



# 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

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.



## Prayer Points

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

- That we hear the Spirit's call to repentance with thanksgiving and action in this Advent season (Luke 3.3)
- Thanksgiving to God for his partnership in the Gospel granted to us at St Paul (Phil 1:5)
- That we keep praying for each other that our love may overflow with knowledge and full insight so that we may be pure and blameless on the day of Christ's return (Phil 1:9-10).
- For effectiveness in the mission of God that 'all flesh may see the salvation of the Lord' (Luke 3:6)
- That our Carols in the Park can be to the glory of God, enjoy good weather and attendance, be a lovely service to our community and let gospel joy be heard (Luke 1:68)
- The blessing of the Lord through straight paths, raised valleys, lowered mountains and level ground for the sick, grieving, poor, oppressed, anxious, lonely, incarcerated, injured and unsettled (Luke 3:4-5/Isaiah 40:3-5)

## Prayer Points Continued....

- For congregational families: Wells, Weiss, Wear, Walden (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.

This week is our last week of playgroup for 2024 where there will be more Christmas fun. More Christmas crafts, more songs (with bells and shakers this week) and, because of the overwhelming success from last week, a lot more fake snow in the sensory space. People really did want to build a snowman! We will also finish up with our Christmas book outreach gift and celebrate with those children leaving playgroup and moving on to school or kindy next year.

It's going to be great fun - come wearing a splash of Christmas.

If you want to know more about all the fun you can have at playgroup, please speak to Kylie.

## Intentional Welcomers and Prayer Gathering for Carols in the Park

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm at Barton Reserve.** Craig Heidenreich 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.



## Hearts & Hands

All ladies of the St Paul community are invited to our Christmas Dinner to be held on **Friday 13th December, 6pm**, at 18 Barakoola Street, Pooraka. If you are interested in attending, please place your name on the sign in sheet on the table in the Narthex. NB: Please park in Baroona Street and enter through the rear gate.

## Christmas Helpers Wanted

After the service this Sunday (15th) there is the need for a couple more helpers to join the Henry Ford model of a Christmas assembly line and fill ministry outreach gift bags for Carols in the Park. If you are able to help, please see Kylie after the service.

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 see the list of jobs, please see Kylie.

Calls for help over the Christmas services will be put out via email slightly closer to the date, but, in preparation, you may want to start thinking now about how you might like to be involved.

### Carols in the Park

Carols in the Park is now only seven days away.

**Sunday 15th December,  
6.00-8.00pm.**

Invite some friends and family for a relaxing evening in the park, enjoying some community Christmas carols and fun.

A poster for the 'Carols in the Park' event. It features a large, glowing Christmas tree on the left side. The text on the right reads: 'CAROLS IN THE PARK' in large white letters, followed by 'A FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT ORGANISED BY ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH' in smaller white letters. Below this is a QR code. At the bottom right, it says 'Sunday 15th December 6.00-8.00pm Barton Reserve, Blair Athol' and includes a small logo of a cross with a white circle in the center.

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Barton Reserve, Blair Athol

Let's **Celebrate!**

### Celebrations

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Barry Kahl, Tania Nelson and Carolyn Altus
- God's blessing to Eden and Adrian Neumann celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

### Electronic Giving

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



## Rosters and What's On

<b>This Week: 8th December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
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		
<b>Next Week: 15th December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
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Readings/Prayers	D Clark		
Communion	Brettig		
Coffee	Fisher Family		

## Calendar

<b>Sunday 8th December</b>	<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	<b>Friday 13th December</b>	<b>Sunday 15th December</b>
9.30am Service (HC)	9am Playgroup 7.30 L'ship Council	5.30pm Prayer Gathering	6pm Hearts & Hands	9.30 am Service (HC) 6pm Carols in the Park

## 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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