

Together



Sunday 18 February 2024

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land

Worship services

Sunday 18 February	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell
Sunday 25 February	8.00am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	9.45am	Rev Greg McConnell HC
	5.30pm	Rev Greg McConnell

Narla Hostel services are held each Friday at 3.45pm

Dinner Church—every Sunday at 5.30pm

Dinner Church is a casual service for all ages with a message, a catered meal, prayer, discussion and more. Rev Greg will bring us the message this week with Greg & Wendy sharing and catering.

Lectionary readings for the coming week

Gn 17:1-7,15-16	Ps 22:23-31
Rom 4:13-25	Mk 8:31-38

Onsite internet: St Luke's Guest - no password required



Welcome to St Luke's Uniting Church, Belmont



A place for everyone

A church where you are welcome regardless of who you are, where you are from, and whom you love

Pray for those known to you who are in hospital,
not well or recuperating

Bank transfer option for your weekly offerings

If you would like to transfer your offerings into the St Luke's Uniting Church giving account the details follow.

All transfers are anonymous.

BSB: 634 634

Account No. 100028307

Account name: St Luke's Uniting-Giving Acc

Thank you for supporting the St Luke's Uniting Church!



Calendar

Monday 19 February

Activity Centre meet from 9.30am with Book Club from 10am

Tuesday 20 February

Quirky Quilters meet from 10am

Thursday 22 February

Thursday Bible Study meet from 1.30pm

Just Kids Term 4 dates

Feb 18, March 3 March 17



1 **9.45am Communion Preparation**

Needed are people to be part of the roster for the preparing and packing away of communion for the 9.45am service. Please write your name on the roster on the back table if you are able to help.

2 **Unite / All Families - Pizza & Movie Under The Stars**



We are kicking off this year's social program with one of our popular annual events. Saturday 2nd March at 6pm at the Hudson's -10 Gilgal Place, Belmont North.

Bring: picnic chair, blankets + snacks & drinks to share. Adults \$8, Kids (under12) \$5 *RSVP to Meredith by 25/2 on 0425 259 020 or email pmhudson@optusnet.com.au. Movie title decided closer to the date. Hard copies of the program will be available from the table in the gathering area soon.

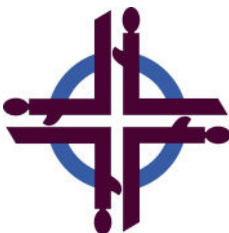
3 **World Day of Prayer Service**

10 am

Friday 1 March 2024

Charlestown Uniting Church 24 – 26 Milson Street

The World Day of Prayer liturgy this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Given the turmoil and devastation occurring in the Middle East, it will be an opportunity to gather together for prayer for the world, but especially for the people of Palestine, in words they themselves have prepared.



4 **Friendly Foodies**

A new social group is starting at St Lukes called Friendly Foodies.



It's an eating out group and everyone is welcome - all ages, members of the congregation, members of our other church groups and also friends, relatives and people you'd like to get to know better from outside the church

It will provide a great opportunity for people to get to know each other while enjoying a meal together

It will meet for meals in many and varied eateries around Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and the Hunter.

If this is something you would like to be a part of in 2024 (you can attend however often you like) then please put your name on the sheet provided in the gathering area and I'll be in touch with you so we can work out some details and organise the first meal.

Alison Cleary

5 **2024 Dates For Your Diary**

from St Lukes Community and Outreach Team

4th May: Trivia Night

3rd August: Bunnings BBQ

16th - 30th June: Pie Drive

4th & 18th August: Soup & Slice Sundays

7th September: Festival of Music (this day will include stalls)

7th December: Bunnings BBQ

6 Lent Event

Uniting World Annual Lent Event is being held again this year: 14th February – 28th



March 2024. The theme this year is “40 Days of Faithful Action for God’s Creation”. Climate change is threatening our world. Uniting World want to see a world where people are working together to fight climate change. Our world needs hope and courage and each of us can make a change. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

- **Personal:** During this season of Lent we can make a significant change in our lives that benefits God’s creation.
- **Political:** We can use our voice to influence our community to demand urgent climate action.
- **Practical:** We can make a gift to support critical climate action in vulnerable communities. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope marked “Lent Event” and place in the offering bag.

Genesis 9:8-17 NIV

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

Mark 1:9-15 NIV

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Jesus Announces the Good News

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"