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ST. MATTHEW'S, ROSEWOOD

ST. PAUL'S, ROSEVALE

ZION, MINDEN

3rd Sunday of Advent

17th 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:

John 1:6-9

Jesus the light in our darkness

LITURGY: HC (Blue/Violet)

ZION—Sun:8:00am

ST MATTHEW'S—Sun:10:00am

SERVICE MUSIC:

AT 313, LHS 632, LHS 33, AT 128,
AT 294.

READINGS :

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The good news of God's deliverance

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Ready for the coming of the Lord

John 1:6-8,19-28

He who comes after me stands
among you

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.



Your ALWS Gifts of Grace help a child like Tereza grow enough food to eat as she finds safety in a refugee camp in Kenya. See your love GROW this Christmas!

GIFTS OF GRACE:

For Christmas this year, why not give gifts that GROW? Your kindness will bless someone in a poor community who really needs your help. Choose from more than 20 gifts, starting at just \$5 – with 5 gifts under \$10. (All are fully tax-deductible!) Each gift has its own Grace Card with a photo of your gift and a message from a person you help. Grace Cards can be hung on your Christmas tree. After, they can be planted to

blossom into beautiful forget-me-not flowers! You will also receive a unique Christmas tree ornament crafted by people with disability from recycled CDs and Batik they designed. Order at alws.org.au or phone 1300 763 407.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR 18TH DEC— 25TH DEC:

Friday:	Parish Admin Assistant in office today.....	8:30am-3:00pm
Sunday:	St Matthew's, Rosewood.....	8:00am
Sunday:	Children's Christmas Program, Zion, Minden.....	7:00pm
Monday:	Christmas Day, Zion, Minden.....	8:00am
Monday:	Christmas Day, St Matthew's, Rosewood.....	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.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

7pm—Christmas Eve
Children's Christmas Program at
Zion Minden

8am—Christmas Day
Zion Minden

10am—Christmas Day
St Matthew's Rosewood

All Welcome!

THE LATEST LCA PODCAST EPISODE: YOU'RE WELCOME:

Christmas is the time of year when we can expect more visitors to our churches than usual. Manager of Lutheran Media and former LCA NZ Executive Officer for Local Mission shares some insights into the importance of a warm welcome and how to create the sort of community visitors will want to return to. —To subscribe to the podcast, please visit the website at www.lca.org.au/departments/ministry-support/podcast

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS:

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

Mon 18 Dec:	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11	Fri 22 Dec:	Isaiah 43:1-24
Tue 19 Dec:	1 Thessalonians 5.16-24	Sat 23 Dec:	Psalm 89:1-4,19-26
Wed 20 Dec:	Revelations 8:1-13	Sun 24 Dec:	2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
Thu 21 Dec:	John 20.24-29		



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:

- Safe travels over the
school holidays.
- Those who are lonely
over Christmas

THE CHURCH:

- Staff who have been
impacted by the church
wide office restructure.
- Australian Lutheran
World Service and Gifts
of Grace.

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:

Sat 16th Dec 7:00pm

READER: Sam Wieland

ELDER: Chris Gray

ST MATTHEW'S:

Sun 24th Dec 8:00am

READER: N Bazzo

USHER: Regeling

CLEANING: N Bazzo

POWERPOINT OPERATOR:

J Schulz

ST MATTHEW'S:

Mon 25th Dec 10:00am

READER: J Schulz

USHER: Holzngel & Kerle

CLEANING:

POWERPOINT OPERATOR:

J Holzngel

ZION:

Sun 24th Dec 7:00pm

ELDER: Don Maroske

READER:

MUSICIAN: Melissa L/Karen L

ZION:

Mon 25th Dec 8:00am

ELDER:

READER: Tony Lehmann

MUSICIAN: Melissa L/Karen L