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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

19th September 2021

Childlike humility

### Scripture

Read Mark 9:30-37

### Reflection

Jesus and his disciples were travelling from place to place. Jesus had already predicted his death (Mark 8:31-33), and he had taught that being a disciple meant denying self and following him (Mark 8:34).

Peter, James and John had witnessed Jesus' transfiguration, and still, the disciples argued among themselves about who was the greatest. How often do we (you, me) do this? How often do we experience that Jesus has something profound to say to us about who he is, about what is happening, about something supernatural, something that we do not understand? How often has Jesus spoken to us, given us his direction and asked us to do something, and still, we are concerned about our own greatness?

We gloss over what is supremely important in our walk with God, and we focus on ourselves. We justify, saying, 'I am okay, better, smarter, stronger, prettier, more important, greater than ...' Where is the humility and servitude in our approach?

Further along in this passage, we are instructed to welcome children. Yes, we are to take this literally, but we are also to embrace the childlike qualities of simplicity, innocence and humility. Instead of focusing on ourselves, on our own sense of self-importance and greatness, we are directed to welcome little children - because when we do, we welcome Jesus.

In Jesus' time, welcoming implied service. A host serves their guest. Selfless serving is the hallmark of Christianity. So, we are to selflessly serve everybody, including children. How will you humble yourself and simply and innocently welcome God, our Father, today?

Carolyn Ehrlich (LCA Devotions)

### Prayer

Father God, you are an amazing, gracious and wonderful God. Instead of welcoming you, I so often argue with others in ways that reflect my sense of self-importance and self-reported greatness.

I do this privately and publicly. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

In Jesus' awesome name, I pray, Amen.



## WE PRAY

19th September 2021

Dear Lord, we pray:

- † Your generous blessings on Tanya and Andrew as they begin their married life together.
- † Our humble gratitude to you for the success of Messy Church service last weekend.
- † Ongoing desire for you to bestow wisdom, discernment, ingenuity, collaboration, and courage on all state and federal leaders in Australian as they formulate the roadmaps that will bring all states out of lockdown and onto the path to social and economic recovery. Please guide every Australian resident to respect and adhere to the directives and recommendations of our leaders.
- † Your unconditional and abundant love and peace on all those around the globe who are suffering as a result of all manner of disasters - some natural, some manmade - some accidental, some premeditated. Energise, equip, and protect those endeavouring to help the helpless.
- † Heartfelt thanks and praise for the medical professionals watching over Margaret F and Barb S. Please bless Margaret, Barb, and their families with courage, and unshakable confidence in your promises, as they enter phases of treatment new and unfamiliar to them. Please bless us at ILC with the insight and compassion to support them as they need.
- † Thanks and praise to you for your guidance and protection over Pastors John Henderson and Andrew Pfeiffer throughout their terms as churchwide Bishop and Assistant Bishop. Continue to guide them in their final months in office. Prepare John for a peaceful retirement. Please guide the election of our new churchwide Bishop and Assistant Bishop at General Convention of Synod in October. Please begin preparing our new Bishop now to take up his role in October.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister Scott Morrison, State Premier Steven Marshall, and all our local government leaders.
- † The Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region. In particular, we pray for Alison Reidy at Seacliff Primary School. We praise you as Alison continues to get to know the school community. We pray for Alison as she supports the new students, staff, and families as they settle into the school.
- † The pastors and parishes, principals, and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for Albert Park/Semaphore Lutheran Church and Pastor Sam Davis.
- † The teachers, staff, students, and families of Immanuel Primary School and Immanuel College and their Principals Bec Clements and Kevin Richardson.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve in SA's universities, prisons, and hospitals.
- † The sick, the frail and the distressed in our congregation. We pray for Avis R, Barb K, Barb S, Jason W, Margaret F, Mavis W, and their families and carers.



## FRIENDS OF THE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES (FoLA)

**Monday 20th September** 7.30pm

Bethlehem House, Sudholz Place, Adelaide

**SIASSI STORIES** – Rosemary Winderlich & her pastor husband, Robert, spent 9 years on Siassi Island, Papua New Guinea. Rosemary will share some of their experiences with power point, music, photos, poetry & stories. All welcome, donations of \$4/\$5 appreciated.

### **ILC Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser**—Bunnings Edwardstown **Saturday 25th Sept**

There is a roster located at the 'Welcoming' table. Please fill in times that you're available and/or if you can provide/source/donate eskies, sausages, drinks, onions, condiments, BBQ utensils etc.

Contact Max Joyce for more information: 0458 690 918 or [amjoyce1@yahoo.com.au](mailto:amjoyce1@yahoo.com.au)

### **Lutheran Nurses Association of Australia (LNAA)**

All Healthcare workers, members and visitors are invited to attend our meeting on **Monday 27th September** 2021, with Dr Michelle Stone speaking on 'Current Trends in Dentistry, at 7.30pm at 137 Archer Street, North Adelaide, at LCA/SA District Office. Entry through rear door with 2 hour CDP evidence provided.



**LUTHERAN  
CARE**

**Lutheran Care** invite you to replenish their  
Emergency Relief pantry with:

**cereal | long life milk | sugar | tinned fruit**

Please leave your donations in the yellow tub in the foyer.

*(Due to health and safety reasons, all donations must be sealed and in its original packaging.  
Thank you for your understanding)*

**Fullarton Lutheran Homes** is participating in the current  
***Simultaneous Art Exhibition 2021***  
arranged by the LCA's Visual Arts Group on the theme, "Living Water".

The Homes' items can be viewed on its webpage [www.flh.asn.au](http://www.flh.asn.au)  
(click on the blue rectangle to be taken to the page to view individual photos of items displayed)

"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" - Amos 5:24

The adjacent painting was painted by Janet Pfeiffer to decorate the College prayer chapel when Greg Pfeiffer was our Pastor. The painting was no longer required when the prayer chapel was refurbished and redecorated by the college. If any member of ILC would like this painting, please contact Max Joyce or a member of Church Council.



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## COMING UP

Sunday 19 September	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday 23 September	9:00am	Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel
Sunday 26 September	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

## SWLMN

The South West Lutheran Ministry Network is a partnership between Faith LC Warradale, St Pauls LC Glenelg, St Marks LC Underdale, Calvary LC Glandore and Immanuel LC Novar Gardens.

Here are some of our shared ministries:

- **Men's Breakfast** at Warradale, 8;00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Contact Darryl Miegel for more information: 0409496462
- **Youth at Warradale.** Contact Warradale Lutheran Church for more information. Phone: 8377 1731
- **Worship at Minda**—11am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month. Contact Glenelg Lutheran Church for more information. Phone: 8295 6376.



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doing in worship today.



## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-31	A capable wife
Psalm 1	
James 3:13 - 4:3,7-8a	The wisdom from heaven
Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest