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* Give thanks that we have the freedom to worship, to share in Holy Communion and to live out our faith daily as we interact with others.
* Pray for people in countries where they are persecuted for living out their faith. Pray for minority groups who are treated unjustly live in fear.
* Pray that there may be peaceful outcomes to world conflicts, and for world leaders to use negotiation rather than threats to bring about resolution. Pray that the nuclear threat will be abandoned, and that there may be healing of the nations, bringing peace.
* Pray for those living in parts of the world where there is catastrophic famine, floods, poverty and disease – floods in India, famine in Africa, hurricanes and floods in USA, to name just a few.
* Praise and thanks for a successful Church Council meeting last week, with Lloyd Walker taking up the position of Chairperson, Corinne taking up the responsibility of office administrator, and the JNC moving towards the call of a new minister to St. Luke’s.
* Give thanks for the number of new people who are worshipping at St. Luke’s, and that all may feel welcomed and cared for.
* Pray for the children and young families in our midst, for Kids’ Church leaders and for the Messy Church team.
* Pray for all those who are sick, frail, facing or recovering from surgery, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those who are living in fear or are vulnerable.
* We pray for those who have lost hope, safety, love and faith.
* May each of us strive to make this world a better place, where love triumphs over hate, and the needs of people come before greed and power.

**SHARING THE JOURNEY:**

During **September** it will be Michelle Walker. Michelle can be contacted on 0411 430 820 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.***

**ROSTERS**

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

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

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| **FLOWERS** | B Hunt | **USHERS** | H SwanJ MacRobbie |
|  |  | **WELCOMER** | J Hicks |
| **MORNING TEA** | C & J Findlay | **CAR DRIVING** | C & D Manks |
| **SOUND** | C McAvaney | **POWERPOINT**  | I Pooley |
| **CONNECTIONS** | J Pooley | **READER** | L Salamy |
| **COMMUNION** |  | **COMMUNION****SET UP** |  |

**St Luke's Congregational Meeting during the Service on Sunday 24 September 2017**

This Congregational Meeting is convened to receive a report from the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) on its deliberations for the placement of a full time minister at St Luke's. The JNC will recommend to call a person who it will name at the meeting. Confirmed members and members in association will be asked to vote on the recommendation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. As usual, it will be a secret ballot. I strongly urge all who are interested in the future life of St Luke's to attend.

**What is a prayer chain?**

**St. Luke’s Prayer Chain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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“An intercessory Prayer Chain consists of a group of people which has been called

to the ministry of praying for others on a regular and ongoing basis.

They have committed themselves to ***pray regularly, confidentially and individually*** for the people and concerns that are requested of them.

They form part of a chain through which God’s love flows, and they circulate prayer requests and results amongst themselves via a communications chain.

Prayer chains are most often organised amongst people of a church congregation.”

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St. Luke’s is blessed with an active prayer chain that has 17 members and usually receives weekly prayer requests via the Prayer Request forms, found in the holders on the back of each pew, (these can be handed to Jean Williams following the Sunday service or placed in the gold box on the prayer table in the prayer corner), by email to bijl.williams@gmail.com , by text message to Jean on 0437 661 690 or to Pam by telephone on 0407 557 933.

Each member of the Prayer Chain has committed to pray regularly, for the concerns placed before them.

All prayer passed on to the prayer chain must have the permission of the person being prayed for, and clarify what it is they wish the group to pray for.

Prayer on behalf of people or groups within our community, and any

answers to prayer are always welcome.

St. Luke’s prayer chain members respect the privacy of those making any requests and undertake to keep what they are asked to pray for confidential.

While the knowledge of some of the situations and people prayed for may be widely known, many of the circumstances we uphold are confidential.

New pray-ers are welcome and if you would like to become involved of please contact Beth on 5243 6874 or Pam on 5243 9575 for details.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

At a 100th birthday celebration recently the following song was shared.

The birthday girl having been asked what her favourite some was the lady replied, “My Favourite Things” from the legendary movie Sound of Music.

The lyrics of the song were deliberately changed for the entertainment of the “blue hair” audience who were present at the party. It went as follows :

Mylanta and nose drops and needles for knitting,

Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,

Bundles of magazines tied up in string,

These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,

Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,

Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,

These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak,

When the bones creak,

When the knees go bad,

I simply remember my favourite things,

And then I don’t feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,

No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,

Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,

These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinning,

Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,

And we won’t mention our short shrunken frames,

When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache,

When the hips break,

When the eyes grow dim,

Then I remember the great life I’ve had, and then I don’t feel so bad.

**HAVE A GOOD DAY.**

**House Church.**

Next Meeting:   Sunday, 17th September, 2017

 Time:               7.00 PM

 Place:                Ian and Jenny Pooley, 76 Barwon Blv, Highton

 Speaker: Robert Packett will lead a discussion:

“Was God There in the First World War?"

**Ladies Fellowship.**

A coffee morning will be held at the home of Mary Baird (Unit 2, 14 Bellevue Ave, Highton) at 10am on Thursday 21st September.

 Please bring a small plate to share.

All welcome.



**MID-WEEK WORSHIP AND COMMUNION**

 **September 14th.**

You are invited to join us in the in Fellowship on

Thursday 14th September for our midweek Communion service

to be led by Rev Helen Robinson.

Mid-week is a traditional form of worship that takes place at 2 pm

on the second Thursday of each month (except in January).

Following each service afternoon tea and fellowship are shared.

For details contact Lyn on 5241 6269.

For transport contact Pam on 5243 9575.

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**: **September 10, 2017**

 **Exodus 14: 19 - 31 .. Psalm 114:**

 **Romans 14: 1 - 12 .. Matthew 18: 21 - 35**

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**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS**

 **OFFERING: ACTUAL:** $1,568 **Y.T.D.** $60,908 **BUDGET:** $1,711 **Y.T.D.** $61,593

**THIS WEEK’S DIARY**:

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| Mon | 11 | 7.00-9.00 pm7.30-9.00pm | Geelong ChoraleMission Outreach Min. Team |
| Tue | 12 | 9.30-12 noon5.00-8.00 pm | Men’s ShedWeight Watchers |
| Wed | 13 | 1.00-3.00 pm7.30-9.00 pm | Welsh Ladies ChoirSeekers |
| Thurs | 14 | 9.30-12.30 pm9.30-12 noon2.00-4.00pm4.00-5.30 pm4.30-6.30 pm | Let’s Make MusicMen’s ShedMidweek ServiceChoir PracticeYouth Choir (Junior Choir) |
| Fri | 15 | 9.30-11.00 am10.30-12.30 pm | TrekkiesLet’s Make Music |
| Sat | 16 |  |  |
| Sun | 17 | 9.30-11.30 am7.00-9.30pm | Worship – Lloyd Walker, Kids ChurchHouse Church |

**Key Points from Church Council Meeting held 30th August 2017**

* Lloyd Walker is now the Chairperson of Church Council. Heartfelt thanks to Ian Pooley on behalf of the congregation for his "above and beyond" service in acting in both Chairperson and Treasurer role for the past year
* September worship - Communion will be on the second Sunday due to unavailability of ordained ministers
* The Council has appointed Corrine Goldberg as St. Luke's Administration Co-ordinator for 8 hours per week.  Corrine will commence induction this coming week.  A welcome morning tea is planned as part of induction - details to be advised.
* In light of recent controversy, the council resolved to investigate the feasibility of switching our banking from Commonwealth Bank of Australia to a more ethical banking service.
* Council resolved to expend some of the funds from the Pat Castle Bequest to the congregation on refurbishing the office so that it is safer for people working alone, (estimated cost $12,000) and to set aside an amount of up to $5,000 as an education bursary to enable members of the congregation to attend further education and training in service of the church and its mission.
* St. Luke's website - all the latest information is posted in the "News" section of the website.  You can also search for posts by categories and tags listed to the right of the page.  Photos and articles are welcome.
* It was pleasing to note that our congregation has met 95.2% of pledged amounts from our last Stewardship campaign.  Thanks to Judy Boehm for looking after this vital area of our life as a missional faith community, and thanks to everyone in the congregation who provides stability by setting aside funds for church.
* Keeping Children Safe - the church council is working with Synod on implementing the new Keeping Children Safe standards for our congregation, which will include some statements of commitment and ongoing education for everyone who engages with children in our church.  Further information can be found here: <http://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>
* The Pastoral care and communications team will be working together to create an opt-in directory of church members including telephone and email contact details, to better facilitate member to member communications.  Everyone on current contact lists will be invited to participate, but participation is not compulsory.
* Val Grills has joined the Pastoral Connections team - thankyou Val for your service in this important area of church life.
* The leading of prayers in worship my members of the congregation is greatly appreciated by council - thankyou!
* Council noted the increased pastoral care load being attended to by our Pastoral connections team and particularly Pam Seller in the absence of a minister in placement.  If anyone can assist with home visits, meals or other support, please speak to Pam.
* Council was briefed on the progress of the JNC in calling a new minister.  This process will impact on the management of the Roslyn Road Manse for the remainder of the year.
* We welcome Amin to our church maintenance team - you may see him cleaning the church as part of the weekly tasks that keep the St. Luke's buildings in good shape.  Thankyou Amin!