



# 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 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

O God of the exiles and the lost, you promise restoration and wholeness through the power of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to live joyfully, sustained by your promises as we eagerly await the day when they will be fulfilled for all the world to see, through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## Prayer Points

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

- That we may produce fruit in keeping with repentance (Luke 3:8)
- Thanksgiving and comfort that our God rejoice over us with gladness, renews us in his love and exults over us with loud singing (Zephaniah 3:17-18)
- For generosity at Christmas time to support worthy and Godly causes (1 Cor 4:7b)
- Blessing and support for the first nations people of Australia, and strength and sustainability of LCA NZ ministries among them (Isaiah 12:4)
- Good and God-fearing government for the people of Syria (Isaiah 40:23-24)

## Prayer Points Continued....

- For congregational families: Voigt, Venning, Urbon, Uebergang (Acts 16:31)
- For the sick or unwell and their carers, including Mel Bishop, Robert Coombe, Graeme Elphick, Ron Koelman, Roma Linke, Pam Mibus, Gina Mielke, Bobby Ray Miller Milne, Roy Minge, Karina Musimbi, Nick Urbon, Dale Voigt, Robert Walden and Cheryl Zucker (Isaiah 41:10)

## Carols in the Park - Cancelled

Unfortunately due to extreme weather forecast on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Leadership Council and the organising committee have had to cancel Carols in the Park. We are inviting the school families, playgroup families and the community to our Christmas Eve carols and organising a BBQ after church on Australia Day in Barton Reserve.

I would like to thank Tim Wells, Dan Kitson, Pastor Matt and Kylie for all their time they have dedicated to date, and all the band members, all volunteers and our intentional prayer group.

We plan to have another intentional prayer group on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 5.30pm at Barton Reserve to plan more ministry opportunities, all are welcome.

- Julie Scholz, Vice Chairperson - St Paul Lutheran Church

## Pre-Call Survey

Working with the LCA SA/NT District office, a pre-call survey has been prepared to assist in guiding our congregation heading into 2025. The survey can be completed online at [www.tinuyurl.com/3s2a7j55](http://www.tinuyurl.com/3s2a7j55) or printed copies are available on the table in the narthex and can be returned to the labelled box. The survey will be open to complete until **Sunday 5th January**. Please note that the survey responses are confidential and will be collated by the Assistant Bishop for Mission, Pastor Stephen Schultz.

The results of the survey will be shared at a pre-call meeting organised for **Sunday 19th January** following our 9.30am worship and everyone is invited to attend. Pastor Stephen Schultz will facilitate this meeting.

We encourage your prayerful reflection and response to the survey as we share in this journey together in Christ.

Yours in Christ

On behalf of Leadership Council

Brian Quick, Chairperson - St Paul Lutheran, Blair Athol

## Christmas Helpers Wanted

After the service next Sunday (22nd) we will be setting up the hall ready for the Christmas Eve service. If you can move chairs, decorate, run power cords, fetch, carry or assemble we would love your assistance.

If you would like to be involved in the services over Christmas, please talk to Kylie regarding your availability and how you would like to serve.

## Christmas Eve Offering: St Paul Emergency Welfare Fund

St Paul Blair Athol is blessed to be able to operate an Emergency Welfare Fund. So far in 2024 our congregation has gifted emergency assistance of \$1,362. This has been predominately for items such as trailer hire, petrol and car repairs. We have also made Coles 'groceries only' gift cards available for those in need. Following on from last year, Leadership Council agreed on Tuesday night to direct our Christmas Eve offering once again to this important initiative. **Please consider how you can support.** In addition to the usual cash means, we will also have the square reader operative on Christmas Eve. Beyond that, donations can be made at anytime simply by marking your envelope or direct debit transaction 'Emergency Welfare Fund'. *'What do you have that you did not receive?' 1 Cor 4:7b*



## Playgroup @ St Paul

Playgroup is now on a break for the Summer School holidays and will return on Tuesday 4th February, 2025, at 9.00am. If you would like to know more about Playgroup, please speak to Kylie in the office.

## Celebrations

Let's Celebrate!

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



## Electronic Giving

BSB: 704 942 Account Number: 100083145  
Account name: Enfield St Paul Lutheran Church REG Account

## Rosters and What's On

<b>This Week: 15th December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
Ushers	Burls/Wells		Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
Greeters	Lamonby, Urbon		
Projection	M Stewart		
Readings/Prayers	D Clark		
Communion	Brettig		
Coffee	Fisher Family		
<b>Next Week: 22nd December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
Ushers	Voigt/Urbon		Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:46b-55
Greeters	Khosravani		
Projection	Jenke Family		
Readings/Prayers	D Voigt		
Communion	Nelson		
Coffee	J&M Williams		

## Calendar

<b>Sunday 15th December</b>	<b>Sunday 22nd December</b>
9.30am Service (HC)	9.30 am Service (HC)

## 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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