



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

10TH DECEMBER 2017 - 2ND 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.

Wednesday

Enid Middleton



Tuesday

Robert & Fay Head

Garth & Melindie Hunt

Wednesday

Murray & Lorraine Eilola

Thursday

Doug & Dorothy Fraser

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has baptised us with the Holy Spirit, and given us the privilege of calling God 'Father'. As those baptised in the Spirit, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need.

In our prayers:

- * thanksgiving to God our Father that His Word endures forever;
- * that as people await summer and the harvest and holidays, all may be prepared for the coming day of the Lord
- * those who hear the gospel that they would repent and believe;
- * the protection of life from conception through to old age, especially as many in various parliaments consider laws for late term abortions and euthanasia;
- * God's guiding on our nation including our Federal Parliament as it responds to the postal vote on same-sex marriage, and for all elected into State Parliament;
- * places of conflict and unrest, all who seek refuge, and for blessing and wisdom on all who seek to help including Australian Lutheran World Service;
- * thanksgiving to God the Son for His promise of a new heaven and a new earth;
- * all the baptised – that God would strengthen them in faith;
- * that God would bless the missions of the church;
- * all Christians persecuted for faith in Christ – that they are strengthened by Him;
- * local Christian Congregations (including Peace Community and Peninsula Presbyterian Church) and local Christian ministries;
- * thanksgiving to God the Spirit that He baptises us into the life of Christ;
- * our Congregation and various Grace Places, for God's guiding and blessing on preparations for Christmas;
- * all preparing for Baptism; First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage; all recovering from surgery or illness (including Murray Eilola, Merle Gledhill, Kevin Janz; Esme Janetzki, Lois Stolz), and the housebound that they may know God's gracious presence;
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones that we are comforted through the new life we have in Christ Jesus;

Jesus loves me! This I know.

Please keep everyone in your prayers during school holidays and vacation time.

Pastor Mark will be away from Thursday 7th - Tuesday 12th December. For urgent matters please contact Keith Schultz on 3293 1311 or 0429 392 685.

Elke (Office Administrator) will be away from Friday 14th December - 1st January 2018.

ADVENT DINNER Thanks to everyone who helped with the Advent dinner last week - those that helped set up the decorations, the hall, the tables, order supplies and wash utensils then clean up on the night. It was such a team effort and we hope everyone enjoyed the night. Janet and Val

BCC It's that time again where we have a lovely opportunity to provide some small Christmas Treats for those who call on Bayside Community Care for an emergency food parcel during December. Can you help, please? If you are able to assist please donate something small no later than the second Sunday of December. Thank you and God bless.

PLEASE NOTE There will be no evening services at the College Chapel on Sunday December 31st and Sunday January 7th.

NEWS David Spann has offered to be the Risk Management Officer for the Congregation.

SYNODE DELEGATE 2018 Keith Schultz was voted the Congregation delegate for General Synod in 2018.

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 are taken, more will be available next week.

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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION You are invited to join in the 70th Anniversary Celebrations of the First Church Service of St. Marks Congregation in Caloundra. on Sunday, 28th January 2018 at 9am (St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bombala Terr. Caloundra) The church Service will commence at 9am, followed by a "Brunch", supplied by the St. Marks Congregation. Please RSVP by 14th January, to Narelle mnejferd@bigpond.com (President, St. Marks Ladies Fellowship).

GIFTS OF GRACE Catalogue out now!! Your Gifts of Grace will be meaningful to your family and friends as you bless them with the Grace Card representing your gift.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY There is a beautiful thank you card from Alan Gater (Woody Point Special School) on the notice board outside. Also, the necessary funds to purchase a new wheelchair for Eddie have been raised. Thank God for His blessings in School Chaplaincy this year.

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

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

Fri	15	Dec	6:30pm	Men's Shed Night at Rob Claridge's place
Sat	13	Jan	8:30am	Grow Ministry Team meeting (Church Hall)

Due to school holidays most groups and meetings have a recess. Enjoy your break and may God protect all who travel. Have a blessed Christmas with family and friends.

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