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**JULY 23, 2017**

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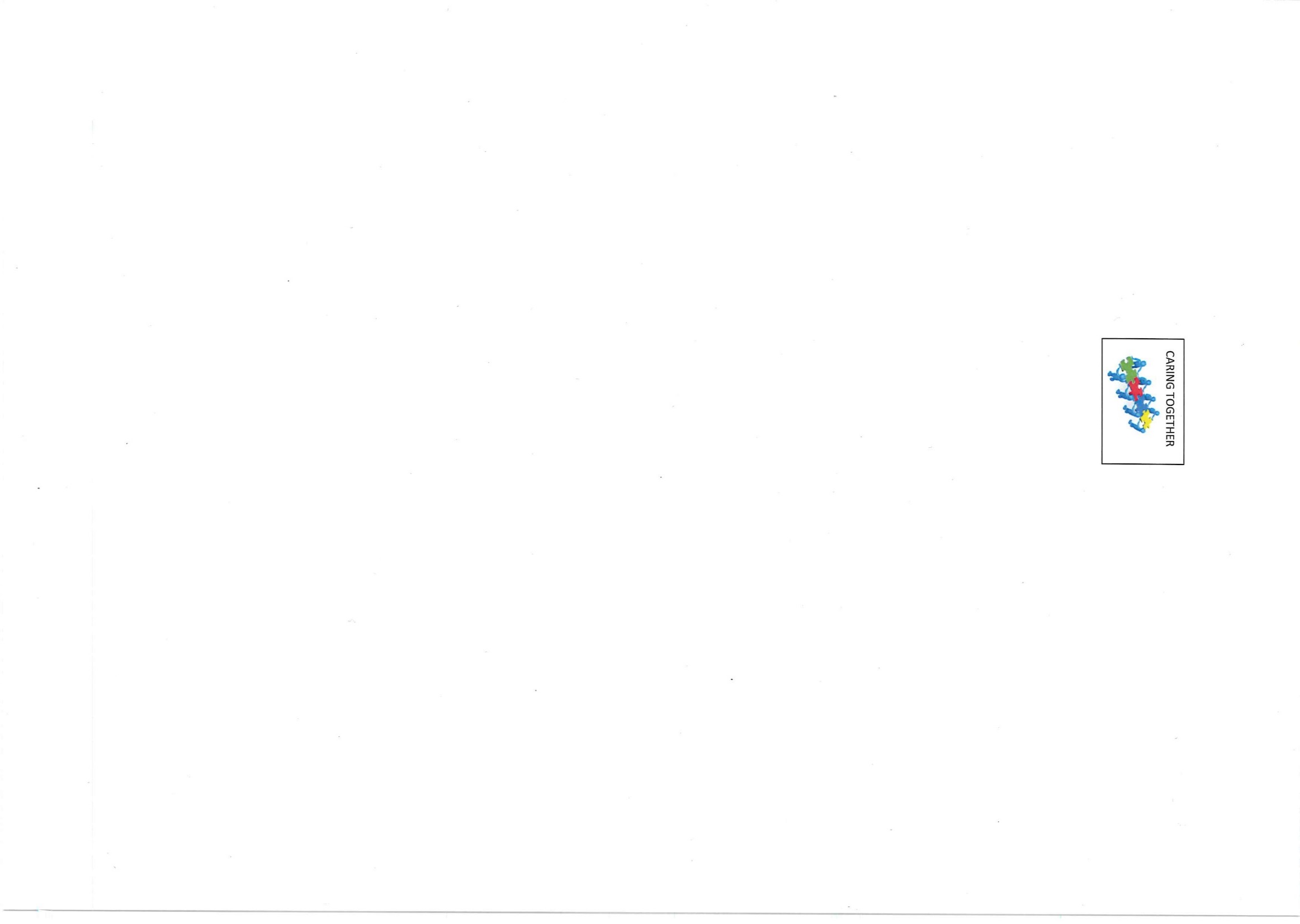
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**PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK COMMENCING JULY 23TH.**

* Thanks for answered prayer and many blessings during the past week.
* Pray for the next meeting of the JNC, as they seek God’s leading in the search for a new minister.
* Pray for the JNC as they continue their meetings and deliberations, seeking God’s leading in the search for a new minister.
* Pray for those in leadership positions at St. Luke’s – the Church Council, Ministry Team leaders, worship leaders, and all who serve in so many ways. Pray also for the many small groups that are providing support and fellowship.
* Pray for the children in our congregation and for young families attending Messy Church.
* Many in our congregation are facing serious health issues. May they know God’s peace, comfort and strength. Pray also for their families.
* Pray for the Mission Outreach of St. Luke’s – for new settlers to be made welcome and assisted, for men’s shed and other initiatives.
* Pray for greater awareness and action regarding environmental issues.
* Pray for peace in the world, and give thanks for all those who are peace-makers.
* Pray for world leaders. – for wisdom in decision-making, and for co-operation in finding solutions that will benefit the whole human race, and for those solutions to override power-play and political gain.
* Pray for those in African countries such as South Sudan who are starving. Pray also for those in the world affected by flood, fire and drought.
* Pray that there may be an end to terrorism, and pray for all those families whose lives have been impacted by senseless acts designed to breed fear and carnage.
* Pray for the homeless during this cold wintery weather. There are 100,000 in Australia. Give thanks for the agencies that offer support.
* Pray for the aged and frail, those who are lonely or separated from loved ones, that they might have adequate care, companionship and safety.
* Pray for those who are suffering anxiety and depression, and those who are finding it difficult to obtain work.
* Pray for those who are travelling – for safety.

**NAME TAG ORDERS: DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE A UNITING CHURCH NAME TAG BECAUSE YOU ARE NEW TO ST. LUKE’S OR BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOST YOURS?** During the month of **JULY** orders are being accepted. The cost is **$9** and **pre-payment is required.** Orders are available from JENNY POOLEY, at church or calling 5243-4832.

**SHARING THE JOURNEY:** During **July** Linda Salamywill conduct this section of worship. She can be contacted on 5241 2369 or 0407 806 312 or personally before the service.

***To help keep this segment of Sunday Worship compact, it would be appreciated if announcements could be given to the monthly leader before the commencement of the service.***

Kevin McAvaney will be Sharing the Journey on 23 July.

**PRAYER COMFORT SHAWLS:** Thank-you to all those who so willingly responded to the call for knitters, crocheters and wool to make warm, comforting, snuggly wraps, symbolizing the unconditional love of God and the prayers of the people.  We are also very grateful for the monetary donations received to purchase wool.  If you would like to make a shawl and need wool, please contact Beth on 52436874 or Valerie Grills on 52615342.  Suggested patterns are also available.  We do need a supply of these shawls. The prayer shawls are to be given to those experiencing ongoing difficult times, or who are shut-in.  They are not only for those within the church community, so if you know of someone who would find comfort and encouragement in their time of need, please speak to Pam, Beth or Valerie.

**DUTY ROSTERS**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE ROSTER WHICH HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THOSE LISTED FOR DUTY.**

**JULY 30, 2017**

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| **CLEANING** | J Boehm, B Cox | **USHERS** | P & I Petersen  V & S Mackenzie |
| **FLOWERS** | B Hunt | **KID’S CHURCH** |  |
| **COMMUNION**  **BREAD** |  | **COMMUNION**  **SET UP** |  |
| **COMMUNION** |  |  |  |
| **MORNING TEA** | P & M Seller | **CAR DRIVING** | M Robertson |
| **SOUND** | I Lawrence | **POWERPOINT** | J Daw |
| **CONNECTIONS** | P Seller | **READER** | C Findlay |
| **WELCOMER** | S Hunter | **ORGAN** |  |



**REMINDER** - Coffee and Chat - Wednesday 26th July, 2pm at Cafe Thyme, 32 Porter Avenue, Highton. All welcome.

**Ladies Evening Fellowship.**

Come along to "Coffee and Chat" on Wednesday 26th July at 2pm at Cafe Thyme.

**Kid’s Church.**

The South Sudan Famine Appeal raised $378.35. Well done to all involved and thank you to those that donated.



St Luke’s Environment Action Group

News

23 July 2017

July 2017

The Environment Group’s next 2 projects are “the Repair Café” and “National Tree Day”.

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**Join the Geelong Repair Café!**

Repair Café Geelong promotes repair as an alternative to tossing things out. It is planned to operate the first Saturday of every month at St Luke’s Uniting Church Highton – starting 5th August. Anyone can bring their broken items and learn how to fix them with the help of voluntary repairers.

**Repair Café Geelong could use more handy volunteers. Join us!**

We are looking for residents with different skills who can be present as repair supervisors during the Repair Café meetings. We are especially looking for people who are handy with:

**\* clothing / textile \* bicycles**

**\* electrical appliances \* furniture / wooden objects**

And who enjoy sharing their knowledge with the community.

In addition, we are also looking for people who wish to fulfil the role of **host / hostess** at the meetings. You provide coffee and tea, welcome visitors and serve as a contact point for both visitors and repairers in the Repair Café.

Want to know more about the Repair Café? Look at the international website Repaircafe.org.

Want to sign up as a volunteer? Sign up at St Luke’s face book page <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeschurchgeelong/> or email Michelle

([michelle@tech4life.com.au](mailto:michelle@tech4life.com.au)) or Claire ([claire.ziegler@iinet.net.au](mailto:claire.ziegler@iinet.net.au))

Thank You

July 30th

We are continuing planting at Grovedale Uniting on Sunday July 30th after our church service and our lunches. Last year we planted many indigenous trees all along the east fence behind Uniting Care and this year we will continue along the south fence. We are aiming to plant trees and shrubs that are specifically indigenous to the Grovedale area. All those interested in helping – see Claire or ring her on 0412904180, or register on the National Tree Day website, search for event, Grovedale Uniting and register as a volunteer.

Thanks

St. Luke’s Environment Action Group

Next meeting 24thJuly 2017

At 7.30 pm in the Fellowship Room

**The Geelong Chorale.** Voices of our Time. All Saints Church, 115 Noble Street, Newtown. Sunday 27 August 2017 at 2.30pm.

 **WINTER has arrived and our clients are feeling the cold.**

Food stocks are low and funding cuts are going to make it hard for us to top them up.

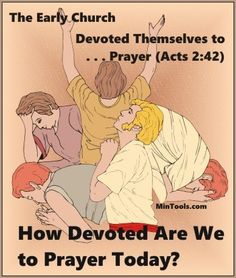
Can you help **Uniting Barwon** (formerly Uniting*Care* Geelong) with items such as soup, pasta sauces, long life milk, noodles, cooking oil, tinned vegetables & Harvest meats?

Warm blankets and doonas are also in short supply.

***ALL DONATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME***

*Call in to**272 Torquay Rd Grovedale OR 10 Wendover Ave Norlane.*

**What is Prayer?**

****Prayer is spending time in God’s presence, praying for the people you know and love, and situations that concern you.

When we pray, we can kneel, stand, walk around, have our eyes open or closed. We can pray silently or verbally. No matter how we pray God is waiting and listening.

**However, prayer is much more than just ‘talking to God, prayer is trusting in God, communicating with God and seeking after God’s will.**

At St. Luke’s we consider prayer to be an important part of our worship and ministry and we offer several opportunities to spend time in God’s presence.

We have an active **Prayer Link** where prayers are shared with those who have committed to pray for the needs and concerns of the congregation and their family and friends. These prayers are always confidential and are only shared with the wider congregation if permission is received.

Urgent prayers can be emailed to Jean on [bijl.williams@gmail.com](mailto:bijl.williams@gmail.com) at any time during the week.

There are **Prayer Request Forms** in the back of each pew. These can be filled in and handed to Jean Williams or Pam Seller following worship.

**Prayer Candles** are available at the front of the church. Candles represent prayers for people or situations that we care about and maybe lit at any time before or during the service.

**Prayer Partner/Prayer Corner**  a time of shared private prayer is also offered following worship. Please contact Pam Seller or Beth Allen.

All the above provide us with opportunities to communicate with God.

**MARION LEIGH STAINSBY (1932-2017)**

Marion lived on the family farm opposite the Highton Primary School

during her youth. Her mother was a local preacher and her father was the Highton Methodist Church Secretary for many years. Marion and her sister taught Sunday School in the Lane Memorial Hall. She had a detailed

knowledge of district history so she was one of the authors of our church history, "Steadfast Through Change", (1853-2006).

Marion moved to Melbourne some years ago, but kept in touch with St.

Luke's. Sadly she died on Thursday after a stroke. The funeral will be in Geelong on a date to be advised.

**LECTIONARY READINGS**: **JULY 30, 2017**

**Genesis 29 : 15 - 28 .. Psalm 105 : 1 - 11**

**Romans 8 : 26 - 39 .. Matthew 13 : 31-33, 44-52**

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**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS**

**OFFERING: ACTUAL:** $1,712 **Y.T.D.** $49,474 **BUDGET:** $1,711 **Y.T.D.** $49,616

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**THIS WEEK’S DIARY**:

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| Mon | 24 | 7.00 pm  7.30 pm | Geelong Chorale  Environment Action Group |
| Tue | 25 | 9.00 am  9.30 am  5.00 pm | AMEB Music Exams  Men’s Shed  Weight Watchers |
| Wed | 26 | 2.00 pm  6.30 pm | Coffee & Chat (Thyme Café)  Welsh ladies Choir |
| Thurs | 27 | 9.30 am  9.30 am  4.00 pm  4.30 pm | Youth Choir (Lets Make Music)  Men’s Shed  Choir Practice  Youth Choir (Junior Choir) |
| Fri | 28 | 9.30 am  10.30 am | Trekkies  Youth Choir (Lets Make Music) |
| Sat | 29 |  |  |
| Sun | 30 | 9.30 am | Worship – Lloyd Walker |

**Church**  **Office Hours**: Wed - 10am to 12noon, Thurs – 10am to 12noon,

Fri – 10am to 12noon