



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY
26/07/2026

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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND



Upcoming Worship Service
Times @ St Paul's

THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th July

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 27th July

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 2nd August

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday 3rd August

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-39

Matt 13:31-33,44-52

Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Have you ever looked at a picture
that only makes sense when viewed
from the right perspective?

Jesus' parables this week invite us to see the
Kingdom of Heaven with fresh eyes.

A tiny mustard seed, hidden yeast,
buried treasure, a priceless pearl
and an overflowing fishing net
may seem like unrelated stories—
but together they reveal

the surprising depth of God's kingdom.

Discover how God is at work through things that
appear small and ordinary, why Christ is the
greatest treasure we could ever receive, and the
wonderful assurance that nothing can separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

This week as we explore these rich promises
through worship, the sermon,
daily devotions and Bible study.

You may just find that God's kingdom is closer—
and far more beautiful—than you ever imagined.

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
11th August at 9am.

For more details
please see Mavis Thamm.



BRIBIE ISLAND

Ladies FELLOWSHIP

come for a chat and a cuppa



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on **6th August @ 9.30am**



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Linda on 0431 570 299

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 Longest Lutheran Lunch

We look forward to seeing you!

WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE • SHARE

HIGHLIGHTS

from Church Council Meeting



15TH JULY 2026

Here's a summary of the key matters discussed at the Church Council meeting.



10 NEW CHAIRS DELIVERED

10 new chairs, with arms, have been delivered and placed in the church.

This is to assist members who may prefer chairs with arms, for comfort and stability.



STORYTELLING WORKSHOP APPROVED

Approval was given for Pastor James to attend a storytelling workshop on Saturday 15th August, and offering this to up to two other volunteers from our congregation, paying their registration (\$50 per person).



THANK YOU, LINDY FREYLING

Thanks to Lindy Freyling, who has volunteered to maintain the congregation's Facebook pages.



TRANSFER OF FUNDS APPROVED

Transfer of funds (\$1,614.67) earmarked for Evening Service Meals into the General fund was approved.



GIVING UPDATE

Our giving this month was \$2,650 below budget, with our year-to-date shortfall now standing at \$7,461.



\$2,650

BELOW BUDGET
THIS MONTH



\$7,461

YEAR-TO-DATE
SHORTFALL

We remain thankful for God's faithful provision through His people. As we look ahead, we invite each member to prayerfully reflect on how they might support the work of the Gospel through their financial giving, trusting that together God will provide for the ministry He has given us.



FUNERAL SERVICES

No charges are to be made for funeral services, but a **donation is requested.**



APOLOGIES

Graham Suthers, Lois Kube and Neil Kube are all away on holidays and are apologies for the half-yearly general meeting and August council meeting.



COFFEE MINISTRY TEAM

A team is being established to investigate the proposed coffee ministry.

If you would like to be part of that, please contact Lois.



MAINTENANCE LIST

A list of outstanding maintenance jobs has been compiled and will be available near the kitchen servery each Sunday.

Please put your name down if you are able to assist.



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

will be on **Wednesday 19th August 2026.**



HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

is on **Sunday 23rd August 2026.**

Please plan to attend this important meeting.



PROPERTY TRUST DISCUSSION

to be held on **Thursday 27th August 2026.**

This is expected to be a two hour meeting 10:30am-12:30pm at the church - all interested members are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

HIGHLIGHTS

from Church Council Meeting



15TH JULY 2026



Matters for the Half-Yearly General Meeting:

The following matters will go on the agenda for the upcoming Half Yearly General Meeting

Audio Upgrades & Livestreaming Options

We were joined, via teleconference, by Jack Grimes and Mark Matuschka to discuss the written advice they provided on audio upgrades and livestreaming options for our church.

Both Jack and Mark have extensive experience in this area, and we are grateful for their time and expertise.

A proposal will be put to the meeting for approval to purchase additional equipment.



Budget Adjustments incl. District Budget Increase

Correspondence from the LCA Queensland District Office "2027 Office of the Bishop and District Budget Update" was discussed.

An increase to our contributions to the LCAQD is requested.



Coffee Ministry

A report on progress will be presented, with a proposal that approval for the process to continue.



New Position

Community Outreach & Engagement Co-ordinator

A rationale document and position description will be presented, with a proposal that approval for the process to continue.



LCAQD Synod Report

The popular report, together with a report from our congregation's delegates, will be presented.



Mission Statement & Logo to be Presented

Our new Mission Statement and logo designs will be presented, with a proposal that approval for adoption.



The reports and agenda for this meeting
Sunday 9th August.

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from Church Council Meeting



15TH JULY 2026



REMINDERS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS



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GIFT & GIVING

Changing lives. Sharing Christ.



Perry's Story

Thirty years ago, on a Sunday morning at Areyonga, Perry experienced a profound vision of Jesus that transformed his life. ***"He sent the Holy Spirit,"*** Perry recalls. ***"He changed me, and I became a church cleaner."***

Perry's journey took him from church cleaner to evangelist, and now he spends his time encouraging people in the faith.

His evangelistic work began alongside Pastor Michael Tjapiard from Stirling. ***"I went around with Pastor Michael, telling everyone the Good News about Jesus,"*** he explains. They visited Alcoota (Engawala) before the church building existed, and were joined by Pastor Christopher Tjanama to encourage the community. ***"The Holy Spirit teaches me once I am listening to his word."***

Perry is now learning to read the Anmatyerr language. ***"I am learning all about reading the English [Bible] at Nungalinya [College in Darwin],"*** he says. ***"Next year, I would like to learn more about the Lord Jesus, because of what he has done in my life. I want to learn about him and [about] reading language."*** With support from Richard Morton, Perry has been working to improve his reading skills.

"When I read, when I sing, I feel the presence of the Lord. I feel the Holy Spirit. I am baptised now, because I have been learning from these pastors."

Today, Perry continues his calling as an evangelist at Wari Wari, Mount Allan.

Please contribute by:



Gift & Giving Basket
at church's entrance desk

OR

by direct deposit to
our bank account:



BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

BSB: 034640

Account No: 169299

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Your gift helps share God's love and bring hope to communities across Central Australia.

AUSTRALIAN CENSUS

Recording Your Religion



Tuesday 11 August 2026

The Australian Census will be held on **Tuesday 11 August 2026**.



Question 24 asks about each person's religion. **This question is optional.**



As Lutheran is not included among the listed denominations,



members who choose to answer the question are encouraged to enter **"Lutheran"** in the **"Other—please specify"** box.



Census 2026

australia.gov.au

24 What is the person's religion?

- ☐ No Religion
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Anglican
- ☐ Uniting Church
- ☐ Buddhism
- ☐ Islam
- ☒ Other – please specify

Lutheran



Doing so will help ensure that Lutherans are accurately represented in the Census.

EVERY VOICE COUNTS. BE COUNTED. BE REPRESENTED.

Work in Progress

Join us for an evening of craft, games and chatting for women of all ages.

1st Wednesday of the Month

NEXT GATHERING

5TH August @ 6:30pm



Lutheran NEWS

In FNQ, the Gospel light shines

For Locum Pastor Rev David Spanagel, the days are long, but the years are short. Intending to retire in 2023, he is instead busier than ever as he traverses the 600km between Cairns, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen. The region has recovered from its brush with TC Narelle and there is a sense of optimism as communities work and gather together in worship. Nonetheless, there continues to be a need for a long term, ongoing spiritual leader. Follow along with Pastor David as he shares 24 hours (or so) in the service of the Gospel.



Tap / Scan to read the full story

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.



WE NEED YOU!

8 MORE TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS

URGENTLY NEEDED



On Sunday the 9th of August

Connie Arney from christianRI will be coming to church to answer your questions directly and to give us more ideas about how we can help serve in this important ministry.



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



"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)

at Bribie Island

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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 **27 August 2026 @ 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,
Coolum

— 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



Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

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Monday: Small Beginnings, Great Growth

Matthew 13:31–32 *"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants."*

We often measure success by what we can see. We want big results, immediate answers, and obvious growth. Yet Jesus tells us that God's kingdom rarely begins that way. It begins like a tiny seed. The Gospel itself appeared small. A baby born in Bethlehem. A carpenter from Nazareth. A cross outside Jerusalem.

Twelve ordinary disciples. Yet from those small beginnings God changed the world.

God continues to work through what seems ordinary today—his Word read at home, a quiet prayer, Baptism, Holy Communion, a conversation about Jesus, a simple act of kindness.

Never underestimate what God can do through seemingly small things.

- Where have you seen God quietly working in your life?
- What small act of faithfulness might God use to bless someone this week?

Lord Jesus, thank you for working through small and ordinary things. Help me trust that your kingdom is growing even when I cannot see it. Give me faith to remain faithful in the little things. Amen.

Faith in Action: Why not plant a seed or small plant today. As you water it throughout the week, pray that God would continue growing faith in you and in those you love.

Tuesday: God Is Still Working

Romans 8:26 *"The Spirit helps us in our weakness."*

Yeast disappears into the dough. You cannot see it, but it is working. The Holy Spirit often works like that. Sometimes we feel as though nothing is changing. We still struggle with the same worries, the same grief, the same questions.

Yet God promises that even when we cannot see his work, he has not stopped working. The Spirit is strengthening faith. Softening hearts. Comforting the hurting. Teaching patience. Leading us toward Christ. Even our deepest sighs become prayers in God's hands.

- When have you become impatient waiting for God to answer?
- How does it comfort you to know that the Holy Spirit prays for you?

Holy Spirit, thank you for never abandoning me. When I cannot pray, pray for me. When I cannot see your work, help me trust your promises. Amen.

Faith in Action: Take ten quiet minutes today without distractions. Simply sit with God and trust that he is present, even in the silence.

Wednesday: The Greatest Treasure

Matthew 13:44 *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field."*

We spend much of life searching. We search for happiness. Security. Purpose. Success. Jesus says the greatest treasure has already been found. It is Christ himself. His forgiveness is worth more than wealth. His peace is greater than success. His promises last longer than anything money can buy. Because Jesus gave everything to redeem us, we already possess the richest treasure imaginable. The greatest riches are not found in our bank account but in God's grace.

- What things sometimes compete with Christ for first place in your heart?
- How has knowing Jesus become your greatest treasure?

Lord Jesus, forgive me when I treasure temporary things more than your eternal gifts. Help me delight in your forgiveness, your Word and your presence each day. Amen.

Faith in Action: Write down five blessings God has given you that money could never buy. Thank him for each one.



Growing Together:

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Thursday: You Are Christ's Treasure

Romans 8:33–34 "It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one."

The merchant gave everything for the pearl. Jesus did even more. He gave himself. He saw us buried beneath sin, fear and death. He did not walk away. Instead, he took our place upon the cross. Every accusation against us has already been answered by Christ. Every sin has been paid for. Every failure has been covered by his grace. The Gospel is not simply that Christ is our treasure. It is also that we are precious to him.

Which is easier for you to believe: that Christ is precious to you, or that you are precious to Christ?

How does Christ's forgiveness free you from guilt?

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving everything to redeem me. Help me rest in the certainty that I belong to you and that my sins have been completely forgiven. Amen.

Faith in Action: Encourage someone who is struggling with guilt by reminding them of God's forgiveness.

A phone call, message or conversation may become a great blessing.

Friday: Nothing Can Separate Us

Romans 8:38–39: "Nothing... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Life changes. Health changes. Relationships change. Circumstances change. God's love never changes.

Paul lists hardship, persecution, danger and even death. None of them can break Christ's grip on his people. Some days we feel close to God. Other days we feel distant. His love does not depend on our feelings. It depends upon the finished work of Jesus. The cross has already settled the question forever.

You belong to him.

What worries or fears do you need to place into Christ's hands today?

How does Romans 8 give you hope during difficult seasons?

Father, thank you that nothing can separate me from your love in Christ. Help me face each day with confidence, knowing that I am held securely in your hands. Amen.

Faith in Action: Read Romans 8:31–39 aloud today. Choose one verse to memorise and carry with you throughout the week.

Saturday: Sharing the Treasure

Matthew 13:52 "Every teacher of the law... is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Treasures are meant to be shared. God has filled his people with treasures. His Word. His promises. His forgiveness. His hope. His peace. Someone once shared those treasures with us. Now Christ sends us to do the same. Sharing the Gospel does not always require a sermon. Sometimes it is listening well.

Sometimes it is offering forgiveness. Sometimes it is praying with a friend. Sometimes it is simply reminding someone that Jesus loves them. God continues growing his kingdom through ordinary people who faithfully share extraordinary grace.

Who first shared the treasure of Jesus with you?

Who might God be inviting you to encourage this week?

Lord, thank you for the treasures of your Word. Give me opportunities to share your love, your ***forgiveness and your hope with those around me. May others find shelter beneath the branches of your kingdom through my words and actions. Amen.***

Faith in Action: Choose one person to intentionally encourage this week. Send a Bible verse, offer to pray for them, invite them to worship, or simply remind them that Christ loves them.



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 12

YEAR A

**Jesus is the
greatest
treasure!**



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Sunday between
July 24 and July 30



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus told a parable about a man who found a treasure hidden in the field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. What would you be willing to give up everything to have?
2. How precious is Jesus to you? How precious are you to him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	Parables of the kingdom
M	Philippians 3:7-11	Nothing compares
T	Matthew 6:19-21	Treasures in heaven
W	1 Timothy 6:17-19	Lay up treasure
T	Genesis 29:15-28	Jacob and Rachel
F	Romans 8:26-39	More than conquerors
S	Psalms 145:8-21	The Lord is righteous

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

MATTHEW 13:44





CREATIVE RESPONSE

St Paul tells us that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him, even when times are difficult or when we can't understand his workings (Romans 8:28).

In your home devotional times this week, make a list of the ways you have experienced God working for good in your lives, even in the hard times.

Say a prayer of thanks to God for his never-ending love.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Our hands we fold,
our heads we bow.
For food and drink,
we thank God now.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, we love you. Please help us to trust this day that you are working for good in all things. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Invite some people to join you in a treasure hunt. Make clues that take people to different locations. Use Bible verses if you can. Conclude the hunt by finding a Bible and share why Jesus is the greatest treasure.



BLESSING

May God's love hold you tight. May he give you faith to trust in his love, now and always.



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Listen in mercy to our prayers, Lord.

Lead us to ask for whatever pleases you, so that you may grant what we desire.

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 Wuersching; 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

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Paul King, who was recently called home to be with the Lord.

We especially remember Paul's children, grandchildren, and all who are grieving his passing.

May they know the comfort of God's promises and the peace that comes through the hope of the resurrection in Jesus Christ.

Paul's funeral service will be held this coming Friday, 31 July 2026.

Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

