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CARE TEAM Know someone who needs a little extra tender loving care? The Grace Lutheran Care Team would like to help members when they have a special need. So, if you or someone you know needs some care, just let the Care Team Coordinator, Kay Jaunais, know about it. Ph. 3283 6475, mob: 0409 031 084, email: danesmom@bigpond.com.

BIBLE STUDY Please join us for bible study, "plus coffee & chat", 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9am - 11am in the church hall. Everyone welcomed!

HALL USE AND HALL HIRE Please direct all Hall use requests to the Church Office to ensure availability. You may also check the calendar in the Narthex on Maine Rd, or on the table at worship at College Chapel. If Hall is booked, please allow reasonable transition time between activities. Thank you.

BLUE CARDS Blue Card Application forms are available in the church foyer. If your card is due to expire, allow yourself sufficient time for renewal. Please bring the filled form into the church office along with the required ID. Forms are also available on our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER WORSHIP If you require a special announcement to be made after worship services (highlighting a special event or activity), please write out this announcement, and direct this to the person making the announcement on the day (Chairperson, or Admin Chairperson, or their delegate). All announcements after worship shall be made by this one person, and shall relate to activities within the congregation or our Community of Grace. You are encouraged to keep up to date with events and activities via the Bulletin or Website.

NAME TAG If you wish to have a name tag, please fill in an application form and put it in the office assistant pigeon hole. Forms are available in the narthex or just visit the church office. The cost is around \$15.

DATE CLAIMER

Sat 13 Jan 8:30am Grow Ministry Team meeting (Church Hall)

Due to school holidays most group and meetings have a recess. Enjoy your break and may God protect all who travel. Have a blessed Christmas with family and friends.

Pastor	Mark Brinkmann	Ph: 3283 3305 (home) Mob: 0499 014 189 PastorMark@glps.qld.edu.au
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Principal, Grace College	David Radke	Ph: 3203 0066 (work)
College Pastor	Jim Strelan	Ph: 3203 0066 (work)
Church Office	Elke Gorenflo	Ph: 3883 1144 (work) (Wed—Fri: 9am –2pm) church@glps.qld.edu.au



Sunday Bulletin

OUR MISSION: To know Christ and to make Him known

17TH DECEMBER 2017 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME! A warm welcome to all of you as we worship together today. May God bless and strengthen you in every way.

VISITORS! A special welcome to you. We hope that you feel at home with us. Please join in a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God,
each year You make us glad
as we look forward to the birthday of Your Son.
May we who joyfully receive Him
as our redeemer
confidently face Him
when He comes to be our judge.
For He lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Thursday Alex Robinson



Sunday Robert & Julie Duce (special)
Friday Peter & Anita Kellett

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

24th Dec – 8:30 am, Sunday morning (4th Sunday of Advent),
24th Dec – Christmas Eve, 7pm, Grace Lutheran College Chapel – including special Presentation
24th Dec – Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Grace Lutheran Congregation, Maine Road – Carols and Readings, with HC
25th Dec – Christmas Day, 8:30 am, Christmas Service, with Holy Communion

**A Christian's life
is the window through
which others can see Jesus.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

John the Baptist did not testify to himself, but pointed to Jesus Christ, the light for the world. As we rejoice in the light of God's love in Christ, we bring our prayers before God in the power of the Spirit.

In our prayers:

- * thanksgiving to God our Father that the earth produces its growth, and He enables what is sown to spring up;
- * our world that as people look forward to 'Christmas holidays' they would know God's true 'holy day';
- * the protection of life from conception through to old age;
- * God's guiding on our nation in response to the Federal Parliaments decision to legalise same-sex marriage;
- * peace among the nations of the world; and for refuge on all in need;
- * God's guiding and blessing on all who seek to help including Australian Lutheran World Service;

- * thanksgiving to God the Son that through Him our whole spirit, soul, and body are preserved blameless;
- * the church on earth that we rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus;

- * all Christians persecuted for faith in Christ – that they are strengthened by Him;
- * local Christian Congregations (Redcliffe Uniting Church and The Salvation Army and local Christian ministries;

- * thanksgiving to God the Spirit that He reveals to us the light of Christ, and prepares us for the coming of the Lord;
- * our Congregation and various Grace Places, for God's guiding and blessing on preparations for Christmas;
- * all preparing for Baptism; First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage; all recovering from surgery or illness (including Merle Gledhill, Lois Stolz), and the household that they may know God's gracious presence;

The General Church Council of the Lutheran Church of Australia has approved specific standards of ethical behaviour for the Lutheran Church in both Australia and New Zealand.

These standards are applicable to all aspects of the life of the church.

For further information please see the Brochure in the Church Foyer: "LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour".

You may also find out more at www.lca.org.au/lca-standards-of-ethical-behaviour.html and by viewing the following video www.vimeo.com/203404541/72dd00349e

The church is a safe place responding to sexual abuse complaints.

Copies of the LCA Safe Place are available in the office or visit www.lca.org.au/safe-place--child-safe-2.html

to report a complaint, free call 1800 644 628 number,

or email: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au or mail LCA Safe Place PO Box 519 Marden SA 5070.

Please keep everyone in your prayers during school holidays and vacation time.

Elke (Office Administrator) will be away from Friday 15th December - 1st January 2018.

TIME OUT DEVOTION BOOKS FOR 2018 Unfortunately due to supply issues at the distribution end in Sydney, the Time Out books have not yet been received. When I spoke to the supplier earlier this week he said that they would now be sent sometime during the week commencing Monday 18 December. I apologise for this delay. I am now away until January 6 but will try to have the books distributed to pigeon holes as soon as possible, hopefully before the start of 2018. Should you have received a book in the past but don't want one this year, please just return it to my pigeon hole. If you would like one, I am happy to arrange that when I return. Books will be \$24 (\$23 + \$1 postage). Have a blessed Christmas. Cheryl Budd.

BBC It's that time again where we have a lovely opportunity to provide some small Christmas Treats for those who call on Bayside Community Care for an emergency food parcel during December. Can you help, please? If you are able to assist please donate something small no later than the second Sunday of December. Thank you and God bless.

PLEASE NOTE There will be no evening services at the College Chapel on Sunday December 31st and Sunday January 7th.

NEWS David Spann has offered to be the Risk Management Officer for the Congregation.

SYNODE DELEGATE 2018 Keith Schultz was voted the Congregation delegate for General Synod in 2018.

CHRISTMAS BY GRACE flyers are available for distribution. Please spread the word for our upcoming Christmas services by either distributing in letterboxes or give it to friends, family or neighbours personally.

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE is having their Christmas Action appeal – for those who wish to donate please follow instructions on brochure or mark envelope with "Christmas Action Appeal" with your name and place in offerings if you wish a tax receipt.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION You are invited to join in the 70th Anniversary Celebrations of the First Church Service of St. Marks Congregation in Caloundra. on Sunday, 28th January 2018 at 9am (St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bombala Terr. Caloundra) The church Service will commence at 9am, followed by a "Brunch", supplied by the St. Marks Congregation. Please RSVP by 14th January, to Narelle mniefferd@bigpond.com (President, St. Marks Ladies Fellowship).

GIFTS OF GRACE Catalogue out now!! Your Gifts of Grace will be meaningful to your family and friends as you bless them with the Grace Card representing your gift.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY There is a beautiful thank you card from Alan Gater (Woody Point Special School) on the notice board outside. Also, the necessary funds to purchase a new wheelchair for Eddie, have been raised. Thank God for his blessings in School Chaplaincy this year.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS There is a need for more people to assist with Religious Instruction in State Schools. If you believe you can assist and have