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OUR MISSION

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

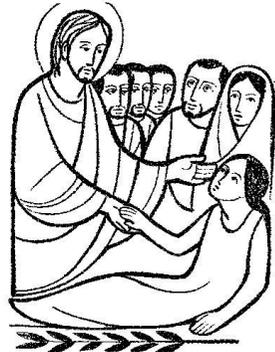
1st July, 2018

May you walk this week as a forgiven child of God.

Sustained by His grace.

Motivated by His love.

Living by His Word.



Services next Sunday

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

Scripture Readings next Sunday

2 Samuel 5:1-5,9,10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13



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

- Tuesday: 2.00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon Bible Study group meeting in the Community Room
6.00 p.m. Property Committee meeting in the Community Room
7.30 p.m. Small Groups Leaders meeting in the Community Room
- Wednesday: 9.00 a.m. St. John's Ladies Guild meet in the Community Room
5.00 p.m. Faith Church Council meeting
- Thursday: 8.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Family Flourish Fun Day at Boreham Park
9.00 a.m. Faith Ladies Guild meeting
- Friday: 6.30 p.m. Shedmen meet at 26 Robina Dr. Avoca.

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Bernice Neumann whose funeral service was held at St. John's last Thursday.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Pastor Wayne will be on annual leave next week (2nd to 9th July)

General Pastors' Conference is approaching.

Both Pastor Wayne and Michael will be attending, as elected pastor delegates from Queensland. It will be held from Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th July I Hahndorff, South Australia.

Pastor Wayne will return to the Office on Friday, 13th July.

Pastor Michael will be taking four (4) days annual leave following the conference, returning on Tuesday 17th.

WHO IS PETER STEICKE?

(This year's Men's Conference Speaker)



Julie and I were married in January 1985. We have four children, and are blessed to be grandparents.

Julie trained as a primary school teacher, and while she still does relief teaching to help the household budget, her main passion is prayer ministry and seeing people walk in the freedom of the Father's love.

I was a pastor with the Lutheran Church from 1984 to 2009, serving in south-western Sydney and then at Para Vista in Adelaide, where I was privileged to lead a wonderful team as senior pastor.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is simply to walk in the love of the Father and give it away so all people may cherish his grace and extend his glory.

Everything starts with people knowing how incredibly loved they are. The acceptance we already have because of Jesus gives us a new identity as sons and daughters of a perfectly loving heavenly Father. The love of the Father changes everything, and nothing changes without his love.

The outflow of this love pervades all areas of life. As this purpose is lived out in the power of the Holy Spirit, we envision followers of Jesus will be:

- *living securely in their true identity as sons and daughters of a loving Father*
- *walking in intimacy with God, hearing his voice, and living in the overflow of Father's love*
- *growing in intimacy with one another and learning to live a new life through community, no matter what size that may be*
- *naturally passing on the love of the Father, reproducing spiritual children out of their "being" in Christ*
- *intentionally seeking to live out the great commission and multiplying new Kingdom families/communities*

This is now Julie's and my life passion ... to see everyone come to know their place in the Father's heart and to live from that place. It means you can grab life and take risks led by the Holy Spirit. This is what saw us follow the calling of the Father out of mainstream church and into a ministry of equipping people to plant house-churches, that is, missional communities with a culture of *living loved so we can all live loving*.

PARTNERS

Julie and I partner with Craig and Taya Joppich as part of **Starfishoz**, a network of Kingdom families in South Australia. We are blessed to be served by Craig and Lorna Kirkby in Melbourne, who believe in us and keep us grounded. See Craig's website, **A Better Future Now** for more info.

(The information in this document has been extracted from www.incrediblyloved.com. More information about Peter and his ministry can be found here).



Jesus wants you for a sunbeam

Going GREYT!

by Helen Beringen

Shining God's light into the world can happen wherever you may be, whatever your skills, and whenever you least expect it.

It may take years to see where God is calling you, where God wants you to shine his light. In the case of Sunshine Coast retiree Arthur Hall, it was a 62-year long journey that began when he was a nine-year-old boy. It was 1956 when his family moved to the Papua New Guinean paradise of Rabaul, a township on the island of New Britain. Arthur's father was posted to Papua New Guinea (PNG) as a magistrate, serving in a country that was a mandated territory of Australia until 1975.

Arthur fell in love with the place, enjoying an idyllic childhood of freedom, canoeing and fishing for tuna and red emperor near the wharves in the town's renowned harbour, and also out from nearby Matupi Island, where his dad had some local friends. 'It was a wonderful place to grow up', Arthur reminisces.

He returned to Australia for his secondary schooling, as a boarder at Brisbane's St Peter's Lutheran College, Indooroopilly, which set a foundation for his Christian faith journey.

After school, Arthur remained in Australia, developing a career at the now-defunct Ansett Airlines as a customer services officer.

However, who would have imagined that his childhood connection to PNG would lead Arthur, now aged 73, to accept an opportunity to share his God-given talents in the country of his youth? It was a notice in the LCA International Mission publication *Border Crossings* in late 2016 and early 2017 that kept niggling at him. The notice called for a volunteer to help train volunteers for the Lutheran radio station in Lae, PNG. Fortuitously, Arthur had spent the past 30 years producing and hosting Christian radio programs on Caboolture Community radio station 101.5, in Queensland, as a volunteer!

This experience provided his mission opportunity in November 2017, when Arthur travelled to Lae in PNG for two weeks to lead staff training

sessions at the Lutheran radio facility located at the Martin Luther Seminary.

Through Kristen Radio 89.1, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea is 'the voice of the gospel' in Lae, shining the Christian message to the people of Morobe Province.

Arthur's volunteer trip included supporting a weekend conference for new recruits and training up the local volunteers to develop their broadcasting skills. 'What a privilege it has been for me to be able to serve God and the people involved with the radio program at the communications centre at Martin Luther Seminary at Lae', he says.

Arthur was supported to undertake the mission trip by the prayers and financial support of the Lutheran congregation of St Paul's at Caboolture, for which he is greatly appreciative.

When asked if he has another broadcast training trip in him, Arthur says, 'We'll see where the Lord leads'.

'It comes back to knowing that all things are possible through him', he says. 'Frequently I didn't appreciate it at times when I was younger, but now I'm getting long in the tooth, I realise it more than ever.'

In Going GREYT! we feature stories of some of our 'more experienced' people within the LCA, who have been called to make a positive contribution in their retirement. We pray their examples of service will be an inspiration and encouragement to us all as we look to be Christ's hands and feet wherever we are, with whatever gifts and opportunities we've been given.

Helen Beringen is a Townsville-based communications advisor who has been richly blessed through a career as a wordsmith. She is inspired by the many GREYT people who serve tirelessly and modestly in our community. She hopes by sharing stories of how God shines his light through them, others will be inspired to share his light in the world.

Know of any other GREYT stories in your local community? Email the editor lisa.mcintosh@lca.org.au

Your chance to volunteer in mission If you are interested in volunteering in international mission, serving in practical ways, teaching English, teaching in the seminaries and institutions of our partner churches, or in local churches, contact LCA International Mission Program Officer for Volunteers, Nevin Nitschke on 08 8267 7300 or email nevin.nitschke@lca.org.au For more information, go to [the LCA International Mission website](#).



At St John's, we run some excellent programs. Of course in order to keep them excellent, we need to have a solid volunteer base – good in quantity as well as quality. We need HELP in the following areas:

ROC YOUTH: We desperately need some extra adult helpers at our youth gathering every second Friday evening. Numbers of young people are around the 20-25 mark and help is needed. Please see SANDY BOWES if you are able to assist in this area. *(NB. You will have to be in possession of or be able to obtain a Blue Card).*

SPROUTS KIDS CLUB: There's an ongoing need for extra hands at our after school ministry every second Wednesday afternoon. Please see JEANETTE MANN or SANDY BOWES if able to assist. *(NB. You will have to be in possession of or be able to obtain a Blue Card).*

CHURCH SIGNBOARD CHANGING: If you are able to spare around 30 minutes each week (sometimes every second week), you could be the one to assist in updating the corner church signboard. Please see Pastor Wayne if you think this is something you'd be able to assist with. *(NB. While it's not difficult, you will need to be able to physically wind the board down and up).*