

Australian Lutheran College Annual Appeal

ALC has launched its annual appeal in a video message from Principal James Winderlich – <https://alc.edu.au/connect/annual-appeal/>. Your financial support during these especially troubling times is vital to partner with ALC in preparing people to serve in and through the Church. Due to the pandemic's impact, the 2020 Appeal material is included in ALC's **Saints Alive** magazine being distributed with the June edition of *The Lutheran* and available online at <https://alc.edu.au/connect/publications/saints-alive/> (for hard copies email: principal@alc.edu.au or freecall: 1800 625 193). Read about ALC's new vocational discernment program *Discover*, how COVID-19 has transformed the community and the vicars' practicum experience, and updates on how ALC is partnering with the Church to provide practical ministry training and research. **All donations over \$2.00 are tax-deductible; those received by 30 June may be claimed in this financial year.** Thank you for your support.



The message from the 21st June was unfortunately missed from the DVD and will be added to this week's Take Away DVD, 28th June.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
28th June 2020



Matthew 10:40
*"Anyone who welcomes you
welcomes me, and anyone who
welcomes me welcomes the one
who sent me."*

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

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Pastor Tim invites you to write a poem or some prose to describe how Jesus has impacted your life. Please send in your thoughts; maybe even as a video clip that might share your faith.
 Let God's creative spirit flow through you to be a blessing to others. I look forward in expectation to what you share. Go to our Web Page and click on the above picture to see what is being shared.



**WINTER 2020 EDITION
 OUT NOW!**

We are not receiving physical copies of **Christ in the Centre**. Instead you can read *Christ in the Centre* online here <http://finkerivermission.lca.org.au/media/> or contact the office if you would like one printed out. In it you'll find the usual host of inspiring stories, including how creative our Central Australian Lutheran communities have been in responding to the COVID-19 shutdowns.

Online Christian Life Week Camps

Blueprint Ministries cannot use camp sites at the moment so an online Christian Life Week is being organised for July 13 to 17. This will be a free event so please encourage young people you know to participate. Further information will be posted in the coming weeks and registrations will open soon.



There is no youth this week, 3rd July



To view the Schools Ministry Group Newsletters, visit: <https://smg.asn.au/newsletter-archive>



HOT DOGS

Patritti's Heavenly Hot Dogs will be here again on Friday 10th July from 11am to 2pm. Why not get a take away hot dog when you come to pick up your 'Take Away Church'!

RSVP: To help with catering, please let the office know how many hot dogs you would like to order by 8th July on 8532 6553.

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.

Contact the office for REG giving or use BSB and Account Number for Christ Church:

BSB 704 942 Acc # 100311504

LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

This year tax invoices for the 'Lutheran' are being sent to members direct.

Where possible please pay \$45 direct to 'LCA Subscriptions'.

Any queries phone Dennis Pfeiffer on 0437 506 345
 New Subscribers Welcome

Options for worship and praising

Check our Facebook Page for the latest Take Away

YouTube channels: (subscribe for easy access)

Christ Church Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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

Music Ministry Online

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

TV Options :

- Channel 44
 - Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Saturday 12noon
 - Joyce Myer - weekdays 9am
 - St John's Unley - Sunday 2:30pm
- Channel 92 - In Touch Ministries, Charles Stanley Sundays 7.30am
- Channel 72 - David Jeremiah Sunday 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 Sunday 8:30am [Watch Online - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Qld](#)
- St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf Sunday 9:30am <https://livestream.com/luthworship/events/2472486>
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Buderim, 10:30am Sundays <https://ichurch.net.au/immanuel-livestream/>
- Our Saviour Lutheran, Rochedale Qld Sunday 8am https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC41T_5K_sK0s_PIyc9uK4Cw

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

From the Leadership Team

At our leadership meeting last Monday night, 22nd June, we discussed the issue of returning to the Church building. With the current rules regarding reporting, recording and cleaning no decision has been made about going back to worship in the church building. With our Take Away packs and online presence we are reaching many more people than what our two services were. It's not just about Sunday mornings, it's about staying connected through small groups and sharing with those we meet as we go about our day to day tasks. We do not want to underestimate the blessings that have come out of the compulsory shut down of public gatherings due to COVID-19.

So where to from here?

- ✦ Why has God taken His church out of the building?
- ✦ What is His plan for us as His church here in Murray Bridge?
- ✦ Does God want us to return to worship in the building or is He leading us to something new?
- ✦ How do we share His message of love, forgiveness and salvation with the wider community?
- ✦ What style of service would we use?

In Matthew 6:10 Jesus said "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"

As leadership we will be praying and listening to God throughout this week seeking to discern His will in what we do. We will meet again on Monday night to discuss what God has said to us trusting Him to lead us where He wants us to go. I ask that you also pray for God to give your leaders wisdom in seeking His will.

Pastor Tim is currently on leave and will be returning to work by Monday 13th July. During this time Carla will be assisting Yvonne in the office.

If you are feeling isolated and need to speak to someone please reach out & make contact with us.

You can speak to one of the Elders, anyone on leadership or call the Church Office on 856 553 and ask Yvonne for a call back, she will arrange for someone to either call you back or visit.

Yours in Christ
Warren Doecke
Chairperson

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, David Pech, Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC), Sandra Thiele, June Walker & also for their Carers.

And for Oscar Noye and his parents/Grandparents - Amelia & Josh Noye and Delton & Lynette Schiller

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

Resthaven: Joyce Ahms (CC), Ray Box (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Leon Klitscher (HC), Dot Noller (CC), Helen Paech (Mon), Murray Piltz (Respite) (CC)

Lerwin: Colleen Fawcett (CC), Glad Hausler (CC), Enid Heidrich (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)

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:

Lord God, you have prepared for those who love you good things beyond our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that we may love you in all things and above all things, and obtain what you have promised, which is more than we can desire. 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.**

Also Pray...

- ✚ Continue to pray for the teachers, children and their families at Kindy including Scarlett O, Zara W, Molly P-B, Riley C-B, Tanaeyah C, Will B and also for all the teachers, volunteers and workers at Unity and surrounding schools.
- ✚ Pray for God to replace your hurt with His healing, replace your pain with His peace, replace your loss with His love and may the past truly be past.
- ✚ Pray for Christ to embrace people with His forgiving love, so that millions turn from their sin to the joy of following Him.
- ✚ Ask God for strength and courage to stand firm in faith for wisdom and discernment to know when faced by things that are not of God.

Pray Continually

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

28th	Stefan Franklin (Mon)	2nd	Nicholas Law (CC)
	Daisy Patritti (CC)	3rd	Lynette Hameister (HC)
29th	Ashton Schubert (CC)		Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)
30th	Bruno Lablack (CC)	4th	Trevor Mann (CC)

July

1st	Pastor Andy Gierus (Mon)
	Merrilyn Smith (HC)
	Isla White (HC)



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 .

Access to the Church Office:

During the COVID-19 self-isolation & social distancing restrictions, the Church office will be closed to all non-essential access. The office will take phone calls & will communicate through the door from 9am to 12noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday.

Lutheran Community Care Winter Appeal

Due to church building closures, LCC has not sent its Winter Appeal letters to congregations this year. Instead they have created a short two-minute video for congregations to share with your members or play during a service in winter. You can find this here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSnnHVjmwI. In this video, LCC's CEO Rohan Feegrade explains why the demand for LCC's services has never been greater and how you can support local communities battling to cope with the economic fallout from COVID-19. For more information about LCC's Winter Appeal, visit www.lccare.org.au/how-you-can-help/donations/

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

28 June 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

welcoming others.

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
M	Luke 9:46-48	Welcoming the little ones
T	Matthew 25:31-40	Receiving Christ in others
W	1 Kings 17:7-16	A widow receives Elijah
T	Genesis 22:1-14	Abraham tested
F	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves to Righteousness
S	Psalms 89:1-18	Who is like you?
S	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart. May you know the full joy of serving others. Amen

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

1

Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.

2

God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?



Caring Conversations

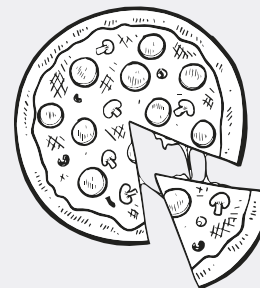
Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

This week the first half of 2020 comes to an end. Have a household 'half year' celebration.

Share half a cake or half a pizza, eat halves of fruit! Use your time together to share memories from the last six months and talk about your hopes and expectations for the next six months. Give thanks for God's gifts to you so far this year and pray for his blessings for the rest of 2020.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.

verse for the week

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.

MATTHEW 10:42

Service



Jesus said that anyone who welcomes one of his followers welcomes him, and in turn welcomes his Heavenly Father (Matthew 10:40).

Extend a welcome to a person or family from your church or another church to join you for a meal in your home (preferably people you don't know very well).

Discuss how best to make them feel welcome and divide tasks among your family (e.g. preparing your home, serving drinks or snacks, entertaining, cleaning up). Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!



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