

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 16th September 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...

We are almost half way through our current series “This We believe...”. We have looked at the Apostle’s Creed and are in our second week of “The Fence of Freedom”, where we are looking at how the “Commandments” serves not only as rules for good civil order or as a mirror in which we see the need for a saviour, but also serves, to those who are now a part of God’s family through baptism and believing in Christ, as a fence which provides a safe and healthy way of living so that God’s love and joy can be experienced to the full.



Last week we looked at the commandments/rules/guides relating to our relationship with God, this week we are looking at those in relation to our relationship with each other. “Each other” as human beings, but specifically towards other members of God’s family. Therefore, in this light, they serve as way in which we are to be towards and deal with each other so that we, as a family, could experience the love and joy that is already ours as members of the same household but sometimes is invisible or not experienced because of things we do or say that is not conducive to a “positive home environment” if you like.

So what are these ways and how do we follow it? Great question. That is exactly what we are going to explore this Sunday, so please join us at one of our locations to learn how we could get along better as family.

God bless, Pastor Roelof



Series: This We Believe

Week Five: “God Helps Us to Live with Each Other

Bible Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

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| Upcoming Dates

Thu	20/09	Ladies Coffee	Prince Alfred, Plantations, Booval, 10-11.30am
Sun	23/09	All Locations	This we Believe Series, Week 6 God is a Good Father
Wed	26/09	Raceview	Mid-Week Service 9:30am
Thu	27/09	Flinders View	Men's Shed

| Today

Thank You to Mrs Lisa Grant and Miss Meighann Pedley, and the Year 1 class from Bethany Lutheran Primary School for sharing their message with us today, at Bethany Worship Centre (Raceview).

Thank you to Karen Clohessy and Gavin Sephton for leading worship at St John's Worship Centre (Central).

| Happenings & Notices

Myanmar Mission Trip Our next trip is on the 3 -11 April and will be an amazing opportunity for people from the church (maybe even you) to come and be immersed in the frontline of mission work in this country. It is an opportunity to learn, grow and share Jesus with a group of people who do not yet know him. To express interest, please visit <http://ip.org.au/2018/08/28/myanmar-mission-2019/>.

Monthly Ladies Coffee Fellowship is being held Thursday, 20 September at the Prince Alfred Hotel – Plantations, Brisbane Road, Booval at from 10-11.30am. All ladies are welcome to come along to have fun and encourage one another over a cup of coffee!

Men's Shed Hot Rods, Classic Cars, Pioneering Tools! That's what will be on display at our next Shed night on the 27 September. Come and join us as we travel off site to a nearby residence to hear the men from "Rod Squad" talk about a 1937 Buick and their other hot rods plus talk a bit about a collection of pioneering tools including cross cut saws! Pizzas will be provided on the night for a small donation. For more information, contact Will Milligan on 0427 793 338.

Vacancy Bethany School Council This is a voluntary position which offers an opportunity to gain education development and governance experience. Meetings are only monthly, with some one-off decision discussions exceptions. People with professional, management, human resources, marketing, legal or governance experience are best suited for the position. To enquire, please email schoolcouncil@bethany.qld.edu.au

Operation Christmas Child at Bethany (Raceview) On Sunday, 14 October, we are blessing the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can fill a box (please bring your box on this day), donate money for a box, or donate \$10 postage, or pray. Some people in our church have already been knitting, sewing, and buying all year. There are folded boxes, prayer bookmarks and pamphlets at the back of the church. For more information on how to bless children in need, please contact Betty Taylor, Lorraine Stokes or Jenny Schiller (contact info@ipswich.church for their contact details), or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.au.

Bethany Working Bee is being held on the 22 September, 8:00am. Helpers needed for cleaning the inside of the church and tidying gardens and surrounding grounds. To volunteer, contact info@ipswich.church. All help is welcome!

Job Vacancy LYQ Luminare Coordinator LYQ is seeking to appoint a part-time (0.7FTE) *Luminare Coordinator* to lead their exciting Luminare Gap Year ministry for young adults (17-22) that mixes formal learning, ministry training and experiences. To find out more visit www.lyq.org.au/careers. Applications close **Friday 28 September 2018. The position commences 1 December 2018.**

Professional Standards Training Ipswich Lutheran Church will subsidise 100% of the cost for members, volunteers and leaders who are involved in ministry to complete their Professional Standards Training. If you are currently serving, it is more than likely you will be required to attend this training. If you're unsure, please email the office. Several locations are available, but we will be holding our very own training session here at Bethany (Raceview) on the 27 October. Registrations close 20 October.

YADR LYQ's Young Adult Discipleship Retreat (YADR) from the 1-12 of December in Brookfield, QLD. It is a 12 day training and personal development camp, designed to equip young adults to be more effective in ministry in their church and community. Register at www.lyq.org.au/yadr, registrations close 17 September.

Assist Drought Affected Farmers If you would like to help drought affected farmers digitally, we are connecting with Care Outreach, Ltd, which is a not for profit Christian organisation that has been supporting farmers for 25years. 100% of funds donated to their Disaster Assistance Account are converted into food vouchers for local/rural businesses. If you would like to make a donation cash, or digitally please contact the church office, or visit <https://careoutreach.com.au/care-outreach-drought-appeal/>

Connect Cards We are no longer using connect cards to record attendance. Please only use them if you are new, have any prayer requests or any questions.

Volunteering opportunities As usual, we have many opportunities for members to use their gifts to serve and bless others. If you have a hidden talent, a passion for people, music, cooking, serving etc . email the church office at info@ipswich.church to enquire how you can use it to bless others!

Office Hours Our office hours have finally been finalised! Mon: 11am-3pm, Tues-Thurs: 9am-3pm, Fri: 9am-2pm.

Prayer

Prayer Points

- for the Lutheran schools, that they may be a light to the world for Christ's Glory.
- for our teachers, staff, support workers, the principle, that they would lead with Christ like love and wisdom.
- for students as they enter into their exam periods.
- for the families and children in third world countries, that they may be able to access education, medication and the support they need.

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

- the Pastors, staff team and leaders of 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: 3288 8799 www.bethany.qld.edu.au) 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)*