

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/>



Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday 11th May - Good Shepherd Sunday

Worship every Sunday at 9.00am

Bible Readings

4th May

Psalm

Psalm 30

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

The conversion of Saul

Second Reading

Revelation 5:1-14

Worthy is the Lamb that was killed

Gospel

John 21:1-19

Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish; words to Peter

Bible Readings

11th May

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from death

Second Reading

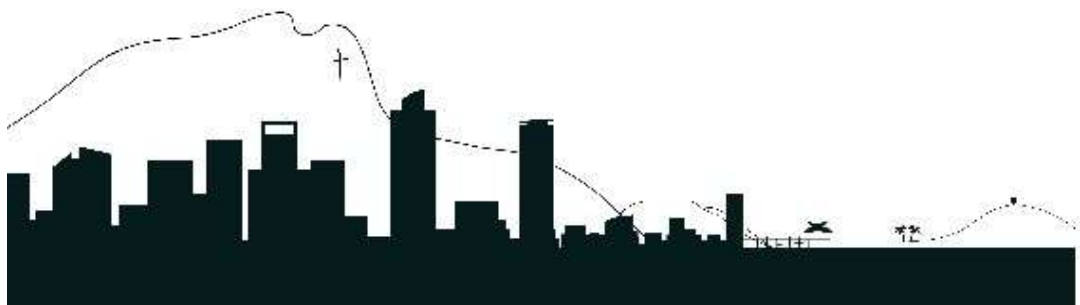
Revelation 7:9-17

The Lamb is their shepherd

Gospel

John 10:22-30

My sheep listen to my voice



What's on this fortnight

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| Sunday 4th May | 9.00am Service | Sunday 11th | 9.00am Service with Sunday School |
| Monday 5th | | Monday 12th | |
| Tuesday 6th | | Tuesday 13th | |
| Wednesday 7th | 7.00pm Bible Study at Church | Wednesday 14th | 7.00pm Bible Study at Church |
| Thursday 8th | 9.45am Bible Study at Jacobsen's home | Thursday 15th | |
| Friday 9th | CLUB 369 | Friday 16th | |
| Saturday 10th | | Saturday 17th | |

CLUB 369 is St Paul's Youth Ministry for youth from Year 6. The first CLUB 369 for Term 2 will be held on Friday 9th May commencing at 7.00pm. For more information contact Pastor Kees (0428 992 002) or Narelle Sturm (0428 211 059).

Pastor Kees on leave

Pastor Kees will be on annual leave from Monday 19th May to Monday 16th June. There will be Lay Reading services during this period.

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 7:

Our people understand child safety.

Our pastor(s), other leaders, employees, and volunteers participate in regular training that provides them with an understanding of the fundamentals of child abuse, the importance of ethical conduct, how to respond to concerns, and how to prioritise child safety in a congregational context.

STANDARD 8:

Our risk management has a child safety focus.

Our pastor(s), other leaders, employees, and volunteers have the knowledge and skills to identify and reduce risks to children in relation to physical and online surroundings, church programs, activities and events, as well as church-related outings.

Volunteer Roster

| | 11th May | 18th May |
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| Bible Reading | Cindy | Peter |
| Communion | Mik | Rod |
| Usher/Welcoming | Mike & Cindy | Peter & Ange |
| Morning Tea | | Ingrid |
| Music | Behrendorff's | Behrendorff's |

LCA eNews - To read the latest copy of the LCA eNews click on the link below.
<http://lcaenews.online/250429>

Memory Verse

Week of 4th May 2025

Psalm 103:13

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Week of 11th May 2025

Acts 16:31

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Bible readings for week 4 May

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| Neh. 9:1–15 Psalm 125 Rev. 3:7–13 | Neh. 9:16–38 Psalm 126 Rev. 3:13–22 | Neh. 10 Psalm 127 Rev. 4 | Neh. 11 Psalm 128 Rev. 5 | Neh. 12:1–43 Psalm 129 Rev. 6 | Neh. 12:44–13:31 Psalm 130 Rev. 7:1–8 | Hag. 1 Psalm 131 Rev. 7:9–17 |
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Bible readings for week commencing 11 May

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| Hag. 2 Psalm 132 Rev. 8 | Zech. 1 Psalm 133 Rev. 9 | Zech. 2 Psalm 134 Rev. 10 | Zech. 3 Psalm 135 Rev. 11 | Zech. 4 Psalm 136 Rev. 12 | Zech. 5 Psalm 137 Rev. 13:1–10 | Zech. 6 Psalm 138 Rev. 13:11–18 |
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Budget and Nominations meeting

In the lead up to the Budget and Nominations meeting in June, each week you will find details of a position on Church Council. This week the positions of Treasurer and Chairperson are highlighted. The current treasurer of St Paul's is Gary Brinkman. The Chairperson position is currently vacant. If you are interested in nominating for a position on Church Council contact a member of the Church Council executive or Pastor Kees.

THE ROLE OF THE TREASURER

Objective of the position

The role of Treasurer is to have oversight of the financial management of the Congregation and to work closely with other members of the Council to best use the resources available to support the ministry and mission of the Congregation.

Primary responsibilities

General financial oversight
Financial Planning and Budget
Financial Reporting
Navigating HRS
Banking, book keeping and record keeping

Duties of the position

- Prayerfully seeks out God's purpose, and vision for the ministry.
- Keeps an accurate record of receipts and payments in the form required by the Congregation and in accordance with relevant accounting standards.
- Organises annual, independent audits as required by the Church Council and in accordance with Church policy.
- Promptly pays all accounts authorised by the Congregation/Parish Council or Congregation.
- Ensures the salaries of pastor/s and paid staff are paid correctly as provided in LCA Salary schedules and/or relevant Awards.
- Monitors compliance with statutory requirements including pertaining to GST/Business Activity Statements, PAYG, Fringe Benefits Tax, Workcover, LSL and Superannuation Guarantee Contributions.
- Remits all monies for Congregation purposes,
- Prepares financial reports that present a true and fair view of actual performance for meetings of the Congregation/Parish Council and Congregation.
- Provides reports on the financial position of the Congregation and recommends action that may be necessary to ensure their financial well-being.
- Establishes and maintains an asset register and/or a depreciation schedule.

Role of Treasurer cont.

- Reviews the value of the Congregation assets in conjunction with the property committee and/or property coordinator, particularly for the purposes of insurance and replacement planning.
- Communicates with District Office regarding the annual giving pledges to support the operations of the District and National Church; and sends to District Office a copy of the Congregations approved budget and the audited financial report for the prior year.
- Meets and consults regularly with the pastor.

THE ROLE OF THE CHAIR

Objective of the position:

The role of Chairperson is to provide Leadership for the Council and Congregation/Parish and to work alongside the Pastor/s in maintaining oversight of the Mission and Ministry of the Congregation/Parish

Primary responsibilities:

Provide Leadership for the Council and Congregation/Parish in fulfilling, enabling, promoting and supporting the Mission and Vision of the Congregation/Parish
Ensure the Congregation/Parish Council functions well and is managed effectively
Provide support to the Pastor, Staff and other Key Leaders .

Duties of the position include:

Presiding over Council and Annual General Meetings of the congregation/parish; monitoring the Council's effectiveness and assess its meeting processes and actions.

Setting the agenda for Council meetings in consultation with the Secretary and the pastor.

Setting the agenda for congregational meetings with the pastor and Council.
Listening and supporting the pastor and/or other paid staff with frequent open communication.

Being available to be consulted by the pastor and/or other paid staff on significant issues between Council meetings.

Evaluating, with the Nominations Committee, the eligibility and suitability of potential candidates for nomination as Council members including undertaking any appropriate checks (eg police checks); ensuring that all elected and appointed officers and committees effectively carry out their assigned duties.

Encouraging and cooperating with all office bearers.

Supporting the implementation of District and National policies and procedures; and communicating with District Offices matters of importance.