

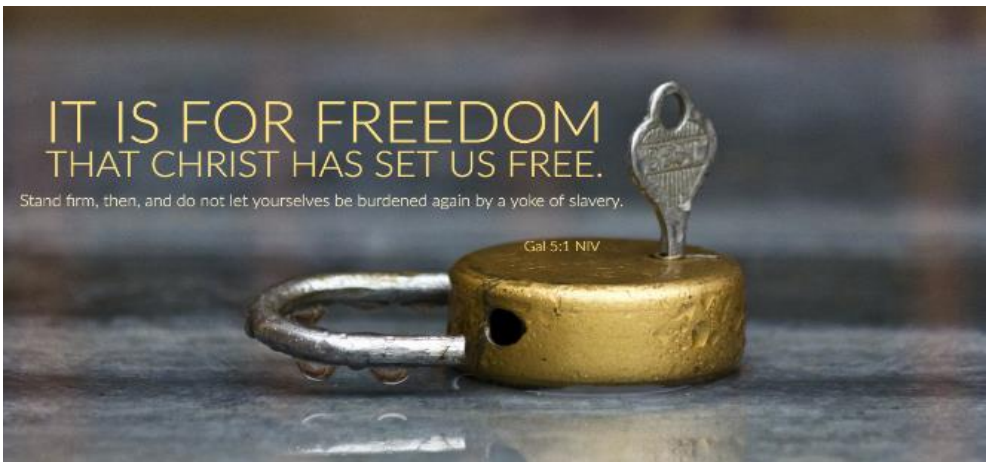
Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



26th 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

1 Kings 19:15, 16, 19-21 The call of Elisha
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Freedom in Jesus to live by the Holy Spirit
Luke 9:51-62 The cost of following Jesus

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	Thursday	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Monday	Jonah 1:1-17	Friday	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Tuesday	Matthew 10:5-23	Saturday	Psalms 66:1-9
Wednesday	Mark 9:33-37		

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.
- ***Please pray for the five young people taking Confirmation lessons - ,*** Hannah Dewhirst, April Lade, Aidan Lockerbie, Sophia Kotzur & Maddison Wiencke, and their leaders Rhonda Keller & Jenny Simboras.
- ***Victory Lutheran College*** – Our prayers are with the College community as they get ready for their half yearly break. Stay well and travel safe.
- ***Our local community*** – Schools, local leaders, hospitals, councils, aid agencies and other supports and services.
- ***All travelling for holidays and work.***

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dr Wilfred John Samuel (LSC Director) and Rev Joefrerick Ating and the Lutheran Study Centre, Malaysia, as they assist local churches in their endeavour to enhance local mission, ministry, identity and tradition through the use of the Lutheran Confessions, Lutheran Catechetical material and resources.
- International Lutheran Seafarers' Mission, run by the Lutheran Church in Singapore. Pray that our Lord will open the hearts and minds of the seafarers and fishermen to receive Christ's gospel.

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

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'.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ACCOMMODATION FOR PASTOR MULLER

A 3 bedroom rental accommodation has been found for Pastor Muller at 284C Beechworth Road, Wodonga. The Beechworth Road property will be rented for six months after which Pastor Muller will move to a new 4 bedroom rental in the Leneva area.

ST MARK'S YACKANDANDAH AUCTION

Last week arrangements for an auction sale of the St Mark's property 15 Wellsford Street in Yackandandah were finalized. The public auction will be on site on the 30th July 2022 at 11:00am.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JOSHUA MULLER

7th August at 2pm at Luther Hall, Victory Lutheran College

The Installation service will be the only service in the Parish on the 7th August.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation class last Tuesday completed the unit on The Lord's Prayer. The class will now take the school holiday break and return on Tuesday 19th July at 3.30pm. Please pray for Hannah Dewhirst, April Lade, Aidan Lockerbie, Sophia Kotzur and Maddison Wiencke that their hearts and minds maybe opened to accepting and living Jesus love.

CONVENTION DELEGATE

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

UPDATE OF THE CONSTITUTION

Parish Council is finalizing 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.

PARISH/COLLEGE RELATIONSHIP

Members of the Parish and College communities have been meeting over the past months to discuss how we can strengthen the relationship we have with each other.

Communication between the Parish and the College was felt to be very important. Each fortnight when the Voice of Victory is sent out to parents, it will also be available to Parish members, either by electronic means or hard copy, to keep you informed of activities at the College. Likewise information will be sent to the College of activities in the Parish with an open invitation for the College community to join in.

So enjoy reading about the happenings at Victory Lutheran College, and join in the activities there.

VLC VOICE OF VICTORY" NEWSLETTER

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

DINE-OUT FOR JUNE

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

LCA CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CONGREGATIONS - SELF ASSESSMENT

Last week in the Parish Bulletin you will have seen mention about the LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations. The Standards will be compulsory for all congregations of the LCA. The Parish Council has appointed Andy Enever to conduct the Self-Assessment for our congregation and then deliver his report to the Council, who will then have the task of developing a Child Safety Plan for the congregation.

Members will be asked to contribute their responses via an online, [anonymous](#) survey. If you receive this survey, you are strongly encouraged to complete it. Surveys will be sent to all ages of people who make up our membership. The Council members will also be surveyed.

If you have any questions, please contact our Safe Church Coordinator; Carolyn Kiss (0438 324 477) or our Chairperson, Jenny Simboras (0407 495 773).



FUNERAL – WARREN TRABANT

Warren was laid to rest in the Wodonga Cemetery last Monday following his funeral service in St John's. We extend our love and sympathy to Wilma and family.

PATRICIA BAHR

Patricia passed away on Tuesday. Our sympathy is extended to Lawrence Bahr and family and Noreen Kelly,

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Our next Ladies' Fellowship meeting will be on Wednesday 6th July at 10am. Because we expect that the weather will be cold, we will meet at the warm home of Sheryl Parsons, and enjoy some hot home-made food for lunch afterward.

If you would like to join with us in Bible Study, a bit of business, and a lot of social interaction, please phone Sheryl on 0438 247 505, for her address.

WELCOME HAMPER

Our new Pastor, Pastor Joshua Muller, will be arriving in Wodonga at the end of July!

Ladies Fellowship is organizing a welcome hamper and would love to receive donations from our members.

Please leave any donations (including money for fresh foods to be bought at the last minute) in the box at the back of the church

by Sunday 24th July at the latest.

We will then take the goodies to Pastor Joshua's new home just in time for his arrival.

VICTORIA DISTRICT eNEWS

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.

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



Growing
FAITH
at home

26th June 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
PROPER 8

Following Jesus

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is something that you have put off doing? Why?

2

Jesus asked people to follow him, but sometimes they put it off, saying "I need to do this or that first" (Luke 9:59-61). Is it hard for you to follow Jesus sometimes? If so, in what ways?

3

If Jesus asked you to move somewhere else to do his will, what would be hardest for you to leave behind?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
M	Luke 9:21-27	Following Jesus
T	Luke 14:25-34	Considering the cost
W	Luke 5:27-31	Levi follows Christ
T	Matthew 13:1-8	A crop is produced
F	Galatians 5: 13-25	Living by the Spirit's power
S	Psalm 16	What a wonderful inheritance!
S	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy-two



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, we want to work for you. Please help us to let go of things that hold us back. Amen.



BLESS

May God's love enable you to follow Jesus.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

- Share any opportunities you had for witnessing about Christ during the week at school, at work, in the neighbourhood or at home.
- Start a prayer list of the names of three people you would like to come to have a faith in Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you ways that you could share the gospel with them.
- Invite your neighbours for a meal at your home. Get to know them and their needs.
- Make your home a welcoming place for your children's friends.
- Encourage your children to invite their friends to your church youth events, to Sunday morning worship or to a church youth or kids camp.

mealtime prayer

Thank you, Lord, for potatoes and meat. We love being your hands and feet. Amen.

verse for the week

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23

Service



Some followers of Jesus today still give up 'home, family, and means of income' to share him with others. Do you know of anyone who has done this (e.g. missionaries in other countries)? Ask your pastor or church friends to suggest someone to you. Find their address and write a note of encouragement and thanks to them. Pray for them this week. Find out more about mission in the LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia) here: <http://www.lca.org.au/board-for-mission.html>

ALC ANNUAL APPEAL

Australian Lutheran College has launched its annual appeal. This year's appeal is twofold: a call to support the college financially as it trains and prepares people for service in Christ's mission, and a heartfelt plea for more students.

Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and those received by 30 June may be claimed in this financial year. Download the appeal letter and find out more from the [ALC Appeal page](#).

Appeal packs are on the back table for those wishing to support ALC.

Please note: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 28TH JUNE

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	26 Jun	9:30am	Simple HC Service (GZ)
		After church	Dine-out at The Stump
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>28 Jun</i>	<i>12.30pm-4.30pm</i>	<i>Church Office CLOSED</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>29 Jun</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>30 Jun</i>	<i>11am-3pm</i>	<i>Church Office OPEN</i>
Sunday	3 July	9:30am	HC Service (JS)

LAST WEEK: 19^h June 2022

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	35		LAY Service
Total Attendance:	35		

NEXT WEEK: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod HC Service **(JS)** 2 Kings 5:1-14 **OR** Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 3rd July

Communion/Altar	3 rd July	Andy Enever
Readers	3 rd July	Jenny Simboras
PowerPoint	3 rd July	Sharon Paech
Usher/Counters	3 rd July	Margaret Burkert
Church Cleaning	27 th June – 3 rd July	N & S Jacob
Mowers	27 th June – 10 th July	Paul Vogelsang & Paul Schirmer