



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

29/06/2025

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

Following Christ

Without... Excuse

### Upcoming Service Times

This Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

SPLC 9am

SPLAC 10:30am

Next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July

SPLC 9am

SPLAC 10:30

Online Recording Of Service

Available from Tuesday Evening

Check out on our Webpage

### Prayer of the week



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we want to follow you wherever you lead. Help us follow you. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. Help us leave our excuses behind and choose to follow you. Amen!

**Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. —Luke 9:62**

In today's Gospel text, Jesus resolutely travels to Jerusalem, and, ultimately, toward the cross. Along the way, he encounters several people...some who refuse to welcome him and others who desire to follow him— but only after they take care of some personal business. Jesus' response: no excuses. The work is urgent. There is no looking back. We must be focused. The time is now. It strikes me that when we are working in line with what God has planned for us...when we are listening and following with the same focus and determination that Jesus demonstrated, then there are no limits to what can be accomplished through us.

We are called to move >> out!...armed with Jesus' love, focused on furthering Christ's kingdom, determined to not be distracted by the world and everything in it...

### Bible Readings

#### Today

2 Kings 2:1,2,6-14

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

#### Next Week

2 Kings 2:1,2,6-14

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62



where love comes to life



# OPEN GARDEN INVITATION

Come wander through our garden on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of July.

From 9am to 4pm  
17 Masters Ct, Morayfield

Entry by donation. Crocheted Blanket Raffle.  
Artworks for sale. Tea, Coffee. and biscuits available.

Money raise will benefit Lutheran Youth of Queensland.  
LYQ is a self-funded-not-for-profit charity.  
Your support will make a huge difference in LYQ's mission to grow connected, hope-filled people.

Neil & Lois Kube

## SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY



*food, Faith, Fun!*

**5PM SERVICE**  
**DINNER 5:45PM**  
**\$5 PER ADULT**  
**KIDS EAT FREE!**

**Relaxed family friendly  
worship &  
activities for the kids.**

What do you call a fake noodle?



An impasta!

**Restarting 16<sup>th</sup> July**

## COFFEE AND KIDS

COME JOIN US FOR  
A COFFEE, CHAT  
AND PLAY!

**FREE**



### INFORMATION

-  Every Wednesday (during school term)
-  9am - 10.30am
-  65 Smiths Road, Caboolture
-  All ages welcome

Run by St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## Why was the sand wet?

## Because the sea weed!







**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY**

# WINTER CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY 19 JULY**

**12:00-6:00PM**

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY  
SCHOOL MAIN OVAL

**RIDES - STALLS - FIREWORKS**  
**FOOD TRUCKS - BBQ - PERFORMANCES**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR

## *Name Badge*

Please wear your name badges  
to church services each week.

**Especially as Pastor James  
and his family get to  
know everybody.**

**If you need a name badge,  
please let the office know  
and we can make one up  
for you free of charge**



**PENNY  
SAEGENSCHNITTER**

ST PAUL'S BLACKSTUMP



**Church Camp**

**12th - 14th September**

**At Googa Outdoor Education  
near Blackbutt (1.5hrs away)**

**We hope you will join us there,  
day visitors are very welcome.**

**Blackbutt Avocado Festival is on Saturday  
which is sure to be fun and an added bonus!**

**More information coming soon!**

**Any questions, contact Lois Kube [kubefamily@gmail.com](mailto:kubefamily@gmail.com)**



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**Monday: Jesus Set His Face to Go to Jerusalem**

During Jesus' earthly ministry, he moved toward the cross with resolution and purpose. It is so important to remember that God, since the time of the Fall, intended for Jesus to die. Read Luke 9:51; John 12:27; 2 Timothy 1:9; and 1 Peter 1:18-20. What does this say about God's amazing love? Think about the events in Jesus' life and ministry; ponder the love, compassion, and mercy he demonstrated. Remember that his destination was the cross. Consider his resolute, laser-like focus. Ask the Spirit what you might learn from Jesus' example.

**Tuesday: Look at Jesus!**

Read John 1:1-14; Luke 9:51-62; Philippians 2:6-8; 1 John 1:1-2; and Revelation 1:12-18. Look at Jesus: true God and true man; despised, rejected, persecuted, crucified; risen, exalted, mighty, glorious, and transcendent. Those who encounter Jesus in the Luke 9 text see the man: prophet, healer, and teacher. James and John had seen Jesus' glory at the Transfiguration (9:28-36), and they seem eager for a display of his power (9:54). We worship the resurrected and exalted Jesus; we see glimpses of his eternal glory (Revelation 1), yet are we more willing to follow Jesus than those in the Luke 9 text? Can we say "no" or "wait" to Jesus? Tell Jesus you will follow him.

**Wednesday: "But...Lord"**

Think about it: if Jesus is truly Lord, and he is, do we have any right, any justification, for saying, "but...Lord"? Read Luke 9:51-62 and notice the responses to Jesus: the Samaritans reject him because they don't like his agenda; we don't know how the three men (9:57-62) ultimately respond, but, initially, we see roadblocks to full discipleship. What are they? Consider that the father (9:59-60) might not even have been near death. Do we sometimes tell Jesus, "when... happens, then I will"? Do we give lip service to discipleship, but waver in our commitment to follow Jesus? Have an honest conversation with Jesus about what it means to follow him.

**Thursday: I Will Follow Jesus**

Read Luke 9:57-62. Does Jesus promise that being his followers will be easy? Just what does he promise? Consider Matthew 5:11-12; John 8:34-36; 10:10; 13:12-17; 14:1-3; 15:9-20; 16:33; and Acts 1:8. What else are we promised in Romans 8:31-39? Think about the freedom we have in Christ: freedom from sin and death; freedom to live abundant, joyful, purposeful lives, knowing we are loved and have an eternal inheritance. Tell Jesus you want to trust him enough to follow him wholeheartedly. He is worthy.

**Friday: Move from Complacency to Discipleship: Follow Jesus!**

In order to plough in a straight line, a farmer must fix their eyes on a distant spot and stay focused on it. Jesus draws a parallel and tells us we must make a decision to follow him, without delay and without being deterred. Read Matthew 6:33; 13:44-46; Luke 9:57-62; Philippians 1:21; 3:13-14; 4:12-13; and Hebrews 12:1-2. Consider again Jesus' resolute focus (Luke 9:51; Hebrews 12:1-2) and our call to fix our eyes on Jesus and follow him. Following Jesus means being a servant; it is purposeful, passionate, joyful, abundant, and sacrificial living. Pray the words of the folk hymn: "I have decided to follow Jesus...no turning back, no turning back!"

**Saturday: Take My Life**

Read Mark 12:29-31; Luke 9:51-62; Romans 12:1-2; and Revelation 2:4; 3:15-16. Pray for the desire to follow Jesus whole-heartedly; ask the Spirit to teach you what it means to live for Jesus. Pray Frances Havergal's lyrics: "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love...Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it Thine...Take my heart; it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne...Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee."





# MORE THAN MUSIC MENTOR: Core Content

Training for the heart & the art of worshipping singers, instrumentalists, technicians & leaders  
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SATURDAY

26

JULY

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PROGRAM  
1:30 to 5:30PM

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The LCA NZ Standards of Ethical Behaviour are based on Scripture and are applicable to every member of the LCA NZ and all aspects of the life of the church.

In particular, they relate to:

- our personal behaviour
- our pastoral care
- caring for children
- our communications
- financial and administrative matters.

You can read the full document at  
[www.lca.org.au/seb](http://www.lca.org.au/seb)



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# Growing FAITH at home

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## Following Jesus



**GrowMinistries**  
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



[www.growministries.org.au](http://www.growministries.org.au)

Sunday between  
June 26 and July 2  
(if after Trinity Sunday)



## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What is something that you have put off doing? Why?
2. Jesus asked people to follow him, but sometimes they put it off, saying "I need to do this or that first" (Luke 9:59-61). Is it hard for you to follow Jesus sometimes? If so, in what ways?
3. If Jesus asked you to move somewhere else to do his will, what would be hardest for you to leave behind?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

|          |                           |                               |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>S</b> | <b>Luke 9:51-62</b>       | The cost of following Jesus   |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Luke 9:21-27</b>       | Following Jesus               |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Luke 14:25-34</b>      | Considering the cost          |
| <b>W</b> | <b>Luke 5:27-31</b>       | Levi follows Christ           |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Matthew 13:1-8</b>     | A crop is produced            |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Galatians 5: 13-25</b> | Living by the Spirit's power  |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Psalm 16</b>           | What a wonderful inheritance! |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23







## CREATIVE RESPONSE

- Share any opportunities you had for witnessing about Christ during the week at school, at work, in the neighbourhood or at home.
- Invite your neighbours for a meal at your home. Get to know them and their needs.
- Make your home a welcoming place for your children's friends.
- Encourage your children to invite their friends to your church youth events, to Sunday morning worship or to a church youth or kids camp.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Some followers of Jesus today still give up 'home, family, and means of income' to share him with others. Do you know of anyone who has done this (e.g. missionaries in other countries)? Ask your pastor or church friends to suggest someone to you. Find their address and write a note of encouragement and thanks to them. Pray for them this week.

Find out more about mission in the LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia) here:

<http://www.lca.org.au/board-for-mission.html>



## MEALTIME PRAYER

**Thank you, Lord,  
for potatoes and  
meat. We love  
being your hands  
and feet. Amen.**



## PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, we  
want to work for  
you. Please help  
us to let go of  
things that hold  
us back. Amen.**



## BLESSING

**May God's love  
enable you to follow  
Jesus.**





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## **Prayer Corner**

**Health & Wellbeing, Recovery** - Sue Ancell, Glenys Creevey, Clare Dopking, Jan Maroske, Marie Nicholson, Paul King; Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Graham Schrodter, Leanne Maroske, Dianne Kleidon; Clarice Emmert; Avis & Geoff Stapleton, Michelle La Spina; Russell Walker; David Goldhardt, Russell Wuersching, Johnitha Coombs.

**Palliative Care:-** Ruth Jericho,

**In Hospital:-** Wendy Riekstins

The family of Noel Stiller who passed away recently

The family of Dulcie Nielsen whose funeral is this Tuesday  
at Traditional Funerals Chapel

