

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin

St. Peter's Greenock (GR)

St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)

Nain Lutheran Church (N)

*Invest your life
in what pays
eternal
dividends.*

Sunday 18th September 2022

Pentecost 15

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Bulletin info to Nola or to Parish Email by **Wednesday by 5pm**.

Welcome... We pray that you are blessed through the hearing of God's Word and His assurance of sins forgiven. May your lives respond in praise and thanksgiving. Thank you to Pastor Brian Schwarz for leading today's services at Gnadenfrei Marananga and Nain and to John and Ali Barkley leading the Lay Reading service at St Peter's Greenock.

OPENING.....

There is one God; and one mediator between God and human beings,
the human being **Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.** (1 Tim 2: 5, 6a composite)

PRAYERS

Lord, help your people to avoid all contamination of the devil, and to follow you, the only Lord, with pure hearts and minds. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering Prayer... Let us pray:

Lord God, help us not to hoard our wealth and possessions, but gladly serve you, our only Master, by giving of ourselves and what we have. Amen

PARISH PRAYERS – THIS WEEK ...

Pastor Brian & Janet Schwarz, Ali & John Barkley & family (LR-Greenock)
Declan Neldner (M); Ivan & Sandra Schwarz (GR); Margaret Linke (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

TODAY'S PSALM 113

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, you his servants;

praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be praised,

both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is exalted over all the nations,

his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God,

the One who sits enthroned on high,

who stoops down to look

on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

he seats them with princes,

with the princes of his people.

He settles the childless woman in her home

as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.**

Bible Readings:

Sunday 18th September – Pentecost 15 (Green) – Psalm 113

1st Reading: Amos 8: 4-7 Against swindlers and exploiters

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 The church is to pray for all people

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 The parable of the shrewd manager

(Gnadenfrei & Nain) **Sermon Theme** Luke 16: 1-13 'What to do with your wealth'

NOTES ON THE READINGS...

AMOS 8:4-7: In this section the prophet Amos denounces the sharp business practices favoured and praised in Israel. Through their profiteering, merchants make it impossible for the poor to keep out of crippling debt and ultimate slavery. Their overwhelming greed to profiteer is seen in their impatience with the long-established religious festival days. The Lord will never forget them for the actions that bring about such injustice to the poor.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7: Paul urges the young pastor Timothy to make sure that every kind of prayer is made for all people, including those in authority. The spread of the gospel will naturally be more effective if peaceful conditions prevail. He also offers other reasons: that God wishes all people to be saved; that God is one and therefore relates to the needs of all people; that Christ was a mediator for all people; that Christ became a human being that all might be saved; and that Paul himself was an apostle to the Gentiles, and therefore to all people. God has commanded that all Christian service is upheld by prayer and has promised to hear.

LUKE 16:1-13: Jesus is talking to the affluent here, people who are so wrapped up in their pursuit of money and consumer material goods that they don't bother giving time to pursue their eternal welfare before it is too late. This illustrative story does not praise dubious practice in business. Jesus uses the astuteness of the dishonest manager as the quality to be emulated by Christians when addressing their spiritual needs. The children of light (disciples of Christ) are not as industrious by and large at pursuing eternal life as to like the children of this world are in getting ahead! The second comparison is in faithfulness of stewardship. Christ makes the point that Christian service needs to be directed single-mindedly to the Lord, not mixed also with material greed.

SERVICES: Please refer to Bulletin for services – sometimes The Leader makes wrong entries from info given to it on Friday before Wednesday issue

Sunday 25th September Pentecost 16 (Green)

Nain 9.00am HC with Pastor Jim Bryan

Gnadenfrei 9.00am LR with Helen Carter

Greenock 10.30am HC with Pastor Jim Bryan

**JAM Bible Society Presentation + Subway lunch + Fundraising activities in Hall

Baptism of Alby John Fenton (son of Thomas Fenton & Courtney Doecke)

Sunday 25th September – Pentecost 16 (Green) –

1st Reading: Acts 16: 5-15 God guides Paul to go to Philippi

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 The parable of the rich man and Lazarus

St Peter's Greenock: Sunday 25th September

Flowers – Chris Mibus **Cleaning** – Lyn Waldhuter & Kylie Lindner

Welcoming / Attendance /Wilfriede Kalleske & Rosalie Olafsen

Readings – Lyn Waldhuter **PowerPoint** – Rhys Werner **Sound** - Lisa Werner

Music – John, Ali, Kylie L, Megan & Sally **Stewards** – Mark & Noelene Kalleske

St Michael's Gnadenfrei Marananga: Sunday 25th September

Readings – Ginny Jones **Welcome / September** – Yvonne & John Pfeiffer

Covid Restrictions - our response of care

- **Parish Prayer Group Tuesday 20th September**, 10.00am at Helen Wendt's and continuing 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. All welcome.
- **Friends of Lutheran Archives (FOLA) Thursday 22nd September**, 7:30 pm. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 139 Archer St, North Adelaide. **"WILF: A true story of hardship, hope and heart."** Heidi McLeod introduces her novel covering the early years of her grandfather Pastor Wal Fritsch. He was one of a group of Australian Lutheran theological students studying in Germany when WW1 broke out. As an 'enemy' he was detained for the duration. All welcome, \$4.00 donation, supper.
- **Despite the public holiday**, the FoLA meeting scheduled for next **Thursday 22 September** will go ahead as planned, and will begin with a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. The event will also be accessible by live-stream at 7.30pm (Adelaide time) via the link shorturl.at/tyzUX

- **St Peter's Greenock Bible Society Worship, Fundraiser + Baptism: Sunday 25th September.**
Please join us for 10:30am worship as the JAM children share about the Bible Society in the Pacific Islands, followed by a Subway lunch (by registration only – form in Chat Room – closes today), trading table and other fun activities. Also celebrating the Baptism of Alby Fenton.
- **Shoeboxes of love.** Packing of 60+ boxes at Gnadenfrei hall on **Friday 23rd September**, 7:30pm. All welcome. If you would like to contribute, the most useful items are: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hair brush, comb, socks and undies (in children's sizes 4 to 12), stickers, coloured pencils, eraser and sharpener, pencil case. Also small toys to fit in a shoebox such as tennis ball, high bounce balls, skipping rope, yo-yo, cars, farm animals, small musical instruments.
Please bring your items or leave them in the Gnadenfrei hall or contact Jenny Neldner. Monetary donations will also be gratefully received as boxes cost \$10 each to send off. Thank you all very much for your support of this project.
- **Birthing Kits for PNG** will be packed at the Ladies Fellowship meeting on **Tuesday 27th September**. We are aiming to pack 50 kits and would appreciate donations of cakes of soap, newborn singlets size 0000 or 000, cloth nappies and large linen squares (eg cut up old sheets 1 metre x 1 metre size). Donated items can be passed on to a member of the Ladies Fellowship or contact Jenny Neldner. Thank you for your support of this project.
- **If your weekly bulletin** is missing from your email inbox, check your email 'Junk box'.
- **Barossa Lutheran Care:** The Emergency Relief programme will appreciate your support during **September** with items of peanut butter, strawberry jam and toothpaste.
- **Latest LCA e-news:** Press Ctrl and click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/220913>.
- **Holy Communion at home:** If you, or you know someone, who requires Pastoral visits with Holy Communion, please let one of your congregation Pastoral Assistants know so that this can be arranged.
Please also send your Bulletin notices by Wednesday 5pm to the Parish Office address – greenock.sa@lca.org.au. Late notices may miss out being printed or may have to be heavily edited to fit on the Bulletin pages. Thankyou.