



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY
19/07/2026

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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

**THE FARMER'S GREATEST CONCERN
ISN'T DESTROYING THE WEEDS...
IT'S PRESERVING THE WHEAT.**

Upcoming Worship Service Times
@ St Paul's

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th July

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 20th July

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 26th July

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday 27th July

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

Matt 13:24-30,36-43

Next Sunday

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-39

Matt 13:31-33,44-52

The Patient Farmer and the Precious Harvest

Why doesn't God remove evil now? Why does He allow weeds to grow among the wheat?

Jesus' parable gives a surprising answer. God's patience is not weakness or indifference—it is mercy. Every day He delays the final harvest is another day for people to hear His Word, receive His forgiveness, and be gathered into His kingdom.

This week, we explore the heart of this remarkable parable. We will discover God's patient love, the daily gift of repentance, the certainty of our salvation by grace alone, the quiet fruit the Holy Spirit produces in our lives, and the sure hope of the coming harvest when Christ will make all things new.

Whether you're wrestling with the brokenness of the world, your own struggles with sin, or simply longing for renewed hope, this week's devotions invite you to return each day to the promises of your Baptism and to rest in the faithful Farmer who will never lose His precious harvest.

Why not take a few minutes each day to read God's Word, reflect on His promises, pray, and be encouraged by the grace of Jesus Christ.

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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



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



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on **6th August @ 9.30am**



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Linda on 0431 570 299

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11TH – 13TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

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for all ages.



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AWESOME
PEOPLE



STRONGER
FAITH



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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!

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Inspired to LIFT Others

LIFT

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RISE
ABOVE
BEYOND
TOGETHER

LIFT CONFERENCE REPORT



This Thursday Pastor James accompanied Cooper, Eliora and Netanya to the LIFT Conference, where they represented our church and Grace College.



LIFT encourages young people to discover a Christian understanding of leadership—one grounded in service, justice and compassion.



Throughout the conference, we were challenged to move beyond simply knowing about poverty and injustice in our heads and to allow that knowledge to **reach our hearts and inspire action**.

We explored what it means to recognise every person's God-given dignity, to listen before assuming we have the answers, and to work alongside communities rather than offering quick fixes. True leadership, we learned, is not about power or position; it begins with seeing people, caring for them and asking, **"How can I help?"**



The experience left us inspired to make a **meaningful difference** in our school, church, community and wider world—especially in the lives of people who have fewer opportunities and resources than we do.



LIFT reminded us that **faith calls us beyond** good intentions: from charity towards justice, from doing things for others towards being with them, and from head knowledge towards heartfelt, **compassionate action**.



We look forward to seeing how the seeds planted through this experience continue to grow as Cooper, Eliora and Netanya use their gifts to serve others, lift people up and help create hope.

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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

GIFT AND GIVING

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

HIGHLIGHT on this week's Activity



**'WE ARE IN THE
LORD'S SERVICE...'**



Under a vast desert sky, stories of faith are still being told. Around campfires and under tin-roofed shelters, voices rise in prayer and song - in Arrarnta, Anmatyerr, Alyawarr, Luritja and Pitjantjatjara. These are the languages of God's people in the centre, and they carry the good news to the hearts of his children.



Across Central Australia, new believers are being baptised and growing in faith. Dozens have received baptism and confirmation, with many in bush communities. God is clearly at work, calling, gathering and renewing his people.



Stories like these are why Finke River Mission continues to train and support its pastors and support workers. FRM's been doing the same for close to 150 years, since humble beginnings in the 1870s.



But we're up against a growing challenge. Finke River Mission receives no ongoing government or denominational funding. Everything we do, from training Indigenous pastors and evangelists to visiting remote communities and running bush Bible courses, is sustained by donations and prayer.



Right now, that support is under strain. Expenses are increasing faster than giving, and without an uplift in regular donations, we will need to reduce travel, postpone training visits or slow the translation work that keeps God's word alive in local languages.



We can only continue this good work with your help. We are deeply thankful for all who already give so faithfully. But the reality is simple: without increased financial support, the work of Finke River Mission cannot continue at its current strength.



HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS

Your donation supports:



**CHRISTIAN TEACHING
AND TRAINING**
for Ingkaarts (pastors)
and support workers



**RESOURCING LOCAL
LANGUAGES AND
TRANSLATIONS**
for worship and Bible study



EQUIPMENT
for bush courses
and events



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An investment in equipping our church to share God's Word powerfully with children.



ENGAGE
KIDS
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TEACH
GOD'S WORD
EFFECTIVELY



CREATE
STORIES THAT
STICK



POINT EVERY
STORY TO
JESUS

**WE NEED TO
KNOW NUMBERS
ASAP**

BY THE START OF
NEXT WEEK
as numbers are
very limited!



LUNCH & MORNING TEA INCLUDED | ALL WELCOME – BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED STORYTELLERS!

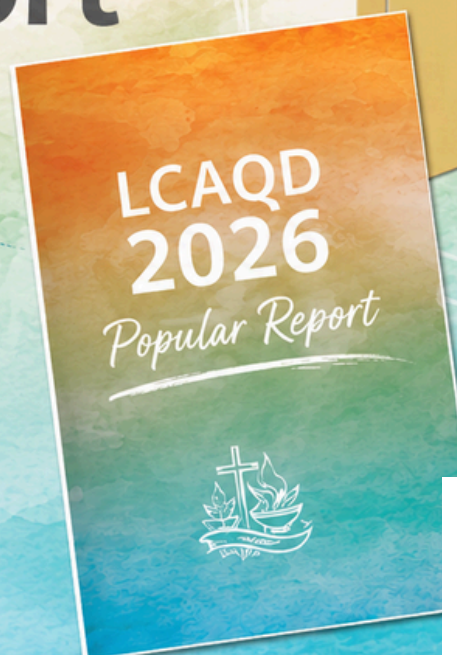
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Intercept

Youth & Family Program

Chillax

Chillax is a fun and active six-week, skill building program for young people diagnosed with ADHD or similar.



Ages 10–14 years



6 x 1hr Sessions

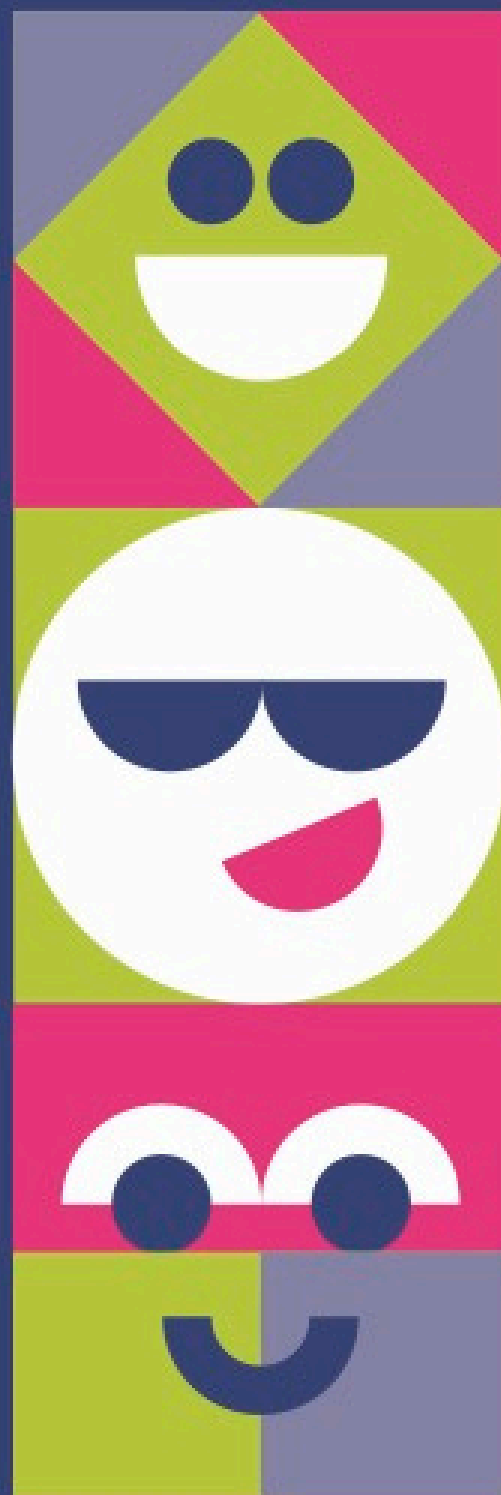


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Chillax is a fun and supportive program for 10–14-year-olds who want to better manage their ADHD. In six one-hour sessions, you'll learn skills to calm your mind, stay focused, finish tasks, and feel more in control. It's all about building confidence, understanding how your brain works, and turning your energy into something powerful. Chillax helps you thrive—your way.

When Every Wednesday starting 29/06/2026 and finishing Wednesday 02/09/2026 3:30 4:30pm (6 week program).

Where Intercept Youth & Family Program.
1/69 King St, Caboolture.



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**Lutheran
Services**
Youth & Family



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)**

at Bribe Island

Ladies [♥] FELLOWSHIP

come for a chat and a cuppa



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



♥ All are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there.

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to relax, refresh and reconnect.



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Recharge



Connect &
Enjoy



Reflect &
Renew



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explore, or simply be still.
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surroundings & meaningful
conversations.
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prayer available if you wish.



9 – 11
October
2026



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just for you ... no cooking,
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15 June –
27 September

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Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

BELONG | GROW | CONNECT | THRIVE | SERVE

Monday: The Patient Farmer. Matthew 13:24–30

One of the surprising parts of Jesus' parable is what the farmer does not do. When the servants discover weeds growing among the wheat, they are eager to pull them out immediately. The farmer refuses.

Not because he likes weeds, but because he loves the wheat. This is the heart of God. He is patient—not because He ignores evil, but because He desires that people come to repentance. Every day Christ delays

His return is another day for His Gospel to be proclaimed, another opportunity for sinners to hear His forgiveness, and another chance for people to become part of His harvest. We often become impatient with the brokenness of the world. We wonder why evil continues and why justice seems delayed.

Yet God sees more than we do. His mercy is greater than our impatience. He is working toward a harvest that will not lose a single one of those who belong to Him. While we wait, we are invited to trust the Farmer. His timing is perfect. His mercy is abundant. His harvest is certain.

Where do you find yourself becoming impatient with God or with the brokenness of the world?

How does God's patience encourage you to trust Him more deeply?

Gracious Father, thank You for Your great patience toward this world and toward me. Help me to trust Your timing and never lose hope in the work You are doing through Your Word. Keep me faithful as I wait for

Christ's return. Amen. Faith in Action: Pray for someone who does not yet know Jesus or who has drifted away from the faith. Thank God that today is still a day of grace.

Tuesday: Looking at My Own Heart. Romans 8:12–17

It is easy to notice the weeds growing in someone else's life. We see their faults, their failures, and their sins.

We are often quick to decide who is right and who is wrong. But Jesus' parable quietly turns our attention back to ourselves. Before worrying about the weeds around us, we are called to recognise the sinful nature that still clings to us. Though we belong to Christ through Baptism, we continue to struggle with pride, selfishness, impatience, anger, greed, and fear. This is why repentance is not a one-time event but a daily rhythm of the Christian life. Each day we return to God's promises. Each day we confess that we cannot save ourselves. Each day Christ reminds us that our identity is not found in our failures but in our Baptism, where He claimed us as His beloved children. The Christian life begins and ends with grace.

Is there a particular sin that God is inviting you to confess today?

How does remembering your Baptism change the way you see yourself?

Merciful Lord, forgive me for judging others while overlooking my own sin. Lead me daily to repentance and remind me that I belong to You through Baptism. Thank You for calling me Your child. Amen.

Faith in Action: Spend a few quiet minutes confessing your sins to God.

Read Psalm 51 and receive His forgiveness with confidence.

Wednesday: Saved by Grace Alone. Romans 8:18–25

Jesus never says that the wheat earns its place in the field. Likewise, we are not saved because we have removed every weed from our lives or because we have produced enough fruit. We are saved because Jesus became the sinner in our place. On the cross He carried our guilt, bore God's judgment, and conquered death through His resurrection. Everything needed for our salvation has already been accomplished.

This changes everything. Instead of living in fear, we live in hope. Instead of trying to earn God's favour, we rest in His grace. Instead of despairing over our weakness, we cling to Christ's strength.

Our confidence is never in ourselves but always in Him.

When are you tempted to believe God loves you because of your performance?

What does it mean for you today to rest completely in Christ's finished work?

Lord Jesus, thank You that my salvation rests entirely on Your death and resurrection.

Help me to live each day in the freedom and joy of Your grace. Amen.

Faith in Action: Read Romans 8 aloud. Circle every promise God gives to His children.



Growing Together:

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Thursday: Quiet Fruit Galatians 5:22-26

The fruit Jesus produces is often wonderfully ordinary. It may not be dramatic or noticed by many people. It looks like forgiving someone who hurt you. Speaking kindly instead of harshly. Helping without expecting recognition. Listening patiently. Praying faithfully. Encouraging someone who feels forgotten. The Holy Spirit delights in producing this kind of fruit. None of it earns God's love. Instead, it is evidence that Christ is already at work within us. Every small act of love becomes part of God's ongoing work in His kingdom.

Which fruit of the Spirit do you most need God to grow in you today?

Who could be encouraged by one small act of kindness from you?

Holy Spirit, continue Your work within me. Produce in me the fruit that reflects Jesus, so that others may see His love through my words and actions. Amen.

Faith in Action: Choose one quiet act of love today that no one else needs to know about.

Friday: Trust the Farmer Isaiah 44:6-8

Sometimes it seems as though evil is winning. Wars continue. People suffer. The Church struggles. Our own lives can feel filled with disappointment. Yet God reminds us: "I am the First and I am the Last."

Nothing surprises Him. Nothing escapes His notice. Nothing can overturn His promises.

The Farmer has not abandoned His field. Even when we cannot see His work, He continues gathering His harvest through His Word and Spirit. Faith often means trusting what we cannot yet see.

The harvest is coming. Christ will finish what He has begun.

What situation in your life do you need to place back into God's hands?

How does God's promise that He is your Rock strengthen your hope?

Lord God, You are my Rock and there is no other. When I cannot understand what You are doing, help me to trust Your wisdom and Your promises. Amen.

Faith in Action: Write down one worry and deliberately place it before God in prayer, trusting Him with the outcome.

Saturday: The Day of Harvest. Matthew 13:36-43

The harvest is coming. That truth is both a warning and a comfort. For those who reject Christ, it is a call to repentance while today is still the day of grace. For those who trust Him, it is a promise of joy beyond imagination. One day every weed will be removed. Sin will no longer cling to us. The devil will no longer accuse us. Death will be no more. Jesus promises, "Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Notice why they shine. Not because they made themselves righteous. Not because they were perfect. They shine because they have been clothed with Christ's righteousness. The Farmer who patiently cared for His harvest throughout history will finally gather His people home forever.

What part of God's promised future gives you the greatest hope?

How can the certainty of Christ's return shape the way you live today?

Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Keep me faithful until the day You gather Your people into Your everlasting kingdom. Thank You that my future rests safely in Your hands. Amen.

Faith in Action: Share with someone this week one reason why you have hope in Jesus.



Growing
FAITH
at home

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YEAR A

**Hope for
the future**



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Sunday between
July 17 and July 23



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to hope? How is hope different from wishful thinking?
2. What do we, as Christians, hope for? How does this hope help us when times are difficult?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	The parable of the weeds
M	Matthew 7:15-20	A tree and its fruit
T	Revelation 14:14-20	Harvest at the end of time
W	Genesis 28:10-19	Jacob's dream at Bethel
T	Romans 8:12-25	We are God's children
F	1 John 4:13-18	Perfect love drives out fear
S	Psalms 86:11-17	Teach me your way, Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

God's spirit doesn't make us slaves who
are afraid of him. Instead, we become his
children and call him our Father.

ROMANS 8:15



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In Jesus' parable, he spoke of good seeds that were planted by God and weeds that came from the devil.

Set up two containers – one with seeds the other with weeds. When you gather together this week, share what has been 'seedy' in your lives (good things from God) and what has been 'weedy' (wrong, sinful, evil).

Pray for each other, asking God to protect you from evil and to help good things come to you and through you.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Father, thank you for putting food on our table, love in our hearts, and hope in our souls. Amen.



PRAYER

Teach us your ways, Lord. Give us hearts that are not divided between you and other things. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighbourhood this week. You could get involved in a Clean Up Australia Day event. www.cleanup.org.au



BLESSING

May you live and grow as a child of God's kingdom. May you belong to him, now and always.



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Guide us, Lord, to think and do always what is right.
Enable us, who cannot exist without you,
to live according to your will.
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, **Ann De Berg, Leslie Smith**

Please keep the family and friends of Allan Holcroft in your prayers as they prepare for his funeral service at the Orchid House this Tuesday at 10:30am. We especially ask that you continue to pray for his wife, Val, and their children, that God would surround them with His comfort, strength, and peace during this time of grief.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Peter Cahill as they prepare to celebrate his life this Wednesday. Please keep his wife, Selina, especially in your prayers, asking that the Lord uphold her with His love and comfort as she mourns.

