



St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

Living Jesus' Love

Welcome!

We are blessed to worship together at St Paul today and hope you know of God's nourishment of you as you receive His good gifts.

St Paul Lutheran Church, as part of the Lutheran Church of Australia, is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people.

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, our promised Messiah, John the Baptist went ahead of you and proclaimed the good news of your coming. Encourage us to receive you with joy as our redeemer, and faithfully follow you. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Points

Please contact the church office to have your prayer point included below.

- That we rejoice in God for clothing us with the garments of salvation (Isaiah 61:10).
- That just as the earth brings forth its sprouts, God may cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:11).
- That we thank God for exalting those of humble estate and for having mercy on those who fear him (Luke 1:50, 52).
- That we, by the help of God, abstain from every form of evil, and hold fast to what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21–22).
- That we prepare for Christ's coming as we head towards Christmas (John 1:23).
- Thanksgiving for Tom Kitson, as he is ordained in the pastoral ministry of the LCA, and pray God's blessing for Tom, Evie, and Norah.
- Thanksgiving to God for the ministry of Rev Dr Andrew Pfeiffer, celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination, and God's blessings for him and Sue.
- For congregational families: Schwarz, Schwarz, Scholz, Ruwoldt (Acts 16:31)
- For the sick or unwell and their carers, including Robert Coombe, Graeme Elphick, Marlene Kahl, Ron Koelman, Roma Linke, Gina Mielke, Karina Musimbi, Nick Urbon, Dale Voigt, Robert Walden, and Cheryl Zucker (Isaiah 41:10)



Christmas Worship Services

Sunday 24 December 2023:

- 8.30am - 4th Sunday of Advent, including some carols.
- 7.00pm - Christmas Eve service.

Monday 25 December 2023:

- 9.30am - Christmas Day service with the Lord's Supper.

Playgroup @ St Paul

Playgroup is finished for 2023 and we celebrated with some Christmas crafts, activities and songs.
Playgroup will start again on 6th February, 2024.



School Closing Chapel

On Wednesday Pastor Matt hosted the closing chapel for the end of the school year. The church was full of children and a large number of parents who heard of Jesus the gift: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. "For unto us...a son is given": hence given, gift, give, forgiven!

Camp Ministry

SPIN CAMP is a Christian Camp organised by Blueprint Ministries, for children in school years Year 4 – 6 in 2023. The camp for 2024 will be held at Camp Kedron, Barmera from **9-12 January**. Cost is \$200 per camper, with \$30 bus transport from Adelaide. Thanks to the generous support of the LLL, we are able to offer participants the opportunity to attend their first camp for just \$50!

RENEW CAMP is organised by Blueprint Ministries for Young Adults aged 18-25 to gather for a weekend to be 'renewed' through worship, electives, activities and fellowship. The 2024 camp will be held at Dzintari Campsite, Yankalilla from **9-11 February**. Cost for one day is \$125; for two days \$170. If you completed Year 12 in 2023, there is a 50% saving.

DETAILS & REGISTRATION: contact admin@blueprintministries.org.au or visit the Blueprint Ministries website <https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin/>

International Mission - Joy to the World

LCA International Mission has prepared a resource for families for this Christmas! The 'Joy to the World – 12 Days of Christmas' booklet shares insights into the ways Christmas is celebrated among our partner countries and churches across the world and encourages reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. It features Bible verses and crafts, activities or recipes for each country. You can view the resource online here:

<https://lcamission.org.au/joy-to-the-world-12-days-of-christmas/>

Stamps for Mission

While the arrival of postage stamped letters arriving in letterboxes is decreasing, LCA International Mission still collect the stamps. The sale of these stamps has been able to provide significant funding for mission projects overseas. You can donate any used stamps in the 'Stamps for Mission' box located to the right of the pigeon holes.



**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
SERVICES**
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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7.00PM

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9.30AM
WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

Celebrations

Let's Celebrate!

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Anthea Uebergang



Electronic Giving

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Rosters and What's On

This Week: 17th December	8.30am	10am	Readings
Ushers	Brettig	Voigt/Urbon	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28
Greeters	P&E Shrowder	Lamonby/Urbon	
Projection	M Stewart	S Reid	
Readings/Prayers	Vicar Sean	D Clark	
Communion	Brettig	NA	
Coffee	P&E Shrowder	Weiss Family	

Next Week: 24th December			
Rosters for services over the Christmas weekend are currently being compiled			



Calendar

Sunday 17th December	Sunday 24th December	Monday 25th December
No Godly Play 2pm Ordination for Tom Kitson	8.30am 4th Sunday of Advent Service 7pm Christmas Eve Service	9.30am Christmas Day Service

Contact Us

Here at St Paul we welcome feedback, especially from children, young people and members of the Lutheran Church.

If you would like to share feedback or contact us for more information on our safe church activities, please visit the contact page on our website
<http://www.stpaul-church.org.au/contact.html>

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