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OUR MISSION

“Celebrating life in Jesus, Growing in Faith, Sharing his Love”

Third Sunday after Epiphany
26th January, 2025

*May you know the love of the Father;
may you know the grace of the Son;
may you know the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in all you do this week. Amen.*



SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 2nd February, 2025

Faith:	8.00 a.m.	(Max Klein)
Redeemer:	8.00 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Graham Pfeffer)
St. John's:	9.00 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Lester Reinbott)
	5.30 p.m.	(Malcolm Quinlan)
Gracehaven:	10.30 a.m.	(Dave Stewart)
Rosedale:	10.30 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Graham Pfeffer)

Lectionary Readings for next Sunday

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



Celebrating life in Jesus

Valuing: Joy, Vibrant Worship, Hospitality, Discipleship, Faith at Home, the Gospel, Grace, Personal Faith.

Our Ministry for This Week

Monday: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - Australia Day Public Holiday
Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Young Adults Fellowship Group in the Church Hall
Friday: 8.45 a.m. Opening School Chapel Service in the Church



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

CONDOLENCES

Mrs Jean Jarick *nee* Stanke, widow of Pastor Vincent Jarick, passed on 16th January, 2025, aged 95.

We pray that God will comfort Mrs Jarick's children Michael, Andrew, Lester, Rosalie, Susan and Tim, their families, and those who feel the pain of her

death most deeply.

The funeral will be held at St Luke's Lutheran Church Nambour on 30th January, 2025 at 11.00 am. A livestream link will be supplied if one becomes available. A memorial service will also be held on 24th January, 2025 at Immanuel Gardens Buderim.



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 27th January, for Australia Day Public Holiday.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT FAITH

After Service today at Faith, we will be having a special Morning Tea and a thong-throwing contest. Please bring a plate of Australian themed food to share (i.e. scones, lamingtons, damper, etc).



OPENING SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICE

St. John's Lutheran Primary School Opening Chapel Service, with Installation of new staff and blessing of all staff, will be held in the Church on Friday, 31st January at 8.45 a.m.



RECOMMENCEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S 5.30 P.M. SERVICES

St. John's 5.30 p.m. Services will recommence next SUNDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.



NOTICE OF INSTALLATION OF PASTOR GREG BENSTED

We have received confirmation that Pastor Bensted's Installation Service is to be held on 23rd March 2025 at the 9.00 am Service at St. John's.

We are truly blest to welcome Pastor Greg to our congregation in this time of pastoral vacancies in many deserving congregations and I personally am looking forward to experiencing his ministry to us and with us.

Please join us for the celebration and installation at St John's. I encourage everyone to support this special celebration and join together in united and uplifting praise as we gather to give thanks for the continued blessings our gracious God bestows on us.

In His service, Geoff Sampson, Chairperson, St John's Church Council.



WORSHIP SERVICES AT GIN GIN

Pastor Graham Pfeffer will be taking Worship Services at Gin Gin on the first and third Sunday of each Month. Services will now be held at the Anglican Church's Godfrey Wilson Memorial Hall, 41 Mildren Street, Gin Gin. *A welcome is extended to all to attend these Services.*



FROM PASTOR GRAHAM PFEFFER

RESULTS OF SURVEY

I received 30 responses from the Parish. I put the number received for each one where those who responded ticked. From the low response from Faith and St John's I gather most are ok with the vote.

16	I am ok with the vote
8	I am not ok with the vote, but this is what synod approved and I don't want to leave the LCA
6	This vote has burdened my conscience, to the point I question if I can remain in the LCA NZ

We can talk about what the decision means for this at our Parish AGM on the 16th March. If you would like to talk to me personally, contact me on 0419 845 777 to come and chat with you.



DATE CLAIMER

BUNDABERG LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH CAMP

Friday, 2nd to Sunday, 4th May, 2025

Wyper Park Scout Camp 1458 Childers Road, South Bingera, 4670

Would you like to be on the planning committee? Contact Pastor Graham



The Parish Youth Group will meet on Friday, 14th February - time and place TBA.

FIRE, WIND, SILENCE 

HOLY SPIRIT

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025
5.30PM–7.30PM
OPTIONAL DINNER & WORSHIP

SATURDAY, 1 MARCH 2025
8.30AM–4PM
WHOLE DAY CONFERENCE

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
126 WISES RD. BUDERIM

\$25 / person

[immanuelchurch.au/holy-spirit-2025](https://www.immanuelchurch.au/holy-spirit-2025)

PRAYER
WORSHIP
BIBLE STUDIES
TESTIMONIES
SPEAKERS
FOOD



FIRE, WIND, SILENCE: Holy Spirit Conference

When: Saturday, 1 March 2025, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Buderim (Sunshine Coast)

Register now for only \$25 / person! To register use this link

<https://www.immanuelchurch.au/holy-spirit-2025>

What's in store:

- **Prayer and Worship:** Experience the Spirit in community 🙏
- **Bible Studies:** Discover what Scripture reveals about the Spirit 📖
- **Testimonies:** Hear real stories of the Spirit's transformative power 🗣️
- **Speakers:** Be inspired by Spirit-led leaders 🗣️
- **Fellowship:** Enjoy food, laughter, and connection 🍷

Plus, don't miss the optional Friday night dinner and worship to prepare your heart!

Let's rediscover, celebrate, and experience the Holy Spirit together.

Mark your calendar and invite others to join this exciting journey!

PARISH COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR 2025

The current Parish Council Chairman and Treasurer are retiring and we are requesting people consider nominating for these positions. The current Vice-Chair and Secretary are continuing in their roles and would be able to assist the new appointees to take up these positions. Please prayerfully consider whether you would be able to take on either of these positions. For further information, please speak with Ron Pozzan.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME BADGE!!!

As I have been announcing, it would be helpful to our new pastor if we were all wearing name badges by the time he starts in March 2025. So if you have one, put it in a place to remind you when you leave for church. Some people store them in the pigeon holes at church and if that works for you well and good.

If you don't have a name badge, Eryl is collecting details to do a bulk order depending on the numbers. There are 2 types, traditional pin type and magnetic which doesn't leave holes in your Sunday best. They cost around \$12.00 each.

I will be looking out for your co-operation!! *from Geoff Sampson.*



GRACEHAVEN FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Gracehaven Friendship Group will recommence on Wednesday, 12th February at 9.30 a.m.



PRAYER GROUP

St. John's Prayer Group is currently in recess and will resume in February.

SCRIPTURE READINGS ROSTER FOR
ST. JOHN'S 9.00 A.M. SERVICE



26/01/25 Brenda Cochrane
02/02/25 Greg Uebergang
09/02/25 Christine Tyson
16/02/25 Malcolm Quinlan
23/02/25 Kay Tesch
02/03/25 Laurel Mathews
09/03/25 Melva Ferguson
16/03/25 Alicia Graham
23/03/25 Annette Beh



Growing in Faith

**Valuing: Spiritual Growth, Biblical Knowledge, Relationships,
Passing on Faith, Innovation.**

LUTHERAN WOMEN QUEENSLAND MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organisation is now due for the year 2025. Membership Cost is \$12.50 and is payable to either Joy Croucher or Karen Bryce. Being a member of Lutheran Women will bring to you via a Newsletter, the news of all happening with our Sisters throughout Queensland as well as invitations to attend various Rallies and Retreats.

A small group of women gather at Joy Croucher's home at 20 Marks Street, North Bundaberg, at 9am on the first Thursday of each Month for Bible Study and Morning Tea Fellowship. Anyone is welcome to attend.

LWQ UPCOMING RETREATS

LWQ Central Queensland 29 - 30th March, 2025

Calvary Lutheran Church, 59 Burnett Street, North Rockhampton

LWQ Queensland Retreat/Convention 16th - 18th May, 2025

Kingaroy Lutheran Church, Youngman and Markwell Streets, Kingaroy

Please contact Karen 0407 629 100 or email htonkar@gmail.com if you are interested in either of these. I have the programme and registration info.

INVITATION TO A CUPPA AND CHAT

A "Cuppa & Chat" is held on the first Thursday of each month at 1pm at River Cruz Café, 3 Quay Street, Bundaberg.

The next catch-up will be on THURSDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2025.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME ALONG!!

For more information, please contact Sheryl Gayfer on 0487 749 298.



Sharing his love

Valuing: Outward Focus, Loving One Another, Using our gifts, Shared Ministry, Service, Community Care.



MAINLY MUSIC - Will resume on Wednesday, 5th February. New families, including Grandparents, are welcome to attend. We are in need of fill-in volunteers when regular team members are away. You must have a current Blue Card. For more information, please speak with Gay Ridge or Lyn Duldig.

ST. JOHN'S **MORNING TEA ROSTER 2025**



Have a wonderful day

PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DAY, PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE ON THE ROSTER BELOW

DATE	NAME	NAME
26 January 2025	Laurel Mathews	Carla Heaton
2 February 2025	Judy Krenske	Adrian Krenske
9 February 2025	Melva Ferguson	Lyn Milton
16 February 2025	Laurel Mathews	Carla Heaton
23 February 2025	Judy Krenske	Adrian Krenske
2 March 2025	Melva Ferguson	Lyn Milton
9 March 2025	Laurel Mathews	Carla Heaton
16 March 2025	Judy Krenske	Adrian Krenske
23 March 2025	Melva Ferguson	Lyn Milton
30 March 2025	Laurel Mathews	Carla Heaton
6 April 2025	Judy Krenske	Adrian Krenske
13 April 2025	Melva Ferguson	Lyn Milton

If supplies for morning tea are running low or out, please contact Allison Heiner on 4151 2760.

Thank you.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this country. Keep it faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.

Bless our country, Australia, and help those in authority to strive for harmony, honesty and justice. Remember our King, Charles, our Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, our Premier, David Crisafulli, those in our local government, and all who maintain law and order.

Guide our industry, our education, our arts, culture and leisure activities, our mass media, our science and technology. Be with the unemployed and the overworked, the sick and the aged, the poor, the needy and the lonely.

Protect our nation from hatred and violence, from arrogance, discord and confusion, and from all evil. Bring unity among the different peoples of our land: the Indigenous and the non-Indigenous people; those born here and those from overseas; the rich and the poor.

Help us to care for the land and protect its fragile environment, so that the blessings you give can be enjoyed by others.

Be with us in our journey here through this life, and finally take us to our true home with you forever. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. The LCA 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.

The LCA 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.



LCA CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CONGREGATIONS

- 1 Our culture, leadership, and governance are child safe
- 2 We value, respect, and listen to children
- 3 We include families in child safety decision-making
- 4 We respect and welcome children with diverse needs
- 5 Our people are suitable, screened, and supported
- 6 Our reporting and complaints system is child focused
- 7 Our people understand child safety
- 8 Our risk management has a child safety focus
- 9 We regularly review our child safety progress
- 10 Our policies and procedures are child safe

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life