

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 07 APRIL 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...

Hello church,

As our current series is concluding, I would like to take the time to thank you for being a part of our community and to encourage you by pointing out the reality of God's love and closeness in our lives as members of His family. We know that God is close because we experience that closeness most certainly in Holy Communion, a closeness which the Trinity shares and a closeness which Jesus tells us we share with each other as members of one body, as members of God's family, the church.



The reality of this closeness is displayed publicly when we love and serve each other selflessly by being transformed through the renewing of our minds towards "this same mind we have in Christ", as Paul puts it in Philippians 2. It is these acts of love which encourages others, and draws those who are not yet members of God's family towards God's family and God as they notice the loving, encouraging and joyous growing relationship we share with God and each other.

So let us continue to be renewed in this relationship with our Saviour and with each other by constantly being transformed through spending time together, and in God's word as we strive to live out His truths towards one another in love.

In His service, Pastor Roelof

THE ME
I WANT TO BE

The Me I Want To Be - Up to the Challenge
Bible Reading: Philippians 3:7-17

Ipswich Lutheran Church

facebook.com/ipswichlutheranchurch

32 Roderick Street, Ipswich, QLD, 4305

www.ipswich.church

07 3202 4035

info@ipswich.church

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

| Upcoming Dates

Day	Date	Location	Description
Sun	14/04	All Locations	Palm Sunday
Thu	18/04	Grace	Maundy Thursday @ 7:00pm
Fri	19/04	St John	Good Friday Church Wide Combined Service @ 8am
Fri	19/04	Bethany	Good Friday Church Wide Combined Service @ 9am

| Today

Thank you to Bob Weiss for Lay leading at Grace Worship Centre (Riverview), and to John Stokes for Lay leading at Bethany Worship Centre (Raceview).

| Happenings & Notices

Easter Services Save the dates for our Upcoming Easter Services. Join us for Palm Sunday 14 April, Maundy Thursday 18 April, Good Friday 19 April & Easter Sunday 21 April. More details coming soon! Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with all our upcoming events!

Bethany Annual General Meeting is being held TODAY after the 9:00am morning 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.

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Mornings This year - as we continue to focus on how we can be 'Better Together' in small groups, we are setting aside the normal Wednesday mornings through Lent as an opportunity for people that are not normally in a small group (or even if you are) to gather together at **St. John's** at **9:30am** for a small group time facilitated by the pastors. Any and all are welcome to come and join us during this time.

Please note: There will be no evening Lenten Worship services this year, and we encourage those who would normally gather at this time to join a small group.

Amplify Conference - Date Claimer Please keep the weekend 3-5 May clear so that you can join in and participate in our upcoming Amplify Conference on prayer and hearing God's voice with guest speaker Michael Dutschke. More information coming soon!

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.

Prayer Haven Parish Prayer Haven will be in recess over the school break, and will resume on Tuesday, 23 April 10am. All welcome. The mystery of God is in many things, and we see it as He answers prayers and blesses us when we pray!

Mainly Music will be in recess until Term 2! Term 2 dates: 1,8,15,29 May & 5, 12,19 June. If you would like to volunteer, or learn more, contact Josh Jaeschke (07 3202 4035) for more information!

Junior Youth will be in recess until Term 2! Term 2 dates: 10 & 24 May, 7 & 21 June. If you would like to volunteer, or learn more, contact Josh Jaeschke (07 3202 4035) for more information!

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>.

Myanmar Mission Trip Please keep our team in your prayers as they help support our sister church in Myanmar and share the gospel with the many people who have not yet heard it.

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.

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.



Prayer

Prayer Points

- for those preparing for baptism or confirmation.
- for those facing death, that they may find hope in the promise of God.
- for those who are overwhelmed and hopeless, that they will find hope in Christ.
- for the poor, that we may serve them with the gifts that God has given to us.

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)*