



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

07/06/2026

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SYNOD SUNDAY

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND



Upcoming Worship Service Times
@ St Paul's

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th June

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 8th June

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 14th June

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday 15th June

Aged Care @ 10am

Reborn in Water, Renewed by the Spirit

What if spiritual renewal is not something we achieve...
but something God gives?

This week's message from Titus 3 reminds us of one of the most comforting truths in all of Scripture: "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." In a world that constantly tells us to try harder, do better, and fix ourselves, God speaks a different word: Mercy. Grace. Renewal. Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God opens the door to a brand new life.

Through the washing of Baptism, He calls us His own children and pours out His Holy Spirit upon us. We are not forgotten, abandoned, or left to carry life alone. We are reborn in water and renewed by the Spirit. This week's devotions continue exploring these beautiful promises: Saved by mercy, not performance;

Remembering our Baptism; Renewed by the Holy Spirit; Finding our identity in Christ; Living as people of hope; Walking through the open door of God's grace. Whether you are feeling strong in faith or spiritually weary, these devotions are an opportunity to slow down, open God's Word, and be reminded again of who God is and who you are in Christ.

You are forgiven. You belong to Jesus. And your future is held securely in His hands.

As you journey through the devotions this week, may the Holy Spirit renew your heart with peace, hope, and joy in Christ.



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Next Sunday

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Genesis 18:1-15

Titus 3:3-8

Romans 5:1-8

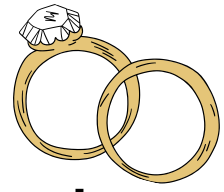
Matthew 28:16-20

Matthew 9:35-10:8

where love comes to life



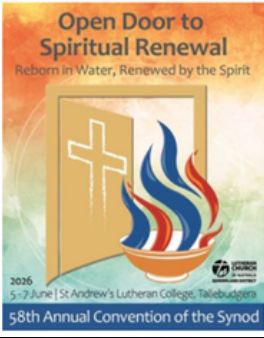
The Wedding Of



Louisa Klinge and Izac Schache on 30th May



The congregation extends its heartfelt congratulations and prayers as you begin married life together. May the Lord bless and keep you, grant you wisdom, patience, and enduring love, and fill your home with peace and happiness.



LCAQD Convention of the Synod 2026

58th Annual LCAQD Convention of the Synod
5 - 7 June 2026 | St Andrew's Lutheran College, Tallebudgera

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- to access the Convention resources



LWQ Retreat delights both the young and the young-at-heart with gratitude to hosts Brisbane North & Sunshine Coast Zone

by Pam Flesser

The petrol crisis did not deter 79 ladies and 12 menfolk from attending the LWQ Retreat on 15-17 May at Maroochy Waterfront Camp & Conference Centre, Maroochydore. Everyone experienced some 'LWQ' (Long-lasting Wondrous Quality time!) with old and new friends, exploring what it means to be 'Women in the Wilderness', inspired by Matt 11:28-30 - our theme for the weekend. A Taize-style service prepared by LWQ spiritual advisor Jordan Bennett set the mood for the weekend, and First Assistant Bishop Ben Hentschke shared news from LCAQD.

Bible study, music, arts and crafts and guests speakers ensured a wonderful and meaningful time was had by all, even the littlest attendee! Anne Hansen from Lutheran Tract Mission enthusiastically displayed all the new and comprehensive coverage of tracts for all occasions. Everyone young or old needs a Jesus message in times of joy or sorrow or just reassurance!

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Witnessing moments of
grace and community
by Pastor Ronald Lee



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On Friday 5 June 2026, a new congregation will be welcomed into membership at the LCAQD Convention of the Synod.

Praise be to our Lord. Last Saturday, Gold Coast Cantonese Community Church celebrated the second anniversary of its church planting ministry during our worship service. Looking back over the past two years, the journey of establishing this community church has certainly not been an easy one.

Originally, the church planting plan was prepared to begin in Adelaide, and everything was ready to proceed. However, after returning to Brisbane, I began suffering from severe back pain. Despite receiving treatment from several chiropractor friends, the condition did not improve. It was only after seeking further treatment from a Chinese medicine practitioner that I discovered the problem was caused by long-term stress. During this time, I shared again with LCAQD Bishop Dr Mark Vainikka the vision and burden for church planting, and eventually we discerned that God was leading us to relocate the mission to the Gold Coast, continuing the ministry foundation that the LCA had established there over the past decade.

We're on the way
to \$60k!

EVERY GIFT
GETS US
CLOSER TO
THE GOAL!



Help us cross the finish line
before Synod in June 2026, with
\$60 per person or \$600 per
congregation. Give now: →



FNQ Ministry

Support our mission to keep God's word
alive in Far North Queensland.

The Cairns Lutheran Parish are being
supported by the Lutheran Church of
Australia Queensland District (LCAQD) to
expand our reach to enable ministry
support to the communities of **Hope Vale**
and **Wujal Wujal on Cape York.**

Tap if online -
to get more information

Gift and Giving

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

Finke River Mission is a ministry of the Lutheran Church of Australia and their mission is to:
live, promote, teach and nurture the proclamation of the gospel among the indigenous people of
central Australia according to the Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church.

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

Bank Account Details
BSB: **034640**
Account No: **169299**
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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 2nd 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 9th June @ 9am
For further details please see Mavis Thamm



Following on from announcement after church last Sunday, here is some further information.

Total raised
\$47,315

Target
\$75,000

**\$ raised for
Appeal Dinner
(from LYQ website)**

**If wishing to donate funds -
then please tap on Appeal
Dinner [to right] to go to
donations page**



We believe that young people are awesome!

LYQ is privileged to serve more than 21,000 young people, their families and communities across Queensland each year. We exist to grow connected, hope-filled people. Our dedicated team of 90 staff and 267 volunteers co-create rich experiential learning to demonstrate Christ's love, invest in young lives, and encourage growth. Our 350-bed outdoor adventure campsite, Luther Heights at Coolum welcomes guests from 26 Lutheran schools, multiple Independent Christian schools, State schools, sporting and community groups from across Queensland and the nation. LYQ invests in student leaders and youth leaders through residential holiday camps and co-created school workshops to nurture growth and encourage valuable contributions to local communities.

WHAT'S ON



CHURCH CAMP 2026
September 11 - 13



St Paul's Lutheran Church
Caboolture

Ladies Fellowship

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



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 100TH 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



LCAQD Convention of the Synod - Friday 5 June to Sunday 7 June 2026
at St Andrew's Lutheran College, Tallebudgera

Please continue to pray for all Synod representatives as they meet in Synod.



WALKING WITH THE LORD Exercise Daily

Monday: Saved by Mercy

“But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.” – Titus 3:4–5

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that God loves us because we have been “good enough.” But Titus reminds us that salvation is not earned. It is given. That is wonderful news because none of us are perfect. We all carry regrets, failures, sins, and weaknesses. Yet God does not wait for us to fix ourselves before He loves us. Instead, He comes to us with mercy. Mercy means God does not treat us as our sins deserve. Instead, He gives us forgiveness through Jesus. When Jesus went to the cross, He carried all our sin and shame. Because of Him, we are welcomed into God’s family freely and lovingly. Today, rest in this truth: God’s love for you does not depend on your performance. It depends on His mercy.

Have you ever felt like you needed to “earn” God’s love?

Why is it comforting to know that salvation is a gift of mercy?

How does Jesus show God’s kindness and love to us?

Lord Jesus, thank You that You save me by Your mercy and not by my own efforts.

Help me to rest in Your forgiveness and live each day trusting in Your grace. Amen.

Tuesday: Reborn in Water

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” – Titus 3:5

The theme for the LCA Queensland District Synod is: “Open Door to Spiritual Renewal: Reborn in Water, Renewed by the Spirit.” What a beautiful reminder of Baptism. In Baptism, God comes to us personally. He places His name on us. He washes away sin. He gives the Holy Spirit. He joins us to Jesus. Many of us were baptised as babies and may not remember the day. But God remembers. Baptism is not just a ceremony from the past. It is a living promise from God that still speaks today: “You are mine.” “You are forgiven.” “You belong to Jesus.” Every day we return to those promises. Every day the Holy Spirit continues His work of renewing our hearts.

What does your Baptism mean to you?

Why is it comforting to know that God made promises to you in Baptism?

How can remembering your Baptism strengthen your faith?

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Baptism. Remind me daily that I belong to You and that Your promises never fail. Renew me by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Wednesday: Renewed by the Spirit

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” – Psalm 51:10

There are seasons in life when we feel tired, discouraged, or spiritually dry. We may feel burdened by worry, grief, illness, loneliness, or fear. Sometimes we wonder if we can ever feel joyful or hopeful again. But God specialises in renewal. The Holy Spirit works quietly but powerfully through God’s Word, prayer, worship, Holy Communion, and Christian fellowship. He comforts weary hearts and strengthens weak faith. Renewal does not always happen dramatically. Often it comes gently:

through a Bible verse, through a hymn, through a conversation, through hearing once again: “Your sins are forgiven.” God has not finished working in you. The Holy Spirit is still active, still present, still renewing His people.

When have you experienced spiritual weariness?

What helps renew your faith?

How does God bring comfort and peace into difficult seasons?

Holy Spirit, renew my heart when I grow weary. Fill me again with hope, peace, and trust in Jesus.

Strengthen my faith each day. Amen.

WALKING WITH THE LORD

Exercise Daily

Thursday: You Belong to Jesus

“You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” – Galatians 3:26–27

One of the greatest comforts in life is knowing who we belong to. In a world filled with uncertainty, God says: “You belong to Me.” That identity changes everything. You are not defined by your failures. You are not defined by your fears. You are not defined by your age, your health, or your past. You are a baptised child of God. Through faith in Jesus, you are clothed in His righteousness. When God looks at you, He sees the holiness of Christ covering you. That means you never face life alone. Jesus walks with you through every season – joy, sorrow, sickness, uncertainty, and even death itself.

- What things do people often use to define themselves?
- Why is your identity as a child of God so important?
- How does knowing you belong to Jesus bring comfort?

Lord Jesus, thank You for making me Your own. Help me to remember that my identity is found in You alone. Give me peace and confidence in Your love. Amen.

Friday: Heirs of Hope

“Having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” – Titus 3:7

Christians are people of hope. Not wishful thinking. Not uncertain optimism. Real hope grounded in Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died and rose again, our future is secure. Eternal life is not something we earn – it is an inheritance given by grace. An inheritance is a gift received because you belong to the family. Through Baptism and faith, you belong to God’s family. That means no matter what happens in this life, the future belongs to Christ. There will come a day with no more pain, tears, sickness, grief, or death. Jesus will make all things new. That promise gives us strength to keep going, even in difficult days.

- What hopes do people often place in this world?
- How is Christian hope different?
- How does the promise of eternal life encourage you today?

Gracious God, thank You for the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Help me to trust Your promises and live each day with confidence and peace. Amen.

Saturday: The Door Is Open

Jesus said, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” – John 10:9

The Synod theme speaks of an “Open Door to Spiritual Renewal.” That open door is Jesus. Sometimes people think they are too far gone for God. Too sinful. Too broken. Too weak. But Jesus never turns sinners away. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus welcomed the weary, the grieving, the ashamed, the lonely, and the hurting. He still does today. The door to God’s mercy remains open because of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Today Jesus invites you again: Come with your burdens. Come with your fears. Come with your doubts. Come and receive His forgiveness, peace, and renewal.

- What burdens are you carrying at the moment?
- Why is it comforting to know Jesus welcomes sinners?
- How can you share God’s open door of mercy with others?

Lord Jesus, thank You for opening the door of salvation through Your death and resurrection. Help me to trust in Your mercy and to walk each day in Your peace and renewal. Amen.



Growing FAITH at home

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YEAR A

Jesus came
to save
everyone



GrowMinistries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
June 5 and June 11
(if after Trinity Sunday)



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Why do people need to see a doctor?
2. Share an experience of seeing a doctor. What happened?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Jesus heals
M	Genesis 12:1-9	The call of Abram
T	Romans 4:13-25	Promise realised through faith
W	Psalm 50:7-15	God is judge
T	Hosea 5:15- 6:6	Israel unrepentant
F	Psalm 46	God is our fortress
S	Psalm 33:1-12	Sing joyfully to the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For the word of the Lord is right and
true, he is faithful in all he does.

PSALM 33:4



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Make a card for someone who is in hospital or undergoing long-term treatment with their doctor.

Let them know you are thinking about them. If it is possible, you could visit them in hospital and deliver the card to them. Add them to your prayers, praying for healing and comfort.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the many blessings of food that keep us healthy. Help us to be grateful for all that we have. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank you for being the great physician and we thank you for giving us doctors, nurses and other health professionals to help us when we are sick. Please bless them as they do their jobs. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Our health professionals keep us healthy and help us when we are sick. Find a way to thank one this week. You could send a note of encouragement to them or drop off something special to the clinic.



BLESSING

May the Lord look over you with care.



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O Lord, since you never fail to help and guide those whom you bring up in your fear and love:
Give us continual fear and love for your holy name;
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 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.

Pray for Megan & Amelia Schrodter with the loss of Megan's mother Rhonda and as they prepare to farewell her at Traditional Funerals on 10th June at 9:30am.

