

Moorabbin-Dandenong Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

30th April 2023

Website: <https://mdlc.lca.org.au>



St James' Lutheran Church, Moorabbin

worshipping at the St James Worship Centre, 416 South Road, Moorabbin

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Dandenong

worshipping at the Marian Room, 24 New Street, Dandenong

Dandenong Lutheran South Sudanese Fellowship

worshipping at the Marian Room, 24 New Street, Dandenong (in Nuer)

Events and meetings – see also <https://mdlc.lca.org.au>

30th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday (Year A; white)

– **10:00am Combined Service at St James**

– **10.30am Holy Trinity: No Service**

– **2pm No Sudanese Fellowship**

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

7th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A; white)

– **9:00am St James: Service of the Word**

– **10.30am Holy Trinity: Service with Holy Communion**

– **2pm South Sudanese Fellowship in the Marian Room - per Koang**

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15,16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Please note:

Sunday 30th April is the 5th Sunday of the month so there will be a combined Holy Communion Service at St James at 10.00am. This will be followed by a bring and shared finger food lunch. There will be no services at Dandenong.

Birthdays this week and other matters for prayer

- **Birthday prayers and best wishes to all celebrating birthdays:** Gatluak Koi on Monday and Victoria Reat on Saturday.
- We pray for those who are suffering ill health including Elizabeth Leek, Valmai, Freddie, Horst, Blanka, Jana Diakovsky and Judith.
- We pray for Nyawarga Sham and Family following the death of her sister Nyawily in Sudan on the 9th April.

Notes and News

- **First Communion and Confirmation** - Over the last few months, I've observed that there are several young people in our community who are not yet receiving Holy Communion and are certainly within the appropriate age range and readiness to receive it. Several parents already have expressed an interest to me about this. As a general guide, children from around 7 years and up are welcome to engage in some teaching on Communion and being admitted to the Sacrament. I would therefore like to ask all parents to have a conversation with their children about receiving Holy Communion and let me or the pastoral assistants know that you would like your children to be able to receive the Sacrament. If so, I will be organising a teaching afternoon session for both parents and children where we will spend time discussing Holy Communion, what it means, how it functions in our spiritual life, and how it connects with our baptism. We will also have time in this session familiarising children with 'first tastes' of the wine and the bread. Once I have sufficient numbers, I will arrange a teaching session within the next few week/months that suits everyone's availability. In terms of Confirmation classes for any young people in their early to late teens, there already has been some interest shown but please again let me or the pastoral assistants know if any of your children might feel ready for this process. Confirmation classes have not yet been set this year, but generally are sessions conducted on a fortnightly basis over several months as young people and their parents explore the basics of the Christian faith and how it connects with their baptism and heart relationship with the Lord. Again, once I have sufficient numbers and interest, we can go about making some arrangements here. Please contact me if you are interested by email: matthew.huckel@lca.org.au or Mobile: 0493 517 081.
- **The Bond** - Articles for the Winter edition are due by Tuesday 16 May. Email to Jane Harding at neiljane@tpg.com.au or Koang Nhial at koangnhial2009@hotmail.com. Please keep articles to under one page/500 words. Note: The Bond will be shared on our website, meaning anyone can see it. Please keep this in mind if you plan to include photos with your article. Neil will help assemble this edition & will monitor Jane's emails while she's away in May.
- **Crafty Chat** – No Crafty Chat on 3rd May. It will resume on 10th May. If you have any questions, please call Jenny on 0418 170 810.

- **LCA Cross-Cultural Ministry Conference – Moving into the neighborhood** on 5-6 May at Quality Hotel Melbourne Airport, 265 Mickleham Road, Tullamarine. Details and registration www.lca.org.au/cross-cultural-conference Cost \$180. Any question check with Jenny Pietsch.
- **Gospel Fluency Workshop** St Paul's Box Hill invites people to attend this workshop to prepare in sharing the Gospel. The workshop is being led by Pastor Nathan Hedt (LCA Pastor for New and Renewing Churches). It is on Saturday 13 May, 9am to 11.30am at St Paul's Small Hall, 1201 Riversdale Road, Box Hill South. God is inviting you to go deeper in the joy of sharing in his mission! Please book your attendance by Tuesday 9 May via Garry Tepper, St Paul's Box Hill: tepperg59@gmail.com Also contact Garry if you have any queries.

Rosters

St James	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Clean/Flowers</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Welcome</u>
30 th Apr	Amber	Neil & Jane	Zoe	Belinda	Pam
7 th May	Michael B	Tricia	Zachary	Louise	Matt
Holy Trinity	<u>Pastoral Assistant</u>	<u>Readings</u>			
30 th Apr	No service				
7 th May	Jim Robinson	Jenny Zuiderwyk			

Pastor Matthew Huckel: Phone 0493 517 081
Church Office: Phone 9553 7099; email mdlc@lca.org.au
South Sudanese SMP in Training: Koang Nhial ph 0401 330 025
Weekly Bulletin: Forward items to Tricia Obelt at triciaobelt@gmail.com or call the church office on 9553 7099 before 5.00pm Wednesday.
Prayer Tree: Phone Judith Burgess 0458 643 614 any time day or night; all prayer requests remain confidential.
Confidential service for reporting abuse by church workers: phone 1800 644 628, write to PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070, or email report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Youth events kept simple!

Throughout the year, Nunawading and Waverley Lutheran Church and St Paul's Box Hill Lutheran Church will host events for our youth (high school aged children), families and friends with the aim to:

- connect our youth (high school aged children) together;
- allow our youth opportunities to spend time in biblical reflection with each other;
- provide an opportunity for young people who might be interested in learning more about God, or those who are sceptical, to have a safe space to investigate and enquire;
- build Christian friendships;
- connect families across the eastern metro area;
- provide an opportunity for easy intergenerational ministry.

These evenings are a chance to spend a relaxed time in fellowship with other Christians, share a meal, play some board games and have discussions about all things God and church. Families, friends and youth are then encouraged to go back to their communities and congregations refreshed and taking comfort in the knowledge that there are others out there who are like them, part of something 'bigger'! You don't have to be a believer to come, and you don't even have to be Lutheran!!

Families are very busy these days, with their children often committed to many different groups. Our Youth, Families and Friends events are intended to be occasional but intentional so that families can prioritise them.

The next event will be on:

Friday 5th May,

Hosted by St Paul's Box Hill, at: 711 Station St, Box Hill

7.00pm – 9.30pm

RSVP to Amanda: agargett79@gmail.com

All are welcome to these events!