



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

28/06/2026

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**5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND**

# *The Reward For Faithfulness*

Upcoming Worship Service Times  
@ St Paul's

## **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 28th June**

Bribie Island 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

**Monday, 29th June**

Aged Care @ 10am

## **NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday 5th July**

Caboolture @ 9am

**Monday 6th July**

Aged Care @ 10am

What reward do you expect  
for following Jesus?

Many people assume that faith should make life easier—that following Christ will bring comfort, success, or freedom from hardship. Yet Jesus offers a very different promise. He tells His disciples that following Him may involve carrying a cross, facing rejection, and serving faithfully in a world that does not always welcome the Gospel. And yet, He also promises that none of it is wasted.

This week we explore Jesus' remarkable words in Matthew 10:40–42, where He speaks of welcoming His disciples, offering even a cup of cold water to someone in His name, and receiving a reward that can never be taken away.

Together we will discover that the reward of faithfulness is not earthly success or an easy life. Rather, it is Christ Himself—His forgiveness, His presence, His peace, and His promise never to leave us. From that gift flows a life of humble service, where even the smallest acts of kindness become opportunities for God's grace to touch another person's life.

**"Whoever welcomes you welcomes Me,  
and whoever welcomes Me  
welcomes the One who sent Me."  
Matthew 10:40**

## **Bible Readings**

**This Sunday**

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

**Next Sunday**

Zechariah 9:9-12

Romans 7:15-25a

Matt 11:6-19, 25-30



*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  
**14th of July at 9am.**

For more details please see Mavis Thamm.



## St Paul's Caboolture and Bribie Island Church Fellowship Picnic

From 11am  
at Bribie Island.

See next weeks bulletin for more details.



## 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  
This Wednesday  
the 1st of July  
at 6pm



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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Finke River Mission  
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# GIFT AND GIVING

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

**Yirara**  
COLLEGE



## HIGHLIGHT on this week's Activity ..... Yirara College .....

Through Finke River Mission, the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) provides Christian secondary education at Yirara College to Aboriginal boarding students from remote Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland communities. Finke River Mission's long and positive history with the Aboriginal people of central Australia has contributed to the success of the college; parents are confident to choose the college as a Christian environment in which their children can attend school. Yirara is located seven kilometres south of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway. The site covers 32 hectares and includes school buildings, dormitories, sporting facilities, staff accommodation and camping areas.



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## CHILD SAFETY STANDARD WE RESPECT AND WELCOME *children with diverse needs*



Every child is made in the image of God (**Genesis 5:1b; Psalm 139:13,14**), and God makes no distinction between people based on any human characteristics (**Acts 10:34,35; Romans 2:11**). The church, as the body of Christ, is made up of all sorts of people – including all sorts of children – all who make the church what it is (**1 Corinthians 12:12-18**). Furthermore, as Jesus reminds us, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind are to be invited to God's banquet (**Luke 14:13**). But, most importantly, when Jesus says: 'Let the children come to me and don't stop them' (**Matthew 19:14**), he doesn't specify what kind of children, but simply says, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me' (**Mark 9:37**).



Every child belongs. Every child is valued. Every child is loved. 



WE RECOGNISE THAT CHILDREN WITH DIVERSE NEEDS AND CHILDREN FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS ARE MORE VULNERABLE. WE RESPECT, WELCOME, AND SUPPORT THESE CHILDREN TO HELP THEM STAY SAFE AND TO HELP THEM THRIVE IN THEMSELVES AND IN THEIR FAITH



Our congregation recognises that children from diverse backgrounds have unique vulnerabilities and are more likely to be at risk, or experience abuse or neglect. We know this is particularly true for children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, children from refugee backgrounds, children from other cultural groups, children with disabilities, children who are diverse in their sexuality and gender, and children who are unable to live with their families.






We appreciate that all children have the right to worship God and to participate freely and happily in our church community. With this in mind, we are committed to minimising the barriers that these children face as we work towards ensuring that our congregation is a safe and welcoming place for all God's children.

Welcoming all  Valuing every child  Supporting each child  Safe in faith  Growing in love



## Ladies FELLOWSHIP

*come for a chat and a cuppa* 




-  Meet on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of the month.
-  Our next get together will be this week on **2<sup>nd</sup> July @ 9.30am**
-  For address please contact **Linda on 0431 570 299**



 **AT BRIBIE ISLAND**



## BIBLE Study

-  Bible Study is held on the **4<sup>th</sup> week** of the month.
-  Pastor Michael Braunberger is leading Bible Study **on the Gospels**, and our next study will be on
-  the **22<sup>nd</sup> July (Wed) @ 1.30pm** at 3 Elizabeth Batts Court Banksia Beach.



 **AT BRIBIE ISLAND**

 All are welcome! | We look forward to seeing you there. 



# HIGHLIGHTS

## from church council meeting



17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

We are thankful for the many encouraging initiatives and decisions that continue to strengthen the life and ministry of our congregation.

*Please keep these projects and opportunities in your prayers.*

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### PERSONAL EVANGELISM SERIES



Plans are underway for a six-week Personal Evangelism Series to be held during our Sunday morning services in late July and August.

Throughout the series, small groups will also meet during the week, including a church-based group on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow together in faith, friendship, and God's Word.

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### NEW CHURCH SEATING



Ten new chairs with arms have been ordered for use in the church.

These chairs are intended to provide additional comfort and stability for those who prefer them and will be placed at the end of various rows during Sunday services.

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### YEAR 3 BIBLES



We give thanks that **\$1,957** has been raised towards providing Bibles for our Year 3 students at St Paul's Lutheran Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this important ministry.

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### GIFT & GIVING PROJECTS



FINKE RIVER MISSION

NEXT PROJECT: ORPHANAGE

Current Gift & Giving donations (up to \$1,000) will be directed to the Finke River Mission.

Following this, our next Gift & Giving project will support an orphanage, continuing our commitment to sharing Christ's love both locally and globally.

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### POWER UPGRADE WORKS



As part of the ongoing power upgrades for the church and school complex, a new metering switchboard will be installed near the power transformer on the southern side of the property.

This will involve some changes to the fencing, and a small section of existing turf will be replaced with concrete.

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### MPC HOLIDAY WORKS



Works within the MPC will be carried out during the school holidays.

As a result, there will be some temporary changes to parking and traffic arrangements for Sunday services.

**Thank you in advance for your patience during these improvements.**

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from church council meeting



17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

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## PROPERTY TRUST DISCUSSION



A Property Trust Discussion will be held on **Thursday, 27 August 2026, from 10:30am-12:30pm** at the church. Interested members are warmly welcome to attend and be part of the conversation.

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## SUPPORTING YOUNG LEADERS

Council approved funding for 5-6 young people to attend LYQ's LIFT Leadership Training at a cost of \$40 per person.

LIFT encourages students to discover how faith-filled leadership can bring about real change through engaging speakers, practical learning, and opportunities to explore how local action can make a global difference.



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## COFFEE MINISTRY TEAM



A team is now being established to investigate the proposed Coffee Ministry. If you would like to be involved in helping shape this exciting outreach opportunity, please speak with Lois.

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## AUDIO & LIVESTREAMING

Council is investigating possible upgrades to our church audio system, along with livestreaming options, to help support worship both in person and online.



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## PRINTING TRIAL



We are commencing a six-month trial of using the school printer for our printing needs.

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## OFFERING UPDATE



Offerings for May were **\$2,584** below budget, bringing the year-to-date total to **\$4,811** behind budget.

We are grateful for the faithful generosity of our congregation and encourage everyone to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St Paul's as they are able.

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## BRIBIE ISLAND VISIBILITY

Two Bali-flag banners will be purchased for use outside the Bribie Island Orchid House to help make our church's presence more visible and welcoming within the community.



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## MAINTENANCE OPPORTUNITIES



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

If you are able to assist with any of these tasks, please consider adding your name. Every helping hand makes a valuable difference.

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## CHILD SAFETY



Council continued its ongoing review of our Child Safety Standards Action Plan.

This remains a standing agenda item, with one of the ten Child Safety Standards being reviewed at each meeting as we continue to strengthen

our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

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## VISIONING TEAM WORKSHOP



A second workshop with the Intergenerational Visioning Team is proposed for Sunday, 19 July 2026. The team will continue developing a logo that reflects our five guiding principles and vision statement. This work will be presented to the congregation for consideration and adoption at the Half-Yearly & General Meeting.

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council meeting will be held on



WEDNESDAY  
15 JULY 2026





# You are invited!

Join ALWS Walk My Way Brisbane as we step out to protect refugee girls from child marriage.

**Saturday 8 August**

1-5PM, QUT GARDENS POINT CAMPUS, BRISBANE CITY

Register at [brisbane.walkmyway.org.au](http://brisbane.walkmyway.org.au)



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Eight weekly 2hr sessions by Zoom, on Wednesdays in July-August 2026, brought to you by the Frontier School of Mission!

Find out how we fit into God's mission to his world, seeking: a better understanding of joining the Spirit in walking with someone on their journey to faith; and the beginnings of a concrete approach to shaping mission in each person's context.



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## Shaping Mission in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Australia & New Zealand

How do we fit into God's mission today?

Led by Dr Steen Olsen (LCANZ retired pastor, bishop and mission director)

**Wednesdays July-August 2026**

9.00-11.00pm NZ / 7.00-9.00pm Eastern / 6.30-8.30pm Central / 5.00-7.00pm WA

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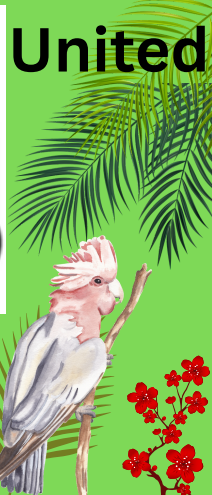


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EFT payments can also be made to the following account:

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# WALKING WITH THE LORD

## Exercise Daily

### Monday: Christ Welcomes You Romans 6:3–5

Before Jesus ever tells us to welcome others, He first welcomes us. That is the pattern of the Christian life. We often think Christianity begins with what we do—coming to church, praying, serving, or trying to be better people. But the Gospel begins somewhere else. It begins with Christ coming to us. In Baptism, Jesus welcomed you into His family. He called you by name. He forgave your sins. He united you with His death and resurrection. Your relationship with God doesn't begin because you reached out to Him. It begins because He reached out to you. That changes everything. You don't have to earn His acceptance. You already have it. Every act of service you offer this week grows out of that wonderful truth: you belong to Christ.

- Where do you most need the assurance today that Christ has already welcomed you?

***Lord Jesus, thank You for welcoming me through Your death and resurrection. Help me live each day knowing I belong to You. Amen.***

### Tuesday: The Cross Comes Before the Crown Matthew 10:38–39

We naturally want life to be comfortable. Yet Jesus never promised comfort. He promised Himself. Following Christ often means carrying crosses we didn't choose. Illness. Disappointment. Loneliness. Misunderstanding. Grief. These burdens do not mean God has abandoned us. In fact, the cross is often where we discover His presence most deeply. Jesus carried His cross before asking us to carry ours. And He promises never to leave us. The cross is never the end of the story. Resurrection always follows.

- What cross are you carrying today?
- How might Jesus be walking with you through it?

***Lord Jesus, when the road is difficult, remind me that You are beside me. Give me courage to trust You each day. Amen.***

### Wednesday: Small Things Matter Matthew 10:42

A cup of cold water. It hardly seems important. Yet Jesus says even this simple act matters. God's Kingdom often grows through ordinary people doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. A smile. A visit. A meal. A phone call. A prayer. Listening without interrupting. None of these may seem significant. Yet each one can become an expression of Christ's love. We often underestimate what God can do through simple faithfulness. He doesn't ask us to save the world. He already has. He simply invites us to love the person in front of us.

- Who might need your "cup of cold water" today?

***Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the opportunities You place before me today. Help me serve faithfully in small ways. Amen.***

# WALKING WITH THE LORD

## Exercise Daily

### Thursday: Christ Comes to Us Matthew 10:40

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes Me." These words remind us that Jesus comes to us through His Word. Every time we hear Scripture read... Every time we gather for worship... Every time we receive Holy Communion... Christ Himself comes to His people. Christianity is not simply remembering Jesus. It is Jesus actively serving His people today. Before we go into the world to love others, Christ first fills us with His forgiveness, His peace, and His strength. He is always the Giver before we become the givers.

- How can you make space this week to receive Christ through His Word?

***Lord Jesus, thank You for continually coming to me through Your Word and Sacraments. Help me receive Your gifts with a thankful heart. Amen.***

### Friday: Hospitality as Mission 2 Kings 4:8-10

The Shunammite woman simply opened her home. She probably had no idea how greatly God would use that simple act of hospitality. Hospitality has always been one of God's favourite ways of sharing His love. A welcoming smile. A shared meal. An invitation. A listening ear. These simple acts tell people they matter. Sometimes people will remember how we treated them long after they forget what we said. Hospitality creates space for relationships. Relationships create opportunities for the Gospel.

- Who could you intentionally welcome this week?
- Perhaps someone at church. A neighbour. Someone sitting alone. Someone new.

***Lord, make my home, my heart, and my life places where others experience Your welcome. Amen.***

### Saturday: Christ Is Our Reward Philippians 3:7-11

What is the reward of faithfulness? It isn't success. It isn't recognition. It isn't an easy life. The reward is Christ Himself. He forgives us. Walks beside us. Feeds us. Strengthens us. Never leaves us. And one day we shall see Him face to face. That hope changes how we live now. We no longer have to chase approval from the world. Our treasure is already secure. Nothing—not suffering, rejection, illness, or even death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. He is enough. He always has been. He always will be.

- What worldly rewards are you tempted to pursue instead of simply enjoying Christ?
- How does knowing Christ is your greatest treasure change your perspective?

***Lord Jesus, thank You for being my greatest reward. Keep my eyes fixed on You, and help me find my deepest joy in Your presence each day. Amen.***



## Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 8

YEAR A

### Welcoming others



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



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

Sunday between  
June 26 and July 2



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.
2. God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?



## 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 10:40-42</b>	Receiving and serving others
<b>M</b>	<b>Luke 9:46-48</b>	Welcoming the little ones
<b>T</b>	<b>Matthew 25:31-40</b>	Receiving Christ in others
<b>W</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:7-16</b>	A widow receives Elijah
<b>T</b>	<b>Genesis 22:1-14</b>	Abraham tested
<b>F</b>	<b>Romans 6:12-23</b>	Slaves to Righteousness
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 89:1-18</b>	Who is like you?

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.

MATTHEW 10:42



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Have a household 'half year' celebration.

Share half a cake or half a pizza, eat halves of fruit!

Use your time together to share memories from the last six months and talk about your hopes and expectations for the next six months. Give thanks for God's gifts to you so far this year and pray for his blessings for the rest of the year.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus said that anyone who welcomes one of his followers welcomes him, and in turn welcomes his Heavenly Father (Matthew 10:40).

Extend a welcome to a person or family from your church or another church to join you for a meal in your home (preferably people you don't know very well).

Discuss how best to make them feel welcome and divide tasks among your family (e.g. preparing your home, serving drinks or snacks, entertaining, cleaning up). Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!



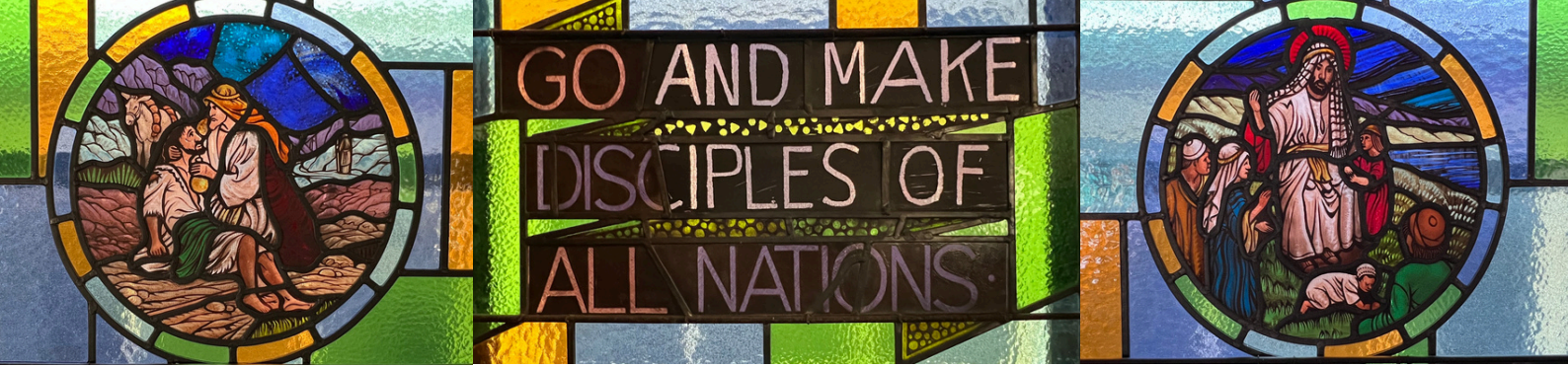
## PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart. May you know the full joy of serving others. Amen



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Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
Graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
and increase our devotion;  
nourish us with all goodness, and by your mercy  
preserve in us what you have nourished;  
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

**Please continue to pray for God's comfort and peace for all of the Gerhardy family on the loss of Vince's mother.**

