

TURN AND LIVE

Upcoming Worship Service
Times @ St Paul's
THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th September

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 28th September

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4th October

Caboolture @ 9am

Wednesday 7th October

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Next Sunday

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 2:1-13

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:23-32

Matthew 21:33-46

How often do we explain our behaviour by pointing to what someone else has done? Our wounds are real, and the choices of others can leave deep and lasting consequences.

Yet God loves us too much to let our past become our prison—or our excuse.

This week's sermon, "Turn and Live," explores God's urgent invitation through Ezekiel, Jesus' story of the two sons, and Christ's humble obedience described in Philippians. God calls us to stop hiding, blaming and merely saying the right words. He calls us to turn towards him and live.

This is not a demand to repair ourselves before coming home. Jesus has already carried our sin to the cross. Through Christ, God forgives us, renews our hearts and gives us a new beginning.

This week's bible study and daily devotions and bible study continue this journey, helping us consider where God may be leading us to take responsibility, seek forgiveness, repair a relationship and discover that yesterday does not have to determine tomorrow.

What's On at St Paul's

UPCOMING MONTH

Heavenly Father, bless every gathering this month and draw us closer to You and to one another.



**Each Tuesday
From 1pm**

Bible Study

Exploring the previous Sunday's readings and sermon in depth.



**Thursday
1st October
9:30am**

Ladies Fellowship Bribie Island

A regular gathering for women featuring faith, fellowship, friendship and encouragement.



**Wednesday
7th October
6:30pm**

W.I.P.

An evening of craft, games and chatting for women of all ages



**Thursday
9th-11th October
9:30am**

Replenish Women's Retreat

LCAQD and LYQ led weekend retreat for women of all ages.



**Tuesday
13th October**

Womens Fellowship Caboolture

A regular time of encouragement and sharing



**Sunday
18th October
10am**

100th Anniversary Service

Communion Service with Thanksgiving to God for His Church and guest speakers.



**Sunday
25th October
10am**

100th Anniversary Family Celebration

Longest Lutheran Lunch with singing, games, activities and more.



**Thursday
24th September
1:30pm**

Bribie Island Bible Study

Led by Pastor Michael Braunberger.
Study is on the book of John

LOOKING AHEAD



9-11 OCTOBER
Replenish
Women's Retreat



18TH OCTOBER
**100TH FORMAL
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**



25TH OCTOBER
**100TH ANNIVERSARY
INFORMAL FAMILY
SERVICE CELEBRATION**

**Lord, may everything we do
together bring glory to You
and blessing to others.**

TOGETHER
*Love binds all things
in unity*



St Paul's Lutheran Ladies Fellowship *Caboolture*



Our next get together is on
Tuesday, 13th Oct @ 9am



For more details please see Mavis Thamm.



Ladies
FELLOWSHIP
Bribie Island



Come for
FAITH



Come for
FELLOWSHIP



Come for
FRIENDSHIP

Meets on the
first Thursday
of every month.

For address please
contact Linda on
☎ 0431 570 299

*All women
welcome!*

Next fellowship time
to be held on:
1st Oct 9:30am

Bible Study
AT BRIBIE ISLAND



A relaxed, friendly group for **all ages** to explore the Bible,
grow in faith and discover **God's great love** for you.



ON THE 4TH
THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH



LED BY
**PASTOR MICHAEL
BRAUNBERGER**
Currently studying
the Gospel of John



ALL WELCOME!
Come as you are.
Everyone belongs.

Hear. Learn. Grow. Together in God's Word. ♥



AT 3 ELIZABETH BATTS COURT, BANKSIA BEACH

Work IN PROGRESS

AN EVENING OF CREATIVITY,
conversation and connection.



Whether you're halfway through a knitting project, have a scrapbook gathering dust, enjoy sewing, painting, puzzles, or simply want to spend time with others, **Work in Progress** is for you.



Bring along an unfinished project, learn a new skill from someone else, play a game, or just come for a chat and a cuppa. There's no pressure—just a welcoming space to encourage one another and enjoy good company.



For women of all ages.



1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Create.
Connect.
Encourage.


Next
get together:


7th October @ 06:30pm

MORE THAN A LESSON

CHRISTIAN RI IS ACTIVE,
AGE-APPROPRIATE LEARNING

A TYPICAL RI LESSON MAY INCLUDE



STORYTELLING



MUSIC



DRAMA



CRAFT



GAMES



QUIZZES



VIDEO CLIPS



PUPPET
SHOWS



Authorised program resources are written by professional educators and designed to be age-appropriate.



TYPICALLY
30 MINUTES
PER WEEK



Students learn about the basic beliefs of the Christian faith from a non-denominational perspective.

GIFT & GIVING PROJECT
CHRISTIAN RI

HOW TO GIVE



Gift & Giving Basket
at the church entrance desk

OR



Direct Deposit

BSB: 034 640
Account: 169299
Reference: GandG

If you are interested in helping teach Christian RI please get in contact with Pastor James.

**A big THANK-YOU from
the Lutheran Women of Queensland
Brisbane North & Sunshine Coast Zone**

for all who provided assistance in any way for the Fellowship Day Programme last Wednesday. Also, thanks for those that attended to make it such a special day of fellowship, friendship and sharing God's love and 'Binding us Together'.

Due to the success of the day, \$1,000 was raised which will be split between Lutheran Services Hospital Chaplaincy and Transplant Australia.

*Together, bound in love Held by grace from God above Together,
one in you Living out what love can do.*

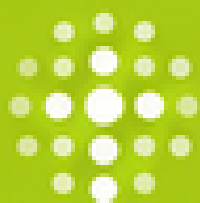
St Paul's Lutheran Church
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

**Sunday
18th October
10am**

*Formal Service of
Thanksgiving
with Holy Communion*

**A History
of the
Lutheran Church
in Caboolture
booklet will be
available
for purchase**

*Origin story of
St Paul's Lutheran
Aged Care
reflecting beginnings
and continuing
ministry*



**Lutheran
Services**
Youth & Family



Intercept
Youth & Family Program

Help Intercept give young people **a brighter future**



Sometimes a little practical support, offered at just the right time, can make a life-changing difference for a young person.

Each year, Lutheran Services' Intercept Youth & Family Program in Caboolture raises funds for its bursary program. These bursaries help young people across the Moreton Bay region overcome practical barriers and take important steps towards education, employment and greater independence.

Last year, the generosity of supporters helped young people access:

- ✓ dance lessons that encouraged confidence and connection
- ✓ parking for regular hospital appointments
- ✓ driving lessons
- ✓ White Card and First Aid training to improve employment opportunities
- ✓ a bicycle for travelling to school

These may seem like simple things, but for a young person facing difficult circumstances, they can open the door to hope, confidence and a more secure future.



Belonging to Christ
We *grow, connect, and thrive*
To *serve* others



Join us for a great night!



Friday, 23 October at 6:00pm
Redcliffe Leagues Club

Gather your family, friends or workmates, book a table and enjoy a wonderful evening of trivia, laughter and generosity—all while supporting young people in our local community.

Book your ticket or table here

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1551578>



Can you help?

- ✓ Come along to the Trivia Night.
- ✓ Make a financial donation.
- ✓ Donate a prize for the Trivia Night auction.
- ✓ Share this invitation with others.

Every gift—large or small—helps Intercept provide practical assistance when a young person needs it most.

To make a donation by EFT

Account name: Lutheran Services
BSB: 084 424
Account number: 668567293
Reference: Intercept Bursary + your surname

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

To request a receipt: finance@lutheranservices.org.au

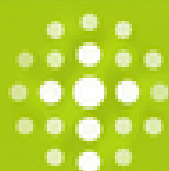


To donate an auction prize or ask a question:

Intercept.fundraising@lutheranservices.org.au
07 5428 1684

Your generosity can help a young person overcome a barrier, discover a new opportunity and take their next step with confidence.

Thank you for supporting the young people of Caboolture. We would love to see you at the Trivia Night!



**Lutheran
Services**
Youth & Family



Intercept

Youth & Family Program



Monday: Beyond the Blame

“The one who sins is the one who will die.” Ezekiel 18:4

Israel had a saying: “The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” They believed they were suffering because of earlier generations. We can understand that feeling. Families may carry patterns of anger, addiction, silence or broken relationships. God does not deny these wounds. He sees what happened to us and understands the pain we carry. Yet God will not let our past become our prison—or our excuse. We may not be responsible for what was done to us, but with God’s help we can take responsibility for how we respond. Our wounds may explain some reactions, but they do not make every reaction right. God’s call to honesty is hopeful. When he helps us face our choices, he also opens the way to forgiveness and change. Your past has shaped you, but it does not have to determine you. You belong to God. In Christ, yesterday does not get the final word.

Am I using something from my past to excuse an unhealthy response?

What is mine to take responsibility for today?

Merciful Father, you know every wound I carry. Help me face my choices honestly without denying the wrong others have done. Free me from bitterness, blame and excuses, and lead me in Christ’s healing. Amen.

Tuesday: The Urgency of Love

“Repent and live!” Ezekiel 18:32

The word repent can sound harsh. We may picture an angry God pointing an accusing finger. Yet in Ezekiel, the call to repent comes from the heart of a God who loves his people. God says he takes no pleasure in anyone’s death. He sees his children walking towards danger and calls, “Stop. Turn around. Come home.” The urgency comes from love. Repentance is more than guilt. It means we stop defending our sin, call it what God calls it and turn towards him for mercy. It may involve admitting we were wrong, asking forgiveness, ending a harmful habit or seeking help. We do not repent to persuade a reluctant God to love us. We repent because God has already come towards us in Jesus. At the cross, Christ carried our sin and opened the way home. Repentance is the Holy Spirit bringing us out of hiding and turning our eyes towards Jesus. God does not say, “Repair yourself, and then I will receive you.” He says, “Turn to me and live.”

What do I feel when I hear the word repent?

Is God calling me to turn away from something?

What practical step can I take today?

Loving God, show me where I am walking away from you. Give me courage to stop defending my sin and turn towards Jesus. Assure me that your mercy is greater than my failure. Amen.

Wednesday: More Than the Right Words

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?” Matthew 21:31

Jesus told of two sons whose father asked them to work in his vineyard. The first said, “I will not,” but later changed his mind and went. The second answered, “I will, sir,” but did not go. The first son’s answer was wrong, but he turned around. The second sounded obedient, yet his actions told another story. We can know the language of faith without allowing God’s Word to shape us. We can sing about forgiveness while refusing to forgive. We can confess our sins in worship while defending them elsewhere. We can praise service while protecting our comfort. God is not looking for a polished religious appearance. He desires truth. He would rather hear, “Lord, I have sinned,” than an impressive collection of excuses. The good news is that a previous “no” does not have to be our final answer. The Father still calls us. The person who resisted God can turn and enter the vineyard. The Christian whose faith has become empty habit can be renewed. By grace, our actions can begin to reflect the faith our lips confess.

Where is there a gap between my words and actions?

What have I delayed or avoided?

What faithful action can I take today?

Heavenly Father, forgive me when my words sound faithful but my actions resist you. By your Spirit, help me hear your Word and follow where you lead. Amen.



Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

BELONG | GROW | CONNECT | THRIVE | SERVE

Thursday: The Son Who Said Yes

“He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:8

We often shift responsibility away from ourselves. We explain, defend and blame. Jesus did the opposite. Although he was in very nature God, Jesus did not use his power for his own advantage. He entered our wounded world, became a servant and humbled himself. The only truly innocent Son accepted responsibility for sinners who so often avoid it. We say, “It was not my fault.” Jesus says, “I will carry it.” We pass blame from person to person. Jesus allows the sin of the world to fall upon him. At the cross, God does not pretend sin is unimportant. Sin damages people and separates us from God, the source of life. Yet God does not leave us to bear its full cost. Christ bears it for us.

The sinless one is condemned, and the guilty are forgiven. Jesus takes our death and gives us his life. This is not fairness as the world measures it. This is grace. When guilt tells you to hide, look to the cross.

Christ’s obedience is greater than your disobedience, and his mercy is greater than your sin.

What does Jesus’ humility reveal about God? Am I carrying guilt Christ has already carried?

How can Christ’s humility shape me today?

Lord Jesus, thank you for carrying the guilt I could never remove and giving me life I could never earn. Turn my eyes towards your cross and mercy. Amen.

Friday: God Is at Work in You

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.” Philippians 2:13

God tells his people to get a new heart and spirit. But how can we perform spiritual surgery on ourselves? We may improve some habits, but we cannot remove our sinful nature through determination. Elsewhere in Ezekiel, God promises, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.” What God commands, God himself provides. Paul says, “God works in you.” That order matters. We do not save ourselves and ask God to bless our progress. Christ saves us. In Baptism he joins us to his death and resurrection. Through his Word he speaks forgiveness. In Holy Communion he strengthens us with his body and blood. Through these gifts the Spirit reshapes our desires, words and actions. Christian growth is not passive, but neither is it self-salvation.

We respond, struggle, practise, apologise, forgive and begin again because God is already working within us.

You may not yet be the person you long to become, but you are not abandoned to your own strength.

The God who calls you to new life is also the God who creates it.

Where am I trying to change by my strength alone? Where can I see God working in me?

Which spiritual practice might God use to shape me?

Holy Spirit, work within me. Renew my heart and mind. Give me the desire and strength to live with love, humility and faithfulness, trusting Christ rather than myself. Amen.

Saturday: A Different Tomorrow

“In humility value others above yourselves.” — Philippians 2:3

God’s forgiveness gives us more than relief from guilt. It creates a new way of living. Because Christ has shown us mercy, we no longer need to protect our pride. We can listen instead of always defending ourselves. We can admit when we are wrong, seek forgiveness and begin the difficult work of forgiving others. Sometimes repentance is very ordinary. It is walking back into the room and saying, “I was wrong. I am sorry. Will you forgive me?” Those words cannot undo what happened, but God can use them to open a space where trust begins to heal. We cannot change yesterday. Some consequences remain, and some relationships take time to rebuild. Yet through Christ, yesterday does not have to determine tomorrow. No one is trapped forever by the failures of a previous generation.

No one must remain imprisoned by the worst thing they have done.

No one is too old, damaged or distant for God to create something new.

The Father is still calling. Christ’s mercy is still sufficient. The Holy Spirit is still at work. Turn towards Christ and live.

Do I need to apologise or make amends? Whose needs might I place before my own?

What new beginning is God placing before me?

Gracious God, thank you for meeting my failure with mercy. Give me humility to admit when I am wrong, courage to seek reconciliation and love to consider others. Let your forgiveness become visible in my life. Amen.



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 21

YEAR A

God wants us to
turn back to him
and obey him



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LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
September 25 and
October 1



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus told a parable about two sons (read Matthew 21:28-31). When it comes to following God, which son are you most like?
2. What is God's response when we change our minds and turn back to him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
M	Hosea 14:1-8	Return to the Lord
T	Acts 3:18-26	Repent then, and turn to God
W	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the rock
T	Philippians 2:1-13	Imitating Christ's humility
F	James 1:19-25	Do what the word says!
S	Psalms 25:1-9	In you, I put my trust

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble
and consider others more important than
yourselves. Think the same way that Christ
Jesus thought.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, 5



CREATIVE RESPONSE

St. Paul writes: "Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the Spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose" (Philippians 2:1-2).

Play a game that requires you to work together to achieve the desired outcome.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, once again
we are well fed;
thank you for our
daily bread. Help
us not to moan
or grumble; give
us hearts both
kind and humble.
Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves".

Make this 'Humility Week' in your household. Ask each person to secretly decide on one act of service they can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. At the end of the week, talk about your acts of 'secret service' and what it felt like to serve and be served.



PRAYER

Lord, show us
your ways, teach
us your paths.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God free you
from sin and make
your heart new.



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*Merciful God,
give us the same attitude as Jesus,
who emptied himself and was obedient to you
all the way to his death on the cross.
Make us eager to put others before ourselves,
and their needs before our own.
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, Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Eileen Lattimer, Ross Krieg, Wendy Riekstins, Ann Diment, John Smout, Dianne Kleidon, Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller, Jan Maroske, Val Siegle, Sean Giblin, Ann De Berg, Leslie Smith

