

Ways of Giving

Deposit into St Paul's bank account

BSB: 084-670
Account No: 50-876-0879
Account Name: Townsville Lutheran Parish

Offering Plate

Before service place your offering in the bowl located on the table as you enter the church.

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Responding to Sexual Abuse Complaints.

Freecall 1800 644 628

email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

or write to:

The supervisor, PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070

LCA Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

The Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people. The LCA acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God.

The Church and the Privacy Act

1. The church collects personal information about you before & during the course of your membership of the church
2. We may include your contact details in membership lists or other church publications. If you do not agree to this, you must advise us immediately.
3. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the church's legal obligations, and thereby to enable it to discharge its duty of care. Copies of LCA Privacy Policy available in the Church Office, or <https://www.lca.org.au/policies/>



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA

A place where we see God's love through a community connected in worship, fellowship and service

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day (1st Sunday of Easter)
Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship every Sunday at 9.00am



Bible Readings

20th April

Psalm

Psalm 118:1,2, 14-24

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Summary of Jesus' life and ministry

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ is the first to rise from death

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

The women find the tomb empty

Bible Readings

27th April

Psalm

Psalm 118:14-29

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

The apostles boldly proclaim Jesus' resurrection

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Every eye will see the Lord

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes

What's on this fortnight

Sunday 20th April	9.00am Service	Sunday 27th April	9.00am Service with Sunday School
Monday 21st		Monday 28th	
Tuesday 22nd		Tuesday 29th	
Wednesday 23rd	7.00pm Bible Study at Church	Wednesday 30th	7.00pm Bible Study at Church
Thursday 24th	9.45am Bible Study at Jacobsen's home	Thursday 1st May	
Friday 25th	Anzac Day	Friday 2nd May	
Saturday 26th		Saturday 3rd May	7.30am Men's Breakfast TBA Ladies Fellowship

Volunteer Roster

	27th April	4th May
Bible Reading	Cindy	
Communion	Mike	
Usher/Welcoming	Mike and Cindy	
Morning Tea		
Music		Janet

Memory Verse

Week of 20th April 2025

Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Week of 27th April 2025

Romans 6:8-9

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Bible Readings for week 20th April

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Bible Readings for week commencing 27th April

Neh. 5:14-19 Psalm 119:161-168 Rev. 1:1-8	Neh. 6:1-14 Psalm 119:169-176 Rev. 1:9-20	Neh. 6:15-7:4 Psalm 120 Rev. 2:1-7	Neh. 7:5-65 Psalm 121 Rev. 2:8-11	Neh. 7:66-73 Psalm 122 Rev. 2:12-17	Neh. 8:1-12 Psalm 123 Rev. 2:18-29	Neh. 8:13-18 Psalm 124 Rev. 3:1-6
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LCA eNews - To read the latest copy of the LCA eNews click on the link below.

<http://lcaenews.online/250415>

Fellowship Opportunities

Men's Breakfast – Saturday May 3rd at 7.30am at the church. For more information see Bill Darr

Ladies Get together – A ladies get together is being organised for Saturday 3rd May. Details will be available next week or for more information contact Faith Behrendorff on mobile 0431 183 540.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Sunday School will recommence for term two on Sunday 27th April.

Term two dates are: 27th April

11th May

25th May

8th June

22nd June

CLUB 369 is St Paul's Youth Ministry for youth from Year 6 onwards. It is held on the third, sixth and ninth Friday evening of the school term.

For more information on Sunday School or CLUB 369 contact Narelle Sturm on mobile 0428 211 059.

Budget and Nominations meeting

St Pauls Congregation hold their annual budget and nominations meeting in June each year. At this meeting, nominations for positions on church council along with other church positions are presented. These positions are then elected at the Annual General Meeting in August.

The members of Church Council are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and two Additional Members.

If you are interested in standing for election to Church Council or one of the other positions, please see a member of Church Executive or Pastor Kees.

The current Church Council executive is Vice Chairperson – Bill Darr, Secretary -Tom Fowler and Treasurer – Gary Brinkman. The position of Chairperson is currently vacant.

Over the coming weeks one of the positions on church council will be highlighted in the newsletter. This week is the position of Secretary.

THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY

Objective of the position

The role of Secretary is to ensure accurate record keeping and good administration of Church Council affairs to support and facilitate the Mission and Ministry of the Congregation.

Primary responsibilities

Ensuring meetings are effectively organised and accurately minuted
Maintaining effective records and administration

Duties of the position include but are not limited to:

Ensures that all relevant records and documentation are correctly filed, recorded and kept up to date. Also that privacy and confidentiality are maintained.

Keeps an accurate record of all proceedings of the Congregation meetings.

Ensures records of the congregation are held in a safe and secure location.

Responsible for periodically transferring old records to LCA Archives for safekeeping.

Attends to all incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Prepares an agenda for meetings with the Chairperson.

Maintains a Congregation calendar which records key dates such as Annual General Meetings, contract expiry dates, property inspections, training events and registration renewals (eg blue cards, safe place training)

Sends copy of the AGM book of reports to the District Office.

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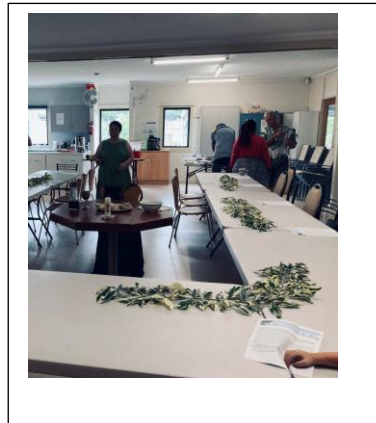


Passover Brunch

On Sunday 13th April about 20 members gathered after the service for a Passover Brunch. There was a short presentation by Pastor Kees which included an explanation of the various elements on the Sedar Plate.



Sedar plate in centre of table



Sedar Plate - Sedar meaning 'order'

The lamb bone reminds us of the sacrifices made in the temple. It also reminds us of Jesus, who is the Lamb of God.

The bitter herbs remind us of the sufferings of the people of Israel when they were slaves to Egypt. They are dipped in salt water before being eaten. .

Salt water reminds us of the tears that were shed by the Israelites in captivity.

The boiled egg represents a Passover offering that was brought to the temple

The charoset a sweet made of nuts, apple, spices and wine. It reminds people of Israel of the precious stone and carvings which decorated the temple. It is also a reminder of the clay that the Israelites used to make bricks for their Egyptian masters. The charoset is eaten together with the bitter herbs, reminding us that we share in the joy of Christ's resurrection, as well as in his sufferings on the cross.

The greens remind us that the Passover coincided with the arrival of Spring and that Jesus came to make all things new. It also represents the green herbs and vegetables that are traditionally eaten with the Passover Lamb.

The bread called Matzohs was a bread made without yeast. When the people of Israel left Egypt, they did not have time to wait for the dough to rise, so they made their bread without yeast.

LCA Child Safety Standards

The LCA Child Safety Standards (CSS) for Congregations are designed to help congregations maximise the safety of children and young people. Over the coming weeks, details of the 10 standards will be provided.

STANDARD 4:

We recognise that children with diverse needs and children from diverse backgrounds are more vulnerable. We respect, welcome, and support these children to help them stay safe and to help them thrive in themselves and in their faith.

STANDARD 5:

Our people are suitable, screened, and supported.

Our leadership requires that all employees and volunteers who work with children, as well as our pastor(s) and other leaders are suitable, screened, supported, and monitored.

STANDARD 6:

Our reporting and complaints system is child focused.

Our congregation has a reporting and complaints process which has a clear focus on child safety, is accessible to children and is clear regarding roles and responsibilities.