



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

24TH DECEMBER 2017 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME!

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

Thank You, loving heavenly Father,
for coming with power to the Virgin Mary
and making her the mother of our Lord.

Come to us with Your Holy Spirit,
so that we receive Your saving Word
and rejoice in our Saviour.

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

Amen.

Sunday

Anneli Marttila (special)



Happy Anniversary

Thursday

Malcolm & Judith Hartwig

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP TIMES

24th December, 7:00pm , Grace Lutheran College Chapel, Mewes Road
Christmas Eve Worship

24th December, 11:00pm , Grace Lutheran Church, Maine Road
Carols and Readings, with Holy Communion

25th December, 8:30 am, Grace Lutheran Church, Maine Road
Christmas Day, with Holy Communion

31st December, 8:30 am, Grace Lutheran Church, Maine Road
First Sunday after Christmas, with Holy Communion

Note: No evening service at the Chapel

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord remembers the promises He makes to His people, and does great things for those who call on His name. Let us pray to our loving God, confident that He will hear our prayers and act in His loving mercy

In our prayers:

- * thanksgiving to God our Father for His rule over all creation;
- * nations, and leaders of nations, that they would acknowledge God's ultimate rule, and seek to serve in accord with God's Word and ways;
- * the protection of life from conception through to old age, especially as many in various parliaments consider laws for late term abortions and euthanasia;
- * expecting mothers and fathers, for mothers who have lost children, and for married couples who want a child but have not been able to have one
- * 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;
- * those caught up in the material preparations for Christmas that they may know the true joy that comes from God in His Son;
- * blessing and protection on all on holiday, and all who travel;

- * thanksgiving to God the Son for the life we have in Him, and that He strengthens us in faith;
- * the church on earth, that in these days we seek to give glory to God as revealed in His Word;
- * all Christians persecuted for faith in Christ – that they are strengthened by Him;
- * local Christian Congregations and ministries;

- * thanksgiving to God the Spirit as He brought new life into Mary's womb, He brings us new life through faith in Christ Jesus;
- * our Congregation and various Grace Places, for God's guiding and blessing on Christmas' Worship service;
- * all preparing for Baptism; First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage; 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 we are comforted through the new life we have in Christ Jesus;



*Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant.
May everything you have said about me come true."*

TIME OUT DEVOTION BOOKS FOR 2018 Unfortunately due to supply issues at the distribution end in Sydney, the Time Out books have not yet been received. When I spoke to the supplier earlier this week he said that they would now be sent sometime during the week commencing Monday 18 December. I apologise for this delay. I am now away until January 6 but will try to have the books distributed to pigeon holes as soon as possible, hopefully before the start of 2018. Should you have received a book in the past but don't want one this year, please just return it to my pigeon hole. If you would like one, I am happy to arrange that when I return. Books will be \$24 (\$23 + \$1 postage). Have a blessed Christmas. Cheryl Budd.

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

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE is having their Christmas Action appeal – for those who wish to donate please follow instructions on brochure or mark envelope with “Christmas Action Appeal” with your name and place in offerings if you wish a tax receipt.

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 mjjefferd@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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL NEW YEAR Elke (Office Administrator) will be away from Friday 15th December - 1st January 2018.

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.

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.

BULLETIN 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.

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.

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT SUNDAY
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BULLETIN 7th JANUARY
TO BE IN OFFICE BY 3rd JANUARY**

DATE CLAIMER

Sat 13 Jan 8:30am Grow Ministry Team meeting (Church Hall)

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

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

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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.