



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE



Online short course: *Introducing the Psalms*

Members, friends and contacts of the LCA are invited to participate in ALC's first-ever online short course, *Introducing the Psalms*. Led by Old Testament lecturer, LCA pastor and author, Rev Dr Adam Hensley.

The course will occur on three consecutive Tuesdays from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm SA time commencing on 19 May.

Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom link to access the sessions, which will include a pre-session to practise logging in if required.

Register by emailing: enquiries@alc.edu.au

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

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Fourth Sunday of Easter
3rd May 2020



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

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Myanmar Mission Appeal

May is Myanmar month – at our AGM we moved to once again donate to Myanmar Mission. During May you can donate money via the office in marked envelopes. At the end of May we will round up the amount donated to \$5000 and send to Asia Focus Australia, specifically marked for Myanmar.

Myanmar Mission in May – Christ Church

Dianne and I are very humbled and honoured that God has called us to be directly involved with Myanmar and the body of Christ over there through two Lutheran churches.

Myanmar is in lockdown restrictions at present due to the pandemic and many have people have not been able to work. Unlike Australia where everyone is well looked after pretty well with our government providing money to most people, Myanmar is not like this. If you don't work, you don't eat and so many people in Myanmar are going hungry at this time. Pastor James of the Myanmar Lutheran Church told us that the 22 people at their church compound have been well cared for with Mrs. Shalom, Bishop Andrew's wife buying in extra food on a Word from God. They are not allowed to hold worship services and so can not sing songs but still gather together in their church family (those living on site) and practise social distancing. Through AFA monetary support was sent recently to help assist where needed. In lieu of retiring offerings for Myanmar people are asked to provide support for Myanmar in a cleared marked envelope 'Myanmar Mission' during the month of May.

In anticipation, thank you for your prayerful and generous support. *Dianne & Ian Kluge*

Printer Ink Cartridges

The office has the following ink cartridges available:

Epson: 2373XL and **Canon: 650/651/671**

Please contact the office if you are interested

PLEASE NOTE

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

OFFERINGS

If you can't drop your offerings in please contact the office for assistance.

A big thank you to everyone who has been adapting to continue their giving, at this stage offerings are keeping on track with our budget.

BSB and Account Number for Christ Church:

BSB 704 942 Acc # 100311504

Other News:

LLL Interest Rate: Please note LLL interest rate has been reduced to 1% from May 1st, 2020.

LLL Interest: May is interest month, send off your LLL passbook to the LLL now so that your book can be updated and interest added.

Red Cross: Red Cross Blood Bank will be coming in May.

Year Books: LCA Year Books are available, \$22 ea.

Kevin Schrapel's weekly 'Life thru the Lens' write up is available on our webpage.



CAN YOU HELP?

Concordia Kindergarten are inviting members of our Lutheran congregations to consider donating a bible to a child at Concordia Kindergarten.

The distribution has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the Kindy will contact donors in due course. They are still 22 bibles short. If you can help the cost for a bible is \$15 each. Any donations would be gratefully received.

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

YouTube channels: (subscribe for easy access)

Christ Church Lutheran Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkuwYNGuuhb8UFafjU7bFtKA>

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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

Music Ministry Online

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg>

TV Options

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Channel 44 Sat 12noon

Joyce Myer channel 44 weekday 9am

In Touch Ministries, Charles Stanley channel 92

Sundays 7.30am

David Jeremiah channel 72 Sundays 8am

Radio and Internet options include

Radio -Power FM – 107.9 - Sundays 7.00am & 8.00am

Andy Stanley podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/your-move-with-andy-stanley-podcast/id211872550>

Toowoomba Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Worship with St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf

<https://livestream.com/luthworship/events/2472486>

Immanuel Lutheran Church Buderim

<https://ichurch.net.au/immanuel-livestream/>

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

Take away church update 23rd April 2020

Life goes on even without Sunday Morning Worship. We can still praise God in what we do every day sharing our faith and encouraging those we speak with.

The weekly message prepared by Pastor Tim is being well received with positive feedback.

Our take away packs are being picked up by not only members but also others from the community.

Weekly DVD's and other information are available from outside the office during the day or on our website.

The new week's information is available from 11am on Fridays.

Please continue to drop off to others who are unable to collect.

Our weekly offering for the past month have been on par with budget estimates.

Weekly offerings can be made via REG (Forms available from the office)

* Bank Transfer BSB 704-942 Account 100311504

* Weekly envelope in the letterbox at the office.
If you are unable to get to the office with your envelope phone Yvonne and we can arrange to pick it up.

Pray for our government and those trying to combat COVID 19.

Share your thought with Pastor Tim and our leadership as we work together to serve God at this challenging Time.

As Jesus Said in John 14:1
*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God, Trust also in me"*

Pastor Tim Koch - Chairman Warren Doecke

From the Leadership Team

Access to the Church Office: For everyone's safety during the COVID-19 self-isolation & social distancing restrictions, the Church office will be closed to all non-essential access. Yvonne is still at the Church Office to take phone calls & will communicate through the door from 9am to 12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday. Pastor Tim of course, is still contactable via phone & is happy to talk to anyone who needs to speak to him.

Pray Continually 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV



Please Pray for...

Christ Church: 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: 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)

Womens & Childrens Hospital: Oscar Noye and his parents/Granparents - Amelia & Josh Noye and Delton & Lynette Schiller

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: Loving God, we thank you that your Son Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for your people. Open our hearts to hear his voice, to know him as he calls us by name, and to follow wherever he leads. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also Pray...

Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Kindy including Chris, Mia R, Koah C, Lenny C, Ruby L & Dallas R and also for Year 2 classes at Unity and surrounding schools.

Father in heaven, we come before you to agree that your will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. We humble ourselves before you on behalf of all nations to ask that you would forgive them their sins and cleanse them from all unrighteousness, give them a repentant heart. We ask for a great harvest of souls to be saved in this hour and that Your Glory would cover the earth as the water covers the sea touching all people every where with your presence and saving Grace! Lord Jesus we ask you to rebuke the enemy on our behalf and drive back the power of darkness with your mighty right hand setting us free to worship you. We pray that you would be our peace that passes all understanding in every circumstance that we face and guard our hearts and minds and know that you are Lord of all. Thank for shedding your blood on the cross which has given us the victory over the enemy. We praise you for all you have done and are doing now! In Jesus Name, Amen

Pray Continually

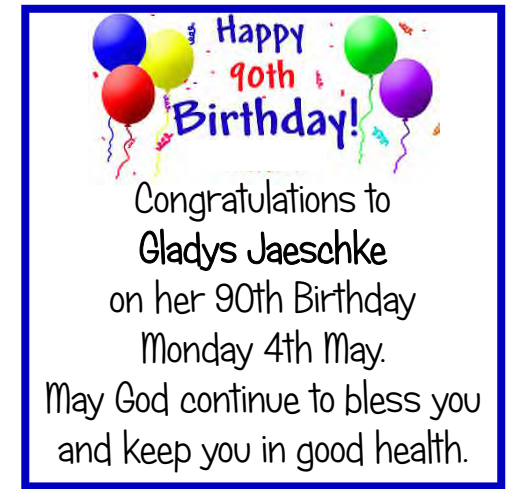
Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

4th	Leith Franklin (Mon)	7th	Quinn Hein (CC)
	Gordon Jenke (HC)	8th	Dorothy Noller (CC)
	Margaret Warnest (CC)		Eric Zadow (CC)
6th	Kate Frahn (CC)	9th	Allan Hampel (CC)
	Mia Paech (Mon)		David Pope (CC)
7th	Reg Biar (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 .



BREAD TAGS
 **FOR** 
WHEELCHAIRS

Collecting bread tags, even broken ones, makes a difference to our environment as they are recycled into seedling trays, picture frames, coat hangers and other items. It takes 200 bread bags full of tags that are packed into 10 black bags or 200 kg of tags to bring in enough money to buy one wheelchair. **Please bring in your bread tags!**

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.



Growing
FAITH
at home

3 May 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
M	Jeremiah 23:1-8	God will gather the flock
T	Ezekiel 34:1-16	God will rescue his sheep
W	Acts 2:42-47	The fellowship of the believers
T	Matthew 18:10-14	The parable of the lost sheep
F	1 Peter 2:19-25	Christ as an example
S	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
S	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth and life

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus our good shepherd, help us to recognise your voice today and follow you. Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus the Good Shepherd provide all your needs and refresh you inside and out.

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

1

Which people do you trust most? Why?

2

Jesus says his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). When and where do you hear Jesus' voice?



Caring Conversations



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

In your home devotional times this week, reflect on Psalm 23. What does it look like for you? Draw or create a picture.



mealtime prayer

Jesus our Good Shepherd, through this day your hand has led us, and we thank you for your care. You have warmed us, clothed and fed us; listen to our grateful prayer. Amen.

verse for the week

A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.

JOHN 10:10

Service



Discuss as a family ways that you can walk alongside someone and show care to them.

Put into action what you have discussed.

1.5 Meters Apart

1.5 Meters apart we are told to be,
The rule is good to stop the spread,
Of Covid 19 which the world beset,
No one must slip through the net.

The world has changed so we are told
I look through my window and I behold,
The grandeur of Mountains are the same
The flowers in the garden still remain.

The birds are singing still in the trees,
The rainbow follows the rain that's still so
The air's filled with scent and buzzing bees
So what has changed I ask do you know?

Nothing has changed for those who believe
That Jesus died this world to relieve
1.5 Meters will never keep us apart
He is the bond that joins our hearts.

Pestilence come and Pestilence go
Our Lord is still in charge you should know
At times like this there is always a cost
But if you have Faith nothin is lost.

The Lord is my Virus
He infects all of my life
I'll let you finish it.



Time to be Creative

Take Away Church

Over the next few weeks I invite you to get creative. I've included two examples, the one below answers a question using passages from God's word. The other is a poem, reflecting on the COVID-19 virus . I love the creativity of them both.

Take some time to write down your thoughts and reflections over this time. You might gather passages from the bible about prophesies and how they relate to what you are experiencing. Maybe just writing down your thoughts is where you're lead. What about a poem giving expression to your thoughts, to how you see God at work.

Over the next weeks see what you can come up with. Maybe a picture, or a word image. Send your creative gifts in and we'll seek to share them. This is one way we can give expression to 'fellowship' and let God speak through us, encouraging, inspiring, comforting, motivating, bringing joy to each other.

I'm eagerly looking forward to what you create. Pastor Tim

How He Sees You

Part of our healing comes with forgiveness (of ourselves and others), and part of it comes with repentance. But first, we have to begin with how God sees us. How he sees you. Do you know?

You are deeply and completely loved (Rom. 8:38-39)

You are totally and completely forgiven (1 John 2:12)

When God sees you, he sees the righteousness of Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21)

You mean the whole world to him (John 3:16)

He thinks you are beautiful. Right now (Song of Sol. 4:1)

He is committed to your restoration (Rom. 8:29)

You are not now, nor have you ever been, alone (Heb. 13:5)