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WELCOME

A warm welcome to everyone, especially any visitors who may be sharing with us today. All are invited to stay for fellowship and a cuppa after the service.



LECTIONARY READINGS: JUNE 11, 2017

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a; Psalm;
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

OFFERING: ACTUAL: \$1606 Y.T.D. \$35964
BUDGET: \$1711 Y.T.D. \$37639

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

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| Mon | Jun | 5 | 7.00 pm | Geelong Chorale |
| Tue | | 6 | 9.30 am | Men's Shed |
| | | | 5.00 pm | Weight Watchers |
| | | | 7.30 pm | Theatre of the Damned |
| Wed | | 7 | 1.00 pm | Chew, Chat & Threads |
| | | | | Pastoral Connections Ministry Team |
| | | | 6.30 pm | Welsh Ladies Choir |
| Thurs | Jun | 8 | 9.30 am | Men's Shed |
| | | | 9.30 am | Let's Make Music |
| | | | 2.00 pm | Midweek Worship |
| | | | 4.00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | | | 4.30 pm | Junior Choir |
| | | | 7.00 pm | Youth Choir |
| | | | 7.30 pm | Theatre of the Damned |
| Fri | | 9 | 9.30 am | Trekkies |
| | | | 10.30 am | Let's Make Music |
| | | | 2.00 pm | Cottage by the Sea |
| Sun | | 11 | 9.30 am | Worship – Rev. M. Russell |
| | | | 11.00 am | Pentecost Brunch |
| | | | 1.00 pm | Singing the Classics |

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

SHARING THE JOURNEY: During **June** Alison Lyons will conduct this section of worship. She can be contacted on 5241 2353 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.***

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*Come and join us TODAY
for a special "Slice of Pentecost"
morning tea.*



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER CORNER.

At St. Luke's prayer is considered an important and valued part of our worshipping community.

The Pastoral Connections ministry team offer several opportunities for you to share in this ministry.

1. You can become a member of the **Prayer Link**.

Submitted prayers are forwarded to those willing to commit time to pray for the joys and concerns of the congregation members and their family and friends.

These prayers are shared only after permission has been given by the person requesting the prayer and are always kept confidential.

2. You can fill in a **prayer request form**.

These are found in the container on the back of each pew and can be placed in the offering bowl or handed to Jean Williams or Pam Seller following worship. Urgent requests can be emailed to Jean on bijl.williams@gmail.com at any time during the week.

3. **Prayer candles**

These are available at the front of the worship space. Candles represent prayers offered privately for people or situations we care about.

4. Visit the **Prayer Corner**.

The Prayer corner is in the North-West corner of the sanctuary. This is a quiet place for reflection and private prayer. If you would like someone to pray with you see the worship leader, Jean Williams or Pam Seller.

WE ARE CALLED TO UPHOLD EACH OTHER IN PRAYER. PRAYING BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND TOGETHER.

GEELONG'S INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CHOIR will perform at The Potato Shed, Peninsula Drive Drysdale on Tuesday June 6 at 10.30 am. The cost is \$15 which includes Morning Tea. See the notice on the board near the hall door.

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- Give praise and thanksgiving to God for all the signs of His Spirit at work in the world working in the lives of people and in the wonders of creation. Empower those who are seeking to make this a better world for all its people.
- Pray for peace in the world, especially for politicians to seek peaceful resolution to conflict.
- Give praise for all the agencies that work for justice and to relieve suffering, helping the poor and marginalised.
- Pray for the administration of UnitingCare, as it brings together all 22 agencies under the one banner. Pray that people will not be disaffected by the changes, and that UnitingCare continues to give support to people in need.
- Pray for those who have serious health issues or are facing surgery. May they know God's peace, comfort and strength. Pray for all those in pain that they may find relief.
- Give thanks for all those who are giving leadership in worship during the ministerial vacancy.
- Continue to pray for our JNC team of John, Ian, Ken and Robyn and Presbytery representatives as they seek to find a minister for St. Luke's. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide them in their planning and deliberations.
- Pray for refugees and asylum-seekers as they seek a safe place to live, work and bring up their families. May authorities act with justice and compassion.
- Pray for the families who attend Messy Church, and for the team that plan and make it happen every month.
- Pray for a greater awareness of ways we can take care of our environment, through initiatives such as United Nations World Environment Day.
- Pray for those who are travelling – for safety.

NOTE: These are some of the suggested areas where prayer is much needed and appreciated. They are guidelines for your own private prayer. Names of members of the congregation who are sick or have special needs are not mentioned for privacy reasons, unless the person has given permission for their name to be printed. This weekly list of prayer points DOES NOT REPLACE THE PRAYER LINK, which is available for those wishing to submit confidential prayer requests (see article headed Prayer Requests and Prayer Corner.)

DUTY ROSTERS

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

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| CLEANING | N. & N. MCMILLAN | USHERS | A. & F. SAFAREJAD I. ALLAN D. YONGHUSBAND |
| FLOWERS | B. HUNT | KID'S CHURCH | |
| MORNING TEA | B. MURPHY H. SWAN | CAR DRIVING | J. HICKS |
| SOUND | K. MCAVANEY | POWERPOINT | I. POOLEY |
| CONNECTIONS | P. SELLER | READER | B. MURPHY |
| WELCOMER | J. HINES | ORGAN | |



MESSY CHURCH – 16th June

HELPERS WANTED!!!

Could you organise/prepare an activity or assist with an activity at Messy Church? Suggestions for activities will be given to you, it is just a matter of doing any necessary preparation and be there on 16th June. If you can assist please let Barbara Murphy know.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in June [18th], not our usual 1st Sunday. Please let your friends know of this change. We are adjusting to ensure we have an ordained Minister available to preside at the sacrament.

'BIRD OF MY SOUL' EXHIBITION AND SALE OF ARTWORKS.

This function is being held in the Wesley Church Hall from 10.00 am -5.00 pm concluding today. The entry is free and all proceeds from sales go towards legal support for people seeking asylum. Further details are on the notice board near the hall doorway.

KEY POINTS FROM ST. LUKE'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 16TH MAY 2017

- Roslyn Rd Manse is still available for lease through until end of October.
- Council is beginning to implement the new Keeping Children Safe procedures at St. Luke's in consultation with those in children & family ministry
- St. Luke's application to the Simpson Fund for 2017 was successful \$3,000 allocated to Messy Church and English Classes
- Joan Jackson has resigned as Membership Secretary and Robyn Hodge will take on this role. We thank Joan for her conscientious fulfilment of this role over the last 17 years.
- The worship ministry team is looking for a new banner co-ordinator as Jean Williams is retiring from this role. Thanks to Jean for her work in this area.
- Synod has released a Vision & Mission Booklet introducing the new directions for this council of the church arising from the Mission and Strategy review. Copies will be ordered for congregation members to use for personal or group study.
- Ministry placement profile is due for completion Monday 23rd of May. Copies of the completed profile will be emailed to congregation members and hard copies available in foyer for 4th June. Congregational meeting to approve on 11th of June.
- Council is still seeking a St. Luke's Presbytery representative. Please give your prayerful consideration for who would be good for this role and make your suggestions to Ian Pooley.
- Communion will be moved to the third Sunday of the month while we are using supply ministry, to overcome problems with finding ordained ministers on the first Sunday.
- Council acknowledges the new "Chat, stitch and chew" study group as an activity of the St. Luke's congregation. This group is supported by members of mission outreach and St Luke's members are warmly invited to attend.
- Volunteer availability for cleaning and lawn mowing is dwindling. We are now paying for mowing and may soon need to pay for cleaning.
- Council resolves to nominate Lloyd Walker for election to council at the next congregation meeting (currently Lloyd is co-opted). This then makes Lloyd eligible for election as Chairperson of Church Council.



St Luke's Environment Action Group

Welcome to Rae and the Trade Table joining the pledge – see Rae's "bag display"

PLEDGE

for

United Nations World Environment Day 5th June

For 1 month, starting 5th June, I pledge: -

Option 1

No Plastic Bags – I will take my own shopping bags to the supermarket, and/or -

Option 2

Live Plastic Free -Take my own coffee cup when I want a take away coffee

- Take my own water bottle
- Use glass containers
- Buy products in glass, paper or cardboard

Bump onto St Luke's Facebook page and share any difficulties living plastic free. Also count the plastic you have used for the month and put that on Facebook – let's see how many good ideas we can initiate.

Thankyou

St. Luke's Environment Action Group
Next meeting 26th June 2017
At 7.30 in the Fellowship Room

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017

A meeting will be held during worship to conduct the following business:

1. receive a report from the Joint Nominating Committee for the placement of a new minister at St. Luke's:
2. to approve the Parish Profile.
3. Endorse Lloyd Walker's appointment to the Church Council

K.L. McAvaney
Congregational Chairperson

ORCHESTRA GEELONG INC. presents its Winter Concert "Classic Fire" on Sunday June 18 at 3.00 pm in the Keith Humble Centre for performing arts at Geelong College. A lively and tuneful program of music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Alfred Hill features Flute, and Violin solos. Tickets at the door are \$20, \$15 [concession]. Youth are free. All welcome.

St Luke's Trading Table



Our Sunday trading table has been operating since 2008 because of our commitment to support Fair-Trade products (tea, coffee and chocolate) which we sell at cost price as we encourage people to give support to third world farmers by guaranteeing a fair price for their product.

Then this was closely followed in 2009 after developing our Church Community Garden. Surplus fruit, eggs and vegetables find their way weekly to the table and are always fairly priced.

People often ask about the monies raised:

Fair-Trade: Total sales = \$16,306.72 since 2008

This year to date = \$267.70 (Fair-Trade is sold not for profit)

Trading Table: Total sales = \$26,689.15

This year to date = \$1,820.75

Congratulations go to everyone at St Luke's for your loyal support. The Tables would not exist but for the generous 'surplus' food donated, and to those who shop at the tables.

From time to time 'special events' are held, the most recent example being when we held a **Mother's Day** table over 2 Sunday's... these were **Thinking Tables** Honouring Mothers, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

If you have a special passion which we could 'show and tell' on the tables, please talk with Rae. An event in June will focus on a Winter Games Table ... look in your cupboards for unwanted jigsaws, board games, cards or any other game that may attract people's memory of playing games from the 'good old days.'

Rae Anderson: Mission Outreach Ministry Team.

*St Luke's Trading
Table*

Supports War

on

Plastic Bags



To: Congregation of St. Luke's Uniting Church:

On behalf of myself, Wendy, Sandra and families, we would like to thank all members of the church for your kind wishes and condolences following the passing of Elva.

In particular we would like to sincerely thank all who assisted with the catering of afternoon tea for Elva. The willingness and effort to provide the food after the service was a lovely tribute to Elva.

Your support to our family has provided much comfort.

Sincerely

Merv. Baum