

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

Take courage.
It is I.
Do not be afraid.



Upcoming Worship Service
Times @ St Paul's
THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th August

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 12th August

Aged Care @ TBA

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 16th August

Caboolture @ 9am

Wednesday 17th August

Aged Care @ 10am

When the Storm Comes...

Storms are part of life. Some arrive without warning. Others linger for what feels like forever. Whether they come as illness, grief, uncertainty, or the quiet worries we carry each day, we all know what it is like to wonder if we'll make it through.

This week's Gospel invites us into one of the best-known stories in the Bible—but perhaps not in the way we expect. Is this really a story about Peter's courage, or is it about something far greater? As we journey through Sunday's sermon and the daily devotions, we'll discover the wonderful comfort of a Saviour who doesn't wait for us to find Him, but comes to us in the middle of the storm.

I invite you to spend time with God's Word each day this week. As you read, reflect and pray, may you hear Christ's reassuring voice speaking to your own heart: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Bible Readings

This Sunday

Next Sunday

Romans 10:5-15

Romans 11:1-2,29-32

Matt 14:22-33

Matthew 15:10-28

What's On at St Paul's

THIS MONTH

	Each Tuesday From 1pm	Bible Study Exploring the previous Sunday's readings and sermon in depth.
	Sunday 9th August (after service)	christianRI Visit Connie Arney will be visiting us to answer questions, encourage new volunteers and explain RI
	Tuesday 11th August 9:00am	Ladies Fellowship Caboolture A regular time of fellowship, encouragement and sharing
	Sunday 16th August 9:00am	Year 2 Family Service (looking at the parables of Jesus) An intergenerational service for all ages (In 3D)
	Wednesday 19th August 9:30am	Morning Tea at Strawberry View Coffee Shack Everyone invited. RSVP by 9 th of August
	Wednesday 19th August 6:30pm	Church Council Meeting The regular monthly meeting
	Sunday 23rd August (After service)	Half Yearly General Meeting Important congregational meeting following worship.
	Thursday 27th August 1:30pm	Bribie Island Bible Study Led by Pastor Michael Braunberger. Study is on the book of John
	Thursday 27th August 10:30am	Property Trust Discussion 10:30-12:30pm Open Meeting for all interested members.
	Sunday 30th August 9:00am	Year 1 Family Service An intergenerational service celebrating God's love and how He made us in His image.
	Thursday 3rd September 9:30am	Ladies Fellowship Bribie Island A regular gathering for women featuring faith, fellowship, friendship and encouragement.

Lord, may everything we do together this month bring glory to You and blessing to others.

LOOKING AHEAD



11-13 SEPTEMBER
Church Camp
GOOGA



9-11 OCTOBER
Replenish
Women's Retreat



18TH OCTOBER
100TH FORMAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



25TH OCTOBER
100TH ANNIVERSARY INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE CELEBRATION



SAVE THE DATE!

for our Church Half-Yearly Meeting



SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026



HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

It's an opportunity for us to hear reports, celebrate what God is doing among us, and look ahead together.



TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED & VOTED ON



AUDIO UPGRADES & LIVESTREAMING OPTIONS

Options for audio upgrades and livestreaming will be presented 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" will be discussed.



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.



REPORTS & AGENDA *coming soon!*

Reports and the Agenda for the Half-Yearly Meeting will be available from
Sunday 9th August 2026.



SAVE THE DATE!

We'd love to see you there!



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and continue to grow, connect and serve together.



Hebrews 12:2

Ladies FELLOWSHIP

Bribie Island



Come for
FAITH



Come for
FELLOWSHIP



Come for
FRIENDSHIP

Meets on the
first Thursday
of every month.

For address please
contact Linda on
☎ 0431 570 299

All women
welcome!

Next fellowship time
to be held on:

3rd Sep

9:30am

Bible Study AT BRIBIE ISLAND



A relaxed, friendly group for **all ages** to explore the Bible,
grow in faith and discover **God's great love** for you.



ON THE **4TH**
THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH



LED BY
**PASTOR MICHAEL
BRAUNBERGER**
Currently studying
the **Gospel of John**



ALL WELCOME!
Come as you are.
Everyone belongs.

Hear. Learn. Grow. Together in God's Word. ♥

NEXT BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD ON:

27th August 1:30pm



AT 3 ELIZABETH BATTS COURT, BANKSIA BEACH



Tuesday Afternoon BIBLE STUDY

*"Take courage.
It is I. Do not
be afraid."*

Matthew 14:27

**Explore the Readings.
Go Deeper. Grow Together.**

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22–33

*Jesus walks on the water
and comes to His disciples
in the storm.*



EPISTLE

Romans 10:5–15

*The message of faith is near
you; everyone who calls on
the Lord will be saved.*

*Based on
this Sunday's
Readings
and Sermon*



Dig deeper
into God's Word



Share insights
and encourage
one another



Friendly conversation
and a cuppa



This Tuesday
FROM 1PM
In the Church Office



Copies of the
Bible Study
can be made
available from
the **Church Office**.

All Welcome!

You're Invited to Morning Tea!

The Ladies Fellowship warmly invites **everyone** to join us for a relaxed morning of friendship, conversation and great coffee.

All are welcome!

Men are most welcome too!



**WEDNESDAY,
19 AUGUST**



9:30 AM



**THE STRAWBERRY
VIEW COFFEE SHACK**
205 Stern Road,
Bellmere QLD 4510



To help with
bookings, please
let Mavis know
if you'll be coming

*by this Sunday
the 9th of August.*

*We'd love you to join us for a
wonderful morning together!*



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

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.



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



**Census
2026**

australia.gov.au

24 What is the person's religion?

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

Lutheran



EVERY VOICE COUNTS. BE COUNTED. BE REPRESENTED.

Finke River Mission

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GIFT & GIVING

*Changing Lives
Sharing Christ*



Our mission and ministry

Finke River Mission is a ministry of the Lutheran Church of Australia. Our 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.

Finke River Mission, together with Alice Springs Lutheran Church, Lutheran Community Care, Yirara College and Living Waters Lutheran School, brings God's saving gospel to Lutherans in Central Australia. The work is focused on ministry among over 6000 Aboriginal Christians who identify as Lutheran in the southern part of the Northern Territory and extending from the Queensland border to just over the Western Australia border. These Aboriginal Lutherans in more than 40 communities are served by 28 pastors (20 Aboriginal) and dozens of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal leaders and trainee pastors.

Finke River Mission's ministry covers the Arrarnta, Pitjantjatjara, Luritja, Alyawarr, Anmatyerr language areas (more about our Language Areas). Ministry leaders (both women and men) often travel long distances to study the Scriptures together and to learn how to lead people of their own language group to know the Lord Jesus Christ. They are supported by non-Indigenous support workers.

With support from Australian Lutheran College, Finke River Mission is responsible for the training of Aboriginal pastors and other leaders who proclaim the good news of salvation to their people in six languages. The Finke River Mission Board coordinates the work of supporting church leaders, as well as providing Bibles, hymns and other worship resources in language, and promoting appropriate literacy programs. Through Yirara College, Finke River Mission provides Christian secondary education to up to 300 Aboriginal boarding students annually from remote Northern Territory, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland. Additionally, at the request of the local community, Finke River Mission operates a general store and the Old Mission Precinct at Hermannsburg.



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

Use Ref: **GandG**



OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

St Paul's Lutheran Church

ANNUAL CHURCH CAMP @ GOOGA

Grow Go, Glow!



11TH – 13TH
OF SEPTEMBER 2026



DAY VISITORS FOR
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY
MOST WELCOME!!



LOCATION

571 Nukku Rd,
Googa Ck Qld 430.

At Blackbutt, turn left (south)
immediately after pub.
Take Blackbutt Crows Nest Rd
to Nukku Rd 8 min (9.2 km)



ACCOMMODATION

You might choose to BYO Caravan/Camper/Tents.
Most will stay in dorms, three cabins per dorm,
each cabin with four beds/2 double bunks.
Each dorm has a kitchen/table and chairs, fridge,
plus cookhouse with open fire cooking area
featuring large hotplate plus oven,
heated by wood fire.

There are five dorm/kitchen/cookhouse
areas if needed.

At end of camp, each dorm group must work
together to clean its own dorm/kitchen/
cookhouse area.



COST/PAYMENT

Includes use of dorms, hall, kitchen facilities,
cold room, wood, shower & toilet block,
as well as camp activities.
You are expected to chop the wood that you use.

Type	Rate
Individuals (cabin)	\$25.00 per night
Cabin with shared ensuite (2 Only, wheelchair access, sleeps 4 each)	\$90.00 per night
Normal Cabin (Family, Sleeps 4)	\$70.00 per night
Large Cabin (Family, Sleeps upto 12)	\$120.00 per night
Tenting and Caravans (Family)	\$40.00 per night
Tenting (individuals)	\$15.00 per night
Day Visitors	\$10.00 per day



Payment can be finalised at camp.



MEALS

- Campers need to bring all their own food and snacks.
- Cooking gear, cutlery, plates cups provided in dorm kitchens. Cooking is with open fire in each cookhouse.
- Saturday Night Dinner will be all together, with each camper/family to contribute a plate of shared food, or a pre prepared casserole.
- BBQ available to use.
- Tea coffee station available including for day visitors.

Sunday BBQ and Salads
for Lunch after church service
will be provided



CAMPFIRE WORSHIP
& SO MUCH MORE!



CRAFTS &
CREATIONS



TEAM GAMES &
CHALLENGES



NIGHT
GLOW GAMES



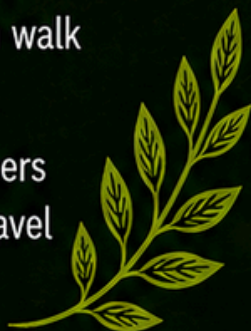
COOKING OVER
OPEN FIRE



SUNDAY WORSHIP BUSH CHAPEL @ 10am

The bush chapel is in a stunning place, 200m walk into the bush.

10am allows day trippers from Caboolture to travel up and join in.

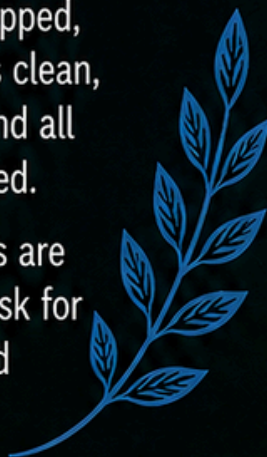


CLEANING

It is expected that the facilities will be left as they are found.

Cabins should be mopped, kitchens and utensils clean, toilets washed out and all wood piles replenished.

All cleaning materials are available so please ask for them if you can't find something.



REGISTRATION

Please register by Monday 1st September using the first link / QR code



DRAFT PLAN



FRIDAY

- Arrive from 3.00pm
- Devotion 7.00pm
- Board Games in hall – Bring a game to share.
- **GROW** – In God's garden (2 Peter 3:18)



SATURDAY

- Blackbutt Parkrun 7.00am: Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!
- Blackbutt Avocado Festival - A full day of Avocados and country fun!
- **GO** – Community Service Activity (supporting the work of Googa, Matthew 28:19)
- Community Dinner in the hall 5.30pm
- Devotion 6.30pm
- **GLOW** – Capture the glow or Glow your own way (Matthew 5:16)



SUNDAY

- Worship in Bush Chapel 10.00am
- BBQ lunch
- Depart after lunch and clean up



HELPFUL LINKS / QR CODES:

CAMP REGISTRATION



PARK RUN INFO



AVOCADO FESTIVAL INFO





Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

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Monday: When the Storm Comes

Matthew 14:22-27 "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Storms have a way of revealing what we truly trust. The disciples had spent their lives on the Sea of Galilee, yet this storm left even experienced fishermen frightened. The wind was strong, the waves relentless, and Jesus seemed far away. But notice something remarkable: Jesus had sent them into the boat. They were exactly where He had called them to be. We often assume that difficult circumstances mean God has abandoned us. Yet Scripture repeatedly shows God meeting His people in the very places they would rather avoid. The storm was not evidence that Jesus had forgotten His disciples—it became the place where they would see Him most clearly. The same is true for us. Illness, grief, uncertainty and disappointment do not mean Christ has left us. Often they become the very places where He reminds us that He is Lord. Before Jesus calmed the disciples' fears, He simply spoke: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid." His presence changed everything.

What storm are you facing at the moment?

How might Christ be inviting you to trust His presence rather than your circumstances?

Lord Jesus, when life feels uncertain, remind me that You are never absent. Help me to trust that You are with me even when I cannot see what You are doing. Fill my heart with the peace that comes from Your presence. Amen.

Faith in Action :Today, pause whenever anxiety begins to rise and quietly repeat Jesus' words: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Tuesday: Looking at the Waves

Matthew 14:28-31 "When he saw the wind, he was afraid..."

Peter often receives criticism for sinking. Yet before he sank, he walked. The problem was not stepping out of the boat. The problem was taking his eyes off Jesus. The storm had not changed. Peter had. Fear shifted his attention from Christ to the waves. How easily the same thing happens to us. We begin looking at our problems instead of God's promises. We measure our strength instead of Christ's faithfulness. We wonder whether our faith is enough. Sin always turns our eyes inward. Faith always looks outward—to Jesus. Even when Peter began to sink, he knew exactly where to turn. "Lord, save me!" And Jesus immediately reached out His hand.

What "waves" most easily distract your attention from Jesus?

What does Peter's prayer teach you about coming honestly before God?

Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times I focus more on my fears than on Your promises. Lift my eyes again to You and remind me that Your grace is greater than anything I face. Amen.

Faith in Action: Whenever you begin worrying today, stop and pray Peter's simple prayer: "Lord, save me."

Wednesday: Christ Comes Near

Romans 10:5-10 "The word is near you."

Many people imagine that Christianity is about trying harder. Be good enough. Pray enough. Believe enough. Serve enough. Paul says something completely different. You do not climb your way to heaven. Christ has already come down. He came into our world. He entered our suffering. He carried our sin. He conquered death. Now He comes to us through His Word. That changes everything. God is not waiting for you to become worthy enough to approach Him. He has already approached you. Every time you hear His Word, He is speaking personally to you. Every time you remember your Baptism, He reminds you that you belong to Him. Every time you receive Holy Communion, He comes with forgiveness and life. Our God is always the God who comes near.

Where do you sometimes try to "earn" God's approval?

How does knowing Christ comes to you bring comfort?

Gracious Father, thank You that I do not need to earn Your love. Thank You that You came near in Jesus and continue to come to me through Your Word and Sacraments. Help me rest in Your grace today. Amen.

Faith in Action: Spend ten quiet minutes reading today's passage slowly, remembering that God is speaking His promises to you personally.



Growing Together:

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Thursday: A Strong Saviour

Romans 10:11–13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Peter offered only four words. "Lord, save me." That was enough. Not because Peter's prayer was perfect. Not because Peter's faith was strong. Because Jesus is. Our comfort has never depended upon the strength of our faith. It depends upon the One in whom our faith rests. Some days our faith feels confident. Other days it barely whispers. Yet Jesus remains exactly the same. Faith does not save because it is strong. Faith saves because it holds onto a strong Saviour. That is wonderful news for every weary Christian.

How does today's reading encourage you when your faith feels weak?

Why is it comforting that salvation depends upon Jesus rather than you?

Lord Jesus, thank You that You never ask me to save myself. Hold me firmly in Your grace, especially when my faith feels weak. Keep me trusting in You alone. Amen.

Faith in Action: Encourage someone today with Romans 10:13. Sometimes one promise from God's Word can strengthen a weary heart.

Friday: The Greater Storm

Matthew 27:45–50

There was another storm. Not on the Sea of Galilee. On Calvary. Darkness covered the land. Jesus stood beneath the full weight of God's judgement against sin. Peter cried, "Lord, save me." Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" He entered that storm willingly. No hand reached down to rescue Him. Because He was rescuing us. The cross reminds us that God's greatest work often happens where hope seems smallest. Because Christ entered death itself, we know there is nowhere we can go where

He has not gone before us.

What does the cross tell you about God's love?

How does Jesus' suffering change the way you view your own?

Lord Jesus, thank You for entering the deepest storm for me. Thank You for carrying my sin and defeating death so that I may belong to You forever. Help me live in the confidence of Your finished work. Amen.

Faith in Action: Spend a few moments thanking Jesus specifically for one blessing that comes to you because of His cross.

Saturday: He Will Never Let Go

Romans 8:31–39

The week ends where the Gospel always ends—with confidence. Not confidence in ourselves. Confidence in Christ. Storms will still come. Life will still have uncertainty. But nothing can separate God's people from the love revealed in Jesus Christ. The hand that caught Peter still holds His Church. The voice that spoke over the wind still speaks peace today. The Saviour who came across the waves still comes to His people through His Word. And one day every storm will finally cease. Until then, we walk by faith, trusting the One who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

Which promise from this week's readings has encouraged you most?

Who could you encourage this week with the hope you have received?

Heavenly Father, thank You that nothing can separate me from Your love in Christ Jesus. Keep me close to You, strengthen my faith, and help me live each day in the peace of Your promises until I see You face to face. Amen.

Faith in Action: Reach out to someone who may be going through a difficult season. Offer a listening ear, pray with them, or share one of this week's Bible verses. Sometimes Christ brings His comfort through the kindness of His people.



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 14

YEAR A

**Jesus has the
power to help
and to save**



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LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
July 31 and August 6



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Matthew 14:29-30 tells us that Peter stepped out of a boat to walk on water, but soon became scared because of the wind and waves. What are some 'winds' or 'waves' in your life at the moment?
2. How does Jesus help us when we are in trouble?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
M	Job 38:1-11	God halts the waves
T	Psalms 107:23-32	He stilled the storm
W	Matthew 8:23-27	Jesus stills the storm
T	Genesis 27:1-28	Jacob's blessing
F	Romans 10:5-15	Declare the word
S	Psalms 85:8-13	I will listen to the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But Jesus quickly spoke to
them, "Have courage! It is I.
Do not be afraid."

MATTHEW 14:27



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities for household members to talk, listen, share and pray with one another.

This week make an effort to engage with one another around bedtimes. Pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night, and calm any 'storms' that those in your household may be experiencing.

Recite together the words of Psalm 4:8 –
"I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe."



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 10:15 says; "the feet of those who bring the Good News are beautiful".

Do you know a Christian serving as a missionary overseas or in another part of your country? Take a deeper look at the work of different missionaries in Australia together this week. Commit to praying for them over the coming weeks.

You can find a prayer calendar on the LCA International Mission page.
<http://www.lcamission.org.au/>



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for this food and your care today; lead us, Jesus, in your way.
Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus you are truly the Son of God.
Please take us by the hand and rescue us from trouble. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are scared. May he give you faith to trust in him.



St Paul's Lutheran Church

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Almighty and eternal God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and you are eager to give more than we desire or deserve.
Forgive us those things that make our conscience afraid,
and give us those things that we are not worthy to ask for,
except 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

