

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus



**Second
Sunday in
Lent**

**28th
February
2021**

Welcome to members, friends & visitors.

We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us today.
Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 God's promise to Abraham and Sarah
Romans 4:13-25 Abraham received God's promise through faith
Mark 8:31-38 The cost of discipleship

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Sunday | Mark 8:31-38 | Thursday | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Monday | Luke 4:14-30 | Friday | Luke 5:12-26 |
| Tuesday | Luke 4:31-37 | Saturday | Psalm 19 |
| Wednesday | Luke 4:38-44 | | |

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week:

- ***We pray for the following that are in need at this time:*** Pastor Graham ZWECK; Shirley BULLOCK (ESTIA); Ruth FRAUENFELDER; Phyllis HEINER [Yackandandah Health Aged Care]; Robert HASLAM; Gregory & Kerry JENNINGS; Melva KLEMKE [Westmont]; Laurel McRAE [Yallaroo Albury]; Frieda PTSCHELINZEW [Culcairn]; Dianne WILLIAMS.
- ***Victory Lutheran College*** - ** Lord we ask you to be active in our Opening Service on Monday. We come together to acknowledge our past year, our high achievers, and install new staff and student leaders.
** Our community prays for our Year 1 Teachers, Sally Burkinshaw, Karina Risk, Michelle Phillips and their team of students that are being nurtured and taught with love and care.
- ***Greensborough Parish – congregations of Greensborough and Thomastown*** – Pastor Tim Stringer and Terri.
- ***Calvary Retirement Home*** – Manager Andrea Mathieson.
- ***Grovedale Parish – congregations of Freshwater Creek and Grovedale*** – Pastor Colin Simpkin and Tanya.
- ***Lay Worker*** – Michelle Filipovic.
- ***St Paul's Kindergarten*** – Director Lynda Lehmann and Staff Team.
- ***Anglesea Araluen Lutheran Camp*** – Manager Steve Burger and Staff Team.

MISSION INTERNATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- – Partnership co-ordinator Carilyn Trice, Pastor Jim Pietsch and the St. Paul's Lutheran congregation, Wellington, NZ as they pray for and financially support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand Lua evangelists, who are sharing the love of Christ with those in their communities

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will meet in the Church Hall at 9:45am on Wednesday 3rd March. Anyone welcome to attend and join in the Bible Study starting at 10:00am. Maybe go out for lunch later.

MASKS NEEDED DURING WORSHIP

Due to the COVID case in Melbourne as from Wednesday 3rd Feb at 11.59pm, masks will need to be worn again at the worship

DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE NEEDED

The Vic/Tas District will meet in Convention on Saturday, 22nd May 2021, at Geelong Lutheran College.

If anyone is willing to attend this **ONE DAY** convention as our Parish Delegate, please contact

Pastor Ernie Kiss ASAP on 0475 000 637 or ernie.kiss@lca.org.au

PARISH UPDATES - 23rd FEBRUARY 2021

CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES

As from today
Sunday 28th February 2021
there will be one service in the Parish
at 9.30am.

EASTER SERVICES

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| Palm Sunday | Mar 28 th | 9.30am - Ps John, after service, Annual General Meeting |
| Maundy Thursday | Apr 1 st | 7.00pm - Ps Graham |
| Good Friday | Apr 2 nd | 9.30am - Ps John |
| Easter morning | Apr 4 th | 9.30am - Ps Graham |

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Wodonga Lutheran Parish will be on **Sunday 28th March** after the **9.30am** service. Please put this date in your diary and plan on being there as the business of the Parish is discussed. If you need to write a report please get this to Heather in the office in the coming week.

USHERS ON DUTY

Those people on usher duty please make sure that the disposable cup bowls (at the end of pews) are wiped out with a disinfectant cloth (from the tub in the vestry) after every service and the plastic wine filler is also rinsed and cleaned after each service. Many thanks.

MORNING TEA

Morning Tea will be served after each service. The notice in last week's bulletin informed you of the cost and if you could please give a gold coin to cover these costs. If you don't have a gold coin don't worry, still join in the fellowship as that is the most important thing. There will be a money box on the table for your gold coin.

So that the same people do not have the burden of setting up and packing up, a list of all families will be included in the Roster sheet to do this small act of service. If everyone joins in your family will only have one or two morning tea duties a year. If you won't be at church on your rostered Sunday arrange to swap with someone else. Where there are only one or two in a family, you will be joined with another family.

The main duties would be making sure the urn is filled and switched on before the service, setting up outside with a table and some chairs (this will change in the winter months), serving tea/coffee and milk - with gloved hands, gloves provided, and then wiping down the tables and packing up after morning tea. **There is no washing up as disposable cups are being used.**

I pray that everyone will come on board with this idea as it is a great way to get to know members of our Parish as we work together.

WODONGA PARISH HAS A VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT QR CODE

The Parish is now signed up with a Victorian Government QR code. Every person that is at church, or in the hall or office for longer than 15 minutes must scan the QR code. These records will help with any future contact tracing that may be necessary in slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Some visitors may not be able to scan a code. Our posters displayed throughout church, hall and office, have a unique six-character location code they can enter via the Service Victoria app (available through the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#)).

Help will be available to those who are unfamiliar with QR code technology.

Please be assured if you can't register your attendance via QR code, sign in sheets will still be available.

Having the QR code we will be permitted to have more people in one space, from 1 x 4 square metres to 2 square metres.

The QR code will be displayed throughout the church, hall and office, as you enter any of the buildings for you to scan.

The most important thing is to register either electronically or by the sign in book, sanitize your hands and keep a COVIDsafe distance 1.5m, when in the church, office or hall.

PARISH CALL MEETING – 14th MARCH 2021

Bishop Lester will be the Guest Preacher at the **9:00am Service on 14th March**, before chairing the Parish Call Meeting after the service. The Call Committee will present their selection of Pastor names at this meeting.

CLOSING OF ST MARK'S YACKANDANDAH CHURCH

14th MARCH 2021, 2pm

As Bishop Lester will be in the Parish on Sunday 14th March for our Call Meeting, he will also officially close St Mark's Yackandandah Church. This service will commence at 2pm at 15 Wellsford Street, Yackandandah. All members, past and present, of the Parish and friends are invited to this special service.

As time is short, could all members please advise their family and friends of this special occasion and invite them to attend.

There will be a COVIDsafe afternoon tea following the service. We will be grateful for offers of food and ask people please contact Carolyn Kiss 0438 324 477. We will also be happy to receive offers of assistance on the day.

CONFIRMATION EASTER CAMP

The Parish Council has offered to pay 50% of the registration fee to any young person from the congregation wanting to go to the Easter Camp at Warrambui this year. This camp is for those recently Confirmed or who are at this time having Confirmation instruction. The Parish Council would encourage all parents who have young people and who are eligible to attend this faith growing camp, to seriously consider taking up the offer of financial assistance. Young people who have been to this camp in the past years have said how much they have grown in their faith walk and their love for Jesus.

Serving Him with you, Jenny Simboras
Chairperson, Wodonga Lutheran Parish

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

My name is Andrea and I am a Pastoral care worker who will potentially be working for Lutheran Aged Care in Albury. I currently live in Melbourne and am looking for accommodation in the Albury/Wodonga area. I thought I would reach out to local churches first, to see how my work goes before I look for permanent rental accommodation. I was wondering if you could put a notice in your newsletter to see if anyone would be willing to help :)

I have my own caravan so I could put my caravan on someone's property if they had room, paying for any expense of course. Or maybe someone has a bungalow or room they would be willing to rent.



I am a mature, professional, middle aged, married, female. I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to meet up with other Christians. If you can help or know someone who can, that would be awesome

Warm regards,

Andrea Beitzel

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Reports and Motions for the Parish AGM 2021

Annual General Meeting 28th March 2021

A Call is made for the Committees and groups of our Church to submit their annual reports for the AGM in 2021

Closing date for reports is Friday 26th February 2021.

Please submit electronically to the Chairperson of the Parish or drop a hard copy into Jenny's pigeon hole in the Church.

Reports are required from: Pastor, Treasurer, Parish Office, Music Coordinator, Ladies Fellowship, Project Manager Redevelopment.

Parish members are invited to submit motions/proposals for the AGM in accordance with the Constitution. If you are unsure please speak with the Chairperson.

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28***

Parish Nominations for service in 2021

Interested in becoming more involved in Wodonga Lutheran Parish or know a fellow parishioner who would be?

If so, consider running yourself, or nominating someone for seats on the Parish Council. Elections are scheduled for the AGM on 28th March 2021.

The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually and ordinary members can nominate to continue. It is important for the members to be informed and involved with the functions of the Parish. Please consider a run for a council seat and accept this needed and important leadership role.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church and also in this weekends bulletin. Place filled in Nomination Forms in Jenny Simboras' pigeon hole.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it various forms. **1 Peter 4:10***

LCA GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATE NEEDED

If anyone wants to volunteer to be the delegate for the LCA General Synod in October 2021 please contact Jenny Simboras by Wednesday 3rd March.

DINE-OUT

Dine-out [brunch/lunch] for February will be held after church on Sunday 28th February at 'The Stump'. Please let Marie Hill know as soon as possible.

DISTRICT eVOICES VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/t/D07B2EB9108CE71B2540EF23F30FEDED/5068D6C3513CC68E2018F019E6F15D33>

LCA eNEWS

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/5D4609B6A251617C2540EF23F30FEDED/D7674E8DAB845250CE63909E3969C05F>

WIDER COMMUNITY

ALWS Operations Support Manager February 2021



ALWS seeks a part-time Operations Support Manager to support a range of key business systems changes underway in 2021.

ALWS is the overseas aid and development agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. For over 70 years ALWS has been bringing love to life around the world, by providing life sustaining care to those suffering or fleeing from poverty, injustice, and disaster.

In this role, you will enable the team to develop and roll out improved operational systems, supporting the team to adapt and thrive. You are an experienced business manager with an acumen and enthusiasm for facilitating change. Your track record with small and growing not-for-profits will enable us to improve our financial, human resources and operational practices, ensuring even better support for those we serve in Australia and around the globe.

You are a highly organized and efficient manager, a skilled communicator, collaborator, coach, simplifier and problem-solver. You are passionate about helping people to be at their best and committed to working for a world without poverty and injustice.

For more about ALWS, this fixed-term role and the selection criteria, please go to <https://www.alws.org.au/positions-vacant/>

How to Apply: Please submit your CV and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria to jobs@alws.org.au by Sunday 7 March.

For further info, contact ALWS Executive Director, Jamieson Davies: **1300 763 407**.



Growing FAITH at home

28 February 2021

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

Caring Conversations

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

1

If you had all the power to do what you want, what would you want to do?

2

What does it mean to pick up your cross? How is it difficult to pick up your cross and follow Jesus?

3

How do other people know that you are a follower of Jesus?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

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| S | Mark 8:31-38 | Jesus predicts his death |
| M | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 | Sign of the covenant |
| T | Romans 4:13-25 | God's promise realised through faith |
| W | Mark 9:30-37 | The Son of Man betrayed |
| T | Matthew 16:21-28 | Taking up the cross |
| F | Mark 10:32-45 | Jesus again predicts his death |
| S | Psalms 22:23-31 | Suffering and praise |
| S | John 2:13-22 | Jesus clears the temple |

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you today, putting your will ahead of what we want and others think.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you a strong faith, so that you trust in his promises and live to please him.

Lent is a time to follow
Jesus.

Creative Response

Jesus tells us that following him will mean **TAKING UP A CROSS** - that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes even suffering for him.

Design crosses from wood, card or other craft materials.

Attach your crosses to a wall in your home.

Print out the Verse for the Week and place it underneath your crosses.

Throughout the week share ways in which you have denied yourself for Jesus' sake.



mealtime prayer

Thank you, God, for you are good - you call, you guide, you feed. Help us to share from all we have with those who are in need. Amen.

verse for the week

If any of you wants
to be my follower,
you must give up
your own way, take
up your cross, and
follow me.

MARK 8:34

Service



Making pretzels is a
Lenten tradition.

Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer, and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Use the following recipe to make pretzels (the recipe lists the amount of ingredients per person):

Have each person sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of yeast into 3 tablespoons of warm water. Stir to dissolve. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour and 2 tablespoons of grated cheese. Stir, then knead until smooth.

Cut the dough into 4 pieces and roll into a snake shape. Shape the 4 pieces like pretzels, then brush them with a beaten egg. Sprinkle with coarse ground salt. Bake on a baking sheet at 220 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes.



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WIDER COMMUNITY cont'd

LUTHERAN MEN OF VICTORIA RETREAT

Is being held at Tandara Lutheran Camp, Halls Gap on 12th to 14th March 2021.
Theme: Psalms. Guest Speaker Darren Linke. Flyer & Registration Forms on the noticeboard for those interested.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This service will be held at St Stephens Uniting Church, cnr Beechworth Rd & Nilmar Ave on **Friday 5th March at 10:00am**. All welcome

THIS WEEK:

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| Sunday | 28 Feb | 9:30am | LAY Service (PE) |
| | | After church | DINE-OUT brunch/lunch at The Stump |
| Tuesday | 2 Mar | 11am-3pm | Church Office OPEN |
| Wednesday | 3 Mar | 9am-1pm | Church Office OPEN |
| | | 9:45am | Women's Fellowship in Church Hall |
| Thursday | 4 Mar | 11am-3pm | Church Office OPEN |
| | | | Church, Nilmar Ave, Wodonga |
| Sunday | 7 Mar | 9:30am | HC Service (JS) |

LAST WEEK: 21st February 2021

| Congregation | Attendance | Communion | Notes: |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| St John's – 9:00am | 130 | 75 | VICTORY SERVICE |
| | 0 | 0 | held at VL College |
| Total Attendance: | 130 | 75 | |

NEXT WEEKEND: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sun 9:30am Wod Service with Communion **(JS)**

READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

ROSTER FOR THE COMING WEEKEND

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| Readers | 7 th Mar | 9:30am | John Donker | |
| PowerPoint | 7 th Mar | 9:30am | Rhonda Keller | |
| Usher/ Counters | 7 th Mar | 9:30am | Roger & Jan Farrell | |
| Morning Tea | 7 th Mar | after service | Simboras | |
| Church Cleaning | Mar 1 st – Mar 7 th | | Lenore de Garis | |
| Mowing | Feb 22 nd – Mar 7 th | | Paul Vogelsang | HELPER PLEASE |

PLEASE NOTE:

The office phone is out of action at present, so if you need to contact me (Heather) use my mobile no. 0417 246 582 OR if it is for pastoral assistance, please phone Jenny Simboras on 02 6040 4494.