



# *Sunday Bulletin*

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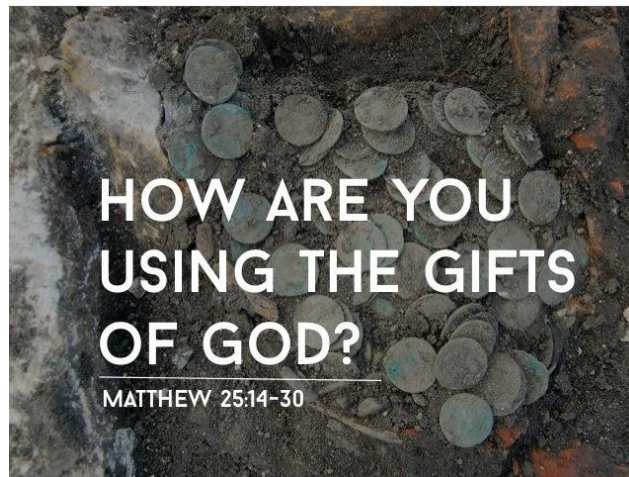
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## **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and Last Sunday of Church Year**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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

- ✚ Those recovering from surgery, including Graeme Wiencke, and those awaiting surgery, including Don Ruthenberg.
- ✚ The Year 12 students of Peace College, and other Far North Queensland schools, who graduated this week. May they make the right decisions as they celebrate the end of their schooling, and as they plan their future.
- ✚ We pray for their parents and guardians who have shared the highs and lows of their school years, their success and their challenges, and now see their children spread their wings in the next stage of becoming an adult.
- ✚ We also pray for their teachers who shared the journey in preparing them for their chosen path after school.



### Calendars for Sale

As in previous years, calendars using the beautiful photography of Edwina Bleakney have been available for sale, at no cost to the congregation. Beautiful photos from Australia and overseas, along with a Bible verse, adorn each month of 2024. Single calendars cost \$10, or you can purchase 3 for \$20.



### 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  
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As it comes to the end of the year it is time to plan for the cleanliness of our church in readiness for Sunday Worship in 2024. Having rostered cleaners fortnightly has seemed to work much better this year and we sincerely thank those who have completed this service to the Lord. Those on the 2023 roster who are no longer able to clean in 2024, or those who would like to join the cleaning roster, please let Elaine know ASAP. With the same numbers as this year, you would only have to clean the church twice a year. Many thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness.



## Church Revitalisation or Healing

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by Pastor Rob Edwards

I am passionate about revitalising the church, especially those small, struggling churches in communities which really need them to do well.

We tend to think of revitalisation as an ingenious set of strategies to bring the church into a new era of growth. I know that's how I started. But that's not quite right. Any church redirection which doesn't include some sort of God intervention is just not going to cut it. Any church growth, revitalisation, renewal or however you want to say it, has to be at its core, miraculous. It has to be a new start with God first, and then new outreach as a result.

Just as the leper gets a new start beginning with an encounter with Jesus, so the church has to seek a new start with the Lord of life. We must come before Him, crying out "Lord, have mercy," and then see what happens. (It is vital then, to get on board with what happens though.)

A new start starts with the miraculous, not with strategy. Good strategy must follow, but it starts with Jesus, it starts with an encounter with Him, and it takes off with our falling in love once again with the saviour of the universe. Once we are sufficiently distracted by Jesus, we can get on with real kingdom building. That's when revitalisation happens.

Where does Jesus start? He starts with prayer. He says in Luke Chapter 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

That too is where we need to start. Start with prayer, continue in following Him, look for answers to prayer, and seek where He is leading. As we bring our broken body before Him, we can find comfort and healing in the life He gives us. It is here that we will find ways to reinvigorate the body, find new expressions of love for Him and see new opportunities for His church to grow.

Certainly, we will need good strategy, nifty ideas, and courage to speak out our faith, but we must remember that the church is primarily a body. The organisation is only there to house, or clothe the body. Strategy is important, but it starts with the miraculous, the intervention of the Father. May God speak into your church, that you may find the way forward through the darkness.



## The Way Forward

### ORDINATION way forward

#### Logo

- The circle indicates **the unity we have in Christ**. We are contained in his grace. We are in this journey together, not because we agree with each other, but because God has adopted every one of us into his family.
- We recognise that **this path is painful**. The colour palette is sage. Sage is an ancient symbol of healing.
- The end of **the pathway is not defined**. We do not know exactly where it will lead us, but by faith we know that God is already there ahead of us, leading us towards his light.
- The two figures represent the different views on ordination we hold in the LCANZ. Both figures have shades of light and dark; **we are at once saint and sinner**. Whatever view we hold about ordination, we are each a broken person and a redeemed person.
- **Together we carry the cross of Christ** on this journey. Together we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, our only hope, the joy of our salvation.

#### Principles of engagement

In one way or another, everyone in the LCANZ will be affected by the outcome of the General Synod 2024 vote on the proposal for the Way Forward in the ongoing debate on ordination. Therefore, everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this important conversation. As members of the church engage in consultation and provide feedback, we are asking everyone to abide by the same principles that we ask of General Synod delegates.

These principles include respect for everyone, regardless of the position they hold on ordination, gentleness in language and humility in attitude. The principles are based on the [LCANZ Standards of Ethical Behaviour](#), which are in turn based on Colossians 3:12-14:

***Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.***

These principles form the basis for how the project team, including the working groups, are engaging with each other and with the wider church. We ask everyone participating in this conversation to adopt these principles, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and for the building up of his church. This includes how we frame our communications to the project team and to others in the church, how we engage on social media, and how we speak about others in our church, family and social networks.

## The team



The General Church Board and College of Bishops are the steering committee for the Way Forward project. Overseeing the deliverables and day-to-day operations and reporting to the steering committee is the project management team (pictured): Stella Thredgold (part-time), Tim Niewand (full-time) and Tony Vong (part-time). Supporting them is a three-member reference team and eight working groups comprising experts in their respective fields: (1) Synod Agenda and Outcomes Planning, (2)

Theological Requirements, (3) Constitutional Requirements, (4) Governance Requirements, (5) Pastoral Care, (6) Candidacy, (7) Communications and (8) Finance and Budgeting.

## The task

The project team's primary task is to deliver to the 2024 General Pastors Conference and Convention of General Synod a detailed framework through which the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand could function as 'one church with two different practices of ordination' - in accordance with the resolution of the 2021-2023 General Synod. This process involves gathering possible models from across the church, developing an evaluation matrix, and using it to distil the multiple submissions down into a manageable shortlist (approximately three) for further work by the eight working groups. There will be regular information and updates to all church members and a socialisation phase during which the proposed detailed framework will be shared with the wider church for broad discussion and feedback prior to the 2024 General Pastor Conference and the Convention of General Synod.

### WEBINARS

Three one-hour public Way Forward webinars were presented during October 2023. During the webinars the team shared an overview of the process, outlined the three frameworks that will be enhanced during October 2023 to July 2024, and shared how you can engage with the Way Forward.

If you missed out on the webinars, a recording may be viewed at:

[Engaging - Lutheran Church of Australia \(lca.org.au\)](https://lca.org.au)

## Rosters

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

	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	November 26 <sup>th</sup>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	December 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lesson Reader</b>	Emma Pullar	Di Remilton	Jenny Henseleit	Bernie MacKenzie
<b>Ushers</b>	A Schelberg	Help needed	Help needed	A Gardiner/P Wilson
<b>Powerpoint</b>	Bernie Weidner	Rod Krenske	Richard Lehmann	Peter Ricketts
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Shared areas Raelene R	Help needed	Shared areas Raelene R	Sayaka Pitt
<b>Mowing</b>	A Schelberg/ R Lehmann	A Schelberg/ R Lehmann	B Weidner/R Krenske	B Weidner/Rod Krenske

## Calendar

Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am	Service with Holy Communion - led by David Spanagel	Trinity
	11:00am	Service of the Word - lay led	Our Saviour
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Service of the Word - led by Peter Schmidt	Trinity
	11:00am	Service of the Word - led by Michael Fraser	Our Saviour
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Church Council meeting	Trinity
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Service of the Word - led by Michelle Brayshaw	Trinity
	11:00am	Christmas Service with Holy Communion - led by Rod Krenske/Aldal Wagim	Our Saviour
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Christmas Eve carols service	Trinity
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Christmas Day service with Communion - led by David Spanagel	Trinity
	11:00am	No service at Our Saviour	