



NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2025

Rejoice
in Him

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

DIARY DATES

- November 2:** Service 9.30 a.m. with Pastor Mark Brinkman - HC.
- November 9:** Service 9.30 a.m.
- November 11:** Elders meeting
- November 13:** Bible Study? To be confirmed.
- November 16:** Service 9.30 a.m - Harvest Thanksgiving.
- November 20:** Church Council meeting.
- November 23:** Service 9.30 a.m.
- November 27:** Bible Study? To be confirmed.
- November 30:** Service 9.30 a.m. with Pastor Ray Pace - HC.

Christmas Appeal - Lutheran Media

We have chosen to support Lutheran Media ministry in our Christmas Appeal this year. Lutheran Media mission focus has, for the last 80 years, been to "remain steadfast in faith and ensure that the next generation knows the love and grace of Jesus". Lutheran Media produce various media including calendars, booklets, videos & Christian content on social media. Details for donation and envelopes will be available later in November.

Invitation to celebrate 90 years of Salem Aged Care – Honouring Our Shared History of care, compassion and community.

Date – Monday 1st December 2025

9.30 – 1 p.m. (formalities from 10 to 10.45 a.m including thanksgiving service).

RSVP before 28th November. Look for the flyer in the foyer for further info.

Brass Choir Christmas Concert

Municipal Band is combining with the Toowoomba Choral Society for a concert at St Luke's on 30th November, 2-3.30 p.m

ADVENT BBQ and CAROLS EVENING*

Good Shepherd congregation has invited us to share a BBQ meal with them for Advent. They have asked that we bring Sweets for everyone. Engage Youth will also be involved in this event.

Date: 30 November **Time:** 5.30pm

If you are attending please place your name on the Attendance Sheet which is available in the foyer.

2026 Roster

Work on the 2026 Roster will begin early November, and it should be ready early in December.

ENGAGE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

November 7th "The Challenge" location not yet advised. 6-8 pm

November 21st "Pirates and Princesses" at St Johns Wilsonton. 6-8 pm

November 30th – Christmas carols and bar-b-q at Good Shepherd – which is the above mentioned Advent evening.

December 5th "Christmas break up party" Sunset Superbowl 6 – 8 pm.

There is also a Summer Step Out camp for 8 – 12 year olds at Mt Binga.

More info Ashley 0492 932075 or email infoengageyouth@gmail.com

Hage's address in Wodonga: 5 Cattanach Way, Leneva, Victoria, 3691

So much more. by Carolyn Ehrlich

And to love him with all the heart ... and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:33).

Read [Mark 12:28-34](#)

Have you ever loved someone so much that it almost hurts? That person who captures your whole being? Your heart feels like it would burst from your chest. You gaze adoringly at them. You hang onto their every word. You want to spend time with them. You can't wait for the next word, whisper, smile, hug, gurgle, coo, phone call. You run to them with all your might. You want to be with them, hold them. You think about them all the time.

How do you love God? Do you hold onto his every word? Desire to spend time with him? Gaze adoringly toward him? Do you look for his whispers, smiles and hugs? As I write this, I am on holiday near McLaren Vale in South Australia. It has been the most beautiful day. The sun has been shining – the warmth of the morning sun gently kisses my face. The scent of the ocean dances gently to my nostrils, and the sound of warbling magpies as they play in the trees is a melody to my ears. Today, I have tasted God. All the things that have delighted me so much today were created by God. None of the most delightful things have been human-made. Today, I know that God loves me. But how well do I love God?

Jesus commands us to love God with all of us. All our heart. All our strength. All our mind. I don't know about you, but sometimes I don't even think I can focus on one thing with my entire being for even one second. I cannot even fathom what loving God with all of myself looks, feels, tastes, smells or sounds like. It is so much more than the offerings and sacrifices that I bring. SO. MUCH. MORE. Today, as I see, hear, feel, taste and smell all of God's creation, I know that loving him is so much more than Sunday worship – although that is important, too. Today, I know that I eagerly wait to be able to love God with all my heart, all my mind and all my soul.

My Heavenly Father, loving you with all my heart, mind and soul is so much more desirable than offering you sacrifices of time, money or material things. Thank you that I can love because you first loved me. Thank you for instilling the taste of your love within me. Help me to love you with everything I am today. Help me to love others as I love myself today. In Jesus' precious name, I pray. Amen.

Carolyn Ehrlich lives in retirement with her husband Wayne in Ipswich, Queensland. Prior to retirement, Carolyn worked as a researcher in the disability and rehabilitation fields. Today, Carolyn keeps busy with hobbies, supporting the Ipswich Lutheran Parish in various leadership roles and supporting her family.

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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