

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our loving God has rescued us from darkness, and brought us into His wonderful light through Christ Jesus. We pray to Him that His light may shine in our world.

In our prayers:

- * all nations that the light of Christ shines on them;
- * all affected by war or terrorism: for wisdom and protection on those who pursue peace including those in our Defence Forces; for refuge for all displaced by violence and conflict; for wisdom and blessing on those who pursue peace;
- * all affected by famine, fire, flood, or any disaster, and for wisdom and blessing on all who seek to help people in need;
- * our own nation that our leaders and people pursue peace and justice, and seek to protect human life from conception to old age;
- * all who travel and all returning to work, for safe travel and joy in holiday and work;
- * the church on earth that we rejoice in the gift of faith, and seek to be a light of God's love in this world;
- * all who say they are Christians that true faith shines in devotional life, weekly fellowship of worship, and God-pleasing acts of love;
- * those who pass on the apostolic message of the gospel that they are guided by God's love and are true to His Word;
- * missionaries in other countries and here at home that they know God's grace, strength and protection;
- * our Lutheran church of Australia: for blessing and wisdom on Church Leaders and General Church Council and District Church Council; for God's guiding and blessing on preparations for various Synods this year;
- * local Christian Congregations (including Citipointe Church and Clontarf Beach Baptist Church) and ministries (including various food banks and welfare agencies) that we seek to be a light of God's love to the world;
- * our Community of Grace: for God's light to shine in plans for this year; for God's wisdom and blessing in Ministry groups, Grace Places, and all in positions of responsibility and leadership;
- * the sick, the housebound, those recovering from surgery or illness;
- * all who mourn the death of loved ones that together we know the light of God's eternal love in Jesus our Saviour;

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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 mniefferd@bigpond.com (President, St. Marks Ladies Fellowship).

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



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

7TH JANUARY 2018 - 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

Lord, in your mercy
listen to the prayers of your people who call on you.
Help us to see what we ought to do,
and give us the strength to do it.
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.

Monday

Anne Ahchay (special)
Larry Budd



Friday

Dorothy Fraser

Happy Anniversary

Monday

Larry & Cheryl Budd

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.

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

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.