

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



12th
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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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

God delights in human beings

Acts 2:1-4a, 22-36

Peter addresses the crowd

John 8:48-59

'I am'...Jesus proclaims His Divinity

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	John 16:12-15	Thursday	John 5:17-23
Monday	Deuteronomy 6:4-15	Friday	Ephesians 3:14-21
Tuesday	Jeremiah 10:6-16	Saturday	Psalms 22:19-28
Wednesday	Ezekiel 1:4-6, 22-28		

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 clear heads and clarity for our staff as they complete their reports for their classes. Be with our students completing all their assessment tasks during the coming week.

➤ ***Victorian District pastors and staff team*** – Bishop Lester Priebbenow and Deidre; Pastor Brett Kennett and Sylvia.

• ***Lay Workers*** – Kate Burke; Erin Grainger; Wai Yee Li; Stephen Mildred; Denise Muschamp; Cathy Nowland.

➤ ***LCA Victoria Tasmania agencies and committees*** – Lutheran Women of Victoria; Lutheran Men of Victoria; Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministry; African and Migrant Ministry Reference Group; This'n'That Community Store staff team and volunteers.

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

➤ The newly installed Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand, Rev Chanda Saiyotha.

➤ Immanuel Lutheran College, Buderim, Qld (and principal Colin Minke and teacher Gayla Mathews) and their partnership with SMA HKBP (and principal Anne Situmorang), SMP HKBP Parapat (and principal Minar Sirait) and the GKPS Community Based Rehabilitation Centre, Indonesia.

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

PARISH and COMMUNITY NEWS

WELCOME to our new sister in Christ, **Clara Elizabeth Graham** [parents Andrew & Jessica Graham] also

WELCOME to our new brother in Christ, **Lorenzo Andrew John Housler** [parents Shannon Housler & Shaylee Sandford]

who are both being baptised into God's Family this Sunday morning.

May God bless them both as families and as they each raise their children trusting in the Lord Jesus.

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.

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.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **UPDATE OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Parish Council is finalising the Constitution to be presented to the Parish in the very near future. Members will be emailed/given a hard copy of the Constitution to read through before a vote is taken to forward it to the District Constitutional Committee for approval.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MULLER - 7TH AUGUST @ 2PM AT **LUTHER HALL, VICTORY LUTHERAN COLLEGE.**

Plans are underway for this event and in the coming weeks, ways in which you may be able to assist will be in the bulletin. I received an email from Pastor Joshua this morning (Thursday 9th) and he informed me his final service in the Eudunda/Robertstown Parish is on the 3rd of July. At the moment the Council is still finalising accommodation for Pastor Joshua from July to December.

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE WILL BE THE ONLY SERVICE IN THE PARISH ON THE 7TH AUGUST.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Parish still needs a delegate for the District Convention 30 September - 2 October at Luther College in Melbourne. If you are interested in attending please see Pastor Ernie or myself.

NEW CHURCH FACILITIES

The hope of the Ground Breaking service for our new church facility is still on track for the end of June/early July. The builders are still waiting on revised quotes to come in and expect the quotes to be in by the end of the week. Wodonga City Council just needs to put the official stamp on the building permit and then it is all systems 'go'.

PARISH/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

A team of 10 dedicated members from the Parish and the College are meeting regularly to discuss re-engaging our Parish/College relationship. We are working on a vision statement and also on ways to implement that vision. Pray for this team as they work together in harmony and co-operation for an outcome that unites our communities and brings glory to our Heavenly Father.

CONFIRMATION LESSONS

Finally Confirmation lessons have begun! Lessons have been held at Victory Lutheran College after the end of the school day on Tuesdays for the past five weeks. It is a joy to meet with these young people and discuss such things as 'The Bible', 'Law and Gospel', and this coming Tuesday we will finish 'The Lord's Prayer'. There will be a break over the school holidays. Thank you to Rhonda for her work in facilitating these lessons. Please prayer for the five young people taking instructions, Hannah Dewhirst, April Lade, Aidan Lockerbie, Sophia Kotzur & Maddison Wiencke.

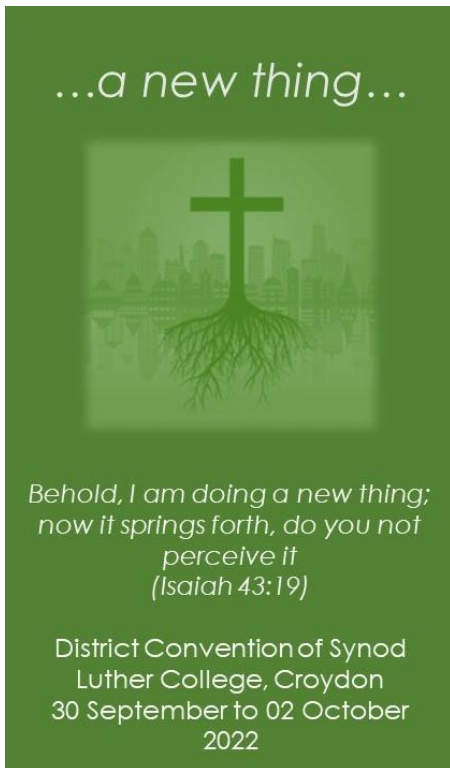
Jenny Simboras Chair Wodonga Lutheran Parish

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

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

12th June 2022
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(TRINITY)
What is truth?

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is a guide?
When have you
needed a guide?

2

Jesus told his
disciples that
the Holy Spirit
would guide them
(John 16:13).
How does the
Holy Spirit guide
people?

3

In what ways do
you need God's
truth to guide
you?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth
M	Isalah 45:18-22	The Lord speaks the truth
T	John 4:7-24	Spirit and truth
W	John 15:26-27, 16:5-11	The Spirit will tell about Jesus
T	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
F	Romans 5: 1-5	Faith brings joy
S	Psalm 8	Your majestic name
S	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Great God -
Father, Son and
Holy Spirit: You
are wonderful
and mighty.
Thank you for
caring for us.
Amen.



BLESS

May God the Father
give you peace.
May Jesus the Son
bless you with his
kindness. May the
Holy Spirit fill your
heart with love.

Trinity

Trinity Sunday is a day where we stand in awe of the mystery of our three-in-one God (God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit). The colour of the day is **WHITE** to represent the expression of joy in the mystery of the Triune God.

Creative Response

There are various symbols used by Christians for the Trinity.

Work together as a household to identify as many of these symbols as you can – look on the internet, take notice of the symbols used in your church, borrow a book from the library etc.

Make it a household project to be on the lookout for wherever these symbols appear during the course of the week (e.g. spot as many triangles as you can).

You could also display some of these symbols in your home, or find ways to integrate them into your daily life (e.g. if you own a musical triangle you could use it as a gathering signal for meals or household devotions).

mealtime prayer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, you heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

verse for the week

"But when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

JOHN 16:13

Service



Romans 5: 3-4 speaks of the sufferings experienced by Christians.

Whom do you know in your congregation or community that is experiencing suffering at this time – e.g. health issues, grieving, having financial problems? Plan an act of household service to encourage them. Include them in your prayers.



LLL INTEREST RATES INCREASE

LLL will increase the interest rate on all LLL Savings Accounts and any new (or rolled over) LLL Term Deposits from Friday, 10 June 2022. Those increases are set out in the following table.

The following per annum interest rates will take effect Friday, 10 June 2022:

Product/s	Current	Change	New
LLL Savings Accounts	0.05%	0.35%	0.40%
LLL Term Deposit	0.25%	0.70%	0.95%

We have also eased some Term Deposit conditions, which will also come into effect on Friday 10 June, to make it easier for people to invest. For new LLL Term Deposit enquiries, please view the new terms on the [LLL website](#) or give us a call. See email printout on the noticeboard for more information.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	12 Jun	9:30am	Trinity HC Service (EK) Baptism of Clara Elizabeth Graham Baptism of Lorenzo Andrew John Housler
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>14 Jun</i>	<i>12.30pm-4.30pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>15 Jun</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>16 Jun</i>	<i>11am-3pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
Fri to Mon	17-20 June		Tandara Craft Camp
Sunday	19 Jun	9:30am	LAY Service (JD)

LAST WEEK: 5th June 2022

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	43	43	
Total Attendance:	43	43	

NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun 9:30am Wod LAY Service (**JD**)

READINGS

Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 19th June

Communion/Altar

Readers	19 th June	Sheryl Parsons
PowerPoint	19 th June	Margaret Burkert
Usher/Counters	19 th June	Kevin & Laurel Wiencke
Morning Tea	19 th June	R & J Farrell and R Asquith
Church Cleaning	13 th June – 19 th June	Sheryl Parsons
Mowers	13 th June – 26 th June	Peter Lade & Adrian Gutsche