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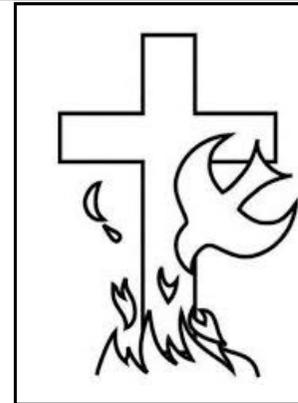
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ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

at Eastside Lutheran College
15 Acorn Drive, Warrane
Divine Service 10:00am
1st February, 2015
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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TODAYS READINGS

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

The Lord promises a prophet like Moses

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** Freedom and the conscience of your fellow believer

GOSPEL **Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus teaches with authority

AS WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

We do what Jesus commanded: we eat bread and drink wine, we believe what Jesus said: "This is my body", "This is my blood", we remember that Jesus died for us, we believe that God truly forgives our sins, we recognize that we are united with other communicants as one body, we look forward to the never ending feast in heaven. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Paul.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. We hope you enjoy our service and feel free to enter God's presence with gladness. Please join us after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

TODAY:

Reader:

Ushers: Matuschka

NEXT WEEK

Reader:

Ushers: Zapart

Morning Tea Set Up: Haigh **Flowers:** Simsons

Readings:

FIRST READING **Isaiah 40:21-31** The incomparable greatness of the Lord

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 9:16-23** Free to be all things to all people

GOSPEL **Mark 1:29-39** Jesus heals many people

THIS WEEK IN BRIEF

Today	Call Meeting after service
Tuesday	7:00pm Church council
Sunday	09:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion

NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY IS 18 FEBRUARY

Lent begins on 18 February, with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40 day period (not including Sundays) of special reflection on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of repentance and rejoicing: repenting of our sins, and rejoicing that we are forgiven. We will be having a service on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM. It will be a special service which includes applying ashes to our foreheads as a sign of repentance. Holy Communion will also be celebrated. This year there will not be any other mid-week Lenten services, until Holy Week, when there will be services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

PRAYER POINTS

These are petitions and praises that will be in our prayers during our Sunday worship service, and that all of our members are encouraged to keep in their prayers during the week.

Petitions:

- For God's guidance as we continue the call process.
- For God to continue to smooth the way for the redevelopment of the hall so that progress can be made as quickly as possible.
- For God to bring peace to those areas of our world experiencing wars and terrorism.

Healing:

For God to heal those with various health problems:

Elizabeth Kossmann; Lorraine Semmler (recovering from viral labyrinthitis); Tony Kaitinis (hip replacement surgery) and for Geoff Freeman's sister, Samantha, who recently underwent a bone marrow transplant, Karl Veith and Andrew Hoffman (Sonia Weidenbach's brother).

For all those who are weighed down with any kind of physical, mental, or spiritual burdens, that they experience God's healing power.

Praises:

We praise God for our school and for the fact that we have the opportunity to share His love with 138 students and their families.

5. Our goal is to become stronger magnets.
 - Instead of thinking, "I know it's all right for me to do this, so I will go ahead and do it"; we ask, "What is the loving thing to do?"
 - Rather than preach a sermon, God wants me to be a sermon.
 - A good guideline to follow when helping people is:

I need to talk less, and listen more.

6. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 9: 24 – 27 that it takes self-discipline to be magnets.

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. "

- Living as God's people in this world is like running a marathon, and fighting in a boxing match.
- It takes strict training to win the race or the fight.
 - Resist sin strongly.
 - Spend quality time with God.

7. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10: 31: *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CHAIN

It's Never Too Late to be a part of the Congregational Prayer Chain.

Just let Lorraine Semmler know if you want to be involved in praying for others. Lorraine emails those on the prayer chain as needs arise so that as many people as possible can be praying for a particular concern.

Contact Lorraine at glsemmler1@bigpond.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday 22 February 2015** following service at 1.00pm.

Tea and coffee will be supplied to those who wish to stay and have lunch in the hall (BYO) prior to the meeting.

Those who have to write a report must have them to Lyndal by the end of January.

There will be no nominations accepted at the AGM.

Any member wishing to nominate for a position must have their nomination moved and seconded by existing members and handed to the Chairman at least 2 days prior to the AGM (see Garry for Nomination Forms).

Please speak to Pastor Paul if you are considering to nominate for the position of Lay Assistant.

COLLEGE BOARD NOMINATIONS

All positions on the College Board will be vacated at the 2015 AGM. Therefore nominations for positions on the College Board for 2015 are invited from congregational members.

You are reminded that nominations can not be received from the floor of the meeting; all nominations must be received in writing prior to the AGM. If you are interested please discuss your nomination with Mal Harriss, Garry Semmler, Ralph Zapart or Pastor Paul, and a nomination form will be provided.

NORTHERN CONGREGATION—NEW MINISTER INSTALLATION

The new pastor for the Northern Congregations (Pastor Kitchen) is to be installed by Bishop Greg Pietsch at the Burnie church on **Sunday, 8 February at 1.30pm**. Members from St Peters have been invited to attend.

Please let Garry know if you intend to go so he can inform the Burnie Congregation of the numbers attending.

PRAYER BREAKFAST will resume on **Saturday 7th March 2015**

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Sunday School (Kids for Christ) will resume on Sunday, 8 February (next Sunday)

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with this important ministry to our children. One more teacher is needed, and we can always use a few more helpers. Talk to Karen Hawes or Pastor Paul if you are interested.

PASTOR PAUL AND CINDY'S FAREWELL

Pastor Paul and Cindy's final service will be on Sunday 1st March 2015 at 10:00am.

This will be followed by a community BBQ lunch in the hall. Families are asked to bring a plate to share for lunch (salad, sandwiches or similar) and also a desert. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Also, there will be a time for formal speeches, probably following lunch. Please let Garry know if you would like to make a speech at this time.

2015 DEVOTION BOOKS

The 2015 "Time Out" Devotion Books Are Now Available.

The cost is \$22. You can place your money in an envelope with the words "Devotion Book" on the front onto the offering plate.

ANZAC GARDEN

The 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing of World War 1 will be commemorated in 2015. The planning and preparation of an Anzac Garden on the College Grounds is underway and will be located next to the basketball court in front of the hall garden with a completion date in early April ready for Anzac Day this year. Plans can be viewed and are located on the back wall of the Hall. This garden will become a focus area for our community especially during times of annual commemoration and celebration as well as an area for individuals to spend some quiet prayerful time with God. We will need to make a start on this exciting meaningful project soon but need your Support. Any financial donation no matter how small to support this development will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked Anzac garden and given to our College principal Ralph Zapart.

THE MESSAGE

"PUFFED UP OR BUILDING UP? 1 CORINTHIANS 8: 1 & 9"

1. Let's meet George and Sue
 - Both are Christians.
 - George shows his knowledge about God.
 - Sue shows God's love.

2. What is the best way to shine brightly as God's lights in this world?
 - By showing our knowledge?
 - By showing our love?
 - The answer is always -
LOVE

3. In 1 Corinthians 8: 1, St. Paul says:
"Knowledge puffs up, while love builds up."
 - Both knowledge and love are important.
 - But the more we exercise our knowledge, the more puffed up we get.
 - The more we exercise our love, the more others are built up.
 - If we're going to be God's lights in this world, the question to always ask is:
"How can I show people God's love?"

4. In 1 Corinthians 8: 9, Paul adds: *"Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak."*
 - I am not free to do whatever I want.
 - I am free to follow Christ and love as He loves.
 - We have the privilege of using our lives to bring His love to others.
 - What we do with our bodies is very important to God.
 - Our behaviour as God's people can either be a magnet or a stumbling block.