



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

4TH DECEMBER 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME! A warm welcome to all of you as we worship together today. May God bless and strengthen you in every way.

VISITORS! A special welcome to you. We hope that you feel at home with us. Please join in a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord,
to prepare the way for your only Son.
Help us by his coming
to serve you with pure hearts and minds.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Happy
Birthday!*

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| Sunday | Gordon Middleton (special) |
| Monday | Lorna Kummerow |
| Tuesday | Joy Jeffers |

NEXT SUNDAY: 11TH NOVEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor Vince Gerhardy conducting the service

Grace Lutheran Church, Clontarf

8:30am Worship

Grace Lutheran College Chapel, Rothwell

5:30pm Worship

**Our worth is measured by what
God paid to rescue us.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In the joyful expectation of the coming of our Lord Jesus to help us, let us pray for the world, the church, and our local needs.

We pray, saying: *LORD, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.*

In our prayers:

- * for peace in troubled places; help to all affected by any disaster, and; wisdom among leaders that laws would honour God's will for marriage and family, and the protection of life from conception through to old age;
- * those in need, and those who endure injustice, that there be justice on the earth, and people have strength to endure;
- * all preparing for Christmas, that in the commercialism of our world the true message of Christ may be heard, hearts would be led to true faith, and that people would bear fruit in keeping with repentance;
- * all preparing for holidays, that holy days may be kept, and people travel in safety;
- * the church, that we follow Christ in His Word, and as God's people we bear fruit in keeping with repentance;
- * all who are persecuted, imprisoned or tortured for their beliefs that they receive strength from God;
- * all who seek to serve including the young people of LYQ who serve in various ways, including preparations for Summer Camps;
- * local Christian Congregations (including Peace Community and Peninsula Presbyterian Church) and local ministries including Bible Society groups;
- * our 'Community of Grace': for preparations for Christmas Worship Services; for preparations for Education Sunday and District Synod in 2017; for the Spirit's guiding and blessing on all our Ministry Teams as we work to identify goals for 2017 and develop ways to achieve those goals;
- * all preparing for Baptism, First Communion (including Abby Crew), Confirmation, or Marriage;
- * the sick, and all recovering from surgery or illness (including Melindi Hunt)
- * the housebound that they may know God's gracious presence;
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones;



As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Danielle is seeking some people who can help with Bible Reading and prayer, as well as people who are happy to be 'interviewed' during a very short 'play' during the service to give their version of what Christmas means to them. If you are interested and need more information please don't hesitate to contact Danielle. (contact details are on the back of the Bulletin)

MEN'S SHED NIGHT On Friday 9th December we will have our last Men's Shed Night for the year. It will be held at the Robinson's place: 7 Gymkhana Place, Dayboro 4521, Qld. To limit everyone using their own car, it would be best to carpool. BYO food and drink and a camp chair.

BLUE CARD REGISTER If people have a valid blue card, please provide details, card number and expiry date to Elke and possibly a photo copy. For those who do not have a blue card, current application forms are available in the pigeon hole. You may not think you need a blue card but this may be beneficial for possible future children/youth family opportunities. You can also download a blue card application form: www.bluecard.qld.gov.au.

LLL CALENDAR Get your copy from the sideboard in the foyer. As numbers are limited please take one calendar per family.

CHAPEL WORSHIP Please be aware that there will be no evening service at Grace Lutheran Chapel, Rothwell on the 1st and 8th January 2017.

BAYSIDE COOMUNITY CARE It's that time of the year again when we ask the congregation for a small donation of Christmas treats. These are placed into the free food parcels issued by Bayside Community Care during the last two Fridays prior to Christmas. Any such Christmas donations can be left in the basket upon entering the church. Thank you for your wonderful support.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH The setting up of the Christmas tree and any other interior decorating will take place Sunday 18th Dec at 2pm. Any help is gratefully received.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP The final session for 2016 will be held in the church hall on Tuesday 6th December (9:00 - 11:00am). Sessions will resume on Wednesday, 18th January (1:30 - 3:30pm). This new time slot (first and third Wednesdays of the month) will be trialled for the opening months of the new year.

PLACE FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, recently renovated, 12 month lease. Suit professional couple or professional friends. Congregation or Lutheran schools employees preferred. Contact: Geoffrey and Ruth Butler. For more info and some pictures, see the poster on the notice board.

NEW GIFTS OF GRACE Bring love to life this Christmas with the all new ALWS "Gifts of Grace"! 24 life-changing gifts, starting at just \$6. Feed a child, build a house or raise a pig. New interactive pop-up cards come along with each gift. Visit www.alws.org.au/grace to find out more or take home a flyer, located in the narthex. See what you can grow and share the abundance you've got with someone who doesn't have so much.

VIDEO PRODUCTION VOLUNTEER The services are recorded each week and the videos uploaded to Youtube and connected to our website. If anyone is interested in helping either record the service or convert the sermon into a Youtube video and upload. Please let Shane Kuhl know.

CARE TEAM Know someone who needs a little extra tender loving care? The Grace Care Team would like to help members when they have a special need. So, if you or someone you know needs some care, just let the Care Team Coordinator, Kay Jaunais, know about it. Ph. 3283 6475, email: danesmom@bigpond.com.

HALL USE AND HALL HIRE Please direct all Hall use request to Church Office to ensure availability. You may also check calendar in Narthex on Maine Rd, or on table at worship at College Chapel. If Hall is booked, please allow reasonable transition time between activities. Thank you.

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| Wed | 7 | Dec | 5:00pm | Ministry Team Meeting |
| Fri | 9 | Dec | 6:30pm | Men's Shed Night at Alex Robinson's place |
| Sat | 24 | Dec | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve, Grace College Chapel |
| | | | 11:00pm | Worship at Maine Road |
| Sun | 25 | Dec | 8:30am | Christmas Day Service |

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To report a complaint, freecall 1800 644 628 number, or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au or mail LCA Safe Place PO Box 519 Marden SA 5070.