



NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2025



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

DIARY DATES

- December 7: Service 9.30 a.m.
- December 9: Elders meeting.
- December 11: Bible Study - to be confirmed.
- December 14: Service 9.30 a.m.
- December 18: Church Council meeting 7.15 p.m.
- December 21: Service 9.30 a.m HC with Pastor Thomas Bohmert
- December 24: *Christmas Eve service. 7 p.m.
- December 25: *Christmas Day Service 8.30 a.m.
- December 28: Service 9.30 a.m.

Church garden - Working Bee 🧑🌱

Saturday 6th December, 8 a.m. Lots
of pruning, weeding and tidying to
be done. Please HELP 🙏

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.

Donation envelopes available now.

CALL TO REDEEMER

Pastor Fraser Pearce has advised he has declined our call to him. Although this is disappointing, he said it was a difficult decision as he had positive information about Toowoomba and felt comfortable talking to us. Bruce has made enquiries as to how we proceed. We sincerely thank our Church members who have contributed to this process. We accept that this is part of God's plan.

Rosters for 2026.

The Rosters for 2026 will be ready for distribution before the 7th December. We thank Dawn for once again putting this huge task together. 🙏

The Manger Baby

by Pastor Jim Strelan

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger (Luke 2:16).

Read [Luke 2:\(1-7\), 8-20](#)

Do you sometimes feel that your life is so ordinary? Nothing special about it, nothing anyone would write about in a magazine or report on TV news. Just a day-to-day struggle, trying to keep our heads above water. When we think about God, especially at Christmastime, we can easily think about majesty, glory, shining light, accompanied by choirs of angels – other-worldly, nothing at all like your life or mine. And God is in all those things. After all, God is God.

But see what we have when God comes to our earth. He comes as a baby, covered in gunk, bawling his eyes out, desperately seeking his mother's breast. Not in the most prestigious hospital in the land, but in a cow shed, in a feed box for the animals, with no reporters and cameras and bright lights as witnesses, just some shepherds tired from a night out in the fields. A manger baby. Very, very ordinary if you ask me.

But that's the magic of God. He loves to be in the ordinary, in muck, the inglorious – where we are. It's interesting that the Christmas story, as we have it in the Gospel of Luke, consists of both the awesome and the ordinary at the same time. A bit like my experience of life with God. I am in awe of him, worship him, lift up his name, and I know that he is with me in all my ordinariness and brokenness. A traditional image of the baby Jesus in the manger is with his hands open and reaching out as best as a baby can. Reaching out to you and me as if to say, 'This is for you; this is how I want to be involved with you. Come to the manger with me, and we will journey together. I am born for you. I enter your ordinariness and show you God'.

That's worth doing what the shepherds did: glorifying and praising God (verse 20). May your Christmas celebration of the manger child bring you great joy.

Thank you, God of all, for choosing to enter our world in the ordinary. Be in the ordinariness of my life. Bless me today as I celebrate the birth of the Saviour. Amen.

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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