



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

3RD DECEMBER 2017 - 1ST 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

Jesus, Son of God,
You have promised to return
at a time that no one knows.
Keep us watchful in prayer
and strong in faith
as we wait for You to come.
For You live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Monday

Gordon Middleton



Happy Anniversary

Sunday

Charlie & Trudy Moala

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 commands us to keep alert and pray. Let us come to God in prayer, confident that He will hear our prayers in Jesus' name.

In our prayers:

- * thanksgiving to God our Father for the beauty of creation, from majestic mountains to the depths of the sea, and for the gifts we may harvest from the earth;
- * those who live without hope that they may find true hope in God's Word;
- * all who experience violence and abuse (including those in domestic violence situations) that they find true help;
- * the protection of life from conception through to old age, especially as many in various parliaments consider laws for late term abortions and euthanasia;
- * all people of the earth that we look beyond the immediate and live life from an eternal perspective, remembering God as judge and Lord of all;
- * 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;
- * 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 for the grace and peace He gives;
- * all Christians, that we are enriched in speech and knowledge, and we are prepared for the Lord's coming by living lives of faith and love;
- * all who have strayed from worship of God that hearts may be renewed and people discover the true joy in every-week-worship;
- * local Christian Congregations (including Margate Baptist Church and Mueller Community Church and local Christian ministries;
- * leaders of all church organisations that their heart is to give glory to Christ by remaining faithful to His Word, and having a heart for all people;
- * the Lutheran Church of Australia as it launches its response to Domestic violence, that in all things life is cherished and protected;

- * thanksgiving to God the Spirit that He prepares us to meet the Lord through faith in Christ, and He inspires us to be alert through deeds of love;
- * our Congregation and various Grace Places, for God's guiding and blessing on end of Year functions and preparations for Christmas;
- * 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 (including Merle Gledhill - operation on Thursday 7th Dec.);
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones that we are comforted through the new life we have in Christ Jesus;

God gives us a new start.

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.

BBC 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 will be 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.

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

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

Wed	6	Dec	5:00pm	Ministry Team Meeting, Church Hall
Fri	15	Dec	6:30pm	Men's Shed Night at Rob Claridge's place

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