Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John’s – St Mark’s Yackandandah – Victory Lutheran College

Committed to Sharing Jesus

25th Sunday after Pentecost

10th/11th November 2018

Welcome to members, friends & visitors
We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us.
At the end of the Service we invite you to please join us our BYO to share luncheon, cuppa and chat.
Our Lord’s love and peace be with you.

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A quick note about the Lutheran Divine service and what we believe about worship.

To us worship isn’t so much about what we do, but about what God does. Lutherans believe God is present with us through the Word and Sacraments we receive.

In fact, we teach that in the Lutheran Divine Service, God comes to forgive us, to feed us, bless us and send us out into the world. Our Liturgy identifies God’s performative work amongst us and as we receive this ministry of the Word and Sacrament we in turn respond to God through, responses, songs, prayers giving our thanks and praise.

I am new to a Lutheran Worship Service, so should I go to the front for the Holy Communion or not?

We teach that, ‘Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for Christians to eat and drink’.

As you come to this sacrament, you come as:

- a sinner who wants God’s forgiveness;
- a baptised believer who trusts that Jesus died for the forgiveness of sin;
- a guest who humbly accepts what Jesus gives: His true body and blood with the bread and wine;
- a witness who gladly joins us in our public confession of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All who do not commune are still invited to receive an individual blessing. You can communicate your intention of doing so by simply folding your arms across your chest as come forward. If you have any questions about Lutherans Divine service or Holy Communion feel free to check with the Pastor at the end of the service.
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In our prayers this week:

- **We pray for the following that are in need at this time:** Melva KLEMKE; Marianne WACHTMANN; Kerryn JENNINGS; Frank KELLY; Laurel McRAE; Veronica SEMMLER; Pastor Jaswanth & Mary Stella KUKATLAPALLI.

- **Victory Lutheran College** – Mrs Hallahan, Mrs James, Ms Olejniczak & Murray 3 Care Group; Year 12 Students & Staff for VCE Exams.

- **Tabor Congregation** – Pastor Sam Modra and Tara.

- **Tarrington Parish, congregations of Tarrington and Warrayure** – Pastor Ryan Norris and Priscilla.

- **Tarrington Lutheran School** – Principal Tony Peters and Staff.

- **From Bishop John Henderson - Centenary of Armistice – 11 November 2018**

  We give thanks
  
  - that, while we acknowledge our countries are not perfect, Australia and New Zealand continue to be among the most secure and peaceful countries in the world;
  - for the men and women who over the years have given their lives to protect us from danger and tyranny, and for those who still face danger daily on our behalf;
  - for the important and hard-won freedoms defended in war.

  We mourn
  
  - with those who have suffered loss and harm through war;
  - humanity's repeated failure to prevent war;
  - the tribalism and hunger for exclusive power and control that lie behind many present-day wars.

  We repent and ask forgiveness
  
  - for war propaganda that allies God to one side or another and which promotes racial and religious hatred;
  - for all the other terrible consequences of war;
  - for past reluctance to share the benefits of the peace we enjoy with the whole of society – particularly with Australia’s first peoples.

  We pray
  
  - for civilians caught up in war and for efforts to bring them relief;
  - for servicemen and women currently on deployment and their families awaiting their safe return home;
  - for people struggling to recover from war and for all who help them;
  - for chaplains in parliaments and defence forces, that they may be a force for good;
  - for political and military leaders who decide if and how nations take part in war, that they may act wisely, responsibly and prayerfully;
  - for greater commitment to resolving disagreements in just and peaceful ways;
  - for efforts to conduct war ethically when it cannot be avoided;
  - for fair solutions to bring to an end wars currently going on around the world;
  - for people who work to reveal the truth of war that justice may eventually be done;
  - for the time when war is no more, and all people live in prosperity and peace, free to love and serve God with all their being.

If you have any prayer requests and would like to be prayed for by the congregation, please forward via email wodluthp@westnet.com.au or phone (02) 6024 7072 to Heather Grealy by 11:00am Thursday morning so it can be included in the weekly bulletin.
PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Pastor Jaswanth will be on leave from 22\textsuperscript{nd} of October to 12\textsuperscript{th} of November 2018. While Pastor is away Pastor Ernie Kiss will be available for any emergency pastoral care assistance. Also, Lay Assistants (Andrew Dewhirst, Sue Housego, Sheryl Parsons and Alex Sweatman) are available for any pastoral support. Pray for the safe return back to Australia of Pastor Jaswanth and Mary Stella.

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

\textbf{Christmas} – Need co-ordinator to organise and run the Christmas Eve play please. Contact Pastor if you have gift and time to support this parish Christmas Eve event.

\textbf{BIBLE STUDY ON THE LORD’S PRAYER}

The next Bible Study (8) will be on Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} November at Margaret Burkert’s place [149/2 Flinders Way, Wodonga West], at 2:00pm to 3:00pm. This will begin with a short video presentation, followed by questions and discussion time. If you want to come along, please contact Sue Housego on 0412 872 132.

\textbf{INVITATION}

\textbf{VALEDICTORY SERVICE}

Please join us to celebrate the achievements of our Class of 2018

Luther Hall, 2pm - 3pm
Thursday 22nd November 2018

RSVP: Monday 12th November to jainsworth@vlc.vic.edu.au

Victory Lutheran College Wodonga invites you to join them in congratulating ‘\textbf{The Class of 2018}’ at the College Valedictory Service on \textbf{Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November 2018}.

More details are in the invitation above.
We look forward to seeing you at this event as we farewell these students.
“GETTING TOGETHER”

Cuppa & Chat @ Edwards’ Place
Thursday 22nd November
9.30 – 11.30 a.m.
Contact: Susan on 0429 166161 or
Phil on 0498 746 002
Address can be obtained by contacting the hosts.
These groups are to help build and maintain our Parish Family relationships and to encourage one another.

Susan Edwards (Coordinator) 0429 166161

Save the date!

Carols at the College

Wednesday 5th December 2018
5.30pm - 6.30pm
Luther Hall

Digging for evidence: Archeology in Bible lands

Gillian Asquith, Melbourne School of Theology
Monday 12 November 2018
7pm for 7.30pm start
St Johns Anglican Church
Beechworth Road Wodonga

Gillian grew up in England, gained an MA in Oriental Studies from Oxford University and later studied Theology. She teaches New Testament and Greek at Melbourne School of Theology, and has lectured in Early Christianity at Australian Catholic University. She is currently studying how everyday personal documents can help our understanding of the New Testament. As a Biblical Archeologist, she is happiest on a dig in Israel, hot, dirty and with trowel in hand.
Church Building Committee Communique #2

1. The building committee has been meeting every two weeks to discuss and work through the issues before us on the transition to Victory Lutheran College (VLC).

2. The design plans and the engineering specifications for the development at Havelock St were submitted to WCC. The Alatalo’s are still waiting on confirmation. This eventually will result in a building permit being issued by the WCC to the Alatalo’s, the development would then be able to proceed to construction.

3. The plans displayed to date were concept only as was mentioned and need to be refined to meet the needs of the Parish. However, given your comments to date we think we can come up with a more acceptable design. We would still welcome any thoughts you have at this stage on the design concept. We do expect to be able to show you some new design aspects shortly. Thank you to those members who have submitted comments on the possible design so far.

4. The only other thing which is under review is the timing of the move to VLC. This, unfortunately, is difficult to be precise about due to a number of unknowns. We are looking at aspects of moving the Administration of the Parish to VLC into temporary accommodation as a first step.

5. This time does allow us to take stock of our inventory and what could be used at VLC in a temporary sense and what in the future could be incorporated into a new facility.

6. Can I assure you there will be no disposal of assets without firstly consulting with members and everybody being fully aware of our next move as a parish. The process is very much a work in progress at the moment.

7. Continue to feel free to comment on any aspect of our intended move, your opinions do matter.

T F McInnes  
Committee Chairperson  
02 November 2018
**LCA eNEWS**

**EMPOWER 2019** will take place at St Philips Lutheran Church and Good News Lutheran College, Tarneit Saturday 23rd February 2019 – stand by for more later.

**WIDER COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FRONTIER – Enable, Empower and Release**
FRONTIER is a church planter – mission practitioner program within a residential year designed to enable, empower and release individuals for church planting – missional ministry within the local church. FRONTIER’s formal learning units are spread across two semesters, and delivered locally from St Luke’s Lutheran Church, Albury, an offsite campus of Melbourne School of Theology. See flyer with information and Course Information pamphlets pinned to noticeboard.

**WEB OF LEARNING WORKSHOP**
Flyer with venue, time and full information about this workshop pinned to the noticeboard. This workshop looks at some key theories of secularization and so our place as the body of Christ in the world. If you or any of your friends or colleagues wish to attend this workshop please reply to St Stephen’s Church woduca@bigpond.net.au or contact Judith Butler, Office Coordinator, St Stephen’s Uniting Church, Wodonga. **Office hours are Tuesday to Friday (12.30pm to 4.30pm)** Phone: (02) 6024 2108
MOVIE: ‘INDIVISIBLE’
Please find following information and links to the latest movie that Crossroads Distribution (KOORONG) are bringing to Regent Cinemas in November, 2018.
TITLE: Indivisible
DATES: November – Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th.
TIME: 7.00pm
TICKETS: $15.00 each (On sale ONLY at Chalk and Chat, 472 David Street, Albury)
BOOKINGS: 02 6041 3104
Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtD96nYOE3Q

ALWS ‘GIFTS OF GRACE’ BROCHURE
Tired of seeing the real meaning of Christmas lost in mass-produced throwaway gifts? Then the latest ALWS Gifts of Grace brochure is for you. Now you can give gifts to help a refugee child in Djibouti. Or a whole village in Nepal, Or 50 new friends in Kenya! And with 25 great gifts – 6 under $10 – you’ll find something for everyone! It’s easy: (1) Choose as many Gifts of Grace as you like. (2) Mail the Order Form OR go to alws.org.au/grace OR call 1300 763 407. (3) Receive your fold-out Grace Cards to give as gifts! Pick up your copy of Gifts of Grace today. You can order Gifts of Grace all year round. ORDER EARLY! For pre-Christmas delivery of Grace Cards: please order by FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2018 – thank you!

LATERNENFEST
Tarrington Community presents Laternenfest on Friday 30th November at 5:00pm at Tarrington Lutheran School. Flyer on noticeboard.
God cares for those who are in need.

Verse for the week
The LORD watches over the outsiders who live in our land. He takes good care of children whose fathers have died. He also takes good care of widows.

Psalm 146:9

Creative Response

Look out for news stories this week about people who are poor or in need.

Make a point of praying for these people. Use the following ‘Prayer for the Poor’:

Jesus,
You are the Word — to be spoken;
The Truth — to be told;
The Way — to be walked;
The Light — to be shown;
The Joy — to be shared;
The Bread of Life — to be given;
The Hungry — to be fed;
The Naked — to be clothed;
The Homeless — to be taken in;
The Sick — to be healed;
The Lonely — to be loved;
The Unwanted — to be wanted;
The Little One — to embrace.

Lord Jesus, you are with the poor and needy around us. Help us to be your hands, feet and voice to them. Amen.

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

- S Mark 12:38-44 The widow’s generous offering
- M 1 Kings 17:5-16 Elijah helps a widow
- T Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ’s great sacrifice
- W 1 Kings 17:17-24 Elijah revives the widow’s son
- T James 1:27-28 Look after orphans and widows
- F Deuteronomy 10:12-22 God defends the widow
- S Psalm 146:9 Praise for God’s help
- S Mark 13:1-8 The signs of the end of the age

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Lord God, thank you for watching over us. We pray for your care and protection for all who are in need. Amen.

Bless

May God provide you with everything you need. May He help you care for others as He cares for you.

Mealtime Prayer

Happy are those who hope in the LORD, the LORD feeds the hungry and cares for the poor. Praise the LORD, o my soul! Praise the LORD!
**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 13 Nov 11am-3pm  
Church Office OPEN

Wednesday 14 Nov 8:50am  
CHAPEL @ VLC Secondary School  
9am-1pm  
Church Office OPEN  
2 to 3pm  
Bible Study on Lord’s Prayer (8)

Thursday 15 Nov 10am to 3pm  
Savers Corner OPEN

11am-3pm  
Church Office OPEN

7:30pm  
College Council Meeting

Friday 16 Nov 8:50am  
CHAPEL @ VLC Primary School  
10am to 3pm  
Savers Corner OPEN

**LAST WEEK: 4 November 2018**

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