



# *Sunday Bulletin*

## *Cairns Lutheran Parish*

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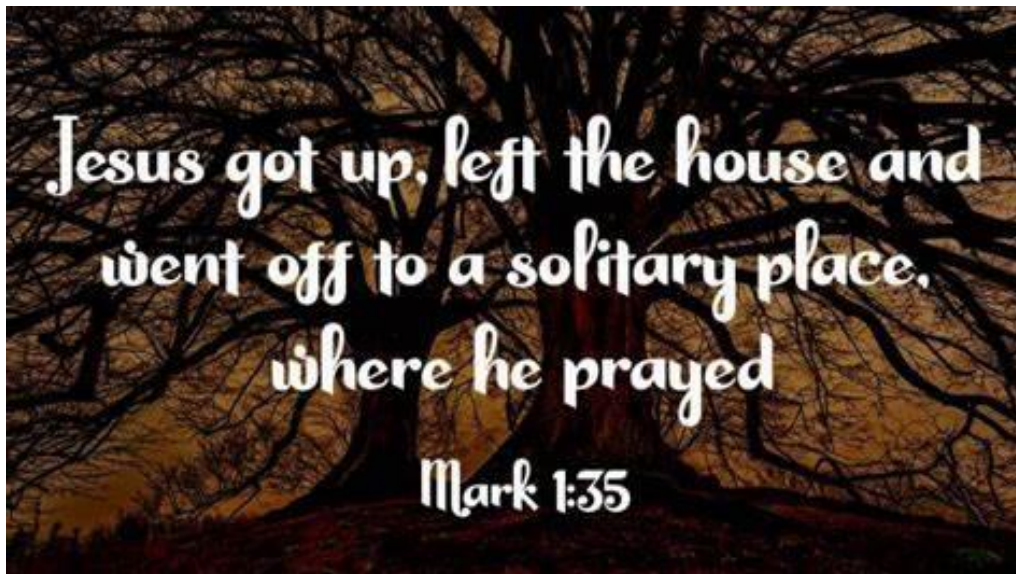
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*February 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2024*



#### Acknowledgement of Country

The Lutheran Church of Australia acknowledges God the Father, creator of all, who in His sovereignty entrusted the care and protection of the land on which the church members worship to the Traditional Custodians of this nation. The church recognises the continuing connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to the land, sea, sky and waterways. They pay their respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



## Prayers

### **LCA International Mission**

- renewed prayer and passion for mission in our LCA NZ local churches. As leaders plan for the year, pray they have a heart for the nations, and this will be reflected in the spiritual growth of the church.
- Chris Sumner, Chris Browning, Ian Schubert and Mackenzie Pietersen-Goold travelling to Thailand from the Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring Head and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Birdwood to assist the Lua evangelists with the renovations to the Ban Hui Mi church building.
- Rev Dr Samuel Wang from the Lutheran Church in Singapore, who is currently on his sabbatical in Adelaide, visiting Dr Jeffrey Silcock (his doktorvater) and using the ALC library to do his research and writing.
- Peter Nitschke, Andrew Cecil, Marie Bahr, Marie Hamann, Ruth MacConnachie, Arthur Schuster, Eric Wilson, Noela Maynard, Don and Lois Collins, Janet Dittrich, Ingrid and Klaus Harder, Marie Hill, Joy Mules, Shirley Jorgensen, Erica Bowden, Des Ottens, Geoff Rocke, Judy Calder, Jackie Standish, Sadie Voigt and Dianne Adams who provide invaluable support for the Stamps for Mission program, enabling our partners to continue to develop and extend God's mission and ministry.
- the Basel Christian Church of Malaysia Women's Ministry, Pray for the women involved in this ministry who are marginalised, despised and persecuted because of their faith and gender.
- To the Lutherans of PNG that they may be refreshed and energised to serve the Lord in their communities following the recent Synod

### **Queensland**

- ✚ For Zahri Bowie-Bowyer who will be baptised and become a child of God at Trinity on Friday, Feb 9
- ✚ Trinity and Our Saviour congregations as they faithfully continue services to hear God's word and equip members to share the Lord's mission in Far North Queensland
- ✚ To all those affected by the flooding in many parts of Queensland
- ✚ To those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations, that they may find alternative means to listen to God's word



### Ways of Giving:

1. Offering plate during service
2. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) with LLL - visit the [LCA website](#) or complete the forms available on the front table at Church
3. [Home | LCA Donations & Payments](#) To donate, click on Parishes & congregations;
4. Deposits into the Trinity's NAB Account -
  - National Australia Bank  
BSB 084472 A/C 508664430



### Date Claimers.

**February 12-18** - Pastor David Schmidt visit to FNQ, including Trinity, St John's Hopevale, Wujal Wujal and Cooktown. He will be at Trinity to journey with us in prayerfully seeking where God is leading us in mission and ministry. It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. To that end, we need to listen and notice where God is already working - and join God on God's mission. It is as we are united in God's mission, that we move into the process of calling a pastor.

**March 3** - Cairns Parish AGM & Trinity Congregation AGM after 8:00am service

### Parish and Trinity Annual General Meetings

The Cairns Parish and Trinity Congregation AGMs will occur after service on March 3. The Book of Reports will be available two Sundays prior to the meeting. As is usual, the AGM includes elections to positions on the Parish and Trinity Congregation Councils. If you are willing to nominate for any position in 2024, you should contact a member of the Nomination Committee (Elaine Krenske, Mark Henselheit and Raelene Ricketts). In recent times it has been difficult to fill the positions of Parish Secretary and Trinity Vice-Chairperson so please consider if you can assist. In accordance with the LCA Safe Church guidelines, most positions require a current Blue Card and Level 1 of Safe Church Training to be undertaken. Please

note our parish/congregation cannot function without these positions and we appreciate the time and effort that all volunteers provide in order that we can share the Gospel in the time and place that we exist in.



### Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services

- **Radio** - **89.1 FM** Sundays at 9:00am and **92.3 FM** Sundays a service recorded by Pastor Greg is broadcast. Access this at the same time on *Cairns FM 89.1 or 92.3FM* on your devices.
- **View@Home Lutheran Media Livestreaming**

Worship online live or during the week at:

[St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf, South Australia](#) Streamed live at 9:30am (Aust CST) each week

[Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Queensland](#) Streamed live at 9am Queensland time every Sunday.

Or go to [www.livestream.com/luthworship](http://www.livestream.com/luthworship) and click the location.

### Containers for Change



Collect small drink containers and bring them to church where two tubs are provided for collection. Alternatively, take them directly to a collection point.

Our code is: **C10162743**



## About Place: the LCAQD Farewells Kathy Matuschka

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by Kathy Matuschka

As humans, we connect with places. I'm returning to a place that is very special for me: The Wesley Hospital. For many years I worked there as a Physiotherapist, and now I return, this time as a Chaplain. This makes taking the next step a 'gentle leap' for me, and I am so grateful for God's guidance and provision!

Churches can also be comfortable places. Our memories of churches often relate to significant points in our lives. For some of us, these memories extend back for generations.

I've reflected on the idea of 'place' as I observed some LCAQD members deciding whether to close their congregation. They rightly ask how the mission built in one place might continue after a move to another place; or whether the people who connected with one place will find connection and care in a new place. We grieve when congregations decide to close. Without a clear view of the future, there can be anxiety and even conflict among those who have loved and cared for 'their place'.

Over generations the make-up of all LCAQD congregations has changed, and it seems that congregations in rural and remote areas face the greatest threat to their viability. I see these as places where over decades Lutherans have faithfully invested time and resources to support the wider mission of the church. They are places that are less remembered and resourced than south-east Queensland in so many other ways. But I also notice shoots of new things, like ecumenical partnerships and house churches.

We connect with place. We become comfortable with place. We grieve when churches close, both because of the memories of what has been and the loss of what might have been.

Bishop Mark has spoken about liminal periods – in-between spaces and times when we know that what has been has now finished, but we can't see what is ahead. It can be hard for us to imagine what is ahead for the places where we have traditionally gathered on Sundays; where we have established early childhood centres, schools and care agencies to serve those around us in Christ's name.

How can we respond when we can't see what is ahead?

One response is to give thanks to God, just as the Hebrew people repeatedly did (ref. Exodus 13:3). I like the hymn lyrics 'Christ the Head of all Creation' written by the late Dr Joe Strelan, because it begins and ends in praise to God, but also gives thanks for specific missional activities that have happened in *that* place. (I expect you can expand on those listed in verses 2 and 3!)

The words to the hymn are here: [Sunday by Sunday Worship Resources \(lca.org.au\)](http://lca.org.au)/Minor Festivals and Other Days/39 – Consecration or Anniversary.

Wherever your place is in 2024, may God bless you richly.



## Felting for Flood Relief

by LCAQD Communications

At St Martin's Lutheran Church Gladstone, the proof is in...the

felting. Secretary Jenny Jarman has started a drive to assist the flood relief efforts by using her artful talents in felting. Her "Felting for Flood Relief" has produced a specialist line of original felted characters, that she calls "Teddies in Wellies".

Jenny, and Chairperson Evelyn Jarman, were moved by the plight of the residents of Wujal Wujal. All the residents have been relocated, mostly to Cooktown or Cairns and mostly staying with relatives. While the government has set in place Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, additional funding from Queensland Lutheran Giving is limited at this stage. The Mayor of Wujal Wujal says it could be three to six months before people can start to return.

Evelyn paints a vivid picture as she imagines the plight of the Wujal Wujal residents:

"Imagine you are a resident of Wujal Wujal, the waters are rising, the roads are impassable, and you and your family have struggled on to the roof of your house, because there is nowhere else to go. You huddle together, soaked, hungry, terrified. The weather is too wild for the Chinooks to come. As darkness deepens, only the mozzies have full bellies, and your fingers and toes grow cold. You wonder if you have enough strength to cling on to the roof as the wind gusts pull at your clothes and hair.

"A new day and you are all still alive, thank God, and the helicopters are coming. As you are finally lifted away from the roof of your drowned home, the scale of the destruction becomes greater the higher you go. The entire town is severely impacted by the floods. But you are alive and beginning to thaw out. Finally, there's Cooktown and solid ground beneath your feet for the first time in two days. Stiff, sore, starving hungry, glad of offered food and a place to lie down...but what now?

"Auntie has not had her meds for two days; where can we get them? How long can we stay here? Local family find you and take you to their home; they are compassionate and have clothes to borrow and food that they bought in for Christmas is now feeding two families. All reminders of what is lost.

"The days pass, and the novelty of sharing bedrooms is wearing thin. The New Year passes, and you wonder how much of it you will spend like this. What about the kids? If we can't get back soon, the kids will need to be registered for school here and will they need schoolbooks and uniforms. Good job you get on as a family – you know of some for whom this close contact would be classified as purgatory; hot weather and overcrowding spawning arguments..."



Jenny is planning to build enough stock to hold a market stall. You can contact her at [stmartins.gladstone.qld@lca.org.au](mailto:stmartins.gladstone.qld@lca.org.au) if you would like to support her efforts, or perhaps you are a secret felting enthusiast and would like to get in on the fun!

To support Queensland Lutheran Giving directly, go to <https://qld.lca.org.au/support/qld-disasters/> Credit card payment is the preferred donation method. We are also able to receive donations by EFT, but we need to ensure that we collect the necessary details from our donors. To donate by EFT, please contact our district office to be guided you through our EFT payment process: [district@qld.lca.org.au](mailto:district@qld.lca.org.au) or Phone: 07 3511 4000.

## January Installations

The LCAQD is rejoicing at the installation of three pastors in January! Our prayers go before you, Tom Kitson (Bethania), Mark Blackwell (Good Shepherd Toowoomba) and Lionel Rohrlach (Gympie).



## Rosters

**Please arrange a swap if you cannot help on your allocated day.**

	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	February 11 <sup>th</sup> Peace College	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	February 25 Peace College
<b>Lesson Reader</b>	Jenny Henselheit		Bernie MacKenzie	
<b>Ushers</b>	A Gardiner/ P Wilson		M Fraser	
<b>Powerpoint</b>	R Krenske		Richard Lehmann	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Mark & Grace Pullar			Maggie Smid & Michael Fraser
<b>Mowing</b>	M Henselheit/ M Fraser	M Henselheit/ M Fraser	M Henselheit/ M Fraser	M Henselheit/ M Fraser

## Calendar

<b>Sun Feb 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00am 11:00am	Service of the Word Service of the Word	Trinity Our Saviour
<b>Sat/Sun 10/11</b>		Elizabeth Kloeden - Safe Church Training	Trinity
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am 11:00am	<b>NO SERVICE AT TRINITY</b> Service with Holy Communion Service of the Word	Peace College Our Saviour
<b>13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup></b>		Visit by Pastor David Schmidt	Trinity, St John's Hopevale
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am 7:00pm	Trinity Mission Planning session 1 - scanning our environment Repeat of morning session	Trinity
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service with HC	Trinity
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Service with Holy Communion - led by Pastor David Schmidt Trinity Mission Planning session 2 - where God is leading Trinity Cairns Service of the Word - lay led	Trinity Trinity Our Saviour
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am 11:00am	<b>NO SERVICE AT TRINITY</b> Service with Holy Communion Service of the Word	Peace College Our Saviour
<b>Sun March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:00am 9:15am 11:00am	Service of the Word Parish AGM, followed by Trinity Congregation AGM Service of the Word	Trinity Trinity Our Saviour