Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Sutherland NSW
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Lutheran Church of Australia

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Please join us for a morning tea after our worship service.

If you are new to the church and would like to find out more information about worship and other activities, please speak to Pastor Luke.

Holy Communion at our church is for all:

- Baptised believers
- who know their need for forgiveness
- who believe Jesus himself is present with his body and blood in this meal with the bread and wine.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP
16th December 2012
3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We pray that you are blessed as you worship God in this place. A special welcome to any visitors that are with us today.

If you would like to find out more about Jesus, if you are searching for something in life, feeling lonely or maybe confused and not to sure about the future holds - feel free to send our Pastor an email on pastor@gslcs.com or drop past our office for a friendly chat. More information can be found on our website: www.gslcs.com

Sexual abuse is totally unacceptable to the church and to society as a whole. The **LCA Safe Place** Committee has established a confidential service for responding to complaints of sexual abuse/harassment by church employees and leaders. Trained advisors are available to help. **PHONE FREECALL NUMBER 1800 644 628** or write to: The Supervisor, PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Announcements

1. **A Big Thank You** to all those involved in the preparation and running of this years Children's Christmas Service. Special mention goes to our Children's Ministry Coordinators Gillian Brooks and John Robertson. We also thank the Band for playing our lovely Carols. We pray that through this service you are once again caught up in the reality that Jesus is Immanuel - God with us, God in the flesh!
2. **New Roster for 2013.** Please note that a new roster has been prepared for 2013. We appreciate your help and ask that if you cannot help out on a rostered day that you organise to swap with someone else. This rostering system is the best and fairest way to keep the Lord's house clean and tidy so that we can worship the Lord and be a welcoming place to visitors and new members.
3. **Pastoral Visits.** Pastor Luke and members of our pastoral care team continue to regularly visit the sick and shut-ins, however, if you would like a general visit to talk, receive prayer and to be blessed, please email or talk to Pastor Luke or Ann Robertson to arrange a visit.
4. **Prayers**. Pastor Luke regularly schedules time to pray for the community and our individual needs. If you would like a special prayer request added to this list then please contact Pastor Luke or a member of our Pastoral Care Team.
5. As part of the **LCA's 175th anniversary celebrations next year,** the LCA is compiling a collection of **175 stories** that will together reflect the history of Lutherans in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and South-East Asia. These stories will be about ordinary Lutheran men and women who exemplified service or who figured in significant events in our Lutheran narrative. The stories, which will be about people now deceased, will tell not only what they did but also something of their personality and faith. Lay people will feature prominently in the collection. We are inviting every congregation to contribute a story.We do stress, however, that not every story received will be published in the collection. All of them will, however, we passed on to Lutheran Archives to take their place in the story of the LCA.We realise that not everyone can write confidently, so suggestions and ideas for stories are also invited. Examples of stories can be found on the LCA website: http://www.lca.org.au/175-stories.html Please send stories (around 500 words), with a photo if possible, and suggestions for stories to Dr John Koch: John.Koch@lca.org.au or 34 Gallery Road, Highbury SA 5089 **by 28 February**. Also include the author's name and contact details.

We Remember In Prayer

- For Pastor Luke as he and his family prayerfully consider a call to St Martin's Lutheran Church in Gladstone.
- For the children of our congregation, their families, our Sunday School teachers and helpers and those who support this important ministry.
- Members and friends of our community: David Harris, Anneli & Sam Skippari, Helene Schaefer, Eesa Witt, Tania Kaiser, Rita Zalcmanis. For those who are traveling at this time.