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OF AUSTRALIA
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**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday 25th September 2022
The other Lazarus**

Scripture

Luke 16:31

Reflection

We begin a week of reminders about truth.

This is one of my favourite Gospel stories about wisdom that is so helpful in our Christian walk. It's perhaps not so well known to many. In fact, it's sometimes known as being about 'the other Lazarus'.

We may spend so much time trying to convince others of the truth in a particular situation, knowing that 'the truth will set us free' (John 8:32). Sometimes, we cannot understand why we are not experiencing that promise in earthly terms.

Remember this story the next time you are discouraged, disadvantaged or persecuted, or maybe simply praying earnestly for a family member who has a miracle right before them – and still does not believe.

As if we don't need any more reminders – we do know, of course, that there were people who saw a man rise from the dead (Jesus) and did not believe. Even some of Jesus' close followers needed a nudge or to touch his hands and side.

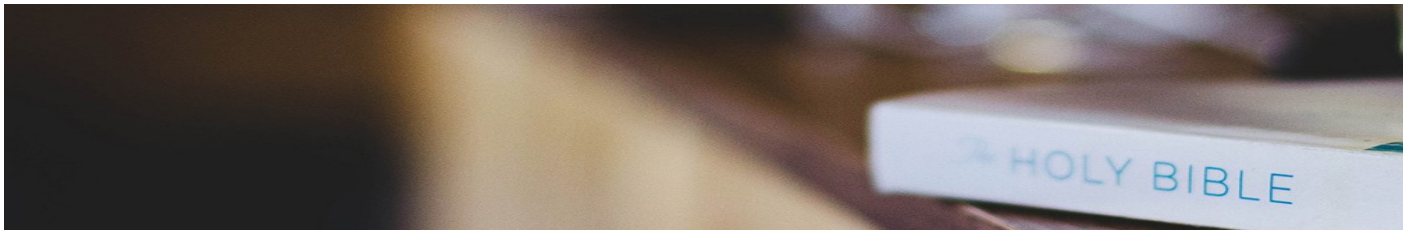
Whatever situation you are in right now, where others simply will not believe, remember: You are in the best company: Jesus' company!

Some couldn't see any miracle at all. Even when a man was raised from the dead, they would not believe. We do not have a God who only acts by 'our works'. We have a God of miracles; they are his. We remain faithful in prayer.

by Sal Huckel

Prayer

Lord, open our eyes and ears to see and hear your truth. Give me patience when I cannot persuade with testimony and truth known to you and others. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WE PRAY
18th September 2022

Dear Lord, we pray:

- † Your justice would prevail in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. We hear many miraculous stories of Ukraine forces driving back the Russian onslaught. We hear commentators describe Russia struggling to continue their offensives and calling for more volunteers to fight. But we also hear Putin's veiled threats of nuclear warfare. This raises fear and anxiety in hearts all around the world. Let your hand be shown, all-powerful Lord, that that your will may be known, and your peace may flow around the globe.
- † As the celebrations of the faith, life, and reign of Queen Elizabeth II draw to a close, we pray your peace and guidance over King Charles III as he grapples with what will exemplify his reign.
- † Our gratitude for your guidance and provision for Messy Church last Sunday. Thank you for all those who attended, especially the new families, and thank you for the efforts and commitment of Jacquie and our volunteers. Thank you for Damian and the Primary School's commitment to, and support of, our Messy Church Ministry. Please inspire more volunteers to join the Messy Church team.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, State Premier Peter Malinauskas, and all our local government leaders.
- † The leaders you have appointed over the LCA/NZ, churchwide (LCA Bishop Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop Neville Otto, and the College of Bishops), and locally (District Bishop, David Altus, and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- † The Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region. In particular, we pray for the Clovelly Park Primary School. We praise you for Wendy Cove's 15 years of service in the school. We pray you would bless Wendy in her retirement, and we ask your guidance over the selection team as they recruit a new PCW.
- † The pastors and parishes, principals, and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for Immanuel Lutheran Church and Pastor Greg Page, Meredith, and family, and Immanuel Primary School and Immanuel College and their Principals Bec Clements and Kevin Richardson and families.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve the armed forces, hospitals, Police, prisons, and universities in the SA/NT District, and their coordinator, Heidi Smith.
- † The sick, the frail and the distressed in our congregation. We pray for Avis R, Barb K, Jason W, Keith P, Margaret F, and their families and carers.

ST PAUL'S LC GLENELG GARAGE SALE-Saturday 1 October 7am to 12pm

Books, bric-a-brac, children's items, crockery, linen, electrical items, garden stall at 48 Brighton Road, Glenelg.

SA POLICE BAND CONCERT-Sunday 23 October 2:00pm

The Corner Uniting Church, 93 Oaklands Road Warradale. Tickets at the door \$15 adults \$5 children, refreshments included, trading table. All proceeds go to our School Chaplains supporting Brighton, Glenelg and Marion school communities.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-27 to 29 October

Quilt Exhibition celebrating 25 years of Glenelg Quilters at St Paul's LC Brighton Road, Glenelg on Thursday 27th October & Friday 28th 10am—4pm, Saturday 29th 10am—3pm
Entry \$2, morning or afternoon tea \$5, trading table & raffle with proceeds going to **St Paul's Community Care.**

Op-Shop and Food Care need: soap | shampoo | toilet paper



LCANZ LOCAL MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL

Collect your appeal letter from the Welcoming Desk or your pigeon hole to support Care Ministries, Cross-Cultural Ministry, Grow Ministries, Lutheran Media, New and Renewing Churches.

LUTHERAN NURSES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA-Monday 26 September 7:30pm

All healthcare workers, members and visitors are invited to attend our meeting with Megan Oudshoorn speaking on 'House Model' for Aged Care, at 137 Archer Street, North Adelaide, at LCA/SA District Office. Entry through rear door with 2 hour CDP evidence provided.



LLL AUSTRALIA interest rate has just gone up again to 1.10% for at call Accounts and 1.70% for 6 month Term Deposits.

REG is facilitated by using the LLL direct debit system. To use this convenient, safe and confidential way of giving a regular offering to our congregation please see details on the back of this Bulletin.

OFFERINGS SHORTFALL

By the end of August our congregation's offerings were \$ 2886, or \$87 per week, less than the figure that we agreed to when approving this year's budget. Most of this shortfall has occurred during the last three months of this year. You may recall that when we approved our budget for this year, I advised that everyone would need to increase their offerings by \$2 per week, and I am thankful to those of you who have then increased their giving. This shortfall in offerings needs to be addressed if our congregation is to meet its financial commitments and survive into future.

Note: 1. A large proportion, if not all, of this year's fundraising proceeds will be used to meet the expenses incurred in replacing the northern boundary fence at the manse.

2. Copies of ILC's monthly financial report, including details offerings received, are placed on the pin board in the ILC room every month for your reference.



We are Immanuel Lutheran Church

We believe that God is with us and works through us.

Our vision is to be a Spirit-led family of faith that joyfully receives, lives and shares the Gospel. We share Jesus' love with others, gather people into his presence and grow together in his grace.

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COMING UP

Sunday 25 September	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-16th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday 29 September	9:00am	Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel
Sunday 2 October	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-17th Sunday after Pentecost-Day light saving time starts

REGULAR ELECTRONIC GIVING (REG)

To use REG, fill and lodge a Direct Debit Request Form (available from the office), giving the LLL authority to transfer a specific amount from your bank account to ILC's REG account.

Bank Account Details

Account Name: NOVAR GARDENS IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH REG A/C

BSB: 704942

Account No: 25223S1 For donations and offerings from an account at the LLL

Account No: 100100643 for donations and offerings from an account with a Bank or Credit Union etc.



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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Psalm

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Woe to the complacent

Psalm 146

Pastoral advice to Timothy

Parable of the rich man and Lazarus