



NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025



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

DIARY DATES

- September 3:** Ladies Fellowship 10 a.m.
- September 7:** Service 9.30 a.m.
- September 11:** Bible Study
- September 14:** Service with 9.30 a.m.
- September 21:** Service 9.30 a.m.
- September 25:** Bible Study
- September 28:** Service 9.30 a.m. HC
- September 28:** Half Yearly Meeting

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Call Meeting and Half Yearly Meeting

Sunday 28th September 2025
(after Worship service)

*Pastor profiles, Minutes and Agenda will be available
14 September.*

*Please bring a plate of sandwiches, something savoury
or sweet for Morning Tea.*

*Don't forget to sign the two attendance sheets as
you enter the Hall before the meetings begin.*

TOOWOOMBA GERANIUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Come and check out an incredible display at the Toowoomba Geranium Society Show and Sale! Discover the variety of colours, shapes, and sizes of this not-so-humble favourite of many home gardeners.

Plants will be available for sale, and the Society's knowledgeable members will be available for help and advice if you have any questions on how to grow your geraniums.

Visit the Society's Show:

Sat 20 Sept – 8.30am – 3pm

Sun 21 Sept – 8.30am – 1pm

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Change to Constitution

At the Half-Yearly meeting we will be voting on a change to Clause 7.6(a) of the Constitution. The reason for adding points (i), (ii) and (iii) below is to better clarify how the proceeds of any sale of property would be distributed.

Clause 7.6(a)

Sell, transfer or give away the property.

- i) Any sale funds to support promotion of God's Word in our community through Charitable at Law Associations to be decided on by the Congregation prior to winding-up or dissolution.
- ii) Members not to receive any portion of funds or property except for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Congregation.
- iii) Balance of sale funds released only after any or all financial commitments are paid and accounted for; or

Calling a Pastor

At our last Church Council meeting we had a fruitful discussion and we all agreed that calling a Pastor was a priority at this time. Hence we are proceeding with calling an LCA pastor by keeping in mind the Pastor profile we prefer. This was also discussed and agreed to at the Elder's meeting.

The reason for our decision was made after receiving the procedure for leaving LCA from the Qld District. It would involve a time frame of 3 to 6 months which would mean we couldn't call a pastor until early in 2026.

The Call Committee has worked through the Pastor profiles sent by the assistant Bishop and Pastor Paul to ascertain which are best suited to Redeemer. An initial phone call has been made to these pastors to ascertain if they would be open to a call.

New Sound System in Hall

A new sound system – amplifier and microphones has been installed in the hall for use with existing speakers. One microphone has a fixed connection, the other is a roving microphone.

DEVOTION FROM LCA DAILY DEVOTIONS

Sunday 22 June 2025

Finally free

by Reid Matthias

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away saying, 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you' (Luke 8:38,39a).

Read [Luke 8:26–39](#)

For Jesus, it seems as though this venture into despairing territory has always been part of the plan. Jesus decides that they will go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Here is where all things unclean are, even pigs and pig herders. In the midst of these people is a cemetery and a man who could be considered the 'uncleanest' man of all: demon-possessed, surrounded by the dead, naked, in a region of Gentiles, and he has been isolated and chained in the tombs far too many times.

When Jesus encounters this man, he speaks to the demons inside the man. He refuses to allow their voice to be the one that conquers. Instead, Jesus releases the man from the demons and sends them to their rightful place, into the pigs, who rush headlong into the lake and are drowned.

While this story has nothing to do with politics, I can't help but wonder if, as a devotional, it might speak to us about the polarisation happening in our world. Those on the left side of the lake view the others on the right bank as unclean, demon-possessed, living among the old, dead things. And vice versa, those on the right side of the lake are puritanical Pharisees, pointing fingers and finding ways to be 'holier than thou'. And in all of this, everyone is seized by the urge to believe things that aren't actually true to bolster their right-or-left-side-of-the-lake perspective.

Maybe this is where Jesus can (and does) come to us all and can (and does) finally free us from our miserable preconceptions to release us from the demons of uncivilised judgement of our brothers and sisters.

It's a scary thing, isn't it? Yet, to be freed from the demon of the age will allow us to beg for the privilege of going with Jesus.

Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we can be free at last.

Heavenly Father, free me from my inability to see the humanity in the other. Give me the strength to bow at your feet and receive freedom. Amen.

Reid Matthias is the school pastor at St Andrews Lutheran College in Tallebudgera, Queensland. Reid is married to Christine, who, together with their three incredible daughters, Elsa, Josephine and Greta, have created a Spotify channel (A 13) where they have recorded music. Reid has recently published his seventh novel, A Miserable Antagonist, and maintains the blog <https://ireid.blogspot.com>

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

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