



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

Pastor: 0447 782 969 (Phone held by Pastor David Spanagel)

Trinity Lutheran Church

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March 2025

Note: New Trinity Service Time – 09:00am

MISSION: Let your light shine for the Gospel.

TASK: Keep spreading the Good News!

Prayers

- ✚ Trinity, Our Saviour, Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal 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 those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations.
- ✚ For Lauri, Eddie, Pastor Aldal and all those caring and supporting them.

UPCOMING EVENTS (MAR 2025)

March 02nd – Parish AGM (to be held at Our Saviour in Atherton)

March 05th – Ash Wednesday Service – Trinity Lutheran Church at 7 pm - Pastor David.

March 17th – Church Council Meeting.

New Directory for 2025

As mentioned at the AGM we are experiencing a few formatting issues which we hope can be resolved so we can get the directory distributed.

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

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 and click the location.

Containers for Change



Our code is: **C10162743**

Lease of the Church Hall

As briefed at our AGM the Church Hall has been leased to an indigenous training organisation called 'Our Future Mentors'. The Lease commenced on the 18th of February and will run initially for 2 years.

Devotion Books:

Devotion books for 2025 are now available for purchase at the back of the Church. The cost of these remains \$25.

Request for Volunteers:

Please prayerfully consider providing support to the congregation as our Property Manager, Safe Church and WHS co-ordinator, and LCAQD Synod Representative.

We remain very low on Ushers. If you can support even for a limited period, please see Andrew Schelberg or a member of the Church Council.\

LCAQD Synod

LCAQD Synod is programmed to take place at Peace Lutheran College from 30th May to 01 June 2025. Pastor David is our main point of contact for the District Office. At present we still require a delegate for Trinity.

By reason of Synod's governance role, all delegates to Synod are required to have and maintain at least Level 1 Safe Church Training, and a valid Blue Card (Working with Children Check). These should be current at the time of election/appointment as a delegate, and when attending Synod. Safe Church Training is provided by the Professional Standards Department and can be accessed at: www.lca.org.au/safe-church-training. To apply for, or renew a Blue Card, go to: Blue Card application.

Live Streaming at Trinity



The following is from LCAQD Assistant Bishop Mission and Ministry, David Schmidt.

Staying Mission Focussed: Governance Lessons from an Unlikely Source

In today's ever-evolving landscape, even organizations far removed from church life can offer profound insights on leadership and governance. A recent review of Qantas' board performance—sparked by their struggle to respond effectively during a crisis—reveals valuable lessons that resonate deeply with church leadership. The heart of these lessons? Remaining steadfastly committed to your core mission.

Learning from Qantas: A Wake-Up Call for Church Leaders

When Qantas faced a reputational crisis in the aftermath of the pandemic, it wasn't just a failure in customer service—it was a breakdown in governance. The review highlighted how an unchallenged leadership culture and a reluctance to engage with diverse perspectives led to missed opportunities for timely, mission-critical decisions. For our churches, this story is a reminder: governance isn't merely about numbers or operational efficiency. It's about keeping our eyes fixed on our primary calling—the mission of the Church.

Keeping the Mission at the Heart of Governance

Every decision made by our church councils and leadership teams should serve to advance our spiritual mission and community impact. Here are some key takeaways reimagined for our congregations:

Clarify Roles and Expectations

Just as every role in an airline's cockpit is critical for a safe landing, every member of a church's leadership team must understand their responsibilities. Establishing clear norms

ensures that the pastor or ministry leader is both supported and constructively held accountable—always in service of the church’s mission.

Foster a Culture of Healthy Debate

In any thriving community, honest conversations are essential. While collegiality is important, it must never come at the expense of open dialogue. By encouraging different viewpoints—perhaps by appointing a “devil’s advocate” or intentionally diversifying leadership—we create a space where challenging ideas helps sharpen our focus on the mission and values that bind us.

Engage the Broader Community

The strength of our church lies in its people. Actively seeking input from congregation members, volunteers, and even external advisors enriches our understanding of both opportunities and challenges. When feedback loops are in place, leadership can pivot swiftly to address concerns while staying true to the spiritual mission that guides our work.

Look Beyond the Numbers

Church governance should not simply measure attendance or financial reports. True success is reflected in the health of our congregational life—spiritual growth, community engagement, and a vibrant mission that reaches those in need. Regularly assessing these dimensions ensures that every discussion and decision brings us closer to living out God’s mission.

Prioritize Transparency and Communication

Trust within a congregation is built on open, honest communication. When members know that every decision is made with the God’s mission in mind, it fosters unity and confidence. Clear and regular updates help maintain that trust, ensuring that every stakeholder feels part of the journey toward a common purpose.

Conclusion

The lessons from the Qantas board review serve as a powerful metaphor for all church governance. By clarifying roles, fostering honest debate, engaging with our community, and focusing on what truly matters—God’s mission—we can navigate any challenge with wisdom and integrity. In an era where distractions are plentiful, keeping God’s mission for the church at the forefront is not just a strategy; it’s our sacred duty.

(Adapted from the ISQ Governance Newsletter.)

Some Generative Conversations Starters

- How can we ensure that every decision made by our church leadership directly supports and reinforces our mission?
- What practical steps can we take to clearly define roles and expectations within our leadership team, and how might these steps improve our overall focus on ministry?
- In what ways can we create a safe space for healthy debate that welcomes diverse perspectives while staying united in our mission?

- How can we better measure congregational health and spiritual growth alongside traditional metrics, and what indicators should we consider?
- What strategies can we adopt to improve transparency and communication within our congregation, ensuring that every member feels engaged in our mission-driven journey?

Mission Outreach Grants

Once again, LLL has made available a grant of up to \$25,000 to enable congregations find new and innovative ways of reaching into their local communities with the heart of Jesus. For more information and application forms, click on the link below.

- [More Information](#)
- [Mission Outreach Grant Application form](#)

Shaping the Future – LCAQD Survey

Over **200 people** have already responded—have you had your say?

We're gathering insights from congregational members across the **Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (LCAQD)** to help **shape future district support, strengthen our shared mission, and guide strategic decisions.**

This **short, anonymous survey (just 5–10 minutes!)** covers key areas like **worship, mission, leadership, and community involvement.** Your feedback—both qualitative and quantitative—will provide valuable direction for the LCAQD and be shared at Synod.

Let's make sure every voice is heard! Please share the survey link through your congregation's usual channels (email, bulletin, social media).

Click here to complete the survey: [\[https://forms.office.com/r/8MHWfRSmKD\]](https://forms.office.com/r/8MHWfRSmKD)

Video resources developed by Bishop Paul Smith

LCANZ Bishop Pastor Paul Smith has developed a number of video resources on questions about ordination. These resources have stemmed from short papers Bishop Smith prepared for delegates in the lead up to last year's Regular Convention of General Synod. To find out more, go to:

[Ordination Videos - Lutheran Church of Australia](#)

Stories of Faith

We love to share stories of faith and hope from our LCAQD congregations and other agencies. Can you please help us by alerting us to relevant Facebook posts or emailing stories and photos/videos for sharing to communications@qld.lca.org.au?

ROSTERS:

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

	March 02 nd Trinity 09:00am	March 09 th Peace College 09:00am	March 16 th Trinity 09:00am	March 23 rd Peace College 09:00am	March 30 th Trinity 09:00am
Lay Reader	Martin Klink / HC Pastor Aldal		Peter Schmidt HC Pastor David		Pastor David
Lesson Reader	Jenny Henselheit		Elaine Hausler		Bernie Mackenzie
Ushers	B&M Weidner		B&M Weidner		P&P Schmidt
Powerpoint	Kissi Klink		Richard Lehmann		Elaine Krenske
Church Cleaning	Jo-Anne Hofman		Raelene Ricketts		Anita Moran
Morning Tea	TBA		TBA		TBA
Mowing	B.Weidner/ R. Krenske	B.Weidner/ R. Krenske	B.Weidner/ R. Krenske	B.Weidner/ R. Krenske	B.Weidner/ R. Krenske

Key Holders

Please be advised that the following people hold keys to the church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning.

Michael Fraser
Rod Krenske
Grace Pullar
Andrew Schelberg
Bernie Weidner