



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

26TH NOVEMBER 2017 - LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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

Almighty and everliving God,
it is Your will to restore all things
in Your dear Son.

Bring together under his just and gentle rule
all the peoples of the world,
now divided and torn apart by sin.

For He lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Monday Malcolm Hartwig

Saturday Mathias Hahl



Happy Anniversary

Saturday

Mathias & Kathy Hahl

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

24th Dec – 8:30 am, Sunday morning (4th Sunday of Advent),

24th Dec – Christmas Eve, 7pm, Grace Lutheran College Chapel – including special Presentation

24th Dec – Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Grace Lutheran Congregation, Maine Road – Carols and Readings, with HC

25th Dec – Christmas Day, 8:30 am, Christmas Service, with Holy Communion

31st Dec – 8:30 am, Maine Road (Note: No evening service at the Chapel)

The General Church Council of the Lutheran Church of Australia has approved specific standards of ethical behaviour for the Lutheran Church in both Australia and New Zealand.

These standards are applicable to all aspects of the life of the church.

For further information please see the Brochure in the Church Foyer: "LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour".

You may also find out more at www.lca.org.au/lca-standards-of-ethical-behaviour.html and by viewing the following video www.vimeo.com/203404541/72dd00349e

The church is a safe place responding to sexual abuse complaints.

Copies of the LCA Safe Place are available in the office or visit www.lca.org.au/safe-place--child-safe-2.html to report a complaint, free call 1800 644 628 number,

or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au or mail LCA Safe Place PO Box 519 Marden SA 5070.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, seeks to give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better. Let us pray that all people may know the riches of the glorious inheritance of His people, and the incomparably great power for us who believe.

In our prayers:

- * thanksgiving that God our Father is the Good Shepherd who desires to bring blessing into people's lives;
- * God's guiding on our nation including our Federal Parliament, and for all elected into State Parliament at this time;
- * God's guiding in this time as Federal Parliament responds to the postal vote on same-sex marriage;
- * places of conflict and unrest (including Mozambique, Somalia; the Middle East, Syria, Nigeria, within Iraq and Afghanistan, South Sudan, the Korean Peninsula), and for all who seek refuge (including the South Sudanese; and the Rohingya in Myanmar and Bangladesh), that they may know peace and refuge;
- * the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoners, and for blessing and wisdom on those who seek to help including Australian Lutheran World Service;
- * all schools and places of learning as the academic year ends, that in all things God may be known, remembered, and glorified;

- * thanksgiving to God the Son who grants us a glorious inheritance, and incomparably great power for us who believe;
- * all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may be protected and strengthened in their witness to the gospel;
- * local Christian Congregations (including Lighthouse Centre and Lord of the Breakthrough) and local Christian ministries;

- * thanksgiving to God the Spirit that He works in our hearts a knowledge of Christ's love for us, and that He calls and equips us to love and serve others;
- * for God's guiding and blessing on: various Grace Places end of Year functions; the 'mainly music Playgroup'; all ministry groups; preparations for Christmas Services;
- * all preparing for Baptism; First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage; including James Kellett who receives his First Communion this Sunday; all recovering from surgery or illness, and the housebound that they may know God's gracious presence;

- * all who mourn the death of loved ones that together we rejoice in the new life we have in Christ Jesus;

**In the midst of troubles,
peace can be found in Jesus.**

CHRISTMAS BY GRACE flyers are available for distribution. Please spread the word for our upcoming Christmas services by either distributing in letterboxes or give it to friends, family or neighbours personally. If all flyers will be taken, more will be available next week.

KINDY GRADUATION Thursday, 30th November at the Church on Maine Road. The kindergarten children are having a Graduation Service for those moving on to School next year. It starts at 5.30pm and we would like help from those willing to come along and help on the night. We will have coffee and cake to follow the service. This is a great opportunity to help grow our ministry with those in the community so please come along. Contact Val Huf for further information.

ADVENT DINNER Saturday, 2nd December in the Church Hall from 5.30pm -7.30pm. Please see the notice in the Narthex to let us know if you can come, what you would like to bring, and if you would like transport to the venue. Please come along for Fun, Food, and Fellowship. For further information see the website or Janet Spann and Val Huf.

CHRISTMAS It's time to start preparing for our special Christmas Eve worship service. If you would like to be involved in preparation or on the day, please contact Fleur or Kathy Brinkmann. Our theme is 'The Child Who Changed The World'. Help us share this message with our community.

LUTHERAN LAYWORKER'S LEAGUE The LLL's mission is to assist the Lutheran Church of Australia in it's mission. God has again richly blessed the mission of the LLL over the last year, thanks to the support of depositor and other LLL supporters. We encourage everyone to read the LLL publication *Together in mission* which provides further information about how the LLL partners with LCA organisations in their mission in Australia and around the world. Copies of Together in Mission and the complimentary 2018 LLL calendar are available in the narthex.

GIFTS OF GRACE Each Christmas, Australians are said to receive 20 million unwanted gifts. Many more gifts may be meaning/less or mean-spirited or merely same old same old. When you give Gifts of Grace they are always WANTED by the people they help in developing communities and gifts like a farm in South Sudan or school bicycle in Cambodia or toys for toddlers in PNG. So it's no wonder your Gifts of Grace will be meaningful to your family and friends as you bless them with the Grace Card representing your gift.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS There is a need for more people to assist with Religious Instruction in State Schools. If you believe you can assist and have questions, please speak with Pastor Mark or RI Coordinator Helen Dowling. Ph: 0401218462 or email 4dowlings@optushome.com.au

EXPLORERS BLAST

Early bird price (until 14 November) **\$569**

Registrations close 20 November 2017

Sunday 10 - 15 & 17 - 22 December 2017 Junior (Grades 3-4) Senior (Grades 7-11) Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum Beach

“CAMP IS FUN, WITH AMAZING LEADERS AND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES!”
- BLAST CAMPER 2016

Escape the boredom this holidays with 6 days of fun at the stunning Coolum Beach. Each day challenge yourself with a heart pounding activities, indulge in incredible food and chill with other young people from around the state. Discover more about yourself and your faith this holidays www.lyq.org.au/summercamps

KIDS CAMP 2018 EXPLORERS
THE TREASURE AWAITS

MONDAY 8 - FRIDAY 12 JANUARY
- Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum
- Indigenous Youth Camp, Highfields

Kids Camp is a week of holiday fun where children will experience God's love! This year we are excited to be offering two amazing kids camps located at Coolum and Highfields near Toowoomba.

Fellowship friends, the best beach or bush retreat, brilliant bible stories, awesome activities and group games await on this wonderful week! Quite simply the most fun children can have these holidays!

WWW.LYQ.ORG.AU/KIDS
GRADES: 3 - 6 (ON 2017)
EARLYBIRD PRICE: \$404
PER CAMPER IF YOU BOOK
AND PAY BY 3 DECEMBER 2017
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
17 DECEMBER 2017

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IF you do **NOT** wish to receive a paper copy of the bulletin in your pigeonhole in the narthex at Maine Road, please ask for a small sticker to put on the pigeonhole beside your name to indicate that your pigeon hole should be skipped during bulletin distribution.

CARE TEAM Know someone who needs a little extra tender loving care? The Grace Lutheran 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, mob: 0409 031 084, email: danesmom@bigpond.com.

BIBLE STUDY Please join us for bible study, "plus coffee & chat", 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9am - 11am in the church hall. Everyone welcomed!

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

BLUE CARDS Blue Card Application forms are available in the church foyer. If your card is due to expire, allow yourself sufficient time for renewal. Please bring the filled form into the church office along with the required ID. Forms are also available on our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER WORSHIP If you require a special announcement to be made after worship services (highlighting a special event or activity), please write out this announcement, and direct this to the person making the announcement on the day (Chairperson, or Admin Chairperson, or their delegate). All announcements after worship shall be made by this one person, and shall relate to activities within the congregation or our Community of Grace. You are encouraged to keep up to date with events and activities via the Bulletin or Website.

NAME TAG If you wish to have a name tag, please fill in an application form and put it in the office assistant pigeon hole. Forms are available in the narthex or just visit the church office. The cost is around \$15.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BULLETIN NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY 12PM.

DATE CLAIMER

Tue	28	Nov	7:00pm	M&V Meeting
Wed	29	Nov	9:30am	Kindy Chapel, Grace Kindergarten
Thu	30	Nov	5:30pm	Kindy Graduation, Church
Sat	2	Dec	6:30pm	Advent Dinner, Church Hall, please RSVP
Fri	15	Dec	6:30pm	Men's Shed Night at Rob Claridge's place

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