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ROSEWOOD DISTRICT LUTHERAN PARISH

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ST. MATTHEW'S, ROSEWOOD

ST. PAUL'S, ROSEVALE

ZION, MINDEN

First Sunday of Advent

3rd 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:

Mark 13:33-37

Actively Waiting

READINGS :

Isaiah 64:1-9

Open the heavens and come down!

LITURGY: Spoken HC (Blue/Violet)

ZION—Sun:8:00am HC

ST PAUL'S—Sun:10:00am HC

ST MATTHEW'S—Sun:10:00am

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As you wait for Christ's return

SERVICE MUSIC:

LHS 740, AT 141, AT 128, AT 167,

LHS 11.

Mark 13:24-37

No one knows the day or the hour

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.



Tired of throwaway Christmas gifts?
 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.

THE LATEST PODCAST : SHARING LIFE & FAITH WITH STRANGERS:

Many of us find it difficult to talk about our faith with friends and family who aren't Christians, let alone with strangers. But for Craig and Beverly Heidenreich, cross-cultural faith-sharing is a regular and enjoyable part of life. Be inspired as they share why – and how – they do it. —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 4 Dec: Isaiah 65.1-9

Fri 8 Dec: 1 John 2:15-29

Tue 5 Dec: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Sat 9 Dec: **Psalm 85:1,2,8-13**

Wed 6 Dec: 2 Peter 3.1-18

Sun 10 Dec: **Isaiah 40:1-11**
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Thu 7 Dec: Matthew 26:27–28

PARISH CALENDAR 4TH DEC— 10TH DEC:

Friday: Parish Admin Assistant in office today.....8:30am-3:00pm
Sunday: *St Matthew's, Rosewood*.....8:00am
Sunday: *Zion, Minden*.....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.

ADVENT EVENING:

The Parish Advent Evening will be held at St Matthew's this evening at 6:30pm. (Sunday 3rd December). All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship as we welcome the Advent season. Please bring a plate to share.

ROSEWOOD STREET CARNIVAL:

The Rosewood Street Carnival will be held on Friday 15th December at the Rosewood showgrounds. The Rosewood churches will be presenting the Christmas story. From 7pm-8:30pm. All are welcome.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:

Lutheran Tract Mission has released a new Advent devotional. It is downloadable and printable for free and can be used as a flip book on any device. It features daily Bible readings and a short story/reflection for each day of Advent up until Epiphany. For a copy, please visit www.ltm.org.au/flipbkadvent-2023/



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

7pm—Saturday 16th December
St Paul's Rosevale

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

8am—Christmas Day
Zion Minden

10am—Christmas Day
St Matthew's Rosewood

All Welcome!



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:

- Thanks for the rain that we have had.
- Students and teachers finishing school for the year.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION:

- The ordination and installation of new pastors in the Lutheran church of Cambodia, which is one of the youngest Lutheran churches in the world.

- Pray the Spirit of God who has given them the will to be installed/ordained, will graciously give them the strength and compassion to serve him .
- That they will give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that they do.

THE CHURCH:

- Staff who have been impacted by the church wide office restructure.

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 10th Dec 8:00am

READER: N Kerle

USHER: Brown

CLEANING: E Mesken

POWERPOINT OPERATOR:

J Holznagel

ZION:

Sun 10th Dec 10:00am

ELDER: Bevan Victor

READER: Ken Frohloff

MUSICIAN: Melissa L/Karen L