



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY
12/07/2026

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7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

*The Gower
Never Wastes
a Seed*



Upcoming Worship Service Times
@ St Paul's

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th July

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 13th July

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19th July

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday 20th July

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:10-13

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:1-11

Romans 8:12-25

Matt 13:1-9, 18-23 Matt 13:24-30,36-43

How Does a Tree Grow in a Cliff?

Have you ever noticed a tree growing from the side of a cliff and wondered, "How did it get there?"

At first glance, it seems impossible. Solid rock shouldn't be able to sustain life. Yet over many years, leaves, seeds, rain, and time slowly formed enough soil for something extraordinary to grow.

Jesus' Parable of the Sower reminds us that God often works in much the same way.

This week we hear God's wonderful promise from Isaiah that His Word never returns empty. Even when we can't see what He is doing, God is quietly at work—softening hearts, creating faith, strengthening hope, and bringing life where we least expect it.

Perhaps you've wondered whether your prayers matter, whether your Bible reading is making a difference, or whether God is still working in someone you love.

This weeks message and daily devotions invite you to discover again the quiet, faithful work of God through His living Word.

Why not take just a few minutes each day this week to read, reflect, pray, and listen. You may discover that while you've been looking for the harvest, God has already been preparing the soil.

After all, if God can grow a tree in a cliff... imagine what He can grow in you.



where love comes to life

What's On

at St Paul's

Together in Faith, Serving our Community



St Paul's Lutheran Ladies Fellowship Caboolture

Our next get together is on
14th of July at 9am.

For more details please see Mavis Thamm.



St Paul's Caboolture and Bribie Island Church Fellowship Picnic

From 11am
at Bribie Island.

Sunday 12 July



GOOGA CHURCH Camp

FAITH. FRIENDS. Adventure.
A WEEKEND TO GROW TOGETHER.



11TH - 13TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

JOIN US!

An awesome weekend of fun, faith and fellowship for all ages.



GREAT OUTDOORS



AWESOME PEOPLE



STRONGER FAITH



AVOCADO FESTIVAL

Work in Progress

1st Wednesday of the Month

Join us for an evening of craft, games, and crafting.

For women of all ages

NEXT GATHERING

Wednesday
5th August



St Paul's Lutheran Church

100th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



18th of October
Formal Anniversary Service



25th October
Informal Lonest Lutheran Lunch

We look forward to seeing you!

WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE • SHARE

CHURCH PICNIC

FUN • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP

THIS SUNDAY
12TH JULY
AT 11AM



PASS THE PARCEL



GUESS WHO?



AND MUCH MORE!



PLEASE BRING A
Bowl of Salad
TO SHARE

THANK YOU!

PLEASE BRING ALONG
SOME LOOSE CHANGE
FOR THE
LOLLY JAR GUESS!



BBQ SAUSAGES
PROVIDED!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
THROW SOMETHING ELSE
ON THE BBQ, PLEASE BYO



PAPER PLATES AND
CUTLERY WILL BE PROVIDED.



TABLES WILL BE PROVIDED



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR
IF YOU HAVE ONE (SOME WILL BE AVAILABLE)



PLEASE ALSO FEEL FREE TO
BRING A PICNIC BLANKET



CUPS AND WATER, CORDIAL,
TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
ANY OTHER DRINKS.

Let's share
good food,
great company
and God's love!

COL FISHER PARK,
BANKSIA BEACH, BRIBIE ISLAND

Help Us Tell the Story of 100 Years

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1926 - 2026

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St Paul's Lutheran Church, we are putting together a commemorative book that tells the story of God's faithfulness throughout the life of our congregation.

We would love your help!



Do you have old photographs, newspaper clippings, service sheets, event programs, or other memorabilia connected with St Paul's?

Whether they capture worship services, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, church camps, fellowship events, building projects, Sunday School, youth groups, or simply everyday life in our church family, *they all help tell the story of who we are.*



Every photograph has a story, and together these stories will help preserve our shared history for future generations.



If you have items you would be willing to share, please speak with **David or Helen Williams** or bring them to church over the coming weeks. We will carefully scan or photograph your originals and return them to you as soon as possible.



If you know the names of the people in the photos, the approximate date, or the occasion, please include that information if you can—it will greatly help us as we prepare the book.

PLEASE HAVE ALL SUBMISSIONS TO DAVID AND HELEN BY THE 9TH OF AUGUST.

Thank you for helping us celebrate **100 years** of God's grace and faithfulness at St Paul's.

Together, we can preserve these treasured memories for generations to come.



Worship



Sunday School



Baptisms



Youth Groups



Building Projects



Fellowship

WALKING WITH THE LORD Exercise Daily

Monday: God Never Wastes His Word

Isaiah 55:10–11: "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Our world measures success by what can be seen. Yet God's kingdom often grows quietly beneath the surface. Isaiah compares God's Word to rain that waters the earth. Long before new shoots appear, seeds are absorbing moisture, roots are stretching, and life is beginning. So it is with God's Word. Every time we hear Scripture, gather for worship, or receive God's promises, He is at work—even when we cannot yet see the results. Perhaps you've prayed for someone for years without seeing change, or faithfully read God's Word while wondering if anything is happening. Isaiah reminds us to trust God's promise rather than our observations. His Word is never wasted. It always accomplishes His gracious purpose.

When have you recognised God's work only in hindsight?

How does God's promise encourage you to keep praying and trusting?

Lord Jesus, thank You that Your Word is living and active. Help me trust that You are working even when I cannot see immediate results. Strengthen my faith and teach me to wait patiently for the harvest You are preparing. Amen.

Faith in Action: Read today's passage slowly and ask, "Lord, what seed are You planting in me today?"

Tuesday: The Sower Never Stops Sowing

Matthew 13:3–9

The farmer in Jesus' parable scatters seed generously—on paths, rocks, weeds and good soil. At first it seems wasteful. But Jesus wants us to see the heart of the Sower. God does not wait until our lives are perfectly prepared before speaking His Word. He comes to anxious hearts, broken lives, doubting minds, and wandering souls. He keeps sowing because He never gives up on His people. That is good news for us. If God waited until we were ready, none of us would hear His voice. Instead, He meets us exactly where we are with His grace.

Where do you most need to hear God's Word today?

How have you experienced God's patient pursuit in your own life?

Father, thank You for never giving up on me. Continue to sow Your Word into my life and shape me by Your grace. Help me to reflect Your patience and love to others. Amen.

Faith in Action: Encourage one person today with a message reminding them that God has not forgotten them.

Wednesday: Soil Takes Time

Romans 8:5–11

A tree growing from a cliff reminds us that good soil takes time to form. Leaves fall, plants decay, dust gathers, and rain slowly creates the conditions for life. The Holy Spirit often works in much the same way. We may long for instant growth, but God patiently shapes us through His Word, through worship, through joys and disappointments, and through everyday faithfulness. Growth is often slow—but slow growth is still growth. The Spirit has not finished His work in you.

Where can you see God patiently shaping your faith?

How does knowing that the Holy Spirit works over time encourage you?

Holy Spirit, continue Your quiet work within me. Give me patience to trust Your timing and shape me more into the likeness of Christ each day. Amen.

Faith in Action: Spend ten quiet minutes today reading God's Word without rushing.

WALKING WITH THE LORD Exercise Daily

Thursday: Even the Weeds Can Become Soil

Romans 8:28: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."

Farmers know weeds must be removed, but once they decompose they become compost that enriches the soil. God never calls evil good, and suffering is never something to celebrate. Yet in His grace He is able to redeem what once caused pain. Many Christians can look back and see that disappointment deepened compassion, grief strengthened faith, or failure taught humility. God does not waste difficult seasons. In Christ, even painful experiences can become places where new life begins.

Where have you seen God bring growth through hardship?

What difficult situation are you asking God to redeem today?

Gracious God, thank You that nothing is beyond Your redeeming love. Bring healing where I still carry pain, and use even my difficult experiences to reveal Your grace. Amen.

Faith in Action: Reach out to someone who is struggling and remind them that God is with them.

Friday: No Condemnation

Romans 8:1-4

Jesus' parable may leave us asking, "What kind of soil am I?" Some days our hearts feel hard, distracted or shallow. If our hope rested on the quality of our soil, we would all despair. Paul directs our eyes away from ourselves and onto Christ: "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Our confidence rests not in the strength of our faith, but in the strength of our Saviour. Jesus died and rose again so that we might be forgiven, renewed and set free. His grace, not our performance, is the foundation of our hope.

What voices of condemnation do you need to surrender to Christ?

How does Romans 8:1 bring peace to your heart today?

Lord Jesus, thank You that there is no condemnation for those who belong to You. Help me live each day in the freedom, confidence and joy of Your forgiveness. Amen.

Faith in Action: Whenever guilt or fear arises today, repeat aloud: "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Saturday: A Harvest Beyond What We Can See

Isaiah 55:12-13

Isaiah ends with joy as creation celebrates God's saving work. Mountains sing and trees clap their hands because God is bringing His purposes to completion. We often want immediate results, but God works with eternal perspective. A conversation, a prayer, a simple act of kindness, or a verse shared may become part of a harvest we will never fully see. The tree growing from the cliff reminds us that much happens long before anyone notices the miracle. So it is with God's kingdom. Keep trusting. Keep praying. Keep sowing. God's Word never returns empty.

Where is God calling you simply to remain faithful?

What seed might God be asking you to sow this week?

Faithful Father, thank You for allowing me to share in Your work. Help me sow seeds of kindness, truth and hope, trusting that You alone bring the harvest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faith in Action: Share one word of encouragement or one Bible promise with someone this week.

Finke River Mission
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GIFT AND GIVING

The current Gift and Giving project will be raising funds for **Finke River Mission.**



HIGHLIGHT on this week's Activity

... Hermannsburg General Store ...



The Finke River Mission general store is an integral part of the Hermannsburg community. It provides employment, and its staff take an active role in local activities, assist in interpreting documents and offer encouragement, sympathy and Christian support when needed. Hermannsburg is situated 130 kilometres west of Alice Springs on the banks of the Finke River and is home to approximately 800 Western Arrarnta people.



Yirara College: many languages, many histories



'God has always looked after us'



Please contribute at Gift & Giving Basket at church's entrance desk – or by direct deposit to our bank account.

Bank Account Details:

BSB: 034640 | Account No: 169299 | Use Ref: GandG



Could God Be CALLING YOU to TEACH RI?

SHARE THE HOPE OF JESUS
Change a Life Forever

An exciting opportunity has opened at
Caboolture State High School.

This term, **286 students** (Years 7–12) have chosen to participate in Christian Religious Instruction (RI). These young people have asked to learn about Jesus—but we urgently need more volunteers to make it happen.

The school is ready, supportive, and eager for the program to begin. Four volunteers have already stepped forward, but we still need **eight more** teachers and assistants to launch this ministry.

WHY VOLUNTEER?



Make an eternal impact

Share the hope of Christ with young people and help them discover God's love.



Encourage and inspire

Support students as they explore faith and ask life's big questions.



Be part of something exciting

Help rebuild and grow RI at Caboolture State High School.



Training and support provided

You don't need to be a qualified teacher. We'll equip you with everything you need.



Serve with a great team

Join others who are passionate about seeing God's Word planted in young hearts.



Please also pray that God will provide the remaining volunteers so that every student who has chosen RI has the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus.



Our goal is to have the full team trained and prepared by the **first week of Term 3.**



WE NEED YOU!

8 MORE TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS

URGENTLY NEEDED

Could this be the ministry
God is calling you into?



For more information
please contact

Pastor James.

He would love to chat with you, answer your questions, and help you discern whether this ministry is right for you. Every conversation matters!



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)**



Growing FAITH at home

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YEAR A

**Hearing God's
Word brings new
life and growth**



Grow Ministries
LCA CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
July 10 and July 16



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)? What things have helped you to grow?
2. In your faith life at present, are you more like the path, the rocky ground, the thorn patch or the good soil?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
M	Genesis 25:19-34	Jacob and Esau
T	Mark 4:26-32	Two parables of seeds
W	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
T	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
F	Romans 8:1-11	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalms 65:1-13	Praise awaits you, our God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted.

MATTHEW 13:23



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Gather four small pots or containers.

Fill the first with gravel to represent a path, the second with rocks, the third with thorns or thistles, and the fourth with good soil.

Place these in your home devotional area. As part of your household devotional times this week, say the following prayer:

Lord God, please keep us from having hearts that are hard, like a path. Keep us from having hearts that are shallow, like soil on rocky ground. Keep us from having hearts that are easily choked, like seeds among thorns. Instead, make our hearts like good soil, so that we gladly receive your word and accept it. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant flower seeds in containers filled with potting soil this week.

Place in a sunny window and take turns in watering them over the next few weeks. Enjoy watching new life emerge and then take them to others and share the love of God's creation.



MEALTIME PRAYER

From soil and seed you give us food to chew. Show us the work you want us to do. Amen.



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead us to think about and do things that please God. Help us to welcome, hear and understand your message, and do what it asks. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's Word take root in your heart and may you grow as his child.

Ladies [♥] FELLOWSHIP

come for a chat and a cuppa



Meet on the **1st Thursday** of the month.



Our next get together will be this week on **6th August @ 9.30am**



For address please contact **Linda** on **0431 570 299**



BIBLE Study



Bible study is held on the **4th Thursday** of the month.



Pastor Michael Braunberger is leading Bible Study **on the Gospels**, and our next study will be on



the **23rd July @ 1.30pm** at 3 Elizabeth Batts Court Banksia Beach.



♥ All are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Replenish

Women's Retreat
...just breathe

A weekend just for you to relax, refresh and reconnect.



Rest & Recharge



Connect & Enjoy



Reflect & Renew



Faith, Fellowship & Great Food



Under 35?
Get up to \$100 off!

- No cooking, no cleaning, no pressure – just time for you.
- Space to connect, relax, explore, or simply be still.
- Great food, beautiful surroundings & meaningful conversations.
- Christian reflection and prayer available if you wish.



9 – 11 October 2026



Luther Heights, Coolom

— This October, ♥ —

our Replenish retreat is just for you ... no cooking, no cleaning, no pressure.

Scan to register!



Registrations open

15 June – 27 September

Come by yourself or bring your friends.

Just breathe... We can't wait to welcome you! ♥



Finance with a mission



QUEENSLAND DISTRICT

DO YOU HAVE A Bible?

God's Word. Real Hope. For Life.



DON'T HAVE A BIBLE?

If you don't have a Bible of your own, we'd love to provide one for you.

OR



KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

You might know a friend, neighbour, family member or work colleague who would like a Bible.



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. — PSALM 119:105



IF YOU NEED A BIBLE—
OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES—
PLEASE LET US KNOW AT THE OFFICE.



WE WILL HAPPILY PROVIDE YOU WITH ONE **FREE OF CHARGE**, WITH NO OBLIGATION.

HELP US BE A

Welcoming CHURCH

When we know each other's names, we build a **stronger, kinder** community.



Wear
YOUR NAME TAG
so we can greet and connect with you!

OR



Make
A NAME TAG
at the entrance if you need one.



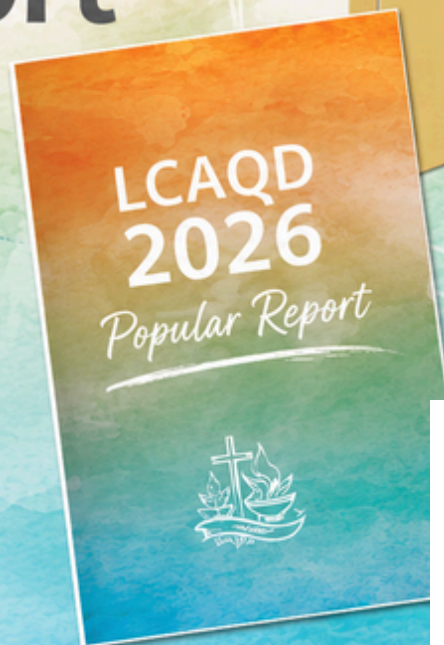
Thank you for helping us create a place where **everyone** belongs.



LCAQD 2026 Popular Report *now available!*

Highlights, stories and key achievements from across our district.

Read it today! 



Please join us in Prayer for Sean and Colleen Giblin



Earlier this week, Sean Giblin was diagnosed with bowel cancer and is now receiving ongoing medical care and treatment.



As we reflected last week, Jesus invites all who are weary and burdened to come to Him and find rest. This week we are reminded that God's Word never returns empty but continues to bring hope, strength, and life, even in the hardest seasons.



Please pray for Sean, that Christ would give him His peace, carry his burdens, guide those caring for him, and, according to His gracious will, bring healing.

Please pray for Colleen, as she cares for Sean and comes to terms with this diagnosis, that the Lord would uphold and strengthen her each day.



As the family of God at St Paul's,

may we be good soil for God's Word by surrounding Sean and Colleen with our prayers, love, encouragement, and practical care, trusting that Jesus walks with them every step of the journey.



Let us carry them in prayer and love, knowing Jesus gives rest to the weary and His yoke is light.





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Lord God, everything is in your care.

**Put away from us all things that are harmful,
and give us whatever is profitable for us.**

**We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please pray for...

Health & Wellbeing, Recovery: Sue Ancell, Glenys Creevey, Clare Dopking, Marie Nicholson, Paul King; Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Eileen Lattimer, Russell Wuerschling; Ross Krieg; Wendy Riekstins; Ann Diment; John Smout; Dianne Kleidon; Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller; Jan Maroske, Val Siegle,
Sean Giblin (refer inside bulletin for details)

