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ST. MATTHEW'S, ROSEWOOD

ST. PAUL'S, ROSEVALE

ZION, MINDEN

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

14th January 2024

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 1:43-51

LITURGY: Setting 1 HC (Green)

PARISH SERVICE

ST MATTHEW'S—Sun:10:00am

SERVICE MUSIC:

LHS 234, LHS 773, LHS 857, LHS 837,
LHS 793.

READINGS :

1 Samuel 3:1-20

The Lord reveals himself to Samuel

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Your body is a temple of the Holy
Spirit

John 1:43-51

We have found the Messiah

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.

ALWS CHRISTMAS ACTION:

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.

SUPPORT IN THE WAKE OF CYCLONE JASPER:

As many in Far North Queensland face 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/>

PARISH CALENDAR 15TH JAN—21ST JAN 2024:

Friday:	Parish Admin Assistant in office today.....	8:30am-3:00pm
Saturday:	St Paul's, Rosevale.....	7:00pm
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 rdlpoffice@internode.on.net or contact Annabel on 0423 491 456.

WELCOME:

We welcome LCAQD Bishop Emeritus Noel Noack bringing God's Word to us today and dedicating our new roof and new green altar cloths. Welcome Noel, and God bless you in your ongoing ministry.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Confirmation classes will be getting underway, God willing, in February. Let Pastor Andrew know if you know someone who might be interested.

PARISH EXECUTIVE MEETING:

The parish executive will meet at 7pm Thursday 18th January at St Matthew's Rosewood.

FINAL SEMINAR: REVITALISING CHURCHES

The final seminar will be held at Zion Minden

Saturday 20th January 2024

3pm—5pm

Followed by coffee and nibbles

Pastor Rob Edwards from Peace Lutheran church in Gatton will be leading the seminar.



DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS:

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

Mon 15 Jan:	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Fri 19 Jan:	Romans 9:1-18
Tue 16 Jan:	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Sat 20 Jan:	Psalm 62:5-12
Wed 17 Jan:	Romans 7:21-8:17	Sun 21 Jan:	Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
Thu 18 Jan:	Mark 8:27-9:1		



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.

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.

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 20th Jan 7:00pm

READER: Sam Wieland

ELDER: Chris Gray

ST MATTHEW'S:

Sun 21st Jan 8:00am

READER: R Brown

USHER: Regeling

CLEANING: E Mesken

POWERPOINT OPERATOR:

J Holznagel

ZION:

Sun 21st Jan 10:00am

ELDER: Don Maroske

READER: Melissa Lehmann

MUSICIAN: Melissa L/Karen L