

Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus

4th Sunday after Epiphany



31st January 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 The Lord promises a prophet like Moses

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Freedom and the conscience of your fellow believer

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus teaches with authority

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Mark 1:21-28	Thursday	Luke 4:31-37
Monday	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Friday	Acts 16:16-19
Tuesday	Matthew 7:24-29	Saturday	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
Wednesday	Matthew 8:28-34		

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.
- ***Emeritus Pastors*** - Pastor Peter Benz (*Em*), Pastor Lloyd Boughen (*Em*) and Alison, Pastor David Bryce (*Em*), Pastor Phil Haar (*Em*) and Ruth, Pastor John Heidenreich (*Em*) And Evonne, Pastor Don Heyne (*Em*) and Rosemary, Pastor Colin Huf (*Em*) and Betty, Pastor Jorma Jormakka (*Em*) and Marjatta, Pastor Paul Kam (*Em*) and Angel, Pastor Ernie Kiss (*Em*) and Carolyn, Pastor David Kleidon (*Em*) and Moira, Pastor Ed Koch (*Em*) and Gladys, Pastor Peter Koehne (*Em*) and Norma, Pastor Geoff Schirmer (*Em*) and Colleen, Pastor Cecil Schmalkuche (*Em*) and Jane, Pastor Ray Schulz (*Em*) and Nerida, Pastor John Schultz (*Em*) and Judith, Pastor John Simboras (*Em*) and Jenny, Pastor Wilhelm Stern (*Em*), Pastor Jim Westphal (*Em*) and Liz, Pastor Graham Zweck (*Em*) and Helen, Pastor Kevin Zwar (*Em*) and Del,

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

LADIES FELLOWSHIP – ALL WELCOME – NOTE TIME CHANGE

Our first meeting for the year will be on **Wednesday 3rd February at 9.45 am** Bible study and fellowship along with our AGM on the agenda. **BYO** everything: paper, pen, bible, drink etc. **Venue:** Havelock Street Church Hall.

When meeting finished, lunch out a possibility if people are interested!

PASTOR MIKE NELDNER DECLINES CALL

Pastor Mike Neldner informed the Parish that he was declining the Call to the Wodonga Parish. He felt it was not the right time to leave his current Parish, and wished the Wodonga Parish God's blessing as we seek to find a new pastor. The Call Committee met on Tuesday 19th January to prepare a list of pastor candidates for the Parish to consider at a Call meeting in the very near future. The Parish will be notified of the date of the Call meeting once it has been confirmed. If any Parish member has the name of a pastor they wish to be considered for Call, please give this name to me as soon as possible.
Serving Him with you, Jenny

PLEASE NOTE: - 'PARISH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING'

A **PARISH Service of Thanksgiving** will be held on **Sunday 7th February at 9:00am**, followed by a cuppa and a chat.
Please bring along a non-perishable food item for those in need.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Sunday 31st January 2021 at 9:00am

LAY READING

Leader: Angela Uhrhane

Sunday 7th February 2021 at 9:00am

PARISH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Ps John Simboras

Sunday 14th February 2021 at 9:00am & 10:30am

TRANSFIGURATION - LAY READINGS

Leader: To be confirmed

Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Pastor: Ps John Simboras

Sunday 21st February 2021 at 9:00am

VICTORY SUNDAY – SERVICE HELD AT VICTORY COLLEGE

Pastor: Ps John Simboras

Sunday 28th February 2021 at 9:00am & 10:30am

2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Ps Graham Zweck

TWO SERVICES (9:00am and 10:30am) RECOMMENCE ON THE 7th
MARCH 2021 [EXCEPT for 14th March].

PARISH UPDATES

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 9AM

There will be one service on the 7th February for a Parish Thanksgiving Service, the service will be at 9am, thanking God for all the blessings He has given to us over the past year. This service will be followed by a COVID safe morning tea.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food and other grocery items such as toilet paper, shampoo, soap etc, etc to be given to those in need, please bring to church this Sunday or on the 7th. These items will be displayed in the altar area of the church.

Also, if you have 'tools of trade' or products of your craft, which you would be prepared to loan for the service for a display, could you please have these at the church by 10am on Saturday 6th February. Such things as tradies tools, sewing machine, cooking equipment, pencils, paper, school books, any craft work, gardening tools etc. Bring along anything you thank God for in your work, creative times and in your relaxation.

If you have fruit and vegetables these can be brought in as well.

PARISH CALL MEETING - 14TH MARCH 2021

Bishop Lester will be chairing the Parish Call Meeting on 14th March after the 9am service. The Call Committee will present their selection of Pastor names to 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 a 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.

Serving Him with you,

Jenny Simboras

Chair, Wodonga Lutheran Parish

LCA eNEWS SPECIAL PROMOTION EDITION

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DISTRICT eVOICES VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN DISTRICT

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WIDER COMMUNITY



LUTHERAN AGED CARE – ALBURY is seeking a Permanent Part Time (paid) Pastoral Care Worker to join the Pastoral Care Team in 2021. If you are an enthusiastic, compassionate and caring individual that has a desire to work with older persons we would love to hear from you. For the job description and to apply please go to www.lacalbury.com and click on the 'Careers' heading, then click 'Apply for a job.'



SEASON GRADING NIGHT

Wednesday 3th February 2021. 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

471 North St Albury (Greenfield Park)
Season commences 9th February, finishes 1st April

Playing nights: Tuesday & Thursday
For more info, see flyer on noticeboard if interested.



Growing FAITH at home

31 January 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

Caring Conversations

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

1

Talk about a teacher you liked and respected. What did you learn from him or her?

2

Read Mark 1:21-28. Why do you think people were amazed at Jesus' teaching?

3

What do you find amazing about Jesus? What do you wish to learn from Jesus?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an evil spirit
M	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Treat everyone with justice
T	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Love builds up others
W	Matthew 7:24-29	Jesus teaches with authority
T	John 14:23-31	Obedying Jesus' teaching
F	Joshua 1:6-9	The Lord speaks to Joshua
S	Psalm 111	Praise for God's wonderful works
S	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Amazing Lord Jesus, teach us to know you, love you and serve you. Amen.

BLESSING

May God teach you his ways.
May you learn of his love and grace and live in it always.

Jesus is our great teacher

Creative Response

Take time this week to remember students.
Use this prayer to pray for those in your household.

Heavenly Father, be with _____ in his/her studies.

Keep _____ safe from anything that would harm him/her in body, mind or spirit.

Help _____ to gain enjoyment from learning and to learn well.

Help _____ to be happy at school and to have good friendships.

Help _____ to show your love to others at school and to do what is right.

And help _____ to remember that you are with him/her every day, whatever happens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



mealtime prayer

Lord, without we'd go unfed. Thank you for our daily bread. Amen.

verse for the week

They were amazed at his teaching, for he taught them with real authority, quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

MARK 1:22

Service



Make it a focus of your home prayer time this week to pray for teachers and leaders in schools and churches.

Think of a teacher you are thankful for, write them a letter or send them a card of encouragement.



THIS WEEK:

Sunday 31 Jan 9:00am LAY Service @ St John's Wodonga (AU)
Tuesday 2 Feb 11am-3pm Church Office OPEN
Wednesday 3 Feb 9am-1pm Church Office OPEN
9:45am Women's Fellowship Meeting in Church Hall
Thursday 4 Feb 11am-3pm Church Office OPEN
Sunday 7 Feb 9:00am PARISH HC Service of Thanksgiving (JS)

LAST WEEK: 24th January 2021

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's – 9:00am	39	39	
Total Attendance:	39	39	

NEXT WEEKEND: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS

Sun 9:00am Wod HC Service– Ps John Simboras
Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

ROSTER FOR THE COMING WEEK

Communion/Altar	7 th Feb	9:00am	Claire Roennfeldt
Readers	7 th Feb	9:00am	Rhonda Keller
PowerPoint	7 th Feb	9:00am	Margaret Burkert
Usher/ Counters	7 th Feb	9:00am	Wiencke Family
Church Cleaning	Feb 1 st – Feb 7 th		N & S Jacob
Mowing	Jan 25 ^h – Feb 7 th		Andrew Keller Ralph Behrends