

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 – 8TH JULY 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

Today we are into our final week in our series 'Big Church' and we have been working through this series, not because we are a 'big church', but because we think that the Church is a big deal.

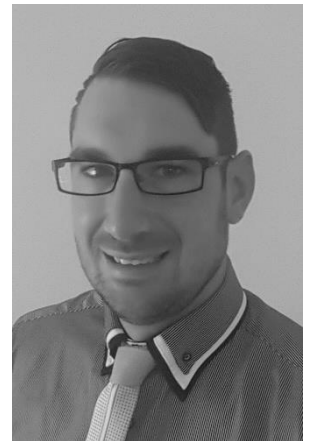
And this week we look at the big opportunity we have in front of us as a church, as a group of churches to reach our communities, to reach our city with the good news of Jesus: who lived, who died, and who was raised to life again.

And over the past few weeks you have been challenged in different areas as we seek to make it as easy as possible for those people who are turning to God.

And there are four areas I want you to continue to be bold in as we do this over the coming days, months, years, and decades ahead. 1) Be bold in your inviting of others. 2) Be bold in your volunteering and serving. 3) Be bold in your giving and generosity and 4) Be bold in your prayer.

My prayer is for each of you, no matter your age, your background, your colour, race or gender to reach your God-given potential to engage in God's Word so that we know Jesus Christ, and engage in our community so that we can make Christ known.

Let's take advantage of this 'Big Opportunity' *Pastor Ben*




Series: **Big Church**
Part 7: **Big Opportunities**

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| Upcoming Dates

Sun	15/07	All Locations	"For Such a Time as This" Message
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 Martin Oldfield and Stephen Wood for leading worship today at Ipswich Central Worship Centre

| Happenings & Notices

"Favoured" Conference On the first weekend in August (3-5) we are blessed to have Pastor Peter Steicke coming to join us. We are excited and looking forward to a Friday night of worship, Saturday morning/early arvo of teaching (we will look after your kids!) from 9-3pm, and a combined Sunday morning service with Peter as our guest preacher at our Raceview Worship Centre.

"On my way back from Uganda in 2006, I was emotionally spent. However, while attending a worship service in Amsterdam with my prayer partner's family, I received the surprise of my life...an outpouring of the Father's love. This unmerited gift not only invigorated and refreshed me, but showed me how to live secure in my identity as a child of God and how to "father" others. This is now Julie's and my life passion...to see everyone come to know their place in the Father's heart and to live from that place." – Peter Steicke (incrediblyloved.com)

Registrations for this weekend will be live during the coming week. A link will be sent to those who have signed up to our church emailing list (side-note: we hope to have the e-bulletin going again soon!), if you want to be on our church emailing list – please let us know: info@ipswich.church

Community Survey 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.

The Lutheran Subscriptions Subscriptions for The Lutheran are now due and your invoice will be in your pigeon hole. 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 next week are strictly Tuesday and Friday 9:30am-2pm as both Pastor Ben and Pastor Roelof are in Adelaide for LCA General Pastor's Conference.

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 at 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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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:

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