

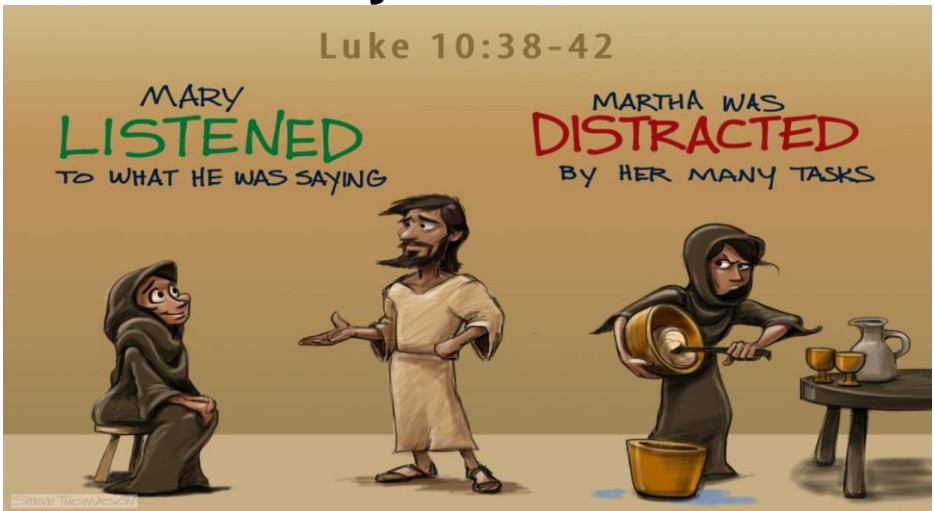
Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church
Victory Lutheran College



Committed to Sharing Jesus

6th Sunday after Pentecost



17th July 2022

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 18:1-10a A son promised to old Abraham and Sarah
Colossians 1:15-28+ The supremacy of Christ, Paul a servant
Luke 10:38-42 Jesus visits Mary and Martha

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Thursday	Luke 10:21-24
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:1-8	Friday	Revelation 3:7-13
Tuesday	Proverbs 2:1-15	Saturday	Psalms 138
Wednesday	Isaiah 30:15, 18-21a		

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 continuing Confirmation lessons*** - , Hannah Dewhirst, April Lade, Aidan Lockerbie, Sophia Kotzur & Maddison Wiencke, and their leaders Rhonda Keller & Jenny Simboras.
- ***Victory Lutheran College*** – We pray for our Senior Students as they approach their last full term of learning at School. Grant them a sense of peace as they work to complete final assessments and tasks.
- ***LCA Churchwide leadership*** – LCA Churchwide Office Pastors and staff Team, General Church Board Members (GCB), College of Bishops (CoB).

LCA INTERNATIONAL MISSION – PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connections and strong relationships to be built among the volunteers and students who are involved in the online Teaching English program for the Medan Theological Seminary, Indonesia.
- Polisi Alphonse, Macumi Fabien and Ndayisenga Renovat who will be ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry in Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burundi on 31 July, and for Bishop-elect Rev Emile Nkurunziza as he leads the church.

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

Parish Updates – July 2022

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JOSHUA MULLER

**Installation Service 7th August at 2pm in Luther Hall,
Victory Lutheran College.**

After almost three years of waiting, our prayers have been answered, and it is with thanksgiving to God that He has moved Pastor Joshua to accept our Call. Please invite your friends and family to join us in giving thanks and praise on this wonderful occasion.

There will be an **afternoon tea** for members and guests (and we are expecting many guests) after the service. Your assistance in this area is needed by providing something for afternoon tea, either sweet or savoury. There will be no hot food served. Also help will be needed on the day with the serving of food and drinks. Let Carolyn Kiss know if you can help in any of these areas. (0438 324 477)

Flowers are needed for the Installation service. If you have flowers or greenery in your garden which would be suitable for large vases, please phone me on 0407 495 773. I am trying to keep the cost of flowers to a minimum.

On **Saturday 6th August at 10am** Luther Hall will be **set up** for the Installation service, if you can spare some time in the morning that would be appreciated, or if you are available to **pack up** the hall after the service on Sunday that too would be appreciated.

This service is the only worship service in the Parish on the 7th August.

WELCOME HAMPER FOR PASTOR JOSHUA

The Ladies Fellowship is organizing a welcome hamper for our new Pastor and would like donations from the members of the Parish. There is a box at the back of the church to put your gift in. Money for items that can only be bought at the last minute, or gift cards for groceries, are also being accepted. Could you please have your gift in by Sunday 24th July and it will be delivered to Pastor Joshua's unit before he arrives.

PASTOR JOSHUA MULLER'S VISIT

Pastor Joshua visited Wodonga recently and was shown around the church property, Victory College, his place of residence and also the St Mark's property at Yackandandah.

He met with Parish Council members over dinner in the evening. Pastor Joshua's final service in Eudunda was Sunday 3rd July and he expects to be in Wodonga in the week ending Saturday 30th July.

PARISH OFFICE MOVING TO VICTORY COLLEGE

The Parish Office will move from Havelock Street to Victory College on the weekend of 23rd July. With the coming of our new Pastor, the Parish Council felt that now was the right time for this move, rather than at the end of the year in the busy Christmas period. The Parish Office will be in the Wirraway building in the original administration area. Carparks have been set aside for Parish use. The office phone number will remain the same. If you could spare some time from **10am, on Friday 22nd July** to help with the move, please let me know. (0407 495 773)

SALE OF ST MARK'S YACKANDANDAH

St Mark's property, 15 Wellsford Street, Yackandandah goes to public auction on Saturday 30th July at 11am.

SIGNING OF NEW CHURCH FACILITY CONTRACT

Last week the contract for the new church facility at Victory Lutheran College was signed. On Wednesday the Building Committee did a virtual reality 3D tour of the new church facility and were able to tweak a few things on the plan. We now wait on Wodonga City Council to give the stamp of approval for the building to commence, this could take up to six weeks.

PARISH/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

This groups from the Parish and the College meet monthly to discuss ways in which the Parish and College can work together in Mission and Ministry.

Several activities have been organized to strengthen the relationship between the two so that together we can move forward supporting each other in our ministry areas.

On Friday 29th July, members from the Parish have been invited to attend Junior Chapel in Luther Hall at 9am and then fellowship over a morning tea. It would be lovely to see many members from the Parish accept this invitation. You should have been handed an invitation this morning.

The Staff and community of the College have been invited to the Installation of Pastor Joshua Muller on the 7th August.

During the coming months there will be other activities in which the Parish and College can come together.

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS SURVEY

I encourage you if you have received by email a Child Safety Standards Survey, please submit it as soon as possible. The closing date is Sunday 24th July.

UPDATED CONSTITUTION

The latest version of our updated Constitution has been sent to you. The thanks of the Parish Council and you the members of the Parish must go to Mrs Claire Roennfeldt, Mrs Marie Hill and Mrs Sue Housego for the many hours of commitment in bring this document to us. Also, thanks to Mr Phill Edwards for one of the drafts from which the ladies worked. Please read this document carefully, if you have any questions or comments, please forward them to the Parish Office by 24th July and all will be addressed at the Parish Meeting.

PARISH MEETING

A Parish meeting to accept this updated Constitution will be held after the worship service on Sunday 31st July 2022.

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

VLC VOICE OF VICTORY" NEWSLETTER

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

LLL INTEREST RATE RISE

LLL Australia is pleased to announce a second interest rate rise for all deposit products in as many months.

The support of our customers blesses LLL; your loyalty enables LLL to support the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Church and congregations, Lutheran schools and aged care businesses across the country. For this, we thank God and continue to be grateful.

The following [interest rates](#) will take effect Friday, 8 July 2022:

Product/s	Current	Change	New
LLL Savings Accounts	0.40% p.a.	+0.35%	0.75% p.a.
LLL Term Deposit – 6 months	0.95% p.a.	+0.40%	1.35% p.a.

For new LLL Term Deposit enquiries, please view the [LLL website](#) or give us a call.

Should you wish to discuss your circumstances or require more information, please get in touch with us on 1800 556 457.

We thank God for your continued partnership.



Growing FAITH at home

17th July 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
PROPER 11

sitting at Jesus' feet

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

How are the members of your household (or group) alike in personality? How are you different?

2

When Jesus visited Mary's house, Martha was busy working, while Mary sat listening to Jesus. Jesus said that Mary had chosen what was better. What do you think he meant?

3

When do you set aside time to listen to Jesus?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
M	Genesis 18: 1-10a	A Son is promised to Sarah
T	Colossians 1: 15-28	Christ is supreme
W	2 Peter 1:3-11	Everything we need has been given
T	Matthew 6:25-33	Do not worry
F	Philippians 4:6-9	Do not be anxious
S	Psalm 127	Unless the Lord builds the house
S	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer



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,
teach us to
look to you for
everything we
need. Amen.



BLESS

Child of God, may
Jesus give you a
faith that is steady
and firm.

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

Creative Response

Even when we are busy we, like Mary, need to take time to listen to Jesus.

If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, then why not try to do so this week?

Decide on a time each day when all of your household will be available. Set an alarm or give someone the responsibility to gather everyone together.

Try this simple format:

- Share about the events of the day
- Read a short passage of Scripture or a Bible story
- Talk about the meaning of the story or passage for your lives at the moment
- Reflect on what you have heard
- Conclude with a prayer

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God, bless the food that here we see. God bless you, and God bless me. Amen.

verse for the week

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the better thing, and it will never be taken away from her."

LUKE 10:41-42

Service



Two of Sunday's readings illustrate excellent hospitality. Abraham and Sarah treated their guests like royalty (Genesis 18:1-8). Mary welcomed Jesus with her undivided attention (Luke 10:38-39).

Make plans to show hospitality to someone in your home. Think of someone outside of your usual circle of relatives and friends to invite to your home. Share *Growing Faith at Home* with them and include them in your household devotion time.



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.

OUR MONTHLY DINE-OUT

The monthly dine-out after church is on Sunday 24th July at Elgins (cnr Smythe St & Melbourne Road Wodonga.) All welcome.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday	17 July	9:30am	LAY Service (PE)
Tuesday	19 July	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Wednesday	20 July	9am-1pm	Church Office OPEN
Thursday	21 July	11am-3pm	Church Office OPEN
Sunday	24 July	9:30am after church	Simple HC Service (JS) Dine-out at Elgins

LAST WEEK: 10th July 2022

Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	45	43	
Total Attendance:	45	43	

NEXT WEEK: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod Simple HC Service **(JS)** Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 24th July

Communion/Altar	24 th July	Marie Hill
Readers	24 th July	Jason Zweck
PowerPoint	24 th July	Jason Zweck
Usher/Counters	24 th July	Phill Edwards
Church Cleaning	18 th July – 24 th July	K & L Wiencke
Mowers	11 th July – 24 th July	Andrew Keller & Ralph Behrends