



# 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

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshipping the one who comes as Savior and Sovereign, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.



**'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'**  
**- Revelation 1:8**

## Prayer Points

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

- Eternal thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father (Revelation 1:5–6).
- That all would acknowledge Jesus as the Son of Man and serve him in his everlasting kingdom (Daniel 7:13–14).
- That all would listen to Jesus, who came to testify to the truth (John 18:37).
- That Jesus uses us to help those who struggle to get their daily needs, knowing that his kingdom is far greater than anything in this world (John 18:36).
- Thanksgiving for Christ's gift of his body and blood for our five young people receiving the Lord's Supper for the first time this weekend (Matthew 26:26–28).

## Prayer Points Continued....

- For congregational families: Brown, Brettig, Bishop, Altus (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)



## 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.

Iggety, ziggety, ziggety, zoom! There was room on the broom for everyone on Tuesday with 24 children attending and joining in the fun at playgroup. There has been a recent surge in attendance numbers with this number becoming reasonably consistent across the term. This week we will be splashing around and making a rock pool in the sensory play space. If you want to know more about all the fun you can have at playgroup, please speak to Kylie.

## AE&FM Discussion on Pastor Matt Continuing at St Paul

Earlier this week the Leadership Council Exec met with Pastor Steven Schultz about the possibility of retaining Pastor Matt on a half time basis at St Paul. This position would be the other half of his time spent with his call at ALC. To receive the congregation's thoughts, it will be discussed at the AE&FM this Sunday. The feedback from this meeting will be communicated back to Pastor Schultz and the District will consider this in Pastor Matt's assignment deliberation. Note that this is not a formal decision, just an indication to inform ongoing discussions. A formal vote will be undertaken later if this path remains open. Sincere apologies for the late notice, but the situation has developed quickly. If you are unable to attend Sunday's meeting but want to contribute to the discussion, please talk to any of the Leadership Council members over the next few days.

## 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.

## Update Regarding Graeme Elphick

Many of you know our dear friend and foundation member Graeme Elphick. He wanted to let the congregation at large know that he has permanently moved to Fullarton Lutheran Aged Care, having sold his house in Enfield of 72 years. Graeme has some health difficulties that he receives regular treatment for. Graeme can be contacted by **mobile** and email (details correct in Ezi-Find) and visited in the 'Kurrajong' section at Fullarton Homes, 14 Frew St, Fullarton. We keep Graeme in prayer and continue to thank the Lord for his service and friendship here among us (1 Thess 1:2-3). - Pastor Matt.

## SPY



Youth for school years 6-8, meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday during school terms. The last date for SPY in 2024 is **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 **Saturday 7th December at 7pm**. For more info and future dates, please contact Dan Kitson at [ypfministry@stpaul-church.org.au](mailto:ypfministry@stpaul-church.org.au)

## 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.



## Celebrations

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Sinikka Perkins.
- God's blessing to Chris and Vanessa Ziersch celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

## Electronic Giving

BSB: 704942 Account Number: 100083145  
Account name: Enfield St Paul Lutheran Church REG Account





## SPIN Camp

Registrations are open for Spin Camp 2025, open to school years 4-6. Running from 14-17 January at Camp Kedron, Barmera, cost is \$200 per camper and there is the option to catch a bus each way for an extra \$30. For more details, contact Blueprint Ministries. Registrations close 15 December.



## St Paul Lutheran School Half Yearly Meeting

The school held its Half Yearly Meeting on Tuesday night, 12th November. In this meeting, Board members Emily Nelson and Joel Phillips were re-elected. We have received nominations to fill a vacancy for a three-year term and Members will vote out of session to elect from recommendations from the School Board. The board will also fill a two-year casual vacancy from 2025. Thanks to our Board members for 2024: Chair Merryn Ruwoldt, Vice Chair Carolyn Nuske, and other members, Anne Dohnt, Tamra Fedojuk, Joel Phillips, Kirsty Nilsen, Pastor Matt Bishop, Emily Nelson, CJ Monger, Maryanne Campbell-Hand and Kylie Karvelis. CJ Monger retired his position during this year, and we also farewell Maryanne Campbell-Hand and Kylie Karvelis at the end of 2024. Thank you to these Board members for their service to St Paul. Thank you also to the Members, the Church Leadership Council, who have supported the school's work through 2024.

- Leila Mattner, Principal

## Carols in the Park

Carols in the Park is  
**Sunday 15th December,**  
**6.00-8.00pm.**

Flyers are available on the table in the narthex.

Why not grab a couple and invite some friends and family for a relaxing evening in the park, enjoying some community Christmas carols and fun.



# CAROLS IN THE PARK

A FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT  
ORGANISED BY  
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday 15th December  
6.00-8.00pm  
Barton Reserve, Blair Athol



## Rosters and What's On

<b>This Week: 24th November</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Cowl	Ziegeler	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
<b>Greeters</b>	Timms, Stewart	N&J Carr	
<b>Projection</b>	W Burls	Falkenberg	
<b>Readings/Prayers</b>	C Freeman	C Stafford	
<b>Communion</b>	NA	Perkins	
<b>Coffee</b>	Timms, Stewart	A Neumann	
<b>Next Week: 1st December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Voigt/Urbon		Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
<b>Greeters</b>	D&T Nelson		
<b>Projection</b>	A Neumann		
<b>Readings/Prayers</b>	V Lamonby		
<b>Communion</b>	Burls		
<b>Coffee</b>	Ratsch & Koelman		

## Calendar




<b>Sunday 24th November</b>	<b>Tuesday 26th November</b>	<b>Sunday 1st December</b>
10am - Step Up to Communion AE&FM after 2nd service ~11.45	9am Playgroup	9.30 Vicar Sean's Final 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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