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OUR MISSION

“Celebrating life in Jesus, Growing in faith, Sharing his love”

15th Sunday after Pentecost

2nd September, 2018

**May the peace of God enfold us,
The love of God uphold us,
The wisdom of God control us.**



Services next Sunday

Faith:	7.30 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Michael)
Redeemer:	8.00 a.m. H.C.	(John Bowes)
St. John's:	8.30 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Wayne)
	10.00 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Wayne)
Gracehaven:	10.30 a.m. H.C.	(Pastor Michael)

Scripture Readings at Faith next Sunday

Joel 2:21-27; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Scripture Readings at St. John's and Redeemer next Sunday

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37



WELCOME TO GUESTS and VISITORS .

Thank you for joining us in worship at St. John's.

Please take a moment to give us the gift of your name and address on a Message Card. Pads of Message Cards are available in each pew. Completed Message Cards can be placed in the Offering bags or in the return box near the entrance to the church.

Visitors are invited to sign our Visitors' Book at the entrance to our Church. We pray that you are blessed through your time with us.

Welcome to **St. John's** Lutheran Church of Astoria

MESSAGE CARD

If you are a GUEST or VISITOR to our church today, please take a few moments to give us the gift of your details so that we can keep in contact with you.

Regular ATTENDERS may also leave messages for our pastors/staff on the reverse side.

Date of Attendance: / /

Worship Service: 8.30 10.30 6.30 (please circle)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Names of Family Members who came with me: _____

I came as a guest of (where applicable): _____

PLEASE TURN OVER

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ST. JOHN'S

A Note for Parents

There are **Colouring sheets/Puzzles** relating to the Bible Readings available for children at the entrance to the church.

Please feel free to use these resources for your children during the services.

For younger children toys/books are available at the front right side of the church on the shelves.



DO YOU HAVE A BIBLE?

At St. John's we value the Bible as God's Word to humans. We believe that God speaks to us through the Bible, renewing hearts and changing lives. If you are a guest or a visitor to St. John's and do not have a Bible at home for personal use, please take one of the copies provided in the pews as our gift to you.



Our Ministry for this Week

- Monday: 8:45 a.m. St. John's School Assembly in the School Hall
- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. John's Property Committee Meeting in the Community Room
6.30 p.m. St. John's School Council
7:30 p.m. Small Groups Leaders Meeting in the Community Room
- Wednesday: Faith Church Council Meeting POSTPONED TO NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
9:00 a.m. St. John's Ladies Guild Meeting in the Community Room
9.00 a.m. Mainly Music in the Church Hall
7.30 p.m. SENT, upstairs in the Church Hall
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Faith Ladies Guild
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Community Room
3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class in the Community Room
- Friday: Pastor Wayne's Day Off
9:00 a.m. St. John's School Chapel
9:30 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study Group
6:30 p.m. Shedmen at 84 Maynard Street
- Saturday: 10.00 a.m. Blessing of the Fleet at Bundaberg Sailing Club.
1:30 p.m. Crafty Ladies in the Community Room

CELEBRATION/FAREWELL SERVICE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

Please join us on **Sunday 23rd September** for a combined service of celebration giving thanks to God for the 34 years of faithful service rendered to the Bundaberg Lutheran Parish through Bev Gilbert in her capacity as Parish Office Administrator.

There will only be the ONE SERVICE at 10 am followed by a shared lunch.

More details will follow, but please diarise this event.

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE
The Lord Takes Care of His Work

One thing that I have to learn over my many years of ministry, both here as well as in South Africa, is that the Lord continues to provide for the needs of His Church. He knows exactly what's needed by way of resources, both material and human.

This has been clearly shown again in recent weeks. As many of you will know, Bev Gilbert, our Parish Office Administrator for the past 34 years, will be retiring on 21st September.

Much has been happening by way of advertising, interviewing etc to fill this position once it is vacant. Well, praise be to the Lord of the Harvest for providing! We had a number of sterling applications for the role, and that of Eryl Mankofski's (she, together with husband, Brett and sons, worship at Faith Lutheran Church, Bundaberg North) has risen to the top. It was the unanimous decision of the interview panel that Eryl be offered the job, which she accepted.

This past week there was a buzz in the front office as Bev began the handover procedures with Eryl. I always said "*we will never find another Bev*" – and that is true, we won't. However, God has provided an Eryl who brings to the table her unique gifting and skillset thereby adding value to our awesome staff team. In years to come, future pastors will be saying: "*we won't find another Eryl*". So, please join us in welcoming Eryl. I trust that you, the wonderful members of our wonderful parish will offer Eryl the same respect, support and encouragement given to Bev. God bless.

Pastor Wayne

FROM PASTOR JARICK

Pastor Michael would appreciate your prayers for guidance as he considers a call received to serve the Goulburn Murray Parish, centred in Shepparton, Victoria.

LOST PROPERTY Pair of spectacles in a black case has been found at St. John's and can be collected from the Parish Office.

EXCERPT FROM "LUTHER'S BREVIARY A MEDITATION FOR EACH DAY OF THE YEAR"

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

(Psalm 37:7-8)

This is the wisdom of a true Christian to let God govern and rule and to commit anything that is wrong or can hurt the devout to the One Who sets everything right in the end. A Christian may well be entitled to punish sins by means of the Word of God; but he should not use his fists for this purpose unless by God's commands.



Celebrating life in Jesus

Valuing: Joy, Vibrant Worship, Hospitality, Discipleship, Faith at Home, The Gospel, Grace, Personal Faith.

SCHOOL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 10.00 A.M. AT ST. JOHN'S

At the School Service at St. John's next Sunday at 10.00 a.m., students in Year 1 at St. John's School will be presented with Children's Bibles during that Service. Please join us for this special event.



SEPTEMBER SHEDMEN

Where: Pastor's Michael's shed at 84 Maynard Street.

When: Friday, 7th September at 6:30pm

What to Bring: Something to eat drink and sit on.

What's there: A hot barbie, warm company with other blokes.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Although this Festival may be celebrated at any time of the church year, there is a tradition of celebrating God's providence in spring. In the Old Testament, Pentecost (meaning 50th) was celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. It was also known as the "Feast of Weeks", the "Feast of Harvest" in Exodus 23:16 and the "Day of First Fruits" in Numbers 28:26. After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D., offerings of grain and fruit could no longer be made, and the Festival began to have a different focus – the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai.

Next Sunday, September 9th, Faith Congregation will celebrate Harvest Festival, with plans for the following Sunday at Redeemer and Rosedale.



Growing in Faith

Valuing: Spiritual Growth, Biblical Knowledge, Relationships, Passing on Faith, Innovation.

FROM OUR CHILD YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM



"KMOTION" (Children's Ministry) is on TODAY following the first table of Communion ... upstairs in the Hall. Focus: Father's Day activity.



SPROUTS Next Sprouts Kids Club will be held on **Wednesday, 12th September**. Please pray for extra helpers to support this ministry.



MAINLY MUSIC Mainly Music continues to thrive and be a positive group. It meets Wednesdays during the school term, 9:00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. in the Church hall for families with young children.



Sharing his love

Valuing: Outward Focus, Loving One Another, Using our gifts, Shared Ministry, Service, Community Care.

Shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child



Shoe boxes are now available for you to fill with your gift of love for some of the children in great need in the world.

Each box comes with a pamphlet explaining what items are most appropriate, and how to mark your box identifying the gender and age for which you are filling the box.

- The filled boxes must be returned by the end of September school holidays.
- This is a fun “giving activity” for the whole family
- **Shoe Boxes** are available from the church or the parish office.
- Each box needs to include a donation of **\$10.00** for handling.
- **Donation tin** at the back of the church for those who prefer not to go out shopping.
- Check the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD website:

www.samaritanspurse.org.au/operation-christmas-child/

Thank you!..... Sao. Ph. 0401 242 555

NEWS AND PRAYER POINTS FROM ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



- Pray for Principals and School Leaders who have been meeting at Hervey Bay this weekend.
- Pray for Students who face significant changes in their lives and in their families. Ask God to bless the Students participating in the "Seasons for Growth" groups, which looks at working through changes.
- Pray for the Year 1 Students who will be receiving a Children's Bible at St. John's 10.00 a.m./School Service next Sunday. Pray that God's Word will speak to their hearts and lives.

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FATHERS DAY PRAYERS



- Take a moment to thank our *Heavenly Father* for making us His dearly loved children by grace through faith.
- Pray to our *compassionate and gentle Father*, for those who are not good enough in the eyes of the world. May our hearts be softened to show the same compassion to others that He has shown to us. Pray for the Church's ministry among those who are deaf or otherwise disadvantaged, that they too may hear the gospel and live.
- Ask our *powerful and transforming Father*, to remember us in this Parish and our respective congregations. Pray that His words have free course among us. Pray that He bind us together in genuine Christian love and that He grant us grace to put to death all resentment, jealousy, and pride, and raise us to the joy of serving one another in gentle humility, free from partiality.
- Pray to our *just and righteous Father*, that He remember the leaders of our nation and give them wisdom and courage for their duty. Pray that the people of our nation honour and respect our leaders and that society be kept free from improper discrimination.
- Pray for the refugees and other displaced people across our world as they are lost and confused, and many of them losing their lives in trying to make a better life for themselves. Pray that God be near to them and protect them making a way for them to find safety, security and provision. Pray that hearts of compassion be granted to our country's leaders and its people to view these folk not as burdens and mere numbers but as fellow human beings whom God loves. Pray that fear and ignorance never replace mercy and compassion in our dealings with other cultures and nationalities.
- Give thanks to our *sustaining Father* for Bev's faithful service to the Bundaberg Parish over the last 34 years. Pray that God will bless her and Ashley as they prepare for the next season of life.
- Give thanks to our *providing Father* for our new Parish Administrator, Eryl Mankofski, whom He has provided to take over when Bev retires on 21st September. Pray that Eryl settles into her new role well and that she finds joy in this area.

- Pray God's mercy on those who are sick, injured or in any other distress. Pray that those who are caring for them be supported. We pray especially for all those who are sick or recovering in our community. Pray for those who need healing at this time: *David Luik; Julie Barnett, Hazel Bennier, Peter Berardo, Scott Bowes, Lisa Christie, Katie Cislowski, Ted Cislowski, Joyce Coster, Jessie Evans, Ross Heiner, Gloria & Keith Hooper, Eole Hopton, Dennis Jurgens, Edith Kay, Ray King, Mac Middleton, Les and Rose Neumann, Des Renz, Norm & Patricia Scotney, Les & Stella Sempf, Bernice Stevens, Ray Stevens, Trevor Walden, Daphne Waldhuter, Noel Zunker.*

19TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF SYNOD (2-7 OCTOBER 2018)

Call To Prayer

Lord God, thank you for all your people of the LCA/NZ as baptised disciples of Jesus who walk alongside each other and work together as partners in the gospel.

We praise you for the gifts and experiences each of us brings to the church from our variety of cultures and backgrounds. We praise you for making us part of your global community of believers. We pray especially for our neighbours in Papua New Guinea and South East Asia. We are grateful that some of our brothers and sisters from those places will be our guests at the General Convention of Synod.

Give us grateful hearts and generous spirits as the Synod welcomes them and other overseas guests. Bless the work of our church through LCA International Mission and Australian Lutheran World Service, and grant the Synod wisdom as it considers proposals to become full members of the Lutheran World Federation and the International Lutheran Council.