



# LANGMEIL THANKSGIVING LUTHERAN CHURCH



“JOYFULLY BRINGING  
GOD’S LOVE, PEACE AND HEALING TO ALL”

JAN 7 2024

EPIPHANY 1



**WELCOME to everyone worshipping with us.** We are pleased that you have joined us. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would enlighten and empower all of us through the message. Join us for a cuppa! Thank you to **Pastor Paul Kerber** for leading our service today.

**The sick, their families and carers:**  
Eric Pfeiffer, Jean and Bernard Lane,  
Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter  
Boschen, Margaret Schliebs, Maurice  
and Vera Menz, Howard Klabebe,  
Penny Pfitzner and others with MS

**SBLC Groups and Ps Paul Kerber**

### TODAY’S BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5, **Acts 19:1-7**,  
Mark 1:4-11

### THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Today we are looking at Jesus’ baptism and what it means for us. We make the birth of Jesus a very important and special event, but only 2 books in the Bible give us the Christmas story - Matthew and Luke. In contrast, there are at least 6 books that talk about Jesus’ baptism - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts and Romans ... Perhaps that should be a clue for us. Perhaps we should not only give greater emphasis to Jesus’ baptism but also our own baptism. Hear Pastor Paul’s message “The difference that Jesus’ baptism makes in you’ at church today.

### BIRTHDAYS

- 7th Dean Kraehenbuhl
- Katie Graue
- 8th John Keil
- David Braunack
- 9th Lilli Scheer
- 11th Tully Kuchel
- 12th Nathan Kaesler

**God bless your special day!**

### FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS

- Sun 7 Mark 1:4-11
- Mon 8 Proverbs 10:1-12
- Tues 9 Proverbs 15:16-33\
- Wed 10 Proverbs 17:1-20
- Thurs 11 Proverbs 21:30 - 22:6
- Fri 12 Proverbs 25:15-28
- Sat 13 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

### STILL AVAILABLE

from the church office

### 2024 LLL CALENDARS

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
Dated packs for 2024 - \$10

### CHRISTMAS ACTION APPEAL

The ALWS Appeal this Christmas is to support 2,500 learners with disabilities in Somalia to go to school and 1,000 younger children with disabilities to receive support they need to live life to their potential.

In Somalia, 60% of the population are under 18. Life expectancy is only 51.5 years. After 5 years of drought, 1.4 million people are displaced from their homes.

ALWS has committed to contribute \$1 for every \$5 received from the Australian government.

Donation packs in your letter-box.  
This Appeal closes locally on Wed  
January 23.

### DAILY DEVOTIONS

Start or finish each day in God’s word, with devotions written by LCA NZ members. [Sign up to receive Daily Devotion](#) in your email inbox every morning.

These can also be downloaded (for printing) on Friday of each week at [Daily Devotion Printables - Lutheran Church of Australia \(lca.org.au\)](#)

### HELP at the HUB

The Hub will be holding a Yiros stall Sat January 20, for the ‘Valley Hotrodders Cruise on 2024’ in the main street. Any help serving or behind the scenes, would be appreciated. Call The Hub on 8563 3748 or Jeanette 0403 104 633.

### FOUND

Pair of wrap-around sun glasses, black frame, in a blue material bag, probably from Christmas services. Call at the church office to collect.

### PASTORAL SUPPORT

Do you have a need to speak to a pastor? Please direct any requests for pastoral support through our

Pastoral Support Team:  
Pastor Jim Bryan, 0421 344 662,  
Louisa Hiscock, 0407 633 016,  
Ev Leske, 0448 653 761,  
Noleen Mattschoss, 0438 137 810,  
Mark Pfitzner, 0428 198 111,  
Penny Pfitzner, 0488 952 211,  
Vicki Rochow, 0419 850 184,  
Don Ross, 8563 2108,  
Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116

### STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Mercy, an International student at Nuriootpa TAFE, will be requiring accommodation at the end of January when her room rental ceases. She would prefer to stay in Tanunda as she has acquired some part time employment to assist her financially. Please contact Elizabeth Jaeschke 8563 2146 if you know of a room, flat or share accommodation available.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### JANUARY 14

8:45 a.m. Trad. H.C.  
10:30 a.m. Contemp.  
*Pastor Jim Bryan*

#### Bible Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

### DECEMBER 31: NYE

**ATTENDANCE:**  
86 (7:30 p.m.)

**OFFERING:**  
\$518.15 + \$2,007.70 (REG)  
= \$2,525.85

LCA SANT District  
Blueprint Ministries

**'RENEW'**

**YOUNG ADULTS CAMP**

9-11 February 2024  
At Dzintari Campsite,  
Yankalilla

For Young Adults  
and Year 12 school leavers  
Registration:

One Day - \$125  
Two Days - \$170

Year 12 School Leavers  
50% off, thanks to generous  
sponsorship of the LLL

Join us for a fun and  
relaxing weekend, where  
you can grow your relationship  
with God and other people.

For more info or to register go to  
<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew/>

**'CULTIVATE' FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Are you 18 to 25 years old?

Would you like the opportunity to grow as a  
disciple of Jesus, develop your ability to share  
the gospel and build relationships with other  
young adults in Australia, New Zealand and  
Malaysia?

LCA International Mission and the LCA NZ's  
Grow Ministries have partnered to create  
Cultivate, a young adult leadership program  
from April 2024 until February 2025.

It includes two face-to-face intensives, online  
learning, and practical ministry and mission  
experiences. The cost is \$2,000.

Applications close on 29 January 2024.

For more information, contact Erin Kerber  
([erin.kerber@lca.org.au](mailto:erin.kerber@lca.org.au) or 0447 354 122), or  
visit <https://lcamission.org.au/.../cultivating-disciples-in.../>

**ROSTERS JANUARY 14**

**Flowers:** Michelle Kruger  
**HC Assist:** 8:45 am - Malcolm Graue  
**Lay Host:** 8:45 am - Don Ross  
10:30 am - Rod Chapman  
**Music:** 8:45 am - Maryanne Pfitzner  
10:30 am - Marlene Thurlow  
**Greeters:** 8:45 am - Geoff and Nancy Kurtz  
10:30 am - Peter and Cheryl Boschen  
**Reader:** 8:45 am - Dennis Saegenschnitter  
10:30 am - Nathan Kaesler  
**Kids' Talk:** Mark Pfitzner  
**P'point:** 8:45 am - Tom Connell  
10:30 am - Helen Schild  
**Sound:** 8:45 am - John Clarke  
10:30 am - Leon Koch  
**Cuppa:** 8:45 am - Allen and Leanne Feuerherdt  
10:30 am - Kevin and Helen Schild  
**Stewards:**  
8:45 am - Lyell and Corinne Rosenzweig  
10:30 am - Dennis and Robyn Hart, David Lindner  
**Clean TLC:** Matthew and Kendall Munzberg,  
Jodie Kalleske, Jeff and Sue Garrett  
**Altar Guild:** Dianne Radke (*January*)  
**Yard Cleaning:** Harald Sames, Ian Jaensch

# 10 MONTHS TO GO!

In October 2024 General Synod delegates will be voting on a  
proposal to allow for the LCA NZ to function as  
'one church with two different practices of ordination'.

Ask your pastor, congregation chair or General  
Synod delegate for updates and ways to...



## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

[www.lca.org.au/wayforward](http://www.lca.org.au/wayforward)

Sign up to Way Forward eNews [www.lca.org.au/wf-signmeup](http://www.lca.org.au/wf-signmeup)

### FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND FLOODS

#### A message from the Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Queensland, Rev Dr Mark Vainikka

Many in Far North Queensland face an uncertain future in the  
aftermath of ex tropical cyclone Jasper in all its devastation. While  
many in and around Cairns have lost everything, the small town of  
Wujal Wujal has suffered the most. Pastor Mark Winter reports  
that, unfortunately, our church building there has been flooded.  
Having visited Wujal Wujal, it's difficult to imagine the waters rising  
that high. In addition to the Lutheran church in the centre of town,  
the town's police station, medical clinic and about 30 homes are  
underwater. People are wanting to get out. There's no power, no  
sewerage, no food. Some people have lost everything. Over a  
century of flood-records were broken in rivers just outside Cairns  
and the Daintree.

As always, our response as a church is twofold. Firstly, our primary  
response is prayer. We commit ourselves, our loved ones and our  
communities to the Lord, knowing that amidst the devastation  
experienced, God journeys with us. We pray individually and we  
pray corporately. We pray prayers based on Scripture and we  
allow God's Word to guide our prayers. And we pray the words that  
are formed from the deepest places of our souls, as we cry out to  
God for help. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us, 'A Christian  
fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for  
one another, or it collapses' (*Life Together*, p.65).

Secondly, we act. We respond in generosity and concern towards  
those who are in need. As a church in Queensland and northern  
New South Wales, we have responded with generosity again and  
again over the years. Dealing with storms and floods is part of  
living in Queensland and northern New South Wales, but it's part  
of life especially in tropical Far North Queensland. We have given  
generously of our finances and of our time in support of relief  
efforts. And in turn, we have been the recipients of the generosity  
of our church members from throughout Australia and New  
Zealand. I am sure, this time will be no different.

Currently, work is underway to provide a way for people to give  
directly to those who are most in need. The details will be commu-  
nicated with you as soon as that work has been completed.

### LANGMEIL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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