

Myanmar News – Another Wedding

Congratulations to Pastor Shwe Hla Win & Mrs Win Shwe

Pastor James, Principal of Myanmar Lutheran Seminary, (MLS), proudly told us that Pastor Shwe Hla Win, (sponsored by Ross/Merle Herrmann), was married to Miss Win Shwe sometime in March 2020 up in Paletwa at the bride's home village near Paletwa Township, Paletwa in Chin State. We thank God for safe travel to and from Paletwa with some support from the Burmese Army. On their way home a convey of buses was escorted by tanks and troops to get safely out of the Paletwa area.

Not many of us could say we had military support when travelled home from our wedding. They have safely returned to Yangon and living at the compound of Myanmar Lutheran Church.

Last year Dianne and I spent time teaching and sharing at the seminary and both of these young people attended. Shwe Hla Win was a real leader and spoke some English. Win Shwe has a beautiful Christian Spirit. There was no indication of this romance at the time. Bishop Andrew and Mrs Shalom have invited us for the official wedding at a later date in Yangon, Myanmar. When that will be in God's hands.

Christ Church Lutheran supports the Myanmar Lutheran Church through Asia Focus.

Ian & Dianne Kluge



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*Reaching out with the Love of Jesus that
All may Know, Worship & Grow in Christ*

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Christ Church Update - Take Away Church

Two weeks have passed without public worship. Government regulations remain basically the same.

The messages that Pastor Tim is putting together are available from the office on DVD or as a YouTube clip on our church web page and will be posted on our Facebook page.

It is important to keep in touch with each other by phone or email to share our faith and encourage one another.

Weekly offerings can be made via

REG (forms available from the Office)

Bank transfer BSB 704-942 Account 100311504

Weekly envelope in letter box at the office

Weekly DVDS and other information are available outside the office during the day time or on our Church Web site. New info is available from 11am on Fridays. (If you are able, please drop off to others who are unable to collect)

Included with your pack is an article that was received from a friend of Warren's daughter, Adele, in England.

Please share your thoughts with Pastor Tim and our leadership group as we work together to serve God at this challenging time.

Pastor Tim Koch - Chairperson Warren Doecke

PLEASE NOTE

Please Note: Bulletin notices are now due by **10am on Wednesdays**

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Sharing The News:

If you have any photos and stories – birthdays etc. please pass on to the Office or Janelle for the next newsletter. Let's all keep in touch – take a photo of what you are doing in lieu of attending church services. We can still care for each other but in different ways.



Concordia Kindergarten are inviting members of our Lutheran congregations to consider donating a bible to a child at Concordia Kindergarten. All of the Kindy children will be presented with a bible later this term. Bibles have been purchased for \$15 each. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Ladies Guild and Fellowship members

Lutheran Women of SA/NT 54th Annual Convention planned for May 7th at Mannum been postponed. Blessings Grace Kroehn (President L.W. of SA/NT)

I can't get to church, how can I worship with others online?

Christ Church Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkuwYNguhb8UFafjU7bFtKA>

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ>

Hahndorf St Michael's Lutheran Church

[Watch Online - St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf SA](#) -

Toowoomba Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

[Watch Online - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Qld](#)

TV, Radio and Internet options include:

- Joyce Myer channel 44 weekday 9am
- In Touch Ministries, Charles Stanley channel 92 Sundays 7.30am
- Radio -Power FM – 107.9 - Sundays 7.00am and 8.00am
- Andy Stanley podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/your-move-with-andy-stanley-podcast/id211872550>

If you know of something else let us know and we will share it with everyone.

I see a plague coming on the world and the bars and church and government will shut down. The plague will hit New York City and shake it like it has never been shaken. The plague is going to force prayerless believers into radical prayer and into their Bibles and repentance will be the cry from the man of God in the pulpit. And out of it will come a third Great Awakening that will sweep America and the world. “

**- David Wilkerson,
1986**



David Wilkerson was an American Christian evangelist, best known for his book *The Cross and the Switchblade*. He was the founder of the addiction recovery program *Teen Challenge*, and founding pastor of the non-denominational *Times Square Church* in New York City

Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

Christ Church Members: Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey & Marcus Jaensch, Noleen Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bob Martin, Peter Paech, David Pech, Murray Piltz, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & also for their Carers.

Holy Cross Members: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Lila Grocke, Trevor Hueppauff, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Leila Koehler, Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Felicity Woods & also for their Carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrens (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon)

Lerwin: Colleen Fawcett (CC), Glad Hausler (CC), Enid Heidrich (CC), Chris Herbig (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC), Lorna Schulz (CC)

Aminya Village, Mannum: Val Stevens (CC)

Bupa Aged Care: Ruth Neindorf (HC)

Estia Health Strathalbyn: Leon Klitscher (HC)

Infin8 Care, Hahndorf: Geoff Pfeiffer (CC)

Meningie Hosp Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC)

Tailem Bend Hosp: Paul Fiegert (HC), Pat Gogel (HC), Bevan Schulz (HC)



Prayer of the Day: Merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, who gives hope and joy to those who doubt. Give to us who do not see you faith and life and blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also Pray...

- ✚ Pray for all children, teachers, workers and volunteers during these school holidays. Help them to remember God is always there with them.
- ✚ Pray for healing for people suffering from the illness, those researching a vaccine, our political and community leaders as they try to provide wise leadership and for our health workforce as they are at the front line
- ✚ Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help us move beyond the hurdles that trip us up and give us the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope we run toward in Christ.

LCA/NZ PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Reflecting God's Love ~ **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

If you think a child is at risk of harm ... In an emergency, call 000 - If it is not an emergency, call your local police and child protection authority.

For anybody experiencing domestic and/or family violence please call Centacare 8531 8888

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

19th	Teresa Bellenger (CC)	23rd	Matthew Ahrens (HC)
	Doug Holmes (HC)	25th	Colleen Fawcett (CC)
	Blake Plitz (CC)		Joyce Pope (CC)
22nd	Hannah Bailey (HC)		
	Anne Hein (CC)		
	Julie Mueller (CC)		



Please pray for everyone celebrating their
Baptismal Birthday

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthdays or Anniversary announced, please contact Yvonne in the office on 8532 6553 .



A big Thank You to everyone for your best wishes, phone calls and gifts for Murray's 80th Birthday.



DIARY DATES AND COMING EVENTS

**Because of the COVID-19 all events cancelled.
We will advise when the situation changes**



19 April 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The risen Lord Jesus calls us to believe.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
M	Genesis 32:22-32	Jacob wrestles with God
T	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Peter addresses the crowd
W	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	We live by faith, not by sight
T	Hebrews 10:35 – 11:1	The nature of faith
F	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Praise to God for a living hope
S	Psalm 16	I keep my eyes on the Lord
S	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus bless us with faith in you. Help us to find a way through our doubts. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy.

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

While his disciples were hiding in a locked room on the first Easter Sunday, the risen Lord Jesus appeared with them and said, "Peace be with you."

When you gather as a family this week, pass the peace to one another. Say, "the Lord's peace be with you" as you greet one another.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, as our bodies are fed with good gifts from you, please bless us with Easter peace, joy, hope and faith. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Jesus told Thomas, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

JOHN 20:29

Service



In your home devotion times this week pray for people (by name if possible) who are struggling to believe in Jesus.

Ask for God's help to share Jesus' love with them.



Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Thomas found it difficult to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw him with his own eyes. In what ways are you like Thomas?

2

Jesus said "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me" (John 20:29). What helps you to believe in Jesus without seeing him?

I call it 'JOB - ACT II'

There was a day that Satan came before the Lord, and the Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my church, how they gather every Sunday, and praise and worship My Holy Name. They do this year in and year out, every Sunday morning, all over the world. From the time the sun rises in the east until the sun sets in the west, My Name gets glorified, like a wave washing over at the earth."

Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Have you not blessed them with health and wealth and prosperity, with which they have built beautiful church buildings, and filled it with amazing technology? Have You not blessed them with all manner of talents that they bring together in these beautiful churches they built and worship You with beautiful music that appeals to their senses?"

"But stretch out Your hand, and take all that from them, strike them down with a plague or even just the fear of a plague, and they will go quiet and worship You no more. This wave of worship, running from the east of the earth to the west, every Sunday morning will stop, and all will go quiet. Who will worship You then? Who will still make Your Name great?"

And the Lord said to Satan, "They are in your hand." So Satan unleashed a deadly virus upon the earth, and soon churches closed all over the world. Everyone, Christians and gentiles hunkered down in their homes, and everything went quiet... and Satan was standing there, watching, waiting, all the angels were standing in heaven, watching, waiting and God was standing there, watching, waiting... as a great silence fell over all the heavens and all the earth.

Then one angel called out; "Listen...!", and another called out; "I hear it too... it's coming from the east". In a small living room, in a locked up house, came the sound of a piano being played, and a voice singing;

"Holy, holy, holy,

Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity!"

And another angel called out "Listen, over there, in the west!" And the sound of a guitar, coming from a bedroom could be heard with a voice singing;

"All hail King Jesus, All hail Emmanuel!

Kind of king, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star!

And for all eternity, I'll sing Your praises,

And will reign with You, throughout eternity"

And slowly, from all directions on the earth, the sound of instruments and voices could be heard, louder and louder, until it became a symphony of worship, rising up to heaven. A cacophony of song, praising God, declaring His greatness, thanking Him for His grace, His mercy, His forgiveness. Songs of dedication and declaration, songs of encouragement, songs filled with the joy and peace that can only come from God, sung by thousands of men and woman, young and old, wherever they were, accompanied by whatever means they had.

And God turned to Satan and said; "Did you notice... today is Tuesday! Now, My church, having been freed from all the business that filled their lives, worships Me every day of the week, for they still know that 'I Am'! The wave of worship that runs from sunrise in the east until sunset in the west now circles the earth, every day, as the earth circles the sun."

And all of heaven fell down on their faces and worshipped God, calling out "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His Glory!". And Satan turned and walked away, defeated as he has been since the day of Calvary.

I want to encourage you today, in this unprecedented time in the history of man, to not let your voice go quiet, to not pack your instrument away. All of creation and all of heaven is standing still right at this moment, waiting, watching... Now is the time to make your voice heard throughout the heavens, now is the time to pour out your heart before God.

There is now no audience, there is no tech, it's just you before the Lord. Seek Him in this time, draw near to Him through worship. If you have never done this before, discover the beauty and blessings that come with intimate, personal worship of God.

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