

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 24 MARCH 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR...

This week we enter into the third part of our series as we continue to develop and become 'the me I want to be'.

And as we do that, we realise more and more that we need to stay connected to God through His word if we are to guard and guide our thoughts and minds to be renewed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is why we need to understand the energising impact of Scripture. Last week, we focused on digging into God's Word, and this week, we continue that journey as we seek *to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus* (Philippians 2:5) in our relationships with one another.

When read about and focus on Christ, and what he has accomplished for us through His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection (which we will celebrate soon at Easter), and stop focussing on our sin and evil (which are real and present - but which Jesus forgives) we will continue to become 'the me I want to be'.

So in order for you to have a mind that is continually shaped by Scripture - I encourage you to make time, remove distractions and read or listen to God through His Word which is for you.

Also consider joining a group where you can do this in the context of others as you share together, grow together and encourage each other to continue to live as the person that Christ has made you to be.

In His service, Pastor Ben




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Mon : 11am-3pm Tue-Thu: 9am-3pm Fri: 9am-2pm 

The Me I Want To Be - Energising Impact of Scripture (Part 3)

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:116a

| Upcoming Dates

Day	Date	Location	Description
Sun	31/03	All Locations	The Me I Want to Be Series - The Unstoppable Community of Love (Part 4)
Wed	27/03	Bethany	Mid-week Holy Communion Service
Thu	28/03	The Shed	Men's Shed @ 6.30pm
Fri	29/03	Bethany	Engage Junior Youth

| Today

Thank you to Gary Hermann for lay leading at Bethany Worship Centre (Raceview) today.

| Happenings & Notices

Date Claimer Please keep the weekend 3-5 May clear so that you can join in and participate in a conference on prayer with Michael Dutschke. More information coming soon!

Bethany Annual General Meeting is being held Sunday, 14 April, after the 9am Worship Service.

St John's Annual General Meeting is being held TODAY after the 9.00am combined service.

Invitation to First Communion In light of the decision at the last LCA General Convention of Synod to open the invitation to Holy Communion to God's people of all ages, we would like to invite those children who have not received Holy Communion yet, and their families, to please contact pastor Roelof (via Connect Card, phone or email). We would love to have a conversation with the family and ease possible conscience issues in order that all of our family, regardless of age, can partake in the wonderful gift that we receive in communion as soon and often as possible since age is not an issue. We are planning to celebrate an official acknowledgement of this reality by making a special spot for those who join us in receiving Jesus in bread and wine for the first time on Easter Sunday.

Midweek Lenten Time This week (27/03) we will gather for the mid-week Communion Service at Bethany Worship Centre, Raceview at 9:30am to continue our journey as we follow the story of Jesus and His road to the cross for us.

Small Groups As you know, you don't need to be in community to have salvation in Jesus Christ. That is a matter of grace through faith. But you will never be all that God created you to be until you invest yourself in spiritual community. The journey of discipleship was never meant to be taken alone. So if you are not in a small group, get into one!. Even if you've tried once or twice before, try again. Even if you don't think you have the time, make the time. Even if you've been burned before... what a great opportunity to practice forgiveness! Let's continue to journey in faith 'Better Together' . Contact the church office if you require any further information.

Stay up to date! Like our Facebook page Ipswich Lutheran Church to get all the latest updates and events, or go to www.ipswich.church to subscribe to our weekly bulletin online.

Myanmar Mission Trip is just around the corner! Please keep our team in your prayers as they prepare to travel to Myanmar to help support our sister church and share the gospel with the many people who have not yet heard it.

Junior Youth will be having its last Friday Youth evening for the term on 29 March! Come along for a fun night and finish the school term strong before the school break. Engage is held every fortnight on Friday, 6pm during the school term @ Bethany Worship Centre Raceview! All children from Grades 4-7 are welcome to join for a night of fun, learning and dinner. \$5 p/child or \$10 for a family. If you would like to volunteer, or learn more, contact Josh Jaeschke (07 3202 4035) for more information!



Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child/ren, which is held 9:15am on Wednesday mornings, except for the last Wednesday of the month. For more information on joining or volunteering, please see Youth Worker: Josh or call the Church office on 3202 4035.

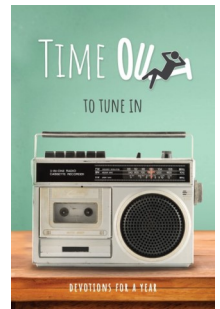
Bishop Nomination Pastor Ben has declined the nomination he received for Bishop of NSW District. We pray for the NSW District of the Church as they elect their new bishop at their Convention of Synod on 28th March.

Townsville Flood Appeal If you would like to support families suffering from floods, you can give by a bank transfer to Lutheran Church Queensland Foundation BSB: 704 942 Account: 100937144 , or mail a cheque to Queensland Lutheran Giving C/O PO Box 1535 Milton Qld 4064, or visit <https://donation.lca.org.au/project?id=P24011>.

Men's Shed The next Men's Shed is being held on Thursday, 28 March at the Men's Shed on Bethany Lutheran Primary School grounds, at 6:30pm. Guest Speaker Bruce Beasley is coming to speak about his life experience as a fire fighter . Bring a donation for the BBQ dinner! Call Will on 0427 793 338 or Russell on 07 3201 8708 for more information.

Counselling Veronica Heck (our onsite counsellor) has more openings available for people to receive professional counselling at our church office during office hours. She offers a reduced rate, while having years of experience in life coaching and improving emotional/spiritual/mental health during life circumstances. To find out more, call Veronica on 0414 695 594.

Time Out to Tune In 2019 LCA Daily Devotional we still have a few copies left available for purchase for \$23. To get your copy, call or email the church office.



2019 Lutheran Church of Australia Year Book is available for purchase from our church office for \$20. To get your copy, call or email the church office.

Synod Volunteers NEEDED Everyone has been gifted to serve in different ways, and we need a few extra hands to help us as we as a church host this annual QLD District Synod for 2019. Some roles include: Prayer team, Musicians, Transport Driver, Registration desk, ushers, car park attendants, welcomers, vote counters, hospitality (serving), audio/visual, First Aid Officer, minute takers, movers/shifts. Express interest by filling out the "Synod Volunteers Needed 2019" form in this week's bulletin. Please place it in the offering bowl once complete, or give to a Pastor, or your congregational Chair.

Prayer

Prayer Points

- for the church, that it may continue to steward and nurture the world.
- for those who are baptised or confirmed at Easter.
- for those who are struggling from poverty, that they may be satisfied and supported.
- for those relying on their own strength, that they may seek grace and strength from God.

Connect Card & Submitted Prayer Requests

- for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) and our partnership with them in the gospel.
- 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, for 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: 3294 0024 | www.qlecs.org.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)