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**PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK COMMENCING JULY 30TH.**

* Praise God for his amazing gift of grace, freely given and available to all.
* Pray for opportunities to share our faith with others, and for courage to speak when those opportunities arise.
* 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 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 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 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 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 those who are travelling – for safety.
* Pray for our political leaders and for world leaders – for wisdom in decision-making, integrity, transparency, and compassion.
* 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 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.

**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.

During **August** Joy Hickswill conduct this section of worship on 6th, 13th & 27th. She can be contacted on 5253 4285 or 0429 178 973 or personally before the service. On the 20th it will Val Mackenzie 5241 3834 or 0400 768 288.

***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.***

 **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.**

**AUGUST 6, 2017**

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| **CLEANING** |  | **USHERS** | D & T AyrtonD YounghusbandI Allan |
| **FLOWERS** | P Mills | **KID’S CHURCH** |  |
| **COMMUNION****BREAD** |  | **COMMUNION****SET UP** |  |
| **COMMUNION** |  |  |  |
| **MORNING TEA** | J Hicks, J Marshman | **CAR DRIVING** | P Gill |
| **SOUND** | I Lawrence | **POWERPOINT**  | M Seller |
| **CONNECTIONS** | J Hicks | **READER** | J Daw |
| **WELCOMER** | E Nicholls | **ORGAN** |  |

**FROM THE ARCHIVES.**

Robert Lane's great, grand daughter - Maree is exploring her family

history. Fortunately we have in our Archives photos and information

about people like Robert Lane who was Sunday School Superintendent for many years to 1910.

Robert Lane was born in 1843 in England. He married Mary Thomas in March 1863, just before sailing to Victoria, Australia on the "Maori". They had eight children. He was a farmer and an orchardist in the Thornhill Road, Roslyn Road areas.

Robert Lane joined the Wesleyan/Methodist Church Committee in 1881, and was a dominant figure in the Sunday School and later the Christian Endeavour.

We have a plaque in the Lane Memorial building, (timber building next to the old Methodist church). The plaque reads: "Erected to the memory of Robt. Lane for many years Superintendent of the Sunday School." We also have the desk and hand bell used by Mr. Lane when he was the Sunday School Superintendent.

The Lane Memorial was opened on 14th August, 1926, just three weeks after a tornado practically demolished the church/chapel. The new Memorial Hall was protected by the church/chapel, and services were held in the Hall until the church/chapel was rebuilt in 1927. St. John's congregation also held services in the new Hall.

Quote from our early history, "Whoever our first workers may have been, their hopefulness, foresight, patience, and consecration won us our inheritance, and we may pray to their Lord that our stewardship here may be as worthy of Him.

**St Luke’s Environment Action Group.**

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) or Claire (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

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**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 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.

**LECTIONARY READINGS**: **AUGUST 6, 2017**

 **Genesis 32 : 22 - 31 .. Psalm 17 : 1 – 7, 15**

 **Romans 9 : 1 - 5 .. Matthew 14 : 13-21**

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**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS**

 **OFFERING: ACTUAL:** $1,712 **Y.T.D.** $51,113 **BUDGET:** $1,639 **Y.T.D.** $51,327

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**THIS WEEK’S DIARY**:

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| Mon | 31 | 7.00 pm | Geelong Chorale |
| Tue | 1 | 9.30 am3.30 pm5.00 pm | Men’s ShedResourcing Ministry TeamWeight Watchers |
| Wed | 2 | 11.00 am1.00 pm6.30 pm | Chew, Chat & ThreadsPastoral Connections MTWelsh Ladies Choir |
| Thurs | 3 | 9.30 am9.30 am4.00 pm4.30 pm | Lets Make MusicMen’s ShedChoir PracticeYouth Choir (Junior Choir) |
| Fri | 4 | 9.30 am10.30 am | TrekkiesLets Make Music |
| Sat | 5 | 1.00 pm | Repair Café (Lane Memorial) |
| Sun | 6 | 9.30 am7.00 pm | Worship – Raymond SurujpalPraise and Worship |

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

Fri – 10am to 12noon