



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

21/06/2026

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**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND**

# Gifted: Better Together

Discover • Belong • Serve • Grow

Upcoming Worship Service Times  
@ St Paul's

## **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 21st June**

Caboolture @ 9am

**Monday, 22nd June**

Aged Care @ 10am

## **NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday 28th June**

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

**Monday 29th June**

Aged Care @ 10am

## **Gifted: Better Together**

What if one of the greatest lies we believe is that we have nothing to offer?

This week, we'll be exploring one of the Apostle Paul's most encouraging pictures of the Church: the Body of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4, Paul reminds us that every Christian has been uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit—and that every member has an important place in God's family.

Before we ever talk about what we do, we'll remember what God has already done. Through Jesus Christ, you have been called by the Gospel, forgiven, and made part of His body. You belong. From that secure foundation, God gives each of us gifts—not for our own glory, but to serve one another in love.

Through our service, study and devotions we will discover how God has equipped each of us, encourage one another in our gifts, and explore how we can continue growing, connecting, and serving as one body in Christ.

Because when every member belongs, every gift matters—and together, we are better.



## **Bible Readings**

### **This Sunday**

Romans 12:1-8

Ephesians 4:1-16

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

### **Next Sunday**

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

where love comes to life

# Gifted TOGETHER

*You're Invited!*

Have you ever wondered where you fit...  
or how God might be calling you to serve?

Join us for a **Spiritual Gifts Workshop** as we explore how God has uniquely gifted each of us —and how those gifts can bring life, purpose, and connection to both you and our church community.

  
**Grounded in  
God's Word**  
(1 Corinthians 12)

## THIS WORKSHOP WILL HELP YOU:



Discover and  
affirm the gifts  
God has already  
given you



Gain confidence  
in how you can  
serve in ways  
that are  
meaningful and  
life-giving



See how your  
gifts connect  
with others as  
part of the  
Body of Christ



Be encouraged  
in your faith  
and your place  
in God's  
mission



This isn't about pressure or filling roles—  
it's about discovering *joy, purpose, and belonging*  
as we live out our calling together, bound in love.



**SUNDAY  
21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**



**FOLLOWING  
THE SERVICE**



**POOLED LUNCHEON  
INCLUDED**  
*(please bring a plate  
to share)*



Whether you're already serving or still wondering where you fit,  
this is a space to listen, reflect, and grow—**together**.



*Come and discover how God is at work in you...*  
**FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.**



# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRIBIE ISLAND - EVENTS

## Ladies Fellowship

Ladies who would like fellowship, chat and a cuppa meet on the 1st Thursday of the month and our next get together will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July @ 9.30am for address please contact Linda on 0431 570 299

## Bible Study

Bible Study is held on the 4th week of the month.

Pastor Michael Braunberger is leading Bible Study on the Gospels, and our next study will be on the 24th June (Wed) @ 1.30pm at 3 Elizabeth Batts Court Banksia Beach.

# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CABOOLTURE - EVENTS

## Ladies Fellowship

Our Ladies Fellowship group meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9am at the St Paul's Lutheran Aged Care Community Hall.

Our next get together will be on the 14th July @ 9am  
For further details please see Mavis Thamm

## Gift and Giving

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

### HIGHLIGHT on this week's Activity

..... Training .....

Five-day pastoral and theological 'bush camps' are held three times a year. The location of these camps is usually in one of the many communities spread across Central Australia. The teaching or training at these camps is led by a lecturer from Australian Lutheran College and supported by our own Finke River Mission staff. The topic of each camp is organised between Finke River Mission staff and the lecturer. Also, each Finke River Mission support worker holds mini bush courses in their area throughout the year. That the Ingkaartas travel hundreds of kilometres to reach a course shows their hunger and desire to learn and understand more of God's love and forgiveness for them through Christ.

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

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# WHAT'S ON



St Paul's Lutheran Church  
Caboolture  
*Ladies Fellowship*

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## WORK IN PROGRESS

Wednesdays

JOIN US FOR  
an evening of craft, games and chatting  
for women of all ages

Wednesday  
1st July 2026  
*first Wednesday of month*

### ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Formal Anniversary Service

Sunday. 18-Oct-2026

Informal Longest Lutheran Lunch

Sunday. 25-Oct-2026

*Spiritual Gifts*

WORKSHOP 21ST OF JUNE

Combined Caboolture &  
Bribie Island  
Beach Picnic at Bribie

12 July

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## District Bishop's report to Synod 2026



On Saturday morning 06-Jun, Bishop Mark Vainikka reflected on his written report as recorded in the 2026 Synod Book of Reports. He said the Convention's theme of Open Door to Spiritual Renewal reflected on baptism and was an important and right theme.

'For Luther, Baptism was not simply a past event, but a present and ongoing reality,' Bishop Mark said.

'Renewal in the church does not begin with a strategic charter, it does not begin with programs, it does not begin with structures, it does not begin with anxious activity.

'Renewal begins with Christ, it begins with repentance, it begins at the font, it begins with the Holy Spirit.'

He reflected on Synod being a journey taken together.

Bishop Mark reminded delegates that congregations and pastors who have joined Lutheran Mission Australia are still our brothers and sisters in Christ and that baptism into Christ has not been undone.

'Christ remains the Lord of his church,' Bishop Mark said.

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### Rite of Welcome for new pastors

Two new pastors were welcomed to the Queensland District at the closing of the 2026 Friday afternoon Synod session:

Rev Stephen Hibbard  
(Cleveland Lutheran Parish)

Rev James Leach  
(St Paul's Lutheran Church, Caboolture)

*Pictured here with LCAQD Bishop  
Dr Mark Vainikka.*

### 2026 Mission Outreach Grants awarded

6 June 2026

*by LCAQD Communications*

### Mission Outreach Grants presented at the 2026 LCAQD Synod



The 2026 Mission Outreach Grants were presented at this year's Convention of the District Synod. Karen Pienaar, CEO LLL Australia, delivered a presentation that affirmed the continued support of congregations, schools, aged care and communities to share the gospel, and expressed the LLL's appreciation for the ongoing partnership with the LCAQD. LLL has recognised three congregations this year for the 2026 Mission Outreach Grant, with a total contribution of \$50,000 to be shared between:

St Marks Lutheran Church, Caloundra: for an intergenerational outreach project

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Caboolture: for a community coffee ministry

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Buderim: for a community playgroup.

This is an increase from \$25,000 allocated in previous years for mission projects.

# WALKING WITH THE LORD

## Exercise Daily

### Monday: The Greatest Gift

**1 Corinthians 12:3, 7** "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit... Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

When we hear the words spiritual gifts, it's easy to jump straight to the question, "What is my gift?" But before Paul talks about serving, he reminds us of something even more important: the greatest gift we have already received. The Holy Spirit has brought us to faith in Jesus Christ. Left to ourselves, we could not know God or trust in Him. Yet through the Gospel, the Spirit has opened our hearts to confess, "Jesus is Lord." That means your place in God's family doesn't depend on your talents, personality, or achievements. You belong because Christ gave His life for you. Through Baptism, He has made you His own. Before He calls you to serve, He calls you His child. Every spiritual gift flows from this first and greatest gift—God's saving grace.

How does it change your understanding of spiritual gifts when you remember that faith itself is God's gift?

In what ways are you tempted to measure your worth by what you do rather than by what Christ has done for you?

**Challenge:** Thank God today not for what you can do, but simply for making you His child through Jesus.

**Gracious Father, thank You for calling me to faith through the Gospel. Help me to rest in Your grace and remember that I belong to You before I ever serve You. Amen.**

### Tuesday: You Belong to the Body

**1 Corinthians 12:18–20** "God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be."

Have you ever wondered whether you really make a difference? Perhaps you've looked at someone else's gifts and wished you had their confidence, their abilities, or their opportunities to serve. We all have moments when we feel overlooked or insignificant. Paul reminds us that God is the One who has arranged the body. Every member has been placed exactly where God wants them. There are no accidental Christians and no unnecessary members of Christ's Church. Some gifts are highly visible. Others happen quietly behind the scenes. Some people preach from the front. Others faithfully pray, visit, encourage, cook, clean, organise, or simply listen. Every act of loving service matters because every person matters. Your value is not determined by how visible your gift is. Your value is found in Christ, who has joined you to Himself and to His people.

What gifts or abilities do you often overlook in yourself?

Who has quietly served you in ways that have strengthened your faith?

**Challenge:** Thank someone whose quiet service has made a difference in your life.

**Lord Jesus, thank You for making me part of Your body. Help me to see myself as You see me and to value every member of Your Church. Amen.**

# WALKING WITH THE LORD

## Exercise Daily

### Wednesday: Better Together

**1 Corinthians 12:21–26 "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!'"**

We live in a world that often celebrates independence. Success is measured by what we can achieve on our own. Yet God's kingdom works differently. The Church is not a collection of individuals pursuing separate goals. It is a family. It is a body. We need one another. Paul says that when one member suffers, every member suffers. When one is honoured, everyone rejoices. That kind of community doesn't happen by accident. It grows as God's people learn to care, encourage, forgive, and pray for one another. Think about your own body. Every part has a different function, but none exists for itself. Your hands serve your whole body. Your eyes help your feet. Your heart works continuously for every other part. God calls us to live in the same way. Our gifts are never simply for ourselves—they are given for the blessing of others.

Who has encouraged or strengthened your faith simply by being present in your life? How could you intentionally support another member of Christ's body this week?

**Challenge:** Encourage one person today with a phone call, message, or conversation.

**Holy Spirit, teach me to value the people You have placed around me and to joyfully use my gifts to strengthen Your Church. Amen.**

### Thursday: Love Gives Every Gift Its Purpose

**Colossians 3:14 "Above all these things put on love, which binds everything together in perfect unity."**

Paul spends an entire chapter in 1 Corinthians reminding us that the greatest spiritual gift is love. Without love, even the most impressive gifts become empty performances. Teaching without love becomes harsh. Leadership without love becomes controlling. Serving without love becomes exhausting. Music without love becomes noise. Love changes everything because love reflects Jesus. When Jesus washed His disciples' feet, He showed that true greatness is found in humble service. Every gift God gives is an opportunity to love someone as Christ has loved us. As you use your gifts, ask yourself one simple question: "Will this help someone experience the love of Christ?" If the answer is yes, then your gift is accomplishing exactly what God intended.

How can love shape the way you use your gifts at home, at work, or at church?

What does it mean to "put on love" in one relationship that is difficult for you?

**Challenge:** Look for one unnoticed act of kindness you can do today without expecting recognition.

**Lord Jesus, fill my heart with Your love, so that everything I do points others to You rather than to myself. Amen.**

# WALKING WITH THE LORD

## Exercise Daily

### Friday: Growing into Maturity

**Ephesians 4:11–16** "As each part does its work, the whole body grows and builds itself up in love."

Growth takes time. A child doesn't become an adult overnight. In the same way, spiritual maturity is not instant. God patiently shapes us through His Word, His Spirit, and the encouragement of His people. Paul reminds us that every member contributes to the growth of the whole body. We don't all grow in the same way or at the same pace, but together we become more like Christ. That also means discovering our gifts is often a journey rather than a single moment. We pray. We serve. We try new things. We listen to others. We learn. Over time, God reveals where He has uniquely equipped us. Our goal isn't simply to become busier Christians. Our goal is to become more like Jesus.

Where have you noticed God helping you grow over the past year?

Is there a new opportunity to serve that God might be inviting you to explore?

**Challenge:** Ask someone who knows you well, "Where do you see God using my gifts?"

***Father, continue to shape me through Your Word. Help me grow in faith, love, and service so that my life reflects Jesus more each day. Amen.***

### Saturday: Sent to Serve

**Romans 12:4–8** "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

Every Sunday follows the same beautiful pattern. God gathers His people. He speaks through His Word. He forgives our sins. He feeds us with Christ's body and blood. Then He sends us back into the world. Worship never ends at the church doors. The mission continues wherever God has placed you—at home, at school, at work, in your neighbourhood, or among your family and friends. Perhaps your gift is encouragement. Maybe it is hospitality, generosity, leadership, compassion, teaching, or simply being present for someone who is hurting. Whatever your gift may be, remember this: you are not serving to earn God's love. You serve because you already have it. Christ has served you first. Now He sends you to be His hands, His feet, and His voice in the lives of others. You are gifted. You belong. You are needed. And together, we are better because Christ has made us one body.

Where do you sense God calling you to serve in this season of your life?

How can your gifts help build a more welcoming, loving, and Christ-centred community?

**Challenge:** Begin each day by praying "Lord, show me where I can serve You today." Then watch for the opportunities He places before you.

***Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for serving me through Your life, death, and resurrection. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, that I may gladly use the gifts You have given me to love my neighbour, strengthen Your Church, and bring glory to Your name. Amen.***



## Growing FAITH at home

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Telling others  
what we  
believe



**Grow Ministries**  
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



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

Sunday between  
June 19 and June 25  
(if after Trinity Sunday)



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Is telling others about Jesus easy or hard for you? Why?
2. Jesus tells us that we are very, very valuable to God and that he watches over us. What encouragement does that give to you?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>Matthew 10:24-39</b>	The cost of following Jesus
<b>M</b>	<b>Matthew 16:21-26</b>	Taking up your cross
<b>T</b>	<b>Luke 14:25-35</b>	Counting the cost
<b>W</b>	<b>John 15:1-8</b>	Bearing fruit as disciples
<b>T</b>	<b>Genesis 21:8-21</b>	Hagar sent away
<b>F</b>	<b>Romans 6:1-11</b>	Dead to sin, alive in Christ
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 69:7-18</b>	Deliver me from my foes

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

All those who stand before others and say  
they believe in me, I will say before my  
Father in heaven that they belong to me.

MATTHEW 10:32



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your home devotion times this week, pray by name for people you know who don't follow Jesus.

Ask God to give you opportunities to share about him with them, and the courage to do so.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

You are so good,  
O God, your  
blessings overflow.  
Forever may your  
name be praised, in  
heaven and below.  
Amen.



## PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank  
you for dying for  
me and help me to  
believe. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

As you pray by name for people who don't know Jesus, think of acts of kindness and love you can show to them this week.

Ideas might include – write a letter or card, send flowers, ask them over to your home, provide for their needs.



## BLESSING

May you always  
know how valuable  
you are to God.

# Exciting THINGS ARE BREWING at St Paul's!



What if a simple cup of coffee could become an opportunity for friendship, care, community, and sharing the love of Jesus?



After much prayer, planning, and visioning, we're excited to announce that St Paul's has been awarded a \$20,000 LLL Mission Outreach Grant to help launch a new

Coffee Ministry.



This isn't just about coffee. It's about creating a welcoming space where school families, church members, aged care residents, volunteers, and our wider community can gather, connect, and experience Christian hospitality.



How does a coffee ministry fit with our Five Guiding Principles and the mission of our church? And why was the Queensland District so excited about this vision?



For more information please read the full article by scanning the QR code or grabbing a hard copy from the church entrance.





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O God, since you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:

Pour into our hearts such love for you,  
that we may love you above all things and obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Wuersching; Ross Krieg; Wendy Riekstins; Ann Diment; John S,mout; Dianne Kleidon; Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller; Jan Maroske, Val Siegle

**Pray for Dorothee Orphanage in Democractic Republic Congo as they manage the threat of Ebola.**

