



Sunday Bulletin

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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All Saints Day Sunday and 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 5th & 12th 2023



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

- ✚ Graeme and Christeen Wiencke who have moved to a new home in Mareeba, prior to embarking on travels around Australia.
- ✚ Pastor Adam and Trinity's lay readers - David Spanagel, Aldal Wagim, Michelle Brayshaw, Michael Fraser, Shane Jurecky, Martin Klink, Rod Krenske, and Peter Schmidt - that they may continue to have the commitment, time and good health to enable them to continue to lead us in worship
- ✚ Members of Church Council and Pastoral Assistants who faithfully serve the Lord in our Parish.
- ✚ The members of Our Saviour who continue to shine the light of Christ on the Tablelands
- ✚ All those affected by bush fires in Queensland and NSW



It is eight months since our AGM and twelve weeks since the Special General Meeting and, to date, Church Council have received not one recommendation on how to balance our budget. This problem will not just go away!!

The 2023 budget required that congregational members would need to provide \$1812.29 in offerings each week. **Currently, as of the September 30 Financial statement, offerings have dropped to a shortfall of \$240.85 per week, or a shortfall of \$12,524 for the year.**

Christmas Choir

If you are interested in being part of a choir to lead us in singing at our Christmas Eve service please contact Pauline or Bernie McK for more information.

Morning tea

If you are willing to go on the roster to provide and serve morning tea after service, please talk to Pauline.



This Saturday, November
4,
9:00am-12 noon

Everyone welcome to help!!
Many Hands make light Work!!

Jobs to be done:

- Clean gutters
 - Pressure clean front & side paths
 - Pressure clean gutters & fascias
 - Pressure clean morning tea area
 - Clean large louvres on north side of the church
 - Clean metal louvres behind the altar
 - Clean roller doors
 - Clean glass entry doors, vestry sliding door and louvres
- Clean timber doors in church, kitchen, and toilets
 - Clean interior fans in church
 - Remove cobwebs in church interior
 - Wash/pressure clean exterior walls
 - At back of church
 - At the front of church
 - Outside toilets
 - Clean interior walls of church
 - Clean toilets including walls
 - Clean candle holders and Bible stand
 - Clean communion ware
 - Tidy garden - remove weeds/leaf litter



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY



The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. The LCA acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse.

The LCA also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.



OUR SAVIOUR - 70th ANNIVERSARY

Last Sunday September 29th Our Saviour Atherton celebrated their 70th anniversary. What a wonderful service it was! LCA Bishop Paul Smith shared the message and LCAQD First Assistant Bishop Ben Hentschke led the service. Everyone was warmly welcomed by the Our Saviour members, especially through the lovely meal and fellowship afterwards.



The Way Forward

Women's Ordination has been on the agenda of recent LCA General Synods. Following is:

- A. The Resolution passed at the 2021-2023 Synod
- B. A summary of the three **Way Forward** frameworks selected to be considered as motions at the 2024-2027 General Synod
- C. The webpage details where every member of LCA can gain information and make comments on the information provided to date. Please note that comments for and against women's ordination are NOT invited. The time for this discussion is past and we must move on to how this will be done.

Please read this information carefully and, if you wish to make comments on the website, please do so in a reasonable, non-aggressive manner.

A. Resolution passed by 2021-2023 General Synod

RESOLVED: That General Synod direct the LCANZ General Church Board and the College of Bishops to:

- a) Work through the theological, constitutional, and governance requirements to operate as one church with two different practices of ordination and establish a detailed framework through which this could be accomplished, such as one or more existing LCANZ Districts becoming Districts that teach and practice the ordination of both women and men to the office of the public ministry or by establishing a non-geographical LCANZ 'District' that does so.
- b) Submit the fruit of this work in the form of a proposal that should be discussed by the LCANZ General Pastors Conference for Convention of General Synod 2024.
- c) It is the expectation of this General Convention of Synod that both women and men will be ordained in a District of the LCANZ during the 2024-2027 synodical period.

B. Three Way Forward frameworks selected

Last month, the General Church Board and College of Bishops approved three Way Forward frameworks for distribution across the LCANZ. The Way Forward project has been established in response to General Synod's resolution to find a way for the LCANZ to operate as 'one church with two practices of ordination'.

The frameworks were recommended by the Way Forward project team, including the reference group and the eight working groups, using a robust evaluation and selection system. This followed the call for models from across the church in June.

The three frameworks are entitled Confessional Communities, Congregations Decide and District Alignment.

The **Confessional Communities** framework proposes that pastors decide to be a member of one of two conferences/confessional communities:

- Male Ordination (MO) confessional community
- Men and Women Ordination (M&W) confessional community.

Pastors would be able to align with a confessional community and maintain their conscience views. Congregations would be able to call a pastor knowing their doctrinal position and respecting the same. Pastors would be able to gather with the knowledge and confidence that they share doctrine, teaching and practice confidently. Each community would meet in gatherings that would replace General Pastors Conferences.

Laypersons may choose to become members of a Confessional Community. Congregations shall not be asked to provide a determination on the issue of ordination.

The **Congregations Decide** framework proposes that calling communities have the freedom to include qualified and approved women on their call list when a pastoral vacancy arises. Ordination is held either in the candidate's home congregation or the calling congregation (community) rather than at a district or churchwide level, with minimal to no structural change to the LCA or its districts.

This framework considers the likelihood that calling communities which decide to call an ordained woman to be their pastor will be dispersed across the whole church geographically.

As the female pastor will be called to serve a specific calling community, the expectation and anticipation is that the calling community and the district to which the female pastor is called will give their welcome, support, encouragement and prayer for their pastor.

The **District Alignment** framework proposes that there is a resolution at the General Convention of Synod 2024 to enable the ordination of women in one or more districts, be they geographical or non-geographical. In any district that resolves to ordain women the current options available to men would also be available to women: pastor, bishop, assistant bishop, special ministry pastor (SMP).

Women who have already been ordained in a part of the wider Lutheran Church overseas would be given the opportunity to undergo colloquy as soon as possible and be available for call immediately afterwards (as is the case for male pastors). Suitably qualified women would be able to be ordained by the district bishop and would be available for call immediately. Should vicarage be an additional outstanding requirement for qualification, the relevant district should make appropriate arrangements for this to occur for candidates as a matter of urgency.

This framework leaves open the option of rearranging existing districts or establishing a new non-geographic district, depending on both district synod resolutions and congregational alignment.

C. Way Forward Webpage

More information about the frameworks, including the principles upheld by each, is available via **the Way Forward [webpage](http://lca.org.au/wayforward/)**. lca.org.au/wayforward/

Rosters

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

	November 5 th	November 12 th	November 19 th	November 26 th
Lesson Reader	Bernie Weidner	M Bitmanis	Emma Pullar	Di Remilton
Ushers	M Fraser	A Schelberg	A Schelberg	Help needed
Powerpoint	Elaine Krenske	Kissi Klink	Bernie Weidner	Rod Krenske
Church Cleaning	Shared areas Raelene R	Sheryl & Anna Rosendale	Shared areas Raelene R	Help needed
Mowing	A Schelberg/ R Lehmann	A Schelberg/ R Lehmann	A Schelberg/ R Lehmann	A Schelberg/ R Lehmann

Calendar

Sun Nov 5 th	8:00am	Service of the Word - led by Rod Krenske/Michelle Brayshaw	Trinity
	11:00am	Service of the Word - lay led	Our Saviour
Sun 12 th	8:00am	Service of the Word - led by Martin Klink	Trinity
	9:30am	Service with Holy Communion	Peace College
	11:00am	Service of the Word - led by Michael Fraser	Our Saviour
Mon 13 th	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting	Trinity
Sun 19 th	8:00am	Service with holy Communion - led by Rod Krenske, Pastor Aldal HC	Trinity
	11:00am	Service of the Word - lay led	Our Saviour
Sun 26 th	8:00am	Service of the Word - led by Peter Schmidt	Trinity
	11:00am	Service with Holy Communion - led by David Spanagel	Our Saviour
Sun Dec 3 rd	8:00am	Service with Holy Communion - led by David Spanagel	Trinity
	11:00am	Service of the Word - lay led	Our Saviour