



NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2026

If you are visiting today, welcome!
Please join us after service for a cuppa in the hall.



DIARY DATES

- | **Sunday August 2:** Service 9.30am
- | **Sunday August 2:** Service Stanthorpe approx 1 p.m
- | **Thursday August 6:** Elders meeting
- | **Sunday August 9:** Service 9.30am. Bible Study to follow.
- | **Saturday August 15:** Service Glenarvon (Time tba)
- | **Sunday August 16:** Service 9.30am
- | **Thursday Aug 20:** Church Council meeting 7.15pm
- | **Sunday August 23:** Service 9.30am with Half Yearly meeting following.
- | **Sunday August 30:** Service 9.30am

Redeemer Half Yearly Meeting

23rd August 2026

Please aim to attend this meeting after a quick cuppa after service. Then after the meeting, we'll have a LEO lunch at Zacks to celebrate the anniversary of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

There will be a sheet in the foyer to place your name for the lunch so we can make a booking.

Please come along ☺

Stanthorpe & Glenarvon service days /times:

Pastor Stuart will lead worship in Stanthorpe on the first Sunday of every month at around 1 p.m., leaving Redeemer after worship at approx. 11 a.m. The first service will be on the 2nd August.

Glenarvon services will be on the third Saturday of every month. Pastor Stuart will alternate with Pastor Ken Schulz to visit Glenarvon on the even months. The first service will be on August 15.

Pastor Stuart and Julie will travel to these services. In the near future, Redeemer members will be encouraged to attend these services and enjoy fellowship together.

Pastors day off:

Pastor Stuart has Tuesday as his day off.

Bible Study

Pastor Stuart will begin Bible studies after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, starting on the 9th August. (No Bible study on the 23rd due to the Half Yearly meeting).

Pastor Stuart will begin with a Bible study he has written called "Applying the Gospel to our life".

CHILDSAFE REMINDER: If children leave church during the service, they need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Just a reminder the LCA Child Safety Standards books are available on the LCA website.

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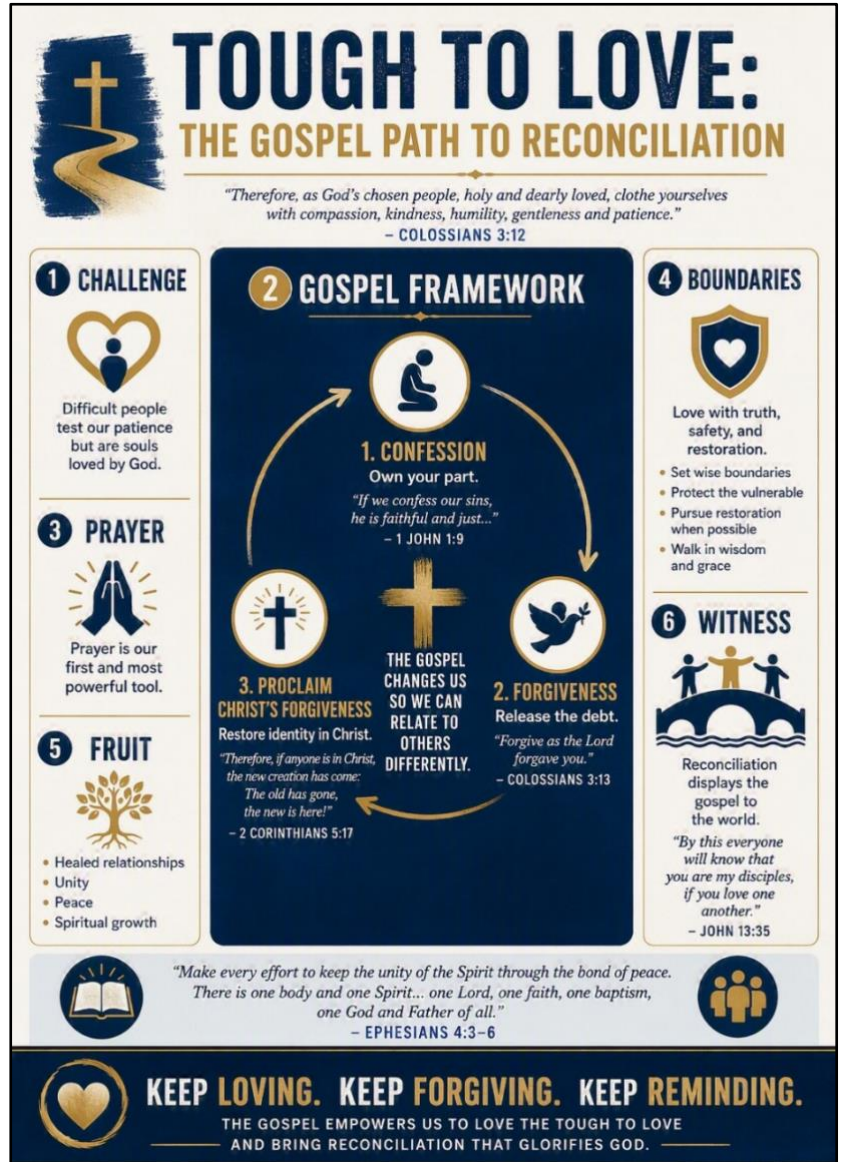
Live Stream: Sunday Services are Live streamed on YouTube @RedeemerLutheranChurchTmba
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhIiSSVetvBpjJSzG7g4FA>

Pastor's Page

I was taught Biblical Reconciliation by Ambassadors of Reconciliation. They've been a major influence on my service as a pastor, but also how I live with family and friends. What they teach isn't new. They describe and enact what Scripture teaches us about living out confession and forgiveness in our daily lives.

Dwight Schettler (the current President of Ambassadors of Reconciliation) has written a series of very helpful articles including this one: <https://www.aorhope.org/post/tough-to-love-the-gospel-path-to-reconciliation> and I recommend you read the whole article. Along with the AI produced infographic below, he teaches us the following:

- Some people are difficult to love, even if they don't intend to be.
- Jesus commands us: **"love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"** (Matthew 5:44). It's not a suggestion. So, how are we to love those who are tough to love?
- Firstly, we don't label them with identities which only justify our reasons not to love. There's probably a reason they're difficult to love. What's more, they're fellow sinners in need of grace (just like we are). Also remember: **"we do not wrestle against flesh and blood"** (Ephesians 6:12). The enemy delights in using our relational struggles to divide us. So, we're to see them as people who need to be loved.
- Secondly, we don't start with them. We start with ourselves. It could be our own words or reactions made them just that little bit tougher to love. For this reason:
 - We confess our own part in our relationship difficulties, even if we didn't start it.
 - We forgive them. Not because they deserve it, but because Christ has forgiven us.
 - We don't stop there. We keep reminding them they're loved by Christ. We keep reminding them they're forgiven by Christ.



- Thirdly, don't forget to pray. Prayer brings God into the process of loving the hard to love. Prayer may also provide us with wisdom and patience and guard us from bitterness and self-righteousness.
- Fourthly, it's ok to set boundaries – not to keep them out, but to restore our relationships safely.
- Seeking to love those who are tough to love will help us bear the fruit of unity and peace. It's also a key witness to our faith in the God who loves us. Which means loving those who are difficult is one of the most Christlike things we can do. We're learning to love with His love, to forgive with His forgiveness, and to serve with His humility.
- We're not to give up loving those who are hard to love. God sees our tears, hears our prayers, and honours our faithfulness. He is working, even when we can't see it. He is softening hearts, exposing sin, and drawing people to Himself. So, let's keep loving, forgiving, and reminding...even those who are tough to love.