

## Moorabbin-Dandenong Lutheran Church

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

7<sup>th</sup> May 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>

**7<sup>th</sup> 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

**14<sup>th</sup> May** – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day (Year A; white)

– **10:00am** St James: **Service with Holy Communion**

– **10.30am** Holy Trinity: **Service of the Word**

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

Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

#### Birthdays this week and other matters for prayer

• **Birthday prayers and best wishes to all celebrating birthdays:** Nyaliny Bong today, Aidan Farmers on Monday, Graeme Gebert, Amber Pereira and Nyawaraga Ruel on Wednesday, and Tim Tim on Friday.

• We pray for those who are suffering ill health including Elizabeth Leek, Valmai, Freddie, Horst, Blanka, Jana Diakovsky, Judith and Sabine.

• We pray for Siobhan Schluter and family following the death of her mother on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

• For Koang and family following the death of his aunt in Sudan/Khartoum. Also for her children who are struggling on the border of Sudan and South Sudan and are in need of assistance.

• For Pastor Matthew and family following the death of his Auntie, Chris Benz who died in Warragul last Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April.

• For Sabine O'Doherty who is very unwell with COVID. She is currently in Tasmania caring for her mother whilst her father is unwell in hospital.

• We pray for the people of Sudan with the continued civil unrest, leaving people stranded and without electricity, water, and food.

#### 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.

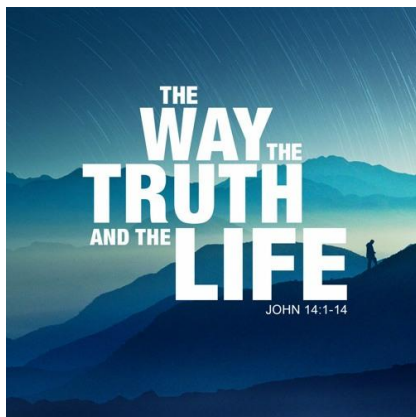
In terms of Confirmation classes for any young people in their early to late teens, there already has been some interest shown but please again let me or the pastoral assistants know if any of your children might feel ready for this process. Confirmation classes have not yet been set this year, but generally 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](mailto: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](mailto:neiljane@tpg.com.au) or Koang Nhial at [koangnhial2009@hotmail.com](mailto: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** – Wednesday from 9.30 – 11.30am at St James Worship Centre. Please join us for Craft, Chat, Coffee and sometimes cake. Everybody is welcome. If you are attending for the first time, please give Jenny Pietsch a call on 0418 170 810.
- **Lutheran Media 2024 Calendar Photo Competition** – Have the chance for your photo to be in the Lutheran Media Calendar and for prizes, by entering your inspiring photos of nature, landscapes, buildings and animals. For details go to [www.lutheranmedia.org.au/image](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au/image)
- **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](mailto:tepperg59@gmail.com) Also contact Garry if you have any queries.
- The General Church Board and the College of Bishops have appointed the project team to lead the Ordination Resolution Way Forward project. The three-person team of Stella Thredgold, Tim Niewand and Tony Vong met for the first time on 18 April at the LCA NZ head office in North Adelaide. The team's primary role is to project-manage the implementation of the 2021-23 General Synod resolution requesting a proposal to the next General Synod outlining how the LCA NZ could operate as 'one church with two different practices of ordination'.



#### Rosters

St James	Stewards	Clean/Flowers	Readings	Coffee	Welcome
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Michael B	David & Christa	Zachary	Louise	Matt
14 <sup>th</sup> May	David C	Tricia	Declan	Pam	Jane
Holy Trinity	Pastoral Assistant	Readings			
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Jim Robinson	Jenny Zuiderwyk			
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Jim Robinson	Martin Kruger			

**Pastor Matthew Huckel:** Phone 0493 517 081

**Church Office:** Phone 9553 7099; email [mdlc@lca.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au)

