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Patience

Since I last wrote in March, we have been moving through the covid-19 worldwide pandemic. We have adjusted to services on line, bible studies on Zoom and staying at home. The initial adjustments were difficult and stressful. The ongoing adjustments are now challenging.

What filled us with fear in March, now fills us with annoyance. When will it be over? We have had enough! This impatience has been expressed by protesters all over the world, including in Australia, when can we open up and have our normal lives back? However, we are slowly coming to realize, this inconvenient time will not be over quickly. We will have to maintain many sorts of restrictions for a long time. Our patience is therefore being sorely tested.

In the scriptures, patience or longsuffering is mentioned numerous times.

God is Patient

Patience in the first instance is as an attribute of God. God shows patience so that more people are given time to repent. God is slow to anger says Nahum 1:2. In Romans 2:4, God is patient so that it can give time for people



From the Bishop
Robert Bartholomaeus

to come to penitence. Here, God's patience is a gift of grace.

But God's patience can also result in a completely different outcome. In some circumstances he waits patiently for the sins of people to pile up, so that he can bring judgement. In that instance, it is postponement until people fill up the measure of their sins. (see Gen 15:16 and Matt 23:32).

Jonah surprises us when he perceives God's patience as a problem. For Jonah, God does not smite the wicked fast enough. Jonah complains that God is too full of patience and grace (Jonah 4).

When it comes to divine patience there is a tension between grace and wrath.

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LCA NSW District is *Walking Together in Mission* by:

- Developing and supporting alternative models for ministry
- Supporting congregations and ministries in mission and ministry
- Supporting congregations in transition
- Planting and renewing congregations
- Developing and supporting networking and connections between congregations and ministries
- Developing and supporting leadership – through the Bishop leading leadership teams

DISTRICT NEWS

For your prayer
and care

Calls

- Pastor Simon Mackenzie (Illawarra) accepted the call to Goombungee-Maclagan Parish Qld, his final service with Illawarra was on Sunday 19 April.
- Pastor Stuart Kleinig (Wagga Wagga) has accepted the call as LCA Interim Pastor, he is waiting for travel restrictions to ease before taking up his assignment interstate.
- Pastor Tim Muller (Columbus Ohio USA) has been called to Immanuel, Woden Valley.

Pastors Emeriti

- Pastor Ren Tschirpig and Pastor Ian Kotzur (SMPs) have now been recognised by the College of Bishops as Pastors Emeriti.

Deaths

- Pastor Paul Albers passed away on 19 March 2020, at Hope Valley SA. Pastor Paul served Walla Walla from 1964-1968.
- Pastor John (Joe) Strelan passed away on 25 April 2020, aged 83. Dr Joe served Port Macquarie 1998-2000, and after his retirement served the NSW District in his twice yearly 'Grow with Joe' courses for SMPs and lay leaders from 2000-2009.

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If God then us

In the parable of Matthew 18:23, where the master forgives the debts of the servant, but then the servant does not, it indicates that because God is patient and forgiving, we are called to be patient and forgiving too. An appeal is made to the forbearance, first of the king, then of the servant. Disregarding the amount, the king cancels the whole debt in the generosity of grace. Forbearance of this kind demands an answering forbearance in the servant.

We are called to patience

Colossians 3:12-14 says Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

We are to show patience towards others because God shows patience with us.

Horst Balz says that God's forbearance pledges Christians to a similar forbearance (1 Th. 5:14) which, as a fruit of the Spirit controlled by love (Gal. 5:22), issues in mutual correction. The Christian is to be longsuffering because God is long suffering. 1 Corinthians 13:4 declares love is patient and kind.

Galatians 5:22-23 announces that "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,

“ Love is
patient and kind ”

peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." In 1 Tim. 1:16 Christ himself exercises forbearance toward Paul. He thus offers a model for us in dealing with opponents. No one is to be given up easily. Long-suffering is not swayed by emotion but always has the end in view. What is this goal of patience?

Awareness of the nearness of Christ quenches angry feelings, produces triumphant steadfastness, and gives the certainty of the awaited fruit.

Conclusion

So consider this time of waiting, a time, when God is teaching you patience. Begin by examining whether your impatience is grounded in desires for earthly things or heavenly things. And consider what is the goal of our patience. Surely, it is always the welfare of others. So let the Holy Spirit give you his gift of patience and praise God that he is much more patient than we will ever be!

Pastor Robert Bartholomaeus
NSW Bishop

Dr 'Joe' Strelan 10 Nov 1936 - 25 April 2020



'God gave the church a special gift', says Dr Vic Pfitzner of the late Dr John 'Joe' Strelan. Dr Strelan served as LCA Vice President (a role now known as assistant bishop) from 1987 to 1998.

Dr Pfitzner, who was principal of the then Luther Seminary from 1989 to 1997 while Dr Strelan was a lecturer there, describes his former colleague as 'a special gift, a pastor, missionary, theologian, teacher, and writer who could communicate the gospel with rare clarity and teach the profound truths of the faith with rare simplicity'.

'Dr Joe had a pastoral heart but at the same time was not afraid to speak the truth, even when that meant going against popular opinion. Indeed, he had an acute sense of justice and fairness.'

Dr 'Joe' Strelan was the third child of 10 in the Strelan clan, born in Ungarie, New South Wales, in 1936 to Peter and Erica Strelan, nee Appelt. His father and maternal grandfather were pastors. He studied at Concordia College and Seminary in South Australia, graduating in 1959. He was ordained on 17 January 1960.

His first parish was at Wangaratta in Victoria, from 1960 to 1962. He then went to Papua New Guinea (PNG) and was a missionary and seminary lecturer, librarian, vice-principal and dean of studies across the years 1962 to 1984.

He married primary school teacher Bronwyn Burgess in 1965 and they had four children.

Dr Strelan spent 1973 in the USA, studying for a Doctorate in Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary at St Louis, Missouri. After his time in PNG, he spent a year from 1984 to 1985 as a guest lecturer in Neuendettelsau in Germany.

In 1985, he was called to the faculty of Luther Seminary (ALC) in Adelaide and remained there until the end of 1997. He taught in the areas of New Testament and Systematic Theology. He also served as First Vice-President of the LCA from 1987 to 1998.

He accepted a call to Port Macquarie, New South Wales, in 1998 and retired from full-time ministry in 2001. He was the author of the books Search for salvation: Studies in the History and Theology of Cargo Cults (1977) and Where earth meets heaven: A commentary on Revelation (1994).

Dr Dean Zweck who, like Dr Strelan, served as a missionary and seminary lecturer in PNG and also as a lecturer at Luther Seminary, says Dr Strelan was 'a respected colleague and leader' among Australians serving in PNG. 'Joe had a big heart for the gospel. The gospel shone through in all his preaching and teaching, and in his life', Dr Zweck says.

(reprinted from LCA website)

Walking together IN MISSION

A look at a diverse group walking together

Some years ago, I had the blessing of staying at a quality hotel, where everything seemed to work together like a smooth swiss watch or well oil machine. Everything was working together, without much fuss, but with the same focus. Staff went out of their way to be helpful, they worked together, they supported each other, they knew everyone's name and they responded to even some of the more difficult requests with grace and care. As I checked out, I mentioned to one of the receptionists that it was a pleasure to stay there because everyone seemed to work together to make sure our experiences were good. Her reply still sticks with me today, she said, "That is good to hear. Even though we have different jobs, we all aim to work together for the main purpose of ensuring your stay here is better than you expected."

Now, when I open up my bible to 1 Corinthians chapter 12, this experience of the hotel keeps coming back to mind. What if we took seriously 1 Corinthians 12, and as a church we all worked together for the purpose of helping people meet and know Jesus who loves and forgives them? How would our church look?

As NSW District we have this oppor-

tunity, as we live towards implementing our new strategic plan, Walking Together in Mission.

A helpful way to think about this plan is that it is God's call to us as a district, to where we should focus our energies and effort for at least the next 3 years. The mission of sharing the Good News that God forgives and loves through Jesus and to make disciples of all nations will always be our focus. Walking Together in Mission gives us a focus on how we will go about God's mission and ministry throughout our district in the current context.

The title of our strategic plan, Walking Together in Mission, gives us an insight into how we go about being God's church. It relies on us walking together with God and each other.

Now if we were a small group of people that would be easy, we would all walk at the same pace, from the same place and probably in the same way. But the reality is we are a very diverse range of people, of different ages, with different giftings, different needs, living in different settings, with different experiences, different personalities, different callings, different vocations and different stories of relationships with each other. So when I look at the stories of larger groups walking together in the bible, such as in Exodus or Luke 2:41-52, it wasn't that they all walked at the same pace or did exactly the

same thing, but rather they headed in the same direction. This is what Paul is encouraging in 1 Corinthians 12, that as God's church we live to support and encourage each other with a focus on Jesus and His mission of sharing His Good News and making disciples.

Think about what this might look like for us as a district:

- If walking together with others is not about others walking at the same pace as you, or doing exactly what you do, what do you believe walking together as a congregation, ministry team or district looks like?
- What is at least one thing you personally and your congregation or ministry can do, to walk more intentionally with others and one thing you can do more intentionally to walk with others in our district? How are we being blessed by others? How are we blessing others?
- How is or should God's mission of sharing the Good News that God forgives and loves through Jesus and to make disciples of all nations affecting what you do as a congregation and/or ministry team? Is it the major factor in your decisions and actions, or is something else driving your decisions and actions?

Pastor Richard Schwedes
Assistant Bishop

Professional Standards



Greetings to you all in this still quite unprecedented time for us. Whilst we are generally getting used to staying home, although some of us have been very relieved to again have the opportunity to visit close relatives, we are still required to limit our interactions away from home. Many people have moved to working from home or having the children home and become the teachers and overseers of school work. Some people are thriving in this environment and others are going to be quite happy for the return to a 'normal' schedule in their lives. Many are wondering what the 'new normal' will be for them.

Is that also a question we have in our congregational life? What will congregational life look like when this is all over? Right now though, the question maybe, when can we meet together again?

A few weeks ago, I wrote to pastors, chairpersons and Safe Church Coordi-

nators with some information regarding online safety measures.

In recent times, many congregations have been conducting online worship either live streamed or pre-recorded. Meetings and other ministry groups have been established via Zoom or other online platforms, many people have been introduced to screens who never thought that this would be part of their lives on a regular basis.

One of the key points that I encouraged pastors and leaders to consider as they plan for use of online activities within the life of the congregation, was to be vigilant in planning, looking also at the risks that may be there, particularly for those who are not familiar with using these platforms.

It is clearly important for good information to be made available to all participants, including parents/caregivers of

children and young people, who maybe engaging in ministries using these online platforms that they need to be aware of the risks. We are hearing of situations in other churches elsewhere, where people are infiltrating some online platforms and also, there are reports of people gaining access to children and other vulnerable people.

The LCA has policies and procedures which cover these areas and it is important for congregational leaders to be conversant with these and plan activities in accordance with them. Relevant are the following:

- LCA Social Media Policy
- LCA Information and Communication Technology Policy
- LCA Child Protection Policy/Procedures

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Throughout these past weeks and into the foreseeable future, Safe Church

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Churches Adapting to the Challenge

With our churches closed for public worship during the Coronavirus lock-down, we took the opportunity to ask some of our pastors and lay leaders how they had adapted to the challenge of the restrictions.



Pr Dan Mueller, Walla Walla

In the wake of COVID-19, our rural community in the Riverina has experienced some change, but perhaps much less than other (urban) communities. Many of our parish members are classified as “essential” workers — farmers, nurses, teachers, etc — and their work life has continued, sometimes unchanged. It has been humbling for our community and nation to honour and recognise how God works through these particular vocations (as well as many others). While there have been some challenges, such as families with young children adjusting to the ‘chaos’ of online schooling at home, on the whole our people have been enjoying the more relaxed feel and family time due to cancelled meetings and work travel commitments.

Local people continuing to serve the body of Christ

Our parish made the decision to provide our own ‘Worship at Home’ resources during this time. Each week an order of service is prepared. About 30 are printed and distributed to mailboxes for those without internet, and others access a pre-recorded video released at 9am each Sunday morning. The slower internet in our area means we cannot reliably live-stream.

Although a pre-recorded service does not offer real-time engagement, pre-recording has allowed us to explore creative ways of engaging with God’s Word outside of the four walls of our church building. We have had Bible readings in tractors and amongst the sheep on Good Shepherd Sunday, people proclaiming “Christ is risen” from their local contexts e.g. in front

of truck, in their backyard, as well as preaching from different locations e.g. in a paddock with dry sheep bones, at a rubble of stones behind the church shed. One of our goals with these videos has been to feature our local people continuing to serve the body of Christ, e.g. Bible readers, musicians recording a song from their home piano. We have learned a lot and each week we see improvements in audio quality, video editing, etc. Our motto has become: “Done is better than perfect”! These videos have been well received, and have given us a sense of unity though we are apart.

We have been particularly surprised who engages with these videos: a number of housebound people have commented how they enjoy participating each Sunday, many young families who might be classified as ‘irregular’ on Sunday morning have commented that they have been regularly watching the videos at a time that is convenient for their family life, and many parish members have shared the videos with friends and relatives inter-state. Our YouTube channel can be found by searching Walla Lutheran Parish.

We are concerned that some vulnerable people in our community may be struggling unnoticed. Although we have tried to encourage each other via letters, phone and video calls, some may still be struggling in ways we can’t see. As a country we have been blessed. As a local church we look forward to joining face-to-face again. However, we also hope to continue our online presence in some way for those who have felt included during this time — how exactly is as yet unknown and undecided!

Pr Darryl Mattner, Lutheran Aged Care Albury

COVID-19 has forced us to do church very differently. Fortunately, we are still able to gather residents for church because LAC is not a registered place of worship. However, because of government guidelines we can only gather for worship in numbers less than 10. This has meant having shortened services but more services each week for the residents to



attend. The Pastoral Care team are still permitted to visit residents and conduct ‘Hymns We Love’ each week. So, apart from the increase in worship services, life fairly much continues as before.

Megan Aliendi, Leeton

At St John’s Leeton we have been very blessed and have adapted well during these current restrictions.

Members have called and texted each other to keep in touch

The wonderful Pastor Ian Kotzur has been emailing out monthly letters, Sunday services with the service order, readings, links for hymns and the sermon for us to have a

service with our families at home. Throughout the week Pastor Ian sends out a text message with a bible verse and a positive message. He has also made calls to see how we are all going.

Our elder Claude Lieschke has connected with our members through phone calls to have a chat and to make sure we are ok. With having a small congregation, members have called and texted each other to keep in touch.

We are hoping that restrictions ease soon so we can get back to seeing each other face to face.

Don McLean, Port Macquarie

St Peter’s Port Macquarie have been blessed during this crisis period with no effects from the COVID-19 to this point. In all our contacts with members and friends of the congregation, we have encountered a sense of faith and confidence, mixed with a level of frustration over the imposed isolation, especially our separation from family members.

When church services were suspended, our Chairman wrote a letter to all members encouraging them to keep in contact with each other and informing them of various ways to do Church at Home eg Christian radio station for Hymns of Praise and LCA Messages of Hope, or TV for Songs of Praise; playing Christian CD’s; advising them of past sermons on our own web page, and the availability of the LCA Daily



Devotions.

For those who have the internet, several sites were listed for livestreaming Sunday services as well as the LCA Lutheran Media Livestreaming. An email was sent out prior to the Easter weekend with times of Easter services. Our newsletter 'Crosstalk' continues to be printed weekly, with each Sunday's Bible readings, a devotion, prayer points, our web page address for the Sunday address, and the LCA livestreaming site. The Pastoral Assistants have been keeping in contact with members to arrange support as needed.

Pr Allan Taruste, Central Coast & Estonian

Closing the church premises meant going online. There is the technical challenge of streaming, prerecording, joining Zoom etc., and also the question of whether anyone will actually log on and view or participate. It did feel a bit lonely at first, but more and more parishioners (and others) started coming and participating.



We have pre-recorded full services (without communion) uploaded into YouTube and Facebook. Services have to be complete by Saturday as uploading the service can take hours. We are sending out newsletters with links to coming services and relevant info about the COVID-19 situation. 'Faith Packs' with the service order and my sermon are also mailed out.

Services are conducted in English and Estonian. It's now possible to invite anyone, including those who don't usually come to church, even friends overseas. The Estonians whose Estonian language isn't too crash hot, can easily participate in English services.

Looking at the screen will always fall short of actual physical partaking, but online presence has other advantages. It can overcome large distances and is more flexible time-wise. I'd like to continue with broadcasting Sunday worship that takes place in the church with the congregation present.

It takes time to prepare, record, upload and distribute info. There's always the



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worry whether things turned out alright, whether something should be done differently, whether parishioners are still willing to come and take part – now online, and later on, in real life. Still, I firmly believe that this is a time of blessing. This time has been given to us to exit the hamster wheel, to reflect on our lives, to prioritise and leave aside unimportant things. Our God is with us now and always. Blessed are those who do not see, yet believe.

Pr Erik Braunack-Mayer, Illawarra

The virus certainly made us do some quick changing and adapting. Thankfully one of our members enjoyed challenge and knew something about going online! We are worshipping via Zoom meetings, and that is going surprisingly well. We have not managed live music, so our musicians are having a rest or making their own videos, with sometimes hilarious results.

We have been surprised at how many of our elderly members have managed to find a way of joining us. We thought that maybe only 10% could join us, due to a lack of technology or internet, but we didn't allow for their determination or their ability to rope in their grandchildren. What a good way of getting their grandchildren to attend church!

Pr Paul Hannola, Tuggeranong and ACT churches

This time of lockdown fast-tracked the production of digital and online content here at Tuggeranong. What was once a distant hope became an undeniable necessity in the space of a single week. A small but highly competent team mobilised quickly to meet the need for weekly uploads of recorded content. Each is about half an hour and includes a variety of content like songs by our bands, children's messages or activities, Bible readings and weekly Bible teaching and preaching. Our current digital and online reach appears to be twice our typical in-person reach on a standard Sunday. The feedback and response

new opportunities for ministry and evangelism together.

has been highly positive.

We also launched a Church at Home section on our website where we publish each upload, promote and link to what the other Canberra Lutheran churches are doing, and provide a selection of Bible study and home group resources.



Concurrent with our digital ministry is virtual people-care, in which our membership listings are divided into groupings, each overseen by a people-care volunteer. As restrictions begin to ease, the possibility of home visits looks promising. Despite the severity of COVID-19 world wide, the blessing at a local congregation level is that we have deployed measures that will serve our evangelistic purpose and commission well into the future even after restrictions start to be eased further.

At a broader level, the pastors and chairs of the six LCA congregations in the Canberra region have held monthly online meetings to offer support to each other, pray for each other, plan individual congregation ministry approaches, share resources among the congregations, and develop a concerted and cross-promotional approach to ministry during lock-down.

Woden congregation is livestreaming a weekly worship service, while the Belconnen, Tuggeranong and Reid congregations each prerecord services. We are blessed that so many members in several of these congregations are coming forward to film music, Bible readings, prayers and other content.

The Finnish, Cooma and Reid congregations are actively ministering to their communities by emailing weekly written devotions, reflections, sermons or prayers. Our combined pastors and chairs meetings in Canberra have shown the blessing of teamwork for the Kingdom, ignited enthusiasm to continue this somewhat unprecedented pattern of meeting together for mutual support, and opened up new opportunities for ministry and evangelism together.

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District Administrator

Financial update

The impact of the Coronavirus has been felt at all levels from individuals to congregations and right back to the District. The NSW District has been working hard to support congregations to be able to receive the maximum government support available during this period.

The Federal Government released a Coronavirus cash flow boost for employers. This was an initial cash flow boost released to all parishes and congregations that run a payroll.

Furthermore, the federal government released the Job Keeper program whereby if an organisation was able to show a 15% or more downturn in income, they were eligible for \$1500 per eligible employee per fortnight in Government assistance. The NSW District supports a majority of our congregations/parishes by running their payroll for them, and this has meant that we were able to secure the Job Keeper support program for them. In the majority of cases, a large proportion of the pastors salary is now being covered by the Job Keeper supplement. In total we have over \$99,000 per month in Job Keeper support from the federal government flowing into the broader NSW District.

The NSW District Church Council has further provided congregations with a Financial Assistance Policy for the duration of

the Coronavirus crisis, the purpose is to ensure that congregations and parishes are able to meet all their financial obligations, including the ability to cover payroll and other expenses.

At the District level, the District Treasurer announced at Synod that we had not yet invested some of our reserves in the share market as originally planned. The blessing of this has been that we have not been stung by the large share market fall. District money continues to be invested in the stability of the LLL. The downside of this, is that given the current market climate, the LLL has had to reduce their interest rates. The District expects that the budgeted return from investing of \$672,000 is more likely to be \$211,500. On the plus side given that the Bishop and District Office staff

2020 NSW District Budget		
	2020 Budget	2020 Jan-March
Income		
Congregations Contributions	\$165,150	\$45,850
Mission and Ministry income	\$72,000	\$23,481
TPM Camp income	\$145,350	\$6,640
Investment - Bank Interest	\$672,000	\$0
Other District Income	\$20,400	\$596
Total Income	\$1,074,900	\$76,567
Expenses		
LCA Budget	\$207,250	\$50,000
Mission and Ministry	\$386,775	\$171,671
Office Expenses	\$84,700	\$21,702
Staff Salaries + housing Expenses	\$348,300	\$95,613
TPM Camp expenses	\$149,200	\$1,843
Depreciation	\$70,099	\$17,524
Other expenses	\$21,500	\$3,900
Total Expenses	\$1,267,824	\$362,252
Net Profit/Loss	-\$192,924	-\$285,685

have been working from home for the last 2 months, there have been some savings in office expenses and travel.

Turning Point Ministries had three camps in January and February cancelled due to the fires, these were re-scheduled for April and May, but were again cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The financial consequences are that TPM has had no income and minimal expenditure during this time. Camps generally run cost neutral.

The NSW District Finances are currently running with an asset base as at 31 March 2020 of \$29,106,196 and liabilities of \$366,699. A summary of the 2020 budget and the first quarter income and expenses is provided below. If you would like a comprehensive copy, please feel free to contact the District Administrator.

Russell Veerhuis
District Administrator

Notes for the first quarter summary:

- Interest from investments has not been received as the LLL bank interest is only credited to accounts in May of each year.
- Mission and Ministry Income and Expenditure includes the cost of running the Pastors Conference and Synod in March 2020.
- Office Expenses include strata levies for the new office.
- Mission and Ministry expenses includes the grants as listed in the DCC report.

The 2019 Financials have been audited, and we are awaiting the final audit report. If you would like a copy of the 2019 audit, please contact the District Administrator.

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training workshops have been cancelled. PSD had been working on the online version of training for Level 1 for a period of time, it is now available using the Australian Lutheran College's (ALC) iLearn platform.

This form of training is not a webinar style, but rather a self-paced learning. This method of training was always intended to be the alternate method, however in the current circumstances, it may be the one that you might choose to take up.

Registration is via the normal PSD training page on the LCA website. Following registration, a registrant will receive fur-

ther information to gain access to the iLearn training. Don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss online training.

WWCC (NSW)

Some of you may have received contact from the Office of Children's Guardian with regard to the extension of the expiry date of your Working with Children's Check. This applies to clearances that are due 26th March 2020 – 26th September 2020. The change is part of a suite of changes passed in NSW Parliament in response to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are NO changes for people who need to apply for a new WWCC.

Due to the current circumstances I am working reduced hours. However, I am monitoring my phone and emails and I will return your call/answer your email as soon as possible.

As you conduct congregational life in varied ways, may you continue to know the blessings of God, on and through your continued ministries.

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Remote Learning @ Walla



The College of St. Paul's

Whoever **you** are, whatever **your** story, **you're** welcome here with us.

We are proud of our College staff, students and parents who adapted quickly to our new model of learning. Remote Learning has certainly had its challenges over the past weeks, but it has also been a time for our teachers to provide creative and home based engaging activities and learning. Our doors remained open for students of essential workers from the start of the pandemic, using this time to revamp our staff room, front foyer and meeting rooms. Our maintenance and cleaning staff have done a magnificent job to co-ordinate this work and make our College safe during these unprecedented times. The College extends God's grace, peace and health to you during all.

VIRTUAL VARIETY CONCERT

The St Paul's Drama students have always looked forward to the amazing opportunity to put on a school production as part of their Year 11 studies. This year students were thrown quite the curveball when the world went into remote learning. They still wanted to be a part of this awesome opportunity and after seeing all of the professional artists online sharing their talents, the Year 11 Drama class decided this was actually a really great way for people who are not comfortable getting on stage to be able to show us their skills.

So far we have a band, singers, motorcycle tricks, equestrian tricks, a contortionist/gymnast, and a time-lapsed artwork. Watch this space for more details.

SCIENCE AT HOME

"The practical side of Science has been a challenge, but we have made it work", says Science Teacher Miss Jess Kotzur. Miss Kotzur modified experiments for students to repeat at home. She enjoyed receiving videos and photos from her classes about their successes at home.



ADD ONE DROP OF FOOD COLOURING



Rohana Brinkmann made this stunning vase of flowers from broken plates & glass found at one of the old Walla tips!

ART WORKS FROM SCRATCH

Senior Art students have been looking at Marcel Duchamp, Robert Rauschenberg, Merritt Oppenheim and Rosalie Gascoigne. All of these artists transform everyday objects, or found objects by using them to create sculptures. Informed by this study, students then made their own sculpture from found objects they had on hand at home.

Week 2 of remote learning saw our Year 8, 9 and 10 Agriculture students not missing out on their practical components! Students from town and country got involved in helping out around the house or farm in some way. Feeding lambs, mowing the lawn, shearing sheep, making dams and even washing the dog.



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day was celebrated differently this year, but many of our school families still paid their respects at their front gates.

Our Community Garden members made wreaths for the township of Walla Walla and surrounds.





Discovery Day!

Thursday 30th July
 Open to current Year 5 & 6 students
 Bookings: www.trybooking.com/607234



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District Church Council news

Financial Assistance during Coronavirus Crisis

The District Church Council have resolved to assist congregations that may be facing financial hardship due to restrictions on worship and other congregational activities during the Coronavirus crisis. In passing this policy the District has agreed to make grants to ensure that every congregation is able to meet its financial obligations in respect of essential payroll and other expenses.

The policy provides that a congregation may maintain cash reserves equal to the greater of three months' projected outgoings and \$10,000. Should offerings fail to cover outgoings, the District will remit the shortfall to the congregation on a monthly basis, thereby preserving the congregation's level of reserves. Full details are in the

Policy documents provided to congregations.

Bishop's Team

The NSW District Church Council has been looking at the Mission and Ministry position initiated by the strategic plan in the Strategic Priority Leadership of the District through the Bishop leading Leadership teams. In doing so it was recognised that many of the strategic leadership skills are already in the district. Thus the DCC decided the position of Mission and Ministry is to be shared three ways between Pastor Richard Schwedes, Dean Eaton and Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus. To facilitate this the District is working with St Paul's Lutheran Church Sydney to hire some of Pastor Richard's time whilst also looking at how they can help support St Paul's in their local mission context.

Tamworth pastoral care support

The DCC has resolved to provide support to the Tamworth Congregation to employ David Jarman in a part-time capacity to be able to work with the congregation to provide missional pastoral care.

LLL Board of Directors NSW Rep

The District Church Council has been proud to again endorse Ron Asquith's nomination as a NSW representative on the LLL Board of Directors. We thank Ron for all the wonderful work he does with the LLL and around the broader NSW District.

DCC position filled

The DCC can confirm that Malcolm Hall has been appointed to the vacant DCC position. Malcolm is a Church Planter from St Luke's Lutheran Church in Albury.

District Church Council



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While the decision to put our camps for 2020 on hold is made for the health and well-being of all involved, we are extremely disappointed for two reasons. Firstly, we had already postponed History Makers, Leadership Camp and Young Adults Retreat due to the hazardous conditions caused by the Summer bushfire season. And secondly, for those first-time campers who had registered for History Makers at the special LLL Supported rate of \$80. We hoped to welcome these new campers into the TPM community in 2020 and are sorry that this has been the second cancellation of this camp. We hope that we can extend this special offer in 2021. We know that camps can form an important part of the faith journey for individuals. We urge you to remain in God's word, be faithful in prayer and stay connected with others to be encouraged in faith.

All of our campers should have received a personal **postcard**. We have missed seeing you and are looking forward to the day we can gather again! In the meantime, check out our **Merch Comp** as well as devotions & encouragements from some of our leaders on our social media pages.



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Lutheran Aged Care Albury in the time of COVID

"I fully support your proposal to maintain the current lockdown rules at Dellacourt, despite recent comments from THE Prime Minister. The residents in Dellacourt are a very vulnerable group, and every effort needs to be made to protect them. It's difficult without 'face to face contact', however, my mother, seems to be coping well with regular FaceTime conversations with myself and my sister. I encourage you to maintain the status quo in relation to visitors entering Dellacourt."

Thus, went an email, mirroring others from relatives and friends of residents of Lutheran Aged Care Albury. Hard decisions amid rapidly changing health directives in late February and March were made by the sector and each organisation or service had to consider the most appropriate actions to take based on their particular geographic location and the activity of COVID19 in that area. In those months there was a huge amount of anxiety abroad from all directions; staff, residents, their families, the general public, not to mention those charged with the difficult decision making and essential communication about those decisions.

During that period I visited each 'shift handover' and the anxiety and confusion was palpable, with so many questions or 'what if's' posed that I did remark at one stage that I thought resurrecting Solomon and placing him at the front door might be an idea!

I could spend pages on the distress, anxiety, and negatives about this period, however, it has also been a time of immense opportunity. Opportunity to reconnect with residents and their families, through weekly communication, investing in many more digital communication options and closely working with residents to utilise that modern day wonder; Opportunity to establish



A resident enjoying face time with family

regular on line consultation with the regional health services, and exchange information support and ideas – a first really for aged care, as its staff have always been undervalued and not seen to be part of the health workforce by the public health sector. Opportunity to demonstrate that we in aged care, despite paucity of funding, can work together, ramp up infection control practices and stand between our vulnerable residents and this deadly and very contagious virus. Opportunity to reflect and be thankful, with our staff on the fact that no one in this sector is in danger of losing their employment and in fact the sector is able to help some of those who have, while at the same time hopefully mentoring them to become a part of the aged care workforce. Opportunity for the Pastoral Care Team to be creative in how they provide support to staff and residents, which has had to be the

case as they have adapted to social distancing restrictions, while the need for residents to connect with the familiar has been greater than ever. Opportunity to engage with staff through weekly emails making sure they have all the information about changes they need and being alive to their need for support more than ever.

There are many more if we look for them. Lutheran Aged Care Albury has found many and will keep looking for the opportunities that arise from such an historic time. I take this particular opportunity to state my admiration and sincere thanks to the Lutheran Aged Care Managers and staff and to reflect that this alternative ministry that is aged care, does indeed best serve the District in these times.

Wendy Rocks
Managing Director

Lutheran Nurse Honoured

Angela Uhrhane, of Wodonga, Victoria, has been named the inaugural Lutheran Nurse of the Year, announced on 12 May - International Nurses Day, and this year, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

Angela is currently serving as Pastoral Care Nurse at Lutheran Aged Care Albury (LAC). The award comprises a certificate and a gift of \$100.

In submitting Angela's nomination, the Managing Director of LAC, Wendy Rocks, wrote that over the years LAC was without a chaplain, 'Angela took the lead role in organising a schedule of visiting pastors to provide services and the sacraments over this extended period. This was a tremendous feat of organisation on Angela's behalf, coordinating as she was, the Pastoral Care Team and work at LAC at the same time ... Angela was an active part of the Management Team during these two years, and was a source of ideas and beneficial discussion about resident care and spiritual care particularly.

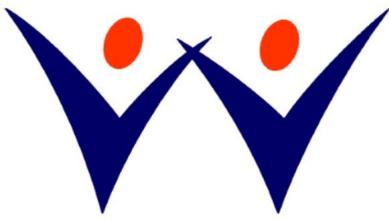
She added that Angela has 'participated in considerable study, both theological and clinical, to support her practice. She has been a leader in helping to establish a spiritual care framework as part of the policy and practice at LAC, embedding a comprehensive Spiritual Assessment of each resident within our resident care policy and practice. She devised and conducted the training for our RNs and Admissions staff in this regard.'

Angela has served as Pastoral Care Nurse at congregations in Wodonga, and Perth, WA. Last year she was appointed to the Lutheran Church of Australia's Committee for Ministry with the Ageing, and to the board of the ecumenical Australian Faith Community Nurses Association. In addition to her nursing qualifications, she has a Graduate Diploma in Theology in Parish Nursing from Luther Seminary (now Australian Lutheran College).

Pastor Bob Wiebusch



**Pastoral Care Nurse
Angela Uhrhane**



WARRAMBUI NEWS

June 2020

Prayer Points

- For the 2020 Interns Imogen, Adam and Caleb
- For blessing and protection over our staff and their families during this difficult period
- For guidance for the Board and management in planning the way forward for Warrambui
- For our fellow Christian Venues from around Australia
- For guidance in our Dome refurbishment plans

Praise Points

- For the rain we have had so far this year
- For time to reflect, review and improve
- For the natural beauty of our site
- For the progress made on two major projects: the pine forest rehabilitation and the effluent improvements

Director's Update

Prior to March, we thought that it was the unsettled start to the year due to bushfires and smoke that was going to make 2020 a year to remember at Warrambui.

Like many other organisations around the country, and the world, restrictions due to COVID-19 have impacted us severely, and we have been unable to host any groups since mid-March.

This has also meant that the bookings we were able to postpone from January and February due to the issues of the summer were now fully lost to us as well.

Even as restrictions are now beginning to ease, and children go back to school, it is uncertain when camps and excursions will begin again. We currently estimate that this will not be until mid-July at the earliest.

So, as an organisation, ministry and community where does this leave Warrambui? What is God's plan for us in this season?

From an organisational point of view, we are seeking to minimise the financial impact of the restrictions whilst taking the opportunity provided to improve our facilities and operations.

Of course, we have taken steps to reduce expenses. This has included cutting and delaying non-essential expenditure, delaying filling of vacant positions, directing staff to take leave and, regrettably, reducing staffing hours and payments.

We are extremely grateful for the Government's support packages which has made it possible for us to retain most of our staff, even if in a reduced capacity.

Many required maintenance tasks are difficult or impossible to do with guests on site. We have taken advantage of this time, and available staffing resources, by bringing forward many of these scheduled tasks including the sanding and oiling of decks, and re-grouting of showers.



Planting out the new reed bed

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens.*
Ecclesiastes 3:1

We have also focussed on progressing our planned three major projects:

So far 540 trees donated by Greening Australia have been planted in the more sensitive locations and high erosion risk areas of the former pine forest.

The upgrade and replacement of elements in our effluent treatment system is nearing completion. This has included the construction of a new, vertical-flow reed bed requiring 200 tonnes of gravel and sand, and the planting of 640 reeds.

We are continuing to plan the refurbishment of the Dome, including the engagement of architects to develop potential designs and consulting further with regular users.

This crisis has also afforded us the opportunity to review many of our key administrative processes, so we can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our internal operations, and our delivery of service to guests.

We are also preparing to re-open as soon as we are able, and planning for what this may require including increased hygiene practices and disinfection of common areas, provision of hand sanitiser for guests, and revised layouts for required social distancing within our venues.

From a ministry perspective, we are continuing with our Intern Program, as you can read in the following article from our Ministry Development Manager, Andrew Sharp. We are also investigating ways where we can provide ministry to others in the current environment.

As a community, the ways we interact and gather have also had to change. Despite this, we have been mindful of supporting each other through increased challenges, being there for one another and gathering around God's word in whatever ways we are able to.

We have also been able to take advantage of the beautiful site we live on in ways we cannot normally

do. The families and children who live on site are able to ride bikes, build cubby houses and go on bushwalks with freedom they do not have when guests are onsite. And due to the beautiful rain we've had the past few months, our site is looking fresher and greener than it has for a number of years.

In summary, as an organisation, ministry and community we have chosen to use this season to keep living out our mission to "serve people by living Jesus" as best we can in the short-term and to prepare to better fulfil it in the future.

We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. Please continue to pray for our staff and Interns, for the challenges we are facing during this time, and for wisdom in preparing the way forward.

God's blessings,

Dean Salzke – Centre Director

Call for nominations for the...

Warrambui Awards

To recognise individuals for their outstanding contribution.

Warrambui seeks to recognise the significant contribution by individuals in the development and support of Warrambui over a period of years. This may include the initial setup of the facility, attendance at regular work camps and special projects, significant service as a member of the Management Committee/ Warrambui Board, significant service over and above the normal duties as an employee, or ongoing or significant financial support. The Board is anxious to recognise all those who have played a significant part in Warrambui's establishment and operations.

Nominations can be submitted by an individual or a congregation.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

- **Warrambui Service Award**
- **Warrambui Legends Award**
- **Warrambui Certificate of Appreciation**



Nominations can be submitted by e-mail to the director@warrambui.com.au or by mail to Warrambui Awards, 322 Greenwood Rd, Murrumbateman NSW 2582. **Nominations close 31 July 2020**

Financial Information

Warrambui Income & Expenditure Statement 1 January - 31 December 2019

	Budget 2019	Actual to 31 December
Total Bookings	146	151
Total Occupied Bed Nights	17,025	16,711
Operating Income	\$1,300,676	\$1,379,350
Operating Expenses	\$1,279,305	\$1,365,452
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$21,371	\$14,898
Total Non Operating Income	\$51,473	\$51,444
Total Non Operating Expenses	\$16,535	\$7,699
NET SURPLUS	\$56,309	\$58,643

2019 was a strong year in terms of Total Bookings, though Bed Nights were less than budgeted due to a reduction in average group size.

Expenses were higher than budgeted due to unforeseen maintenance expenses, and additional staff engaged to provide coverage/assistance in required key areas.

A lower than budgeted Operating Surplus was achieved.

The monetary value of Warrambui's contribution towards Special Ministry was approximately \$182,000 in 2019.

Warrambui Income & Expenditure Statement, 1 January - 30 April 2020

	Budget 2020	Pro Rata Budget	Actual to 30 April
Total Bookings - Total	149	50	20
Total Occupied Bed Nights	16,535	5,512	2,115
Operating Income	\$1,395,328	\$465,109	\$229,663
Operating Expenses	\$1,367,459	\$454,979	\$369,007
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$27,869	\$10,130	-\$139,344

The operating loss for April year to date is \$139,344.

This has resulted primarily from COVID-19 restrictions resulting in no bookings since mid-March.

Ministry Development Manager's Update

As someone who is now in their fourth year of taking interns through the ARISE internship program, I can tell you that every year is completely different. But no one predicted this year to turn out the way that it has! From Bushfires and missed camps due to smoke in January and February, and then the isolation and lockdown brought about by COVID-19, it certainly has been a year like no other.

Despite this year turning out nothing like what we expected, we know that God knew everything that was going to happen. The question that we have found ourselves asking this year is why? Not necessarily asking God why we have the COVID-19 crisis (we've certainly asked that as well), but, why God have you called these Interns to be here at Warrambui this year, at this time, knowing what was in store. What is it that you are wanting to teach and grow in us this year? We don't yet know the full answers, but we keep seeking him and



Pine Forest Rehabilitation

praying that he continues to reveal this to us.

The Interns began the year expecting to be spending a lot of time serving the groups staying with us by

cooking, cleaning and running programs. Since social isolation kicked in a couple of months ago things have changed quite dramatically. So, what has having no groups meant for the Interns? It has meant that we have had a lot more time for study and personal development, and that they have been serving in different ways than anticipated.

We're using this time to pick up an extra subject towards the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology through ALC. This term the subjects they are studying are 'Beliefs' and 'Gracious.'

It's also been a fantastic opportunity to give our venues a thorough clean and get to all those maintenance jobs that we often find it hard to get to when groups are in. The Interns have been serving alongside staff on these tasks and also involved in other major projects. With the recent harvesting of the pine forest the Interns have played an active role in replanting natives back into those areas. So far, we have planted 540 trees!

As always, we are very thankful for your prayer support for the ARISE internship program, and at this time we ask that you continue to pray for our interns, and pray that they may be able to remain open to what God is teaching them through this very unusual and unexpected season.

Blessings,

Andrew Sharp - Ministry Development Manager

Churches Adapting to the Challenge *continued*

Pr Richard Schwedes, Sydney & Narraweena

St Paul's Sydney and Redeemer Narraweena have continued being church through the banner 'Sydney Lutheran Church Online', serving our communities by weekly online worship, Sundays at 10.30am found on our website; a kids' worship pack, including a Kids' Worship Finder to help keep kids engaged in the service; weekly Zoom Bible studies focussed on the resurrection; pastoral care team calling people in the congregation; and weekly email updates.

We encourage daily Bible readings and reflection, and use Facebook pages for promotion, bible devotions and readings. Church Council meetings have continued via Zoom, and Pastor is available for appointments, personally, through zoom or on the phone.

Our focus has been not just to provide spiritual resources or content, but to help people connect and engage with each other and God.

Probably the biggest surprise was the number of views of our worship services, averaging 160 views on our YouTube channel for a normal weekly service, and Easter services almost double that for each service. Our livestreaming platform which is more interactive has around 27 views for a normal weekly service and our Easter services around 50 views for each service. Now considering some of the research in this field suggests that for every view there is probably 2-2.5 people watching, our worship service attendance is considerably higher than when we meet in person. This is prompting us to consider how we might continue some form of livestreaming worship.

It has been wonderful to see how many people have been very gracious and encouraging during this time, being willing to try different things and gently suggesting ways we can improve.



Pr Mark Schultz, Lifeway Epping

Its not so much a surprise but a realisation again of God's immaculate timing and provision. Less than twelve months earlier, God led our congregation to install streaming equipment and begin an online presence; it meant we were ready to move into this new era of ministry without missing a beat. Just one month earlier we had launched our 'Vision2030 Beyond Limits - one mission...one community... many journeys... together' and suddenly God was pushing us out into the deep water of this vision whether we were ready for it or not.

The adaptability of the staff to move ministry into an online space has been a joy to witness and has opened up an exciting new way of doing ministry. The way our senior members have embraced this new way of doing church has been nothing short of inspirational. The growing sense of oneness and community across sites has been amazing, as we have been journeying this path together. It has given us real clarity moving forward as one church in multiple locations. We are seeing, in the midst of this pandemic and some of the struggles we are facing, the incredible opportunities for mission that God is blessing the church with, and for that, we are so thankful.

the incredible opportunities for mission

Pr Peter Fuhlbohm, Lavington

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb.... "As soon as the sound of your greeting (Mary) reached my ears, (mused Elizabeth a relative of Mary's), the baby in my womb leapt for joy." Luke 1:39-41a, 44

When two armed police officers entered our church just one day after the government's public 'lockdown of services' was announced, I must admit I 'leapt in fear'—not joy at their 'greeting'. I explained we were only holding a meeting (with 'social distancing' already in place) to discuss the implications of that announcement and how we as a church needed to organize ourselves in the future as a result of it. We have adjusted to our 'new reality'.

I am very grateful for the willingness, involvement and encouragement of those who stepped up to the challenge of doing 'worship at home'. At least 70% of our members would struggle with IT, while about 30% would at least have email. So I prepare a printed service order with sermon and songs each week. These are emailed or hand delivered as a 'Worship at Home' pack. Volunteers deliver to other members in their nearby locations. We are getting to know who else lives near to us – a positive spin-off for pastoral care in the future. Some are also participating in 'outreach' when they share the material with others - friends, relatives, family, neighbours, or by forwarding on emails. Surely God is also leaping for joy as some of us experience the joy of sharing the hope that is within us – with a sense of responsibility, boldness, calm and courage; at a challenging time such as this – while confined to our 'wombs' our homes and workplaces.

Pr Darren Kupke, Temora

Like many congregations, we are providing home devotions in hardcopy and on our website. Rather than doing recorded services, Zoom was chosen as it is more interactive. This interaction is an extra blessing in a time of isolation. It also allowed people without internet capabilities to join us via a phone call, with 15-25% joining this way each week. Sadly, delays in the technology means that communal singing and responses needed to be more like a recorded service. However, this platform does allow people to read the bible readings, lead us in prayers, add prayer points, and share any announcements.

Children's addresses are more challenging. Instead we are taking time to check in with each family and ask them what they have been doing before pastor gives a short address. Instead of Sunday School, we ask them to do something creative with the theme each week, which they are then invited to share with us the following week in the sharing time. We conclude with a number of breakout rooms, meaning that people can catch up like they would over morning tea.

As the weeks progress, attendance is slowly increasing. We normally have 90-100 people connecting on 40-50 devices, with 15-25% of these joining



by phone call. Some 'regulars' have not yet joined in this format and just use the devotions at home, but some of those previously less regular have joined in regularly. Overall numbers for Temora are slightly more than normal. Participation in West Wyalong is now about one half of normal attendance. We also have about 20 'visitors' connected with the congregation joining us each week from across the country.

We pre-recorded our Easter dawn service which we played over Zoom on Easter Sunday and is available on our

website and YouTube.

Each week we make a 25 minute abridged audio recording of our church service. This is played on community radio stations in Temora and Wyalong. This is also available on our website, by CD, or by dialling a phone number (call 02 6188 7588 to test it out).

Zoom has worked really well for our Friday afternoon youth group. With 10 or so people the interaction is great. We sing a few songs using recorded music. We use the screen share and whiteboard features for bible study, discussions and interaction. The breakout rooms can be used for small group discussion. The activities have included online quiz and detective games. We pray together.

The biggest difference is that we don't supply afternoon tea. Normally we wouldn't meet during holidays, but giv-

en the situation, we provided social support by continuing our normal Zoom meetings but without the bible study component. The online format has allowed the youth to invite close friends from TPM camps to join us from across the state.

Thanks to Zoom the fortnightly gathering of Pastors and ministry leaders in the NW Zone is now more regular than ever.

I've taken lots of comfort in knowing that while the Israelites were in Exile in Babylon, they had 70 years where they could not offer sacrifices at the temple to atone for sin. At this stage, we are talking only a few months without Holy Communion. We still have God's Word to nourish and sustain us. And Jesus Christ is the Word become flesh.

We still have God's Word to nourish and sustain us.

District Prayer Calendar www.lcansw.org.au



I urge, then, **first of all**, that requests, **prayers**, intercession and **thanksgiving** be made **for everyone** — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live **peaceful** and quiet lives in all **godliness** and **holiness**. This is good and **pleases God** our Saviour, who wants all people **to be saved** and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is **one God** and **one mediator** between God and people, the man **Christ Jesus**, who gave himself as **a ransom for all** — the testimony given in its proper time.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

	Location	Pastor & family	Congregation/s
June	7 Springwood	vacant (Bob Hamann & Rex Mickan, locum)	Our Saviour Springwood
	14 St Marys	vacant	St Paul's St Marys
	21 Sutherland	Mat Eckermann – Elizabeth, Ewan, Braden	Good Shepherd Sutherland
	28 Sydney	Richard Schwedes – Veronica, Mercedes, Zackary, Brooke	St Paul's Sydney Redeemer Narrabeena
July	5 Yagoona	(Lay leaders and Pr Sahat Simanullang)	Concordia, Yagoona
	12 Belconnen	Ian Rentsch - Suzanne	Holy Cross Belconnen
	19 Canberra/Queanbeyan	Gabor Szabo – Annamaria, Gellert, Domonkos	St Peter's Canberra St John the Baptist Queanbeyan
	26 Cooma	Melvin Salzke – Ruth	Trinity Cooma
August	2 Canberra Finnish	Janne Pekkarinen – Helena, Simeon, Hildamari, Liinakaisa	Trinity Finnish Canberra
	9 Tuggeranong	Paul Hannola - Karen	Good Shepherd Tuggeranong
	16 Woden Valley	Vacant (Dennis Obst, interim) Jacob Traeger, Mission Facilitator and Church Planting Leader	Immanuel Woden Valley
	23 Warrambui	Dean Salzke Business Manager - Anna, Noah, Joshua	
September	30 Albury	David Grulke - Ruth Malcolm Hall, Church Planter	St Luke's Albury
	6 Albury Aged Care	Darryl Mattner - Sonia	
	13 Burrumbuttock	Christian Fandrich - Sarah Joy, Enoch, Abigail, Andreas, Thomas, Sophia, Noah, Bethany	Trinity Bethel Holy Cross Burrumbuttock St Peter's Gerogery Bethlehem Jindera St John's Chapel Jindera
	20 Henty	Kees Sturm – Narelle, Alexander, Eli, Emily	St Stephen's Culcairn St Paul's Henty St John's Pleasant Hills
	27 Henty Lutheran School	Kaylene McClure principal	St Paul's Lutheran School

Upcoming Events

June 6 **Better Blokes 'Network'**

online gathering www.betterblokes.com

July 17-19 **Junior Youth Camp** *POSTPONED

Warrambui, Years 3-6

August 21-23 **Sisterhood** *

for women of all ages, Warrambui

August 28 **DCC**

September 26 **LW Canberra Zone Fellowship Day** *

St Peter's Reid

October 5-9 **Back2Base** *

Warrambui, Years 7-12

October 16-18 **ALWS 70 years celebration**

Albury www.alws.org.au

October 19-21 **Mission & Ministry Conference** *

Pastors and lay workers, Warrambui

November 20-22 **Young Adults Retreat** *

Warrambui, Ages 16+

Sept 28-Oct 3 2021 **LCA General Synod**

Melbourne www.generalsynod.lca.org.au

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Registration is FREE via www.betterblokes.com

*this event will use Zoom video communications.

*** Please note all events are subject to ongoing review due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Please check relevant websites for event updates.**

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