
WEEKLY BULLETIN – 27th MAY 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

This week we begin a BIG new series called 'Big Church'.

We are going to begin wandering through the Acts of the Apostles to see how two thousand years ago, a gathering of people in a middle-eastern city began a movement that would circle the globe and leave its mark on individuals and cultures on every continent.



We now know that this movement has eventually become known as 'the church'. And the church is a movement, and do you know what movement's do? They move.

Today we focus on the church's opening day. The Holy Spirit showed up, Peter preached a sermon and three thousand people were saved. Imagine how long it would have taken to baptise them!

But the early church didn't begin as an institution, it didn't begin with liturgy, it didn't begin with buildings or pews or robes or hymnals. It began around a very simple idea that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. He was crucified by Rome, but he rose from the dead. When people discovered this, it led them to want to repent of their sins and be baptised into this brand new gathering.

So let's discover what the church really is over the next 7 weeks... *Pastor Ben*



Series: **Big Church**
Part 1: **Opening Day**

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| Upcoming Dates

Sun	03/06	All Locations	Big Church Part 2: Big Prayers
Sat	09/06	6pm	Movie Night at Bethany Worship Centre

| Today

Welcome to the families of Bethany Lutheran Primary School Year 3 (Mrs. Kozak & Miss Greive) as the children share with us at St. John's Worship Centre.

Thank You to John Stokes for leading worship at Bethany Worship Centre this morning.

Thank You to the Rogers Family (farewell) and all the volunteers from the Caring Corner and those who help at Riverview State School who will be formally thanked at Grace Worship Centre.

| Happenings & Notices

Bethany Movie Night Pizza & the Movies.... What more could you want? Well how about a chance to have a chat with a few friends and enjoy a good laugh as we watch **Alexander and his Family have a really terrible, horrible, no good, bad day....**The Bethany Congregation invites everyone (and your friends) to join us along with all Bethany Lutheran School families for a dinner of pizza, a drink, some conversation and an enjoyable, fun movie at Bethany Lutheran Church, Raceview. **When;** Saturday, 9th June. Dinner from 6pm, Movie commences at 7pm sharp. **How much;** the movie is free but dinner and a drink is \$15 per adult or \$30 for a family. All proceeds from the night go to supporting the Bethany Lutheran School's Mainly Music program. **RSVP;** by Wednesday 6th June to ghermann@bigpond.net.au with details of your name and how many people are attending. No need to pre-pay as money will be collected on the night.

Pastor's Conference and Convention of Synod (QLD District) This week your pastors will be at Pastor's Conference in Hervey Bay, followed by the Convention of Synod in Bundaberg. Please pray for them (and our other delegates) as they travel and for the whole Synod, including our Bishop, Paul Smith, as together they make important decisions affecting our QLD District.

Glebe Road Uniting Church Women's Fellowship Morning Tea Wednesday 6th June at 9.30am, Fellowship Centre, Green Street, Booval. Cost \$10 Entertainment by Esk Community Choir, Variety Stall. Proceeds to aid Timor Leste Ekaristi Church Women's Group to purchase items for sewing and cooking. RSVP 25th May to Jean 3294 1228 or Merle 3281 5204

New Faith Community Directory In readiness to print a new directory, we would ask that if any of your contact details need updating, please update those details for us by using the connect cards. If you were not in the last directory and would like to be included, please indicate on the connect cards your desire to be included and the office will arrange for you to receive forms to fill in and sign to allow us to include your details in the new directory. Alternatively, if you no longer wish to be included in the directory or you would like to omit certain personal details, please also let us know.

Position Vacant Youth Worker / Chaplain

Ipswich Lutheran Church / Bethany Lutheran Primary School 0.8 – 1.0 FTE

This position will work within the exciting and vibrant Ipswich Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran Primary School teams to provide and encourage relational and spiritual care and growth for the youth and children within our church and school. As well as a heart for helping to create a strong and healthy missional culture among young people, a key role will be to work within this church/school environment to engage in the various ministry and mission opportunities and help grow and support them while having the capacity to also train and encourage leaders and volunteers. In this respect, they need to have high level people skills, be hard-working, motivated and enthusiastic, and have the ability to work in this church/school environment with an attitude of service and respect.

If you are interested in this position, or wish to know more, please email your interest to

ben.hentschke@ipswich.church for a detailed position description, or view online at:

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/36214943>

Applications close Sunday June 3, 2018.

Position Vacant Executive Assistant

Ipswich Lutheran Church 1.0 FTE

This new position will work within the exciting and vibrant Ipswich Lutheran Church to provide assistance to the church and its pastors.

As well as a heart for helping to create a strong and healthy missional culture among our church, a key role will be to work to support in the administration of the various ministry and mission opportunities while having the capacity to also train and encourage leaders and volunteers.

In this respect, they need to have high level people skills, be hard-working, motivated and enthusiastic, and have the ability to work in our church environment with an attitude of service and respect.

If you are interested in this position, or wish to know more, please email your interest to

ben.hentschke@ipswich.church for a detailed position description, or view online at:

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/36287125>

Applications close Tuesday June 5, 2018.

Conclusion of Employment David Uebergang (our Communications Coordinator) will be concluding his employment with the church on the 5th June. We thank David for all that he has been able to achieve with God's help during his time with us, and we pray for God's richest blessing into his future.

Myanmar Church Partnership Update We have recently heard back from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar about the health of Rev. Dr. Jenson Andrews. He is much better, but due to his damaged lungs he has difficulty in breathing and in standing up for long periods. Please continue to pray for his healing, especially during their extreme summer weather at the moment.

We were also blessed when we were over there to be able to sponsor someone from Zwekanar village group to train as a nurse. Her name is Nhin Shwe Zin and she is from the very remote sup-village Call Chaut Thae Su. The people who live there are fishermen and there is no school or medical clinic. She started her training at the end of March.

There are two other villagers who were recommended for this same training in order to be able to care for and share God's love to this village. If you would like to sponsor (cost is \$1500 US) one (or both) of them please speak to Pastor Ben.

Save-The-Date On the first weekend in August (3-5) we are blessed to have Pastor Peter Steicke coming to join us. We are in the process of planning what will be an awesome conference/event – so make sure that you lock that date into your calendar now!

Prayer

Prayer Points

- for the church, that it may reflect the communal love of God
- for the Lutheran Church of Australia, that the Spirit may guide us into all truth
- that God would make his name known to all nations through Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit
- for wisdom to be proper stewards of God's creation
- for scientists who seek to know about and use God's creation
- for governments and industries, that they may use God's creation wisely
- for all who have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- for parents, that they may teach faith in the Triune God to their baptised children
- for all who suffer, that they may be strengthened by hope in God

Connect Card & Submitted Prayer Requests

- The many ill & infirm in our Parish - for comfort and healing.
- Broken Families - for healing.
- For families mourning the loss of loved ones.
- For our partner church: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Myanmar

General Prayers

- Please continue praying for
 - the Pastors, staff team and leaders of the Church
 - all upcoming meetings around the Church
 - worship services across all our locations (beforehand and as they take place)
 - specific events as they arise (i.e. funerals, weddings, baptisms etc.)

Stay Connected

Want to know more about Jesus? Head to 'Next Steps' on our website: www.ipswich.church or alternatively, speak to one of our pastors. We would love to hear from you and help you if you want to continue in your faith walk, learning more about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Guests – we trust that you have drawn closer to God in worship today. Our church is blessed by your presence today. Please stay and enjoy a 'cuppa' with us after worship and make yourself known to us. We'd love to answer any queries you may have, and be able to bless you with a special welcome pack & gift – just for you!

Help Us To Care - if you know of someone who has fallen ill or who is suffering in any way, please let the Pastoral Care Coordinator or one of the Pastors know by contacting the parish office so that appropriate care and follow up can occur.

Looking for Christian Education? – We are blessed to be able to partner with Bethany Lutheran Kindergarten (86 Raceview Street, Raceview Ph: 3294 0024) and Bethany Lutheran Primary School (126 Cascade Street, Raceview Ph: 3288 8799 www.bethany.qld.edu.au). as they provide quality Christian education to the children and families of our city.



Worship Times

8am
St. John's
*(32 Roderick St.
Ipswich)*

9am
Bethany
*(86 Raceview St.
Raceview)*

9.30am
St. John's
*(32 Roderick St.
Ipswich)*

10am
Grace
*(19 Ipswich Rd.
Riverview)*