College in Melbourne. Only registered delegates, visitors and volunteers will be able to attend the Convention.'

ALWS NEWS

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.

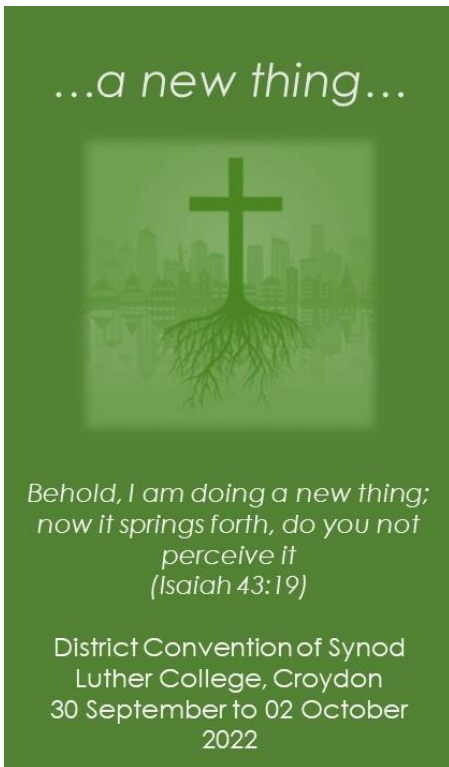
LIVES YOU TOUCH

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, or email to juliek@alws.org.au, or pick up a 'Lives You Touch' flyer (with more information) at the back of church

VICTORIA DISTRICT eNEWS

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

GROW MINISTRIES

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



Growing
FAITH
at home

5th June 2022
PENTECOST SUNDAY
The spirit comes

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

How, when and where do you receive the Holy Spirit?

2

What does the gift of the Holy Spirit do in and through you?

3

How does the Holy Spirit help us in our day-to-day living?
(Remember John 14:26; Acts 2:36; Acts 2)



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
M	John 14: 8-17,25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
T	Ezekiel 11:16-20	A new spirit
W	Acts 8:14-25	Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit
T	1 Cor 2:1-13	About the Spirit of God
F	Romans 8:1-17	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalm 51:10-17	Grant me a willing spirit
S	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord God, pour out your Spirit on us today, so that we may speak of the great things you have done.
Amen.



BLESS

May God pour out his Spirit upon you, so that you live boldly as his child.

Pentecost

On Pentecost Day we celebrate how the Holy Spirit comes to help us believe and live as God's children. Red is the colour of Pentecost and represents the flames of fire that descended on the followers of Jesus when the Holy Spirit came 50 days after Jesus' resurrection.

Creative Response

Cut out little doves from a piece of card and on each write one of the following fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Place the doves in a bowl and before each meal ask a household member to draw one out. Say together these words:

Spirit of, come and produce your fruit in us. Amen.

At the end of the week use the doves to make a mobile to hang over your table during the coming weeks.



mealtime prayer

As we look to you, we are blessed with food.
When you send your spirit, we are renewed. All
praise to God! Amen.

verse for the week

God says: "In the last days I will pour out my spirit on all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams."

ACTS 2:17

Service



In Acts 2 we read that there were people from 'every nation under heaven' in the city of Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, and that they each heard the first Christians speaking in their native languages. Invite a Christian with a different cultural background or nationality into your home. Use this opportunity to learn about different Christian practices they may do.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	5 Jun	9:30am	Pentecost HC Service (JS)
Tuesday	7 Jun	12.30pm-4.30pm	Church Office OPEN
Wednesday	8 Jun	9am-1pm	Church Office OPEN
		7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	9 Jun	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	12 Jun	9:30am	Trinity HC Service (EK) Baptism of Clara Elizabeth Graham

LAST WEEK: 29 th May 2022			
Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	150	75	Victory Sunday held at Victory Lutheran College
Total Attendance:	150	75	

NEXT WEEK: TRINITY

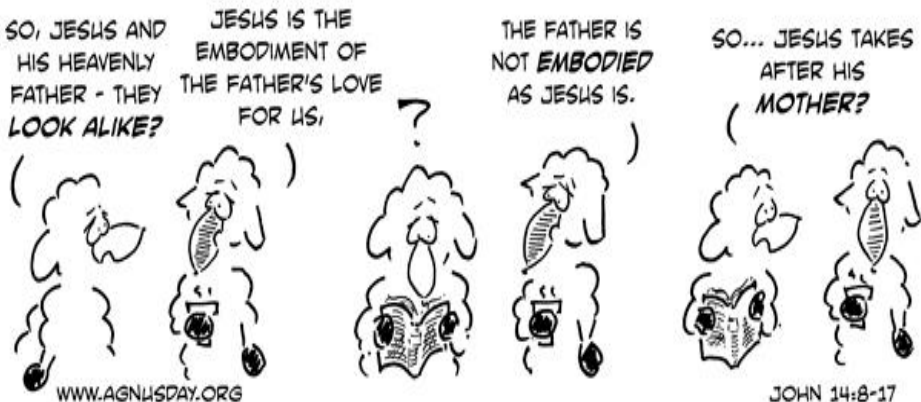
Sun 9:30am Wod 5SOF HC Service (EK)

READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 12th June

Communion/Altar	12 th June	John Donker
Readers	12 th June	Carolyn Kiss
PowerPoint	12 th June	Jason Zweck
Usher/Counters	12 th June	Vogelsang Family
Morning Tea	12 th June	Dewhirst Family
Church Cleaning	6 th June – 12 th June	C Laughton Family
Mowers	30 th May – 12 th June	Andrew Keller & Ralph Behrends



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