

# Wodonga Lutheran Parish

St John's Lutheran Church  
Victory Lutheran College



*Committed to Sharing Jesus*

Fear not, little flock,  
for it is your  
Father's  
good pleasure  
to give you the  
kingdom.

Luke 12:32

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after  
Pentecost**

**7<sup>th</sup> August  
2022**

## **WELCOME TO MEMBERS, FRIENDS & VISITORS.**

We pray that you feel at home as you worship our Lord Jesus with us today at the Installation Service of Pastor Joshua Muller being held at Victory College at 2:00pm. Please join us for afternoon tea, a cuppa and chat afterwards.

Our Lord's love and peace be with you.

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## WORSHIP LEADER: Assistant Bishop Rev Matthias Prenzler

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

**Genesis 15:1-6** Abraham's doubt is replaced by faith in God's promise

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** Faith is defined and illustrated by living life trusting in God's promise

**Luke 12:32-40** Be ready for Christ's return through faith and service

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Thursday	John 4:46-53
Monday	Numbers 9:15-23	Friday	2 Timothy 2:1-8
Tuesday	Isaiah 51:9-16	Saturday	Psalms 82
Wednesday	Luke 12:41-48		

### 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.*
- Be with **Pastor Joshua Muller as he is installed** as our new pastor of St John's at the service held at Victory College this Sunday.
- ***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.
- ***We pray for*** the Dewhirst family as they mourn the death of Sandra's mother and uncle in the past week.
- ***Victory Lutheran College*** – We praise the gift of our Foundation Students who on Tue celebrated their 100th day of school.
- ***Emeritus Pastors*** – Pastor Peter Benz; Pastor Lloyd Boughen & Alison; Pastor David Bryce; Pastor Janos Dabasy & Eva; Pastor John Heidenreich & Evonne; Pastor Dan Heyne & Rosemary; Pastor Colin Huf & Betty; Pastor Jorma Jormakka & Marjatta; Pastor Paul Kam & Angel; Pastor Ernie Kiss & Carolyn; Pastor David Kleidon & Moira; Pastor Ed Koch & Gladys; Pastor Peter Koehne & Norma; Pastor Tom Peitsch & Flossie; Pastor Geoff Schirmer & Colleen; Pastor Cecil Schmalkuche & Jane; Pastor Ray Schultz & Nerida; Pastor John Simboras & Jenny; Pastor Wilhelm Sterm; Pastor Gordon Wegener & Jenni; Pastor Jim Westphal & Liz; Pastor Graham Zweck & Helen; Pastor Kevin Zwar & Del.



### **30 Year Celebration of Victory Lutheran College**

On behalf of Victory Lutheran College, we are very excited to invite past Victory families and the members of the Wodonga Lutheran Parish to our 30 Year celebrations on Friday & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022, just over a month away.

Victory is celebrating 30 Years of education in Wodonga, and from our humble beginnings as a Primary School, we have grown enormously to a Foundation to Year 12 community of nearly 800.

The vision, commitment and work of our founding families and the Wodonga Lutheran Parish were integral to the success of Victory.

Celebrations will include a Thanksgiving Service on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 with morning tea provided, and on Saturday, our Victory Old Collegians' Association (VOCA) will hold their first ever reunion "V22 Canapés & Cabernet @ the College" with special milestone 1, 2, 5 and 10-year reunions for the VOCA Classes of 2021, 2020, 2017 and 2012.

Victory Lutheran College is hoping to reach past students who may have spread their wings further afield. We are asking for help from Parish families who may be in contact with past students and staff to please let them know of the upcoming celebrations, particularly those from when Victory began as a Primary School.

More details about VOCA and how past students can get in touch with the College can be found on the College website:

[https://www.vlc.vic.edu.au/community/voca\\_victory-old-collegians-association](https://www.vlc.vic.edu.au/community/voca_victory-old-collegians-association)

**RSVP Thanksgiving Service** by 12<sup>th</sup> August via email to Mrs Sandra Dewhirst, on behalf of the Organising Committee via [sdewhirst@vlc.vic.edu.au](mailto:sdewhirst@vlc.vic.edu.au)

**RSVP VOCA V22: Canapés & Cabernet @ the College** by 12<sup>th</sup> August via Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBFME>

We hope you can join us in celebrating that journey.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE OF PASTOR JOSHUA MULLER,**  
**2pm, LUTHER HALL, VICTORY LUTHERAN COLLEGE,**  
**28 Drage Road, Wodonga West.**

**WELCOME**

Finally, the day the Parish has waited for for almost three years is here! It is with joy we welcome Pastor Joshua to our Parish and we pray that the ministry we share will be truly blest. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you.

A welcome to all visitors, from far and near, worshipping with us today at the Installation service. May God bless your time with us.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you Assistant Bishop Prenzler for being with us this afternoon, bringing God's message to us and for conducting the Rite of Installation.

Thank you to all those who had a part in today's service - the visiting clergy, the band, the young people, liturgist, readers, Pr John for the service orders, power point operator, communion servers, ushers, Rhonda for the children's talk, those who set up and will take down. To Carolyn Kiss for organising afternoon tea and her many helpers thank you. Thank you to Alex, IT Victory Lutheran College, for helping us out today.

**"Parish Office Has Moved**

The Wodonga Lutheran Parish office has moved to Victory Lutheran College as of Monday 25th July. The address of the Parish Office is 28 Drage Road, West Wodonga 3690, the phone number remains the same.

**When visiting the office** - As you enter the College grounds, immediately turn right and proceed down to the end of the staff car park. The College have allocated car parks for the Parish in front of the new Parish office.

There are some **safety issues we must adhere too**. The staff car park in front of the Parish office cannot be accessed between the times of 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.10pm - 3.25pm as there is a high pedestrian and cyclist activity in this car park. If you need to visit the Parish office during these times, please park in the car park in front of the College Administration and walk down to the Parish office.

So that the College can maintain its Duty of Care/Child Safe requirements **Parish members will need to sign in and out at the Parish office.** "

**'PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 31ST JULY HAS  
BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR'**

# WODONGA LUTHERAN PARISH 2022 FINANCIAL UPDATE

As part of my job as treasure I generate monthly financial reports presented to Parish Council. With the passing of June we now have six months of data. This is very useful to help us see how we are going financially and to project where we are heading in the future. As always there are some bumps on the road ahead but being prepared for those will help us navigate the path our Heavenly Father has put in front of us.

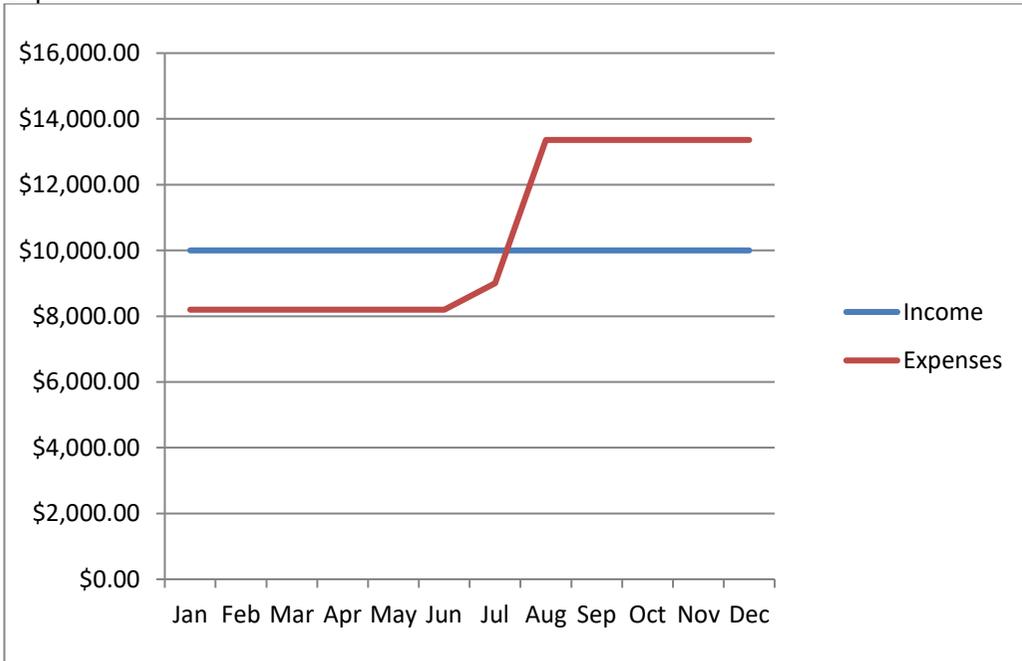
## Income

- The total income up to 30<sup>th</sup> June was \$62,580.48, let's round that down to \$60k for easy calculations. That equates to \$10k per month. If things remain as they are in the future we can project that income will be \$10k per month.
- Something to keep in mind - around the corner, post December, rent received from the "old" manse will cease, that's an income loss of approximately \$1,300 per month.

## Expenses

- Up to now expenses could be averaged out to \$8,198 per month. From July onwards until at least the end of December we have taken on the expense of renting a "new" manse for our pastor so July's expenses will be north of \$9k. From August onwards we will have to start paying Ps Joshua which equates to an extra \$7,210.75 per month.
- To help counter this we will no longer have to pay into the LCA's Transfer Fund to the tune of \$3,165 per month. So.....from August onwards, and allowing for some other expenses in the second half of the year, our expenses will approximate \$13,360 per month.

Expenses vs Income



## **Balancing the Budget**

- So with a monthly income of \$10k per month (or less once the month income of rent from the “old” manse stops) and expenses of \$13360 per month you can easily see the deficit we will incur unless we take action. Regardless of where our church building is located the situation will be the same so there is no argument for ceasing further progress in our redevelopment plans.
- We need to increase our income by \$3360 per month to make ends meet.
- Up to the end of June this year we have had 1474 people attend our services, that breaks down to 56 people per service. The \$53,118 in offering up to end of June equates to \$36 offered per person per church service.
- To meet our expenses moving forward we will either need to increase our attendance average to 85 persons per service or ask those 56 people already attending to increase their giving to \$55 per week. Hopefully we can find the medium to achieve this. For example if we could increase the average attendance to 60 the average offering required would be \$51.38, if attendance was 65 then it would be \$47.43, 70 - \$44.04, 75 - \$41.11, 80 - \$38.50 and so forth and so on.

<b>Average Attendance and Offering required to meet budget</b>	
Budget = \$3083 per week	
Weekly Attendance	Offering required.
50	\$61.66
55	\$56.05
60	\$51.38
65	\$47.43
70	\$44.04
75	\$41.11
80	\$38.54
85	\$36.27
90	\$34.26

At the end of June our combined bank balance was \$86,930.06.

I believe we need to get a strategy(s) in place to deal with this before it becomes a real problem.



***DISTRICT eVOICES VICTORIAN / TASMANIAN DISTRICT***

<https://lutheranchurchofaustralia.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/t/6787238001C99E522540EF23F30FEDED/5068D6C3513CC68E2018F019E6F15D33?alternativeLink=False>



# Growing FAITH at home

7th August 2022

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -  
PROPER 14

Are you ready?

## Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when you had to wait for something.

2

Jesus tells us to be always ready for him to return (Luke 12:35-40). What can we do to be ready for him?

3

How do you feel about Jesus returning? How has God made you ready?



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
M	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Great examples of faith
T	Matthew 6:19-24	Store up heavenly treasures
W	Genesis 15: 1-6	The Lord's covenant
T	Matthew 13:44-46	A parable about treasure
F	Ecclesiastes 9:7-12	Wisdom for living
S	Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23	Bring my faithful people to me
S	Luke 12:49-56	Jesus the cause of division



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, you are our true treasure. Help us to put you first in our hearts today. Amen.



BLESS

May you be ready to receive God's treasure.

## Sundays after Pentecost

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

### Creative Response

Jesus told his followers to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party.

This week, choose a night when everyone is home and have a special meal. Choose the menu, the decorations and what you will wear.

At the beginning of the meal, light a candle for each member of your household and say these words (from Luke 12:35):

**“Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning. For Jesus, our master, is coming”.**



#### mealtime prayer

Food on our table. Grace in our lives. Praise in our hearts. Thank you, God! Amen.

verse for the week

Wherever  
your treasure  
is, there the  
desires of  
your heart  
will also be.

LUKE 12: 34

### Service



Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God.

Who have been examples of faith to members of your household?

Write letters to these people, thanking them for their example.



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

### AFTER SERVICE MORNING TEA RESUMES

Morning tea (cuppa) will re-commence following worship services beginning Sunday 14th August. This will give us an opportunity to meet our new Pastor. Please check the roster to see if you are rostered on and if unavailable on the day please swap with someone.

Please note that all supplies, except milk (those on duty will need to supply), are in the cupboard at the rear of the church.

### THIS WEEK:

Sunday 7 Aug 2:00pm At Victory College for Installation Service of Pastor Joshua Muller **(Assist Bishop MP)**

Tuesday 9 Aug 11am-3pm Church Office OPEN

Wednesday 10 Aug 9am-1pm Church Office OPEN  
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting in Hall

Thursday 11 Aug 11am-3pm Church Office OPEN

Sunday 14 Aug 9:30am 5SOF HC Service **(JM)**

LAST WEEK: 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022			
Congregation	Attendance	Communion	Notes:
St John's	61	59	
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>	

### NEXT WEEK: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Sun 9:30am Wod 5SOF HC Service **(JM)**

Isaiah 5:1-7 **OR**

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 14<sup>th</sup> August

Communion/Altar 14<sup>th</sup> Aug Carolyn Kiss

Readers 14<sup>th</sup> Aug Phill Edwards

PowerPoint 14<sup>th</sup> Aug Claire Roennfeldt

Usher/Counter 14<sup>th</sup> Aug Rhonda Keller + 1

Morning Tea 14<sup>th</sup> Aug S Parsons & P & L Schirmer

Church Cleaning 8<sup>th</sup> Aug – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug P & S Edwards

Mowers 8<sup>th</sup> Aug – 21<sup>st</sup> Aug Paul Vogelsang & Paul Schirmer