



St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

Living Jesus' Love

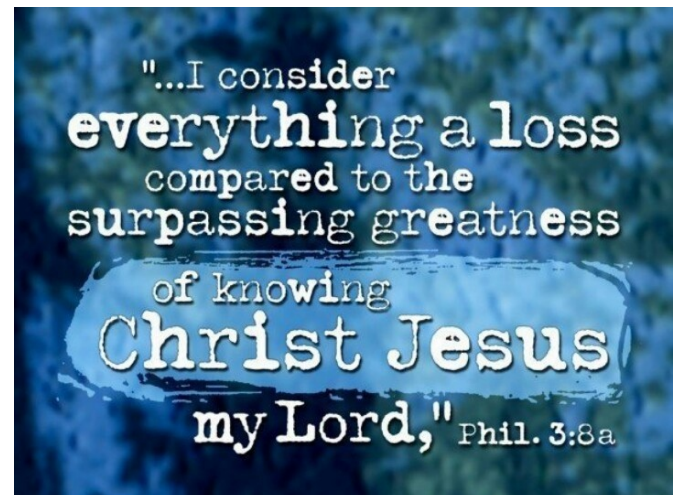
Welcome!

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 all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Prayer Points

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

- Thanks and praise that by the Holy Spirit, we know Jesus Christ our Lord, which is better than anything else in life (Philippians 3:8).
- Thanks and praise that by faith, we have the righteousness of God himself (Philippians 3:9).
- Thanksgiving that although Heaven and Earth will pass away, Jesus' words will not pass away (Luke 21:33).
- That we watch ourselves, so that we're not drawn to Hedonistic ways of living, and forget about our vocation as Christian disciples (Luke 21:34).
- That God guides us in his truth and teaches us, and that we respond with obedience (Psalm 25:5).
- Thanksgiving that the LORD is our righteous Saviour and King (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Prayer Points Continued....

- For congregational families: Ziersch, Ziersch, Ziegeler, Williams (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)

From Pastor Matt

Beloved members and friends of St Paul, I love the time of year when the green of the Trinity seasons gives way to the blue of Advent. Hope turns to incarnation and incarnation to joy and peace. And so you might be looking for a decent Advent devotional resource to help you repent and prepare. You'll find just the thing at this link <https://www.1517.org/advent-resources-2024>. In fact several from previous years too. But the one I'm using this Advent is the one written for 2024 'His Gospel is peace'. It contains one short Lutheran Scripture-based daily devotion on how Christ in his great gift slays our fears as we trust him and his promises. The world and the church is an anxious and fearful place. Christ incarnate in us challenges and overcomes this state. May you be blessed as you receive this gift. - Pastor Matt

Communication From the Mission Directors of the LCA NZ

The mission directors of the LCA NZ, including our new church wide Assistant Bishop Steve Schultz, have written to the LCA NZ addressing a number of issues since the General Synod. Some copies are on the table at the entrance of the church. As ever, you are welcome to let me know how I can serve and pray for you regarding these matters. Thank you to those members and friends that have connected over the past few weeks about such things. - Pastor Matt.



Playgroup @ St Paul

Playgroup @ St Paul is for children aged 0-5 and a parent/caregiver. Join us for a coffee, playtime, story and songs from 9-10.30 each Tuesday during school terms. Cost is \$2 per family.

This week we will be starting to get our Christmas on with Christmas crafts, songs and activities and even fake snow in the sensory play space. If you want to know more about all the fun you can have at playgroup, please speak to Kylie.

SPY



The last date for SPY in 2024 is **this Friday 6th December, 7.30pm** at the Ice Arena, Thebarton. For more information, please contact Dan Kitson.

Senior Youth

The last date for Senior Youth in 2024 is ***this Saturday 7th December at 7pm.***
For more info and future dates, please contact Dan Kitson at
ypfministry@stpaul-church.org.au

One Service in December

It has been determined that there will be only one service at 9:30am each Sunday in December. Leadership Council has determined that this is required to reduce the work load and stress on all St Paul staff after an intense last few months and to facilitate their preparation for Carols in the Park and the extra Christmas services at this time of the year. Apologies for any inconvenience that may result.

Intentional Welcomers and Prayer Gathering for Carols in the Park:

Thursday, 12th December, 5.30pm at Barton Reserve. Craig Heidenrich is leading a short practical session to assist us at St Paul to intentionally welcome our attendees to Carols in the Park in a first step to developing relationships in our cross cultural community. If you would like to come along and pray please do so, all are welcome. If you can not be present, please pray for God's spirit to be with all our volunteers and those that attend.

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

The Lions club of Prospect and Blair Athol have Christmas fruitcakes and puddings available. Cakes in 1.5kg and 1kg sizes are \$20/\$16. Pudding in 900g and 400g sizes are \$16/\$10. We are also trialling a 400g gluten free cake, which is \$10. See Vicky, Nigel or Merryn to order.

Let's **Celebrate!**

Celebrations

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Lena Harmer.
- God's blessing to David and Kutik Lawton celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

Electronic Giving

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Rosters and What's On

This Week: 1st December	9.30am		Readings
Ushers	Voigt/Urbon		Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 Philippians 3:1-11 Luke 21:25-36
Greeters	D&T Nelson		
Projection	A Neumann		
Readings/Prayers	V Lamonby		
Communion	Burls		
Coffee	Ratsch & Koelman		
Next Week: 8th December	9.30am		Readings
Ushers	Brettig		Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
Greeters	Lane, Doubtfire		
Projection	M Ruwoldt		
Readings/Prayers	P Shrowder		
Communion	Hall		
Coffee	Weiss Family		

Calendar




Sunday 1st December	Tuesday 3rd December	Friday 6th December	Saturday 7th December	Sunday 8th December
9.30 Vicar Sean's Final Service	9am Playgroup	7.30pm SPY	7pm Senior Youth	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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