

# LIGHT LUTHERAN CHURCH INC

A sincere, warm welcome to all our members and any visitors who are worshipping with us today. May God bless our being in His presence and in Christian fellowship with each other.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Epiphany



Bethel

Bethlehem

St John's

St Mark's

Trinity

Bethel

Allen's Creek

Kapunda

Freeling

Rosedale

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## For your Prayers this Week

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**Bethel**  
**Bethlehem**  
**St John's**  
**St Mark's**  
**Trinity**

Pray for a new year filled with opportunities to share the hope of God's promises with those around us.

Lord Jesus, I seek Your peace as this year unfolds. Calm my anxious thoughts and quiet my restless heart. Let this Christian prayer reminds me that You are in control. When challenges appear, help me stand firm in faith. Fill my days with Your presence and my nights with rest. Amen.

- [40 Powerful Prayer for New Year to Begin With Faith, Peace, and God's Blessings - Light And Gospel](#)

[Worship Service YouTube Link](#)

Epiphany: <https://youtu.be/CKkRWZInUXE>

# Bible Readings

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1: (1-9) 10-18

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

## This Week

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 2:1-5

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Matthew 2:1-12

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Zechariah 14:6-11

Thur 8<sup>th</sup> John 8:12-20

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Romans 10:11-17

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm 29

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – CHILD SAFE

The Light Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. Light Lutheran Church acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. Light Lutheran Church also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important



responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

## Women's Fellowship

### **In recess until 2026**

Kids Club

## Kid's Club

### **In recess until 2026**

Kids Club invites all school aged children Kindy-year 7 to join.



## Care and Share

### **In recess until 2026**



## Bible Study at Kapunda

### **In recess until 2026**



## Lutheran Care~

### **In recess until 2026**

PSALM 139:1-6

O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away.

You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am.

You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know!

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

### SOMETHING OLD—SOMETHING NEW SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

*The end of the Church Year flows into the beginning of a New Calendar Year, almost effortlessly; except that we have chosen to recognize a beginning and an end, in the hope that the new will be an improvement on the old. ...*

*Although, the wise king Solomon suggested that there is nothing new under the sun.*

*Nevertheless, there is great value in reflecting—Facebook and Google keep reminding me of what happened 12 months ago or even five years ago. Mostly it is reminiscing; sometimes it results in serious reflecting on where I have been and where I have come to.*

*This year will involve some serious reflection on both the past and the future, for me, at least. There is a lot to reflect on, 70 years of blessings, 49 years of marital bliss, 46 years of ministry, almost 7 years of Light. But that is the past. Just as significantly, the next 12 months take on a direction of their own. And those months ahead*

*bear serious consideration.*

*However, such reflections are not carried out in a void. Life is experienced and lived in the light of God's grace and love. Our*

*journeys are shadowed by the care and compassion of a generous Lord.*

*This is the perspective of Psalm 139. The psalm writer reflects on the way that the hand of God plays a role in every part of our lives. On the one hand, that causes serious concern, if God is interfering in things that we hold dearly. (There is no place that can hide me from God.) On the other hand, there is unbelievable comfort and satisfaction knowing that God has showered grace on my life, especially at moments I have needed his love and compassion.*

*How are you going to journey this coming year? Will you run with purpose and boldness, even in a rush? Or will you step forward cautiously, always conscious of the inevitable roadblocks ahead?*

*Leigh Newton wrote a song based on this Psalm: **Search me, O God!** It has become a cry for God to search, to heal, to comfort, to encourage and to guide. The foundation of this confident prayer is that God's loving devotion and tender touch alone are the source of my confidence in life.*

*Our worship this New Year offered praise for God's care in the past and prayed for a peaceful future in the year ahead. Your life is always lived in the hands of our loving and gracious God.*

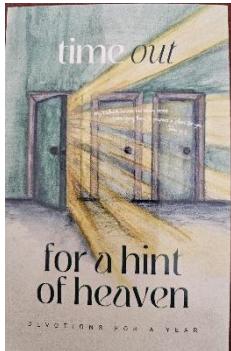
*Your shepherd-servant and brother in Christ.*

**Pastor Geoff**

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## LIGHT FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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**Timeout Devotion books:** Timeout devotion books are available for \$26 each, if you would like one, please let Karrissa know via phone 0427706691 or email: [lightlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:lightlutheran@gmail.com).

# COMMUNITY AND CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January- Epiphany/ Baptism of Jesus

|               | Allen's Creek | Bethel   | Freeling | Kapunda | Rosedale   |
|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Service Times | No service    | 10:45am  | 9am      | 10am    | No service |
|               |               | HC       | HC       | LR      |            |
| Pastor        |               | G Kuchel | G Kuchel |         |            |

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January- Epiphany 2

|               | Allen's Creek | Bethel | Freeling | Kapunda  | Rosedale |
|---------------|---------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Service Times | 9am           | 9:30am | 9am      | 10:45am  | 10:45am  |
|               | HC            | LR     | PR       | HC       | HC       |
| Pastor        | G Kuchel      |        | J Bryan  | G Kuchel | J Bryan  |

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January- Epiphany 3

|               | Allen's Creek | Bethel | Freeling | Kapunda | Rosedale   |
|---------------|---------------|--------|----------|---------|------------|
| Service Times | 10:45am       | 9:30am | 9am      | 10am    | No service |
|               | HC            | LR     | HC       | LR      |            |
| Pastor        | G Kuchel      |        | G Kuchel |         |            |

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**Bulletin Notices to Freeling Office by end of Wednesday**

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