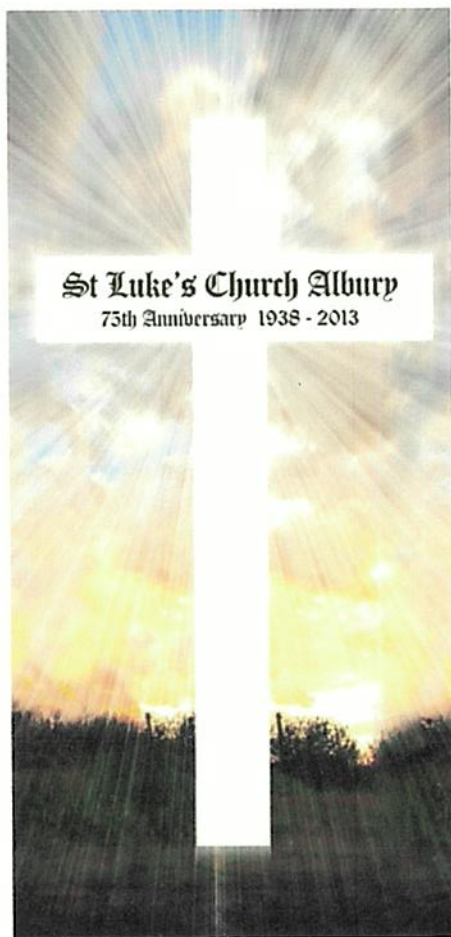


# Welcome To Our Celebration



Sunday 13th October 2013



## PSALM 121: Sung by choir

### INVOCATION

♪ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ Amen.

### SONG: Shout to the Lord

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY

♪ Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy).

♪ Lord, have mercy.

♪ Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy).

♪ Christ, have mercy.

♪ Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy).

♪ Lord, have mercy.

#### GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

♪ Glory to God in the highest,

♪ and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased.

We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;

have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord,

you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

#### PRAYER

♪ The Lord be with you.

♪ and also with you.

Let's pray...

## **BIBLE READINGS**

Isaiah 35:5-8 *Pastor Lyle Bartel*

2 Timothy 4:5-11 *Dr Peter Lockwood*

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53 *Dr Dean Zweck*

**SONG:** In Christ alone

**MESSAGE** *Bishop Mark Lieschke*

## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will  
have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken  
through the prophets. We believe in one holy christian and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SONG AND OFFERING:** Lift high the cross

## OFFERTORY SONG

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## OFFERING PRAYER

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## CONFESSION OF SINS

♪ Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
♪ He made heaven and earth.  
♪ I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.  
♪ Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, of the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen

## FORGIVENESS

## PREFACE

♪ The Lord be with you.  
♪ And also with you.  
♪ Lift up your hearts.  
♪ We lift them up to the Lord.  
♪ Let us give thanks to the Lord.  
♪ For that is fitting and right.

Lord God, our heavenly father, It is truly right and good, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name:

## **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **LORD'S PRAYER.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION SONG**

♪ LORD, Now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all people;  
a light to reveal you to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forevermore. Amen.

## **THANKSGIVING**

♪ The Lord be with you.  
♪ And also with you.  
♪ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Hallelujah!  
♪ For his love endures forever. Hallelujah!



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BLESSING

♪ Let us bless the Lord.

♪ God be praised forevermore.

♪ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour,† and give you peace.

♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY:** Now thank we all our God

# **CONCISE HISTORY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH**

## **PREPARED FOR THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**CELEBRATED 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2013.**

### **EARLY DAYS**

After the 1st World War and after the persecution of the German Lutheran faith had subsided there were a good number of Lutherans in the Albury township of approximately 10,000 and its surrounds.

So just prior to Christmas 1926 the first service was held and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1927 Pastor Stolz presided over the inaugural meeting of the new congregation. Services were held in various locations over the coming years. These places included a hall near Hoyts Theatre, The Church of England Sunday School Hall (both in Olive St.) and the Presbyterian Church for special occasions. The first mention of building a church was at a meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 1928 but with the onset of the Great Depression the project came to an end.

### **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ST. LUKE'S CONGREGATION**

In 1935 a building fund was established and during the first weeks of 1938 the then serving pastor, Pastor Linke, undertook a town of collection tour in N.S.W. which was well responded to. And so with the building fund standing at £1200 the decision was made in spite of the Depression to go ahead with the building of a church. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August the same year the contract for £1408 was let to F.W. Lemke.

The foundation stone for St. Luke's Church was laid on 28<sup>th</sup> September by Pastor J.H. Linke, and the dedication service was held 18<sup>th</sup> December 1938, with Pastor Stolz officiating.

### **EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH PLANT**

In 1945 the first definite steps were taken to build a hall at the rear of the church. In February 1948 A.B. & M.A. Chick commenced the building of the hall at a cost of £1600. The job was delayed somewhat due to a shortage of materials as a result of the Second World War. However, on 6<sup>th</sup> November the hall was dedicated by Pastor B. Muelzelfeldt assisted by Pastor C. Scheer. The cost was £1600. On 11<sup>th</sup> September 1963



extensions to the hall were commenced, much of the work being done on a voluntary basis and overseen by Mr N. Jacob. The cost was estimated at £5000.

### **MANSE CONSTRUCTION**

In 1949 the Albury Parish Council decided it was time to provide a manse for the pastor. Consequently the block of land adjacent to the church was purchased for £1200 (which was generously donated by a parish member). Construction commenced on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1954, the contract having been awarded to W. Vickers for £5300. Once again due to the shortage of materials the manse was completed in April 1955.

### **THE AMALGAMATION OF THE E.L.C.A. & U.E.L.C.A.**

With the amalgamation of the two Lutheran Churches it was decided to enlarge St. Luke's Church in Guinea St. The extension to St. Luke's to the south commenced in October 1966. In the interim most services were held in Trinity Lutheran Church in Swift St (home of the former E.L.C.A.) with special services e.g. 1966 Christmas Service in the Red Cross Hall in Dean St. Extensions were completed and with cost of the extra pews amounted to \$14,874. With substantial donations this left a deficit of \$9617. The **dedication of the extensions to St. Luke's was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1967**, Pastor E. Sabel presiding with Pastor Sander as guest preacher.

### **FURTHER UPDATES AT ST. LUKE'S**

During the following years St. Luke's purchased the house on the corner of Macauley St and Guinea St. This is called St. Luke's House and is used as the church offices. Following this the house next door in Macauley St was purchased with the view of further expansion. This property is currently leased to tenants.

The other major updates were carried out around 2000; these included the erection of a covered area on the Western side of the church with the covered walkway linking this area to the hall. At the same time the floor in the porch was levelled with the removal of steps and an area at the back of the church now part of the porch set aside for parents with small children. The dividing timber wall was decoratively carved with biblical figures by Pastor Bartel with the upper half plain glass panels. Access ramps were also built to the church and hall for wheel chair access. Kitchen modifications have also been carried out and inside invalid toilet and a parents room have also been provided in the hall area. The stage area in the hall has also been removed and the entire hall floor carpeted.

## SERVING MINISTERS SINCE THE SYNOD AMALGAMATION

### Pastors

Ern. Sabel 1965 – 1969  
Doug. Tscharke 1969 - 1977  
Norman Jaensch 1977 - 1984  
Peter Lockwood 1984 - 1988  
Dean Zweck 1988 - 1996  
Lyle Bartel 1997- 2005  
Geoff. Kuchel 2006 - 2012

### CONCLUSION

St. Luke's Congregation gives thanks to God for the abundant blessings which have been shed on it since its inception after the Second World War. The members have lived through persecutions handed out to the German residents during the war years; through the Great Depression years; through floods, fires and other catastrophes over the years. Over all these years faithful members driven by their love for their god have given time, talents and money to St. Luke's. This would not have been possible without the support, advice and sometimes the admonition of faithful pastors – our spiritual shepherds.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

(Information for this article was taken from The History of St. Luke's Congregation researched by Mr Given Friedrich.)