

Prayer

Prayer Points

- for the church and all that is given and received to enable it to grow (the Holy Spirit, faith, blessings, offerings, people called to serve, etc)
- for chaplains who work in places of healing
- for all hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes
- for all healers, doctors, nurses, parish nurses, the medical profession in general
- for all people who will never leave hospital and those with incurable diseases, especially children

Connect Card & Submitted Prayer Requests

- For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) and our partnership in the gospel with them.
- Thank you God that you are always with us and helping us to do your will.
- Thank you for our children and families. Thank you for all we have. Please be with all recovering from surgery and illness please help them rest and recover.
- For those in our church family suffering stress and overcome by life problems - comfort & strength.

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)

WEEKLY BULLETIN – 1ST JULY 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...

Last week, we were talking about ‘Big Church’ and not because we’re a big church, but because the church is a big deal.

And we explored and know that the church is a big deal because it is testimony to the life, death, and witnessed resurrection of Jesus. This week, however, we are asking the question, “other than the message of forgiveness of sin and a right standing with God”, does the church really matter? Do we make a difference? Has the church contributed to society?

The answer has to be an overwhelming **yes!** The core message we carry, that forgiveness and life is found in Jesus’ name, is what makes us church and what purposes us as church. This message also motivates us, as church, to live practically in society and our culture to make a real difference in lives now. We are bearers of eternal life, and of a better life.

It is the church that teaches that everyone has value, because they were made in the image of God. It is the church that teaches and motivates the powerful to serve the powerless. It is the church that teaches and encourages people to forgive, because God has forgiven us first.



The church matters! We are stewards of the message of eternal life and of a better life.

We are the church, let’s live like we believe this... *Pastor Roelof*




Series: **Big Church**
Part 5: **Big Drift**

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| Upcoming Dates

Sun	08/07	All Locations	Big Church Week 7 – “Big Opportunity”
Wed	18/07	BCC Ipswich	“For the Love of God” Movie Screening
Fri-Sat	03/08-04/08	Raceview	Exciting Conference (with guest Peter Steicke) LOCK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

| Today

Thank You We thank Andrew Stanke (Raceview) and Bob Weiss (Riverview) for leading worship today.

| Happenings & Notices

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!

The Lutheran Subscriptions Subscriptions for The Lutheran are now due and your invoice will be in your pigeon hole. Payments can be made by cash or cheque to LCA Subscriptions and given to your church collector or put in an envelope and placed in the offering bowl. Payments can also be made online and if you pay this way please advise your collector. If you are interested in being a new subscriber, please talk to your collector. The cost is \$44 for the year. Collectors are Marie Canfell (Riverview); Eileen Banks and Helen Mibus (Central) and Betty Taylor (Raceview).

Office Hours Please note that office hours are currently reduced to Tuesday and Friday 9:30am to 3pm unless by appointment.

Looking to Board A school staff member is looking for a place to board (and will pay appropriate compensation) two or three night a week during school terms from Term 3. It will be mainly Monday and Wednesday nights with the occasional Thursday night also. There won't be any weekends or school holidays. She would prefer a couple or female to board with. Please contact Trudy for more info: 0422 916 265

Traditional Service at Raceview 8th July 2018 at 7:30am

Bethany Prayer Haven Please note that the group are not meeting during school holidays.

Positions Vacant Bethany Lutheran Primary School Raceview is seeking 2 bus drivers for our morning/afternoon bus runs to/from school.

Transporting students to excursions, camps, swimming and sporting events will also be required. These positions are School term time positions. Qualifications of a t least a MR driver's license and a working with children blue card are required. Holding a current first aid certificate would also be an advantage. Please send your resume to the school email at bethany@bethany.qld.edu.au

Applications close Friday 20th July

For the Love of God confronts the worst that Christians have done – and traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus. This is not the history we think we know. Join us at BCC Cinema Ipswich on **July 18th at 7pm**. Tickets need to be purchased on-line before the event from <https://goo.gl/wG9Bpa>



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Big Church As part of the series 'Big Church' the leadership teams from across each of our worship centres have been gathering together to dig deeper into the concepts and ideas that have arisen from the weekly messages. We are discovering what these mean for us as a church as we look to our future, and as we construct a vision of what that future might look like. We are seeking to be intentional about where we are headed as a church, and ways that we engage with our local community. If you would like to have your say in this process, please go to the anonymous survey which can be found online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YH8BDTW> and provide your valued feedback as we seek to be a church that is big on mission and on reaching out to those who do not yet know Christ in our community, across our city and around the world.

Trinity Lutheran Women's Guild of Boonah, invites the Ipswich Lutheran Women's Guild & Gentlemen, to a fellowship luncheon on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 10:30am at the Trinity Lutheran Church Hall, Dugandan. Cost is \$10.00 and the guest speaker is Julie Gilbert, speaking on "Light of Hope" Charities. Door takings for Tabeel Lutheran Rest Home and Samaritan's Purse "The Greatest Journey". Lucky door prize. RSVP by 5th July 2018 to Maureen Itzstein 07 5463 2448 or Shirley Stephan 07 5463 1207.

Email Address Changes If you can please update your email address contacts with the following email addresses for the church office and staff (and please also delete all previous/former email addresses you may have used). Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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