

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus

2nd Sunday after Pentecost



19th 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

Isaiah 65:1-9 The Lord will punish the rebellious but save those who serve him
Galatians 3:23-29 We are Christ's; justified by faith
Luke 8:26-39 Jesus heals a man with demons

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Thursday	Romans 10:1-13
Monday	Luke 8:40-56	Friday	Galatians 3:6-14
Tuesday	Romans 4:1-12	Saturday	Psalms 16
Wednesday	Romans 4:13-25		

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week:

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

- **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.
- **Please pray for the five young people taking Confirmation instructions,** Hannah Dewhirst, April Lade, Aidan Lockerbie, Sophia Kotzur & Maddison Wiencke.
- **Victory Lutheran College** – Our prayers are with the Year 10 students as they complete their Work Experience and for our Year 9's as they serve the community in their Service Week. In all of these activities we ask for the compassion and love to be present in all they do.
- **Wangaratta Parish, congregations of Wangaratta and Benalla** – Pastor Howard Beard and Janet.
- **Warrnambool Parish, congregations of Ayrford, Hawkesdale and Warrnambool** – Pastor Heath Pukallus and Erica.
- **Lay staff** – Gloria Groves.
- **Wyndham Hobsons Bay Multisite Congregation** –Worship Centre of Wyndham & Hobsons Bay – Pastor Vacancy.
- **Lay Worker**– Michelle Filipovics.
- **Australian Kachin Christian Fellowship (partner)** – Rev Tanguu Naw San.
- **Wodonga Parish** - Pastor Vacancy.
- **Lay Staff** – Heather Grealy.

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rev Touch KeovsreyLiak, Duy Sarann, Yin Dara, Sok Vannak and Muy Saveoun, who were installed at the end of May. Pray they will share the gospel and lead the Lutheran Church in Cambodia with servant-hearts, through the grace of the Holy Spirit.
- Trevor Bailey and those who are involved in the printing of LCA International Mission publications from Openbook Howden. Pray the work they are given will be an opportunity to witness to Jesus' love.
- Coral and Tony Gallasch and St Paul's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf as they support the Kindergarten Mission Project in Heldsbach, Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea.

PARISH and COMMUNITY NEWS

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'.

Please note: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 28TH JUNE

As Heather has to do a 'Safe Church Level 1 Refresher Training Session' at St Luke's from 1.15pm to 4.30pm on 28th June, the Parish Office will need to be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

DINE-OUT FOR JUNE

Dine-out for this month will be held on Sunday 26th June after church at The Stump Hotel. All welcome to join in.

VICTORIA DISTRICT eNEWS

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

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

District Convention of Synod
Luther College, Croydon
30 September to 02 October 2022



LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations - Self Assessment



The first target in the Governance and Reporting Framework for the Child Safety Standards for Congregations is due on 31 July.

The actions required are

- Congregation/parish council appoints assessor to conduct self-assessment.
- Assessor completes child safety self-assessment.
- Assessor submits self-assessment to congregation or parish council.

Information on Self Assessment is linked [HERE](#) including an introductory video . Please contact Denise Muschamp, District Professional Standards Officer, 0437 180 928 denise.muschamp@lca.org.au for more info. The introductory video is also linked [HERE](#)

GROW MINISTRIES

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



Growing
FAITH
at home

19th June 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
PROPER 7

The authority of Jesus

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when you were afraid.

2

Through Jesus you have been transferred into God's kingdom and he has made his home in you. What difference does this make when you are afraid?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons
M	Galatians 3: 23-29	God's children through faith
T	Matthew 17:14-21	Healing of a boy with a demon
W	Mark 7:26-30	A little girl is rid of a demon
T	Luke 4:31-37	A possessed man in the synagogue
F	Luke 11:14-20	Jesus drives out a mute demon
S	Psalm 22: 19-28	O Lord, do not stay far away
S	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for setting us free. Help us to tell others how much you have done for us. Amen.



BLESS

Baptised child of God, Jesus has set you free.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Jesus told the man who had been rid of many demons to "return home and tell how much God has done for you" (Luke 8:39).

Think about and write down on sticky notes the many different ways that you see God at work providing for you.

Put them at the entrance to your house so that you see them when you return home.

Take one each time you come through the door, and give a prayer of thanks.



mealtime prayer

Lord, thank you for the gifts before us, signs of your love and mercy. Help us to tell others how much you have done for us. Amen.

verse for the week

But Jesus sent him home, saying, "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.

LUKE 8:39

Service



When you gather together this week as a household, remember your baptism by making the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads.

You may also wish to wear a piece of jewellery or an item of clothing this week to symbolise your identities as children of God. A household activity could involve making a simple cross necklace or wristband to wear or give away to those who were baptised in your congregation this past year.



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	19 Jun	9:30am	LAY Service (JD)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>21 Jun</i>	<i>12.30pm-4.30pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>22 Jun</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>23 Jun</i>	<i>11am-3pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
		7:30pm	College Council Meeting
Sunday	26 Jun	9:30am	Simple HC Service (GZ)
		After church	Dine-out at The Stump

LAST WEEK: 12^h June 2022

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	72	50	Baptisms X 2
Total Attendance:	72	50	

NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun 9:30am Wod Simple HC Service (**GZ**)

READINGS

1 Kings 19:15, 16, 19-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 26th June

Communion/Altar	26 th June	Phill Edwards
Readers	26 th June	Paul Schirmer
PowerPoint	26 th June	Andy Enever
Usher/Counters	26 th June	J Zweck Family
Church Cleaning	20 th June – 26 th June	G & C Roennfeldt
Mowers	13 th June – 26 th June	Peter Lade & Adrian Gutsche