



**LUTHERAN
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ST. MATTHEW'S, ROSEWOOD

ST. PAUL'S, ROSEVALE

ZION, MINDEN

1st Sunday after Christmas

31st December 2023

WELCOME

A special and warm welcome to our Members & Visitors. If you are visiting, please sign our visitors book in the entry foyer of the Church.

SERVICE FOCUS:

Luke 2:25-27

Things to do before you die.

LITURGY: Setting 1 HC (White)

PARISH SERVICE

ZION—Sun:9:00am

SERVICE MUSIC:

AT 141, LHS 46, LHS 40, AT 128,

AT 194.

READINGS :

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

The Lord will save his people

Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son to free us

Luke 2:22-40

Simeon and Anna see Jesus

We welcome to Holy Communion (HC) those who:

- 1) *are baptised and believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Saviour and repent of their sins,*
- 2) *take Jesus at His word—that with this bread and wine we receive His body and blood,*
- 3) *believe that in this meal they receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*

Should you not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may remain in your pew or come and receive a blessing at the altar rail—crossing your arms to signify your intentions.



NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

This Christmas, our Lutheran family brings love to life for 3,500 children with disabilities in displaced persons camps in Somalia.

5:1
MATCHING GRANT

ALWay5 for those forgotten

1300 763 407 * alws.org.au * offering plate

Australian Lutheran World Service

ALWS CHRISTMAS ACTION 2023:

The goal for Australian Lutheran World Service Christmas Action 2023 is to support 2,500 learners with disabilities in Somalia to go to school. Also to

support 1,000 younger children with disabilities to receive the support they need to live life to their potential. To do this, ALWS aims to raise \$30,859 by 31 January 2024, to be matched 5:1 by the Australian Government.

Why you are needed?

In Somalia, 60 per cent of the population is under 18 years old. Life expectancy is only 51.5 years. After 5 years of drought, 1.4 million people are displaced from their homes. Eighty per cent of these people are women and children. Children with disabilities struggle the most because they face stigma and rejection, inadequate facilities, a lack of health services, neglect, psychosocial distress, and forced child labour. Children with disabilities miss out on education because there is a lack of disability-trained teachers and disability-friendly learning materials, latrines, desks and uniforms. Parents also have a high rate of poverty. They are invisible in Somali society, often hidden at home, and there is a low awareness and advocacy for their needs.

Every donation you make to this project will be combined with funding from the Australian Government to reach more people. ALWS has committed to contribute \$1 for every \$5 received from the government. Your donation will allow us to extend our programs. If you would like to make a donation please call 1300 763 407 or visit the website at alws.org.au/grace.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS:

(These readings are from the devotional *HIGHER THINGS REFLECTIONS*.)

Mon 1 Jan:	Luke 2:21	Fri 5 Jan:	Isaiah 65:8-25
Tue 2 Jan:	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Sat 6 Jan:	Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Wed 3 Jan:	Titus 3:4-7	Sun 7 Jan:	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
Thu 4 Jan:	Luke 2:21-40		

PARISH CALENDAR 1ST JAN— 7TH JAN:

Friday:	Parish Admin Assistant not in office today.....	
Sunday:	St Matthew's, Rosewood.....	8:00am
	Zion, Minden (Lay Reading).....	8:00am
	St Paul's, Rosevale.....	10:00am

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please forward all Bulletin Announcements by the Thursday evening of each week to rdlpooffice@internode.on.net or contact Annabel on 0423 491 456.

A HAPPY & BLESSED 2024

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Revelation 21:5

SUPPORT IN THE WAKE OF CYCLONE JASPER:

As many in Far North Queensland face an uncertain Christmas in the aftermath of ex-tropical cyclone Jasper, LCAQD Bishop Mark Vainikka has shared a video message of information and hope. We pray especially for the community of Wujal Wujal, where much of the town - including the Lutheran church - has been flooded and residents are being evacuated.

The following website contains the information we have to date, including instructions for those who would like to donate towards Queensland Disaster Relief. This page will be updated as further details emerge:


<https://qld.lca.org.au/support/qld-disasters/>.



Start or finish each day in God's word



DAILY DEVOTION
delivered to your inbox every morning
SIGN UP TODAY – IT'S FREE!

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Please remember the following people
in your prayers this week:

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL/
RECOVERING:**

- Pearl Suhr
- Doreen Ruhl
- Janice Neuendorff
- Esme Ruthenberg
- Daphne Ruthenberg
- Lyn Sippel
- Steve Lehmann's father,
Keith
- Pearl Heck
- Bob & Janet Krause
- John & Kitty Verrenkamp

COMMUNITY:

- Those who have been affected by the recent storms.
- Safe travels over the school holidays.

THE CHURCH:

- Australian Lutheran World Service and the Christmas Action appeal.

THE WORLD:

- Those who have been affected by ex-tropical cyclone Jasper in north Queensland.
- All those in leadership of our country as we begin a new year.
- New Year's celebrations.

Submitting Prayer Requests:

To submit a prayer request, please do one of the following:

- Call the Church Office (please leave a message if office is unattended)
- Inform an Elder

Please Note: Names are only listed if the person has given permission, or if unable, a family member.

For **Pastoral Care Needs**, please ring Pastor Andrew or inform your respective contact to the right.

ST PAUL'S:

Chris Gray (Chairman/Elder): 5464 9360

ZION:

Tony Lehmann (Chairman/Elder):

0412 186 650

ST MATTHEW'S:

Norm Kerle (Chairman/Elder): 0427 640 540

Serving Next Week:

ST PAUL'S:

Sun 7th Jan 10:00am

READER: Dylan Wieland

ELDER: Chris Gray

ST MATTHEW'S:

Sun 7th Jan 8:00am

READER: J Holznagel

USHER: Brown

CLEANING: R Brown

POWERPOINT OPERATOR:

G Brown

ZION:

Sun 7th Jan 8:00am

ELDER: Bevan Victor

READER: Noelene Victor

MUSICIAN: Melissa L/Karen L