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**Jean Murray and Environmental Action Group.**

***This news sheet is available on the website each Saturday evening***

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**Forest Sunday**



**PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 3.**

* Give thanks for the gifts we have been given, and pray that they may be used to glorify God and to be used to help others.
* Thank God for the faith we have, and pray that our faith will grow through a closer walk with God as we follow Jesus in our daily lives.
* 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 pastoral needs, office management needs, and worship leadership needs will be met during the ministerial vacancy.
* Pray for the Church Council as they meet in the next few days, and for the important matters that are discussed.
* Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead all discussions and decision-making as the process to call a new minister to St. Luke’s continues.
* We give thanks that Des Bath is now home after many weeks in hospital.
* 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.
* Pray for Uniting and all its agencies who offer support to those in need.
* Pray for the environmental group as they lead worship next Sunday.
* Pray that there may be an end to terrorism, and pray for the victims and their families.
* Pray for those living in parts of the world where there is catastrophic famine, floods, poverty and disease.
* 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 10, 2017**

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| **FLOWERS** | O Tomkins | **USHERS** | M & P Seller |
|  |  | **WELCOMER** | P Seller |
| **MORNING TEA** | A & F Safarejad | **CAR DRIVING** | J Hicks |
| **SOUND** | K McAvaney | **POWERPOINT**  | J Daw |
| **CONNECTIONS** | L Robertson | **READER** | B Allen |
| **COMMUNION** | R Hodge, J George,? ? | **COMMUNION****SET UP** | J George, ? |

Communion for this month will now be held on the 10th September and will be led by Rev Peter Greenwood.

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

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**What is a prayer chain?**

“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.

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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.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT.**

** UNOPENED AND UNUSED**

 A true story is told about a young man who desperately wanted a new car for his graduation.

On graduation day his father presented him with a beautiful deluxe Morocco leather Bible.

The young man flung the gift at his father, and left home, never to return while his father lived.

After his father’s death he returned to get rid of his father’s belongings and came across the Bible which fell open.

Out fell a bank cheque and a note; it read, “Son take this cheque to the car dealer and pick the car of your dreams. Use the Bible as your road map through life. Love, Dad.”

The gift of the car was there all the time,

UNOPENED! and UNUSED!

God gave us the greatest gift of all. Eternal Life.

Have you accepted it or have you left it

 UNOPENED! and UNUSED!

We are told in the Bible, still our present day road map through life,

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3.16

Thank you God for this precious gift, may we use it wisely.

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**PRAYER COMFORT SHAWLS UPDATE**

* The presentation of the prayer comfort shawls by Pastoral Connections Ministry Team to those experiencing difficulties in the last few months such as loss, illness, frailty or loneliness has begun!
* This small gesture of love, concern and assurance of prayer has been very well-received. We are very grateful to all those who have contributed by knitting, crocheting and the generous gifts of money and wool. Thank-you very much.
* If you know of anyone in the community who would be uplifted and encouraged by the gift of a shawl, please contact Beth (52436874), Pam (52439575) or Val (52615342).

**LECTIONARY READINGS**: **September 3, 2017**

 **Exodus 12: 1 - 14 .. Psalm 149:**

 **Romans 13: 8 - 14 .. Matthew 18: 15 -**

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**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS**

 **OFFERING: ACTUAL:** $1,896 **Y.T.D.** $57,775 **BUDGET:** $1,711 **Y.T.D.** $58,171

**THIS WEEK’S DIARY**:

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| Mon | 4 | 7.00-9.00 pm | Geelong Chorale |
| Tue | 5 | 9.30-12 noon5.00-8.00 pm | Men’s ShedWeight Watchers |
| Wed | 6 | 1.00-3.00 pm6.30-9.00 pm | Pastoral Connections Min. TeamWelsh Ladies Choir |
| Thurs | 7 | 9.30-12.30 pm9.30-12 noon4.00-5.30 pm4.30-6.30 pm | Let’s Make MusicMen’s ShedChoir PracticeYouth Choir (Junior Choir) |
| Fri | 8 | 9.30-11.00 am10.30-12.30 pm2.00-3.30 pm4.00-7.00 pm | TrekkiesLet’s Make MusicCottage By The SeaMessy Church |
| Sat | 9 |  |  |
| Sun | 10 | 9.30-11.30 am | Worship – Rev Peter Greenwood HC |