

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

'Inspired to be Disciples and Disciple-Makers'

Dec 18 2011—Advent 4

When God Inwades

*Mary had a little Lamb.
He was born on Christmas day.
She laid him in a manger bed
to sleep upon the hay.
Angels filled the night-time sky
and they began to sing.
Shepherds heard them all proclaim
the birthday of a King.*

*Wise men saw a blazing star
up in the sky that night.
They followed it until they found
the King of love and light.
He came to give us joy and peace
and take away our sin.
So when He knocks
on your heart's door,
be sure to let Him in.*

*Why do I love this precious Lamb?
What can the reason be?
The answer is quite plain to see,
it's because He first loved me!*

(Sarah Hale)

*Dear Lord, thank you for sending
your precious Lamb to take away
our sin. Help us to remember as
we celebrate His birthday, that He
was the greatest gift of all. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*





Prayers

Holy God, invading Lover of our soul, we adore you!

Yes, you alone, God, we adore. By you the lost come home, with you the strong are weak, in you the poor find riches, through you the sad rejoice, on you the weak grow strong, to you the hungry turn, and for you we live and die.

Come, invade our world afresh, from dark corners of abuse and pain to bright lights of greed and indifference. Come, invade us, humble Love.

You alone, God, we adore!

Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from Bruce Prewer)

‡ **Praise God for Christmas kindness:**

- A small-group baking initiative to prepare gifts for some of our 'living alone' members and friends.
 - A lengthy search for our Christmas tree which did not lead to a tree, but was a special act of service.
 - Many people involved in helping the family and community of Bethany Wingett; funeral last Friday.
 - Christmas tree setup team who helped on Saturday to cut and set up a last minute tree donation.
 - Blokes 4 Christ, Carols night BBQ tea provision to serve us.
- ‡ Pray for **Carols by Candlelight tonight at 6 pm**; for community and Redeemer involvement, warm community relationships, Christmas faith encouragement, and the gift of Christ the Saviour to our hearts.
- ‡ Pray for **our Christmas services**—for members to watch and act on God's prompting to invite family, friends and neighbours; for joyful children's involvement; for rehearsals of dance and nativity to be fully attended and effective (only one rehearsal in Chapel has been viable); for welcome and hosting of all guests at

worship; for help with behind scenes work on music, setup, kids, costumes, tech matters, ushering, etc. And most of all—**for Christmas good news to awaken hearts to God's reviving love, help, and discipleship life.**

- ‡ Pray for **St. John's Lutheran Church celebrations today**—75th anniversary—for continuing fruit from faithful worship and service life together.
- ‡ Pray for **Stan & Gwen Dudgeon** as they visit family and settle back into Australian life, and wait for 2012 hopes of PNG grants to continue Hospital project.
- ‡ Pray for **Michael Beardsley**, mission support search and prayer teams to back student mission work for 1 year in Japan.
- ‡ Pray for our **families preparing for Seminary study in 2012: Ryan & Priscilla Norris, Daniel & Jenny Mueller, Roelof & Rebecca Buitendag**, also for **Andrew & Heather Neumann**.
- ‡ Pray for parents-in-waiting: **Melanie & Peter Gough, Kim & Craig Roy, Mary & Peter Kyffin, Natara & Chris Mitchell, Rebecca & Mike Wollert, Jenny & Daniel Mueller, Renae & Matt Moore**. Pray also for **Toni & Cobus**

Buitendag and baby Harrison as they work at baby routines and care.

✦ Pray for **those looking for work or work changes**, especially **Megan Buck** (full time teaching), **Siobhan Gibbons & Joel Ryman**.

✦ Pray for **travellers**, including: **Danny, Heidi, Caragh, Sean & Rhiannon Power, Greg Spann & Tiffany Ng-Spann, Jim & Melissa Schirmer, Sarah Murray, Steve Hamling, Carrie & Warwick Doble** (Alice Springs), **Sergio & Isabella Maresca**.

Personal Health & Prayer Needs

✦ Praise God and continue praying for **Anne Kotzur** (and Elmore), now home & recovering steadily. Thank you to those helping to cover Anne's wide work preparing for worship.

✦ Pray for **John Lauth** (& Patricia), at home recovering from mild stroke & facial infection.

✦ Pray for **Narelle Crepin** (& Peter)—for treatment success and God's healing to combat cancer progress.

✦ Pray for **Robyn & Ron Schreck**. Robyn requires close care as her abilities and involvement decrease. Pray for Ron's steady daily ministry, help and love.

✦ Pray for the family of **Dianne Knust** on her recent death.

✦ Pray for **Charlie Petane** (& family—Ian, Rebecca, Charlie, Selina & Max), deteriorating with an unknown infection. Pray for God's intervention, healing and comfort.

✦ Pray for **Adam Vasiliou**—heart stent surgery and recovery.

✦ Pray for **Myrtle Cooper, Sergio Maresca & Isabella, Coralie Gerlach, Alf Matjac, Thomas & Janet Paran, Thel & Ed, Adele Hensch, Rusty Joyce, Adele Radke, Jean Vaughan, Annie Perera, David Shepherd, Peter Maas, Peter Beatty, Judith King, Edna Beath**.

Notices

1. Worship Today ...

8:30 am: 'When God Invades'
(Lk 1:26-38; Rom 16:25-27)

9:30 am: Lazer practice (classroom)

9:45 am: Chapel practice for Lazer & Leap of Faith

After service: B4C meeting near BBQ

6:00 pm: Carols under the Hub, **with continuous BBQ by Blokes 4 Christ from 5:30 till finish**

(steakburgers and drinks). Candles, rugs welcome—open to the public.

Song Sheets & Candles available - gold coin donation.

2. Worship Next Weekend ...

Sat, 7:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service - members of the congregation are invited to join the choir at 7 pm for carolling before the Christmas Eve service!

Sun, 8:30 am: Christmas Day Service
both with worship, carols, dance, nativity.

救主堂

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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主日崇拜: 禮拜日

11:00am (國語)

耶穌說:「我就是道路、真理、生命, 若不藉著我, 沒有人能到父那裏去。」

歡迎大家一齊來
敬拜事奉神同沐主恩

3. **A Donkey's Tail**: DVD of the dance and drama, plus a disc of high quality photographs from 3 cameras NOW AVAILABLE. Donation for costs - \$5 set in pack, or gold coin for each labeled disc.
4. **KFC Children's Offering**: Thanks to the offerings of children's families at the KFC service, Gifts of Grace have been arranged, including 10 fruit trees, 1 long drop loo, 1 pig, 3 skipping ropes and hula hoops, 3 water filters - a total of \$256.00. Well done!!
5. **Pigeon Holes**: We apologise for Christmas card frustrations with our pigeon holes, which we are trying to upgrade to include new members and delete those who have left (we ran out of slots!). Be assured that missing names are accidental and not an indication of membership status. Please speak to a Pastor, Marilyn or Paula Leigh, Doorways, or place a request slip in the entry table box.
6. **Christmas Hamper Gifts**: **Thank you** to all contributors, Christmas biscuit bakers and donations. We have now arranged hampers for families, in partnership with Logan East Community Centre which has added to our hampers.
7. **Lutheran Women Magazine** subscriptions now due! \$10/year—renew/subscribe now by contacting **Cheryl Brauer** (3287 2183) or <http://www.lca.org.au/lutheran-women-of-australia.html>. **Blogspot**: <http://lutheranwomenofaustralia.blogspot.com>—with up to date news, events, craft ideas & daily devotions. Why not have a look!!
8. **All Ages Fellowship Camp 28/12/11–2/1/12** — enjoy a fantastic holiday at Coolum Beach—all meals prepared! Great location, accommodation and food! You get a week at the beach with friends. Come for 1 night or all week. Register: www.lyq.org.au/allages.
9. **Kids' Camp 2012—9-13 Jan** (Grades 4-7 in 2011). Action packed, including surfing at Coolum, water games, fun worship and ultimate disco on last night! Come & hear of God's 'indescribable' natural world around us!. Visit www.lyq.org.au/kids.
10. **Music Concert in Brisbane—Thursday Jan 26** at Citipointe. Parachute Music presents Casting Crowns and Randy Stonehill. Check out parachutemusic.com and book at halotickets.com.au. Promos at entry table.



Tim Kelly
Small Groups
Coordinator

11. **Small Groups 2012**

Marie Siebrecht would like to establish a '**Gardening Group**'—a 'service' group that would assist people in need to develop beautiful gardens. Marie is passionate about the physical and psychological health benefits of working and creating. Please contact me or Marie (0401 375 851) if you are interested.

Book Club—Some avid readers would like to meet monthly to discuss a shared literary experience. I am happy to make suggestions if there are sufficient people interested in this.

Prayer Triplets—If you are struggling to find time for a regular group meeting, you might like to consider forming a prayer triplet. You could meet before or after church on a Sunday for 45 minutes to one hour. It's a great way of connecting to others, and to God.

12. HELPING YOU HELPING OUR SAVIOUR

Projects to build Christ's love at work!

- * **Computer Services:** - Home and limited commercial services available from Adrian Cole, with service charge to Our Saviour. Contact Adrian: aaccon@optusnet.com.au or phone **0418 203 822**

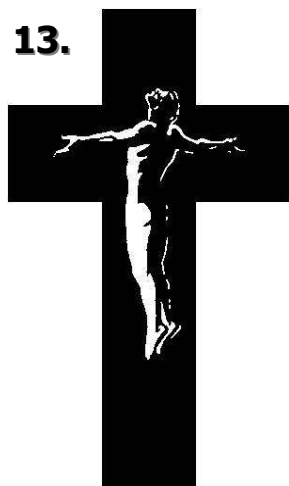


- * **Vet Services:** Stelzer Discipleship Action Group is sponsoring an overseas village (through ALWS) and **Maree Siebrecht** is offering her services as a qualified vet nurse. She will come to your home to help with your pet's worming, nail clipping, bathing, walking, dental check, etc, for a donation of \$5 (or more if you wish ☺). Contact her on **0401 375 851**, email: mareesiebrecht@hotmail.com.

- * **Wines: 6 packs still available**—reds/whites/mixed. Minimum value of wines is \$100. Donations accepted—100% to Our Saviour, thanks to Tyson Stelzer.



13.



OUR SAVIOUR TAKES UP THE CHALLENGE

Last Sunday's after-service meeting took up the challenge of our need to strengthen support and involvement in ministry, with a very strong attendance of 84.

The Treasurer reported a projected budget shortfall of \$40,000 for 2012, so members were asked to stay involved with prayers, ideas and encouragement. Discussion urged us to keep our eyes on Jesus, work wisely to minimise expenses, and build up congregational life and volunteers.

Many helpful contributions included:

- **Teach on talents and stewardship;**
- **Visit those no longer active;**
- **Promote giving to particular ministries;**
- **Promote increased giving ... 32 give \$25, 64 give \$12.50 or 128 give \$6.25 per week;**
- **Teach significance of budget items, including Administration;**
- **Build social life and involvement of members;**
- **And many important questions ... What is God teaching us through hardships? How can we make sure we put Jesus first? Pass on church wage increases? Do we need all staff? Can we cut hours? What about the District budget?**



CHRISTMAS

at Redeemer Chapel

745 Rochedale Road, Rochedale



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Tonight at 6 pm

Carols by Candlelight under the Hub.

Open to public

With seating, or bring a rug.

Real candles for sale, or BYO.

Continuous BBQ tea by Blokes 4 Christ

CHRISTMAS

December 24, 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve—with carols, dance, Nativity

December 25, 8:30 am

Christmas Day—worship, carols, dance, Nativity

Christmas for every age!!

All Welcome!!

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This Week at Our Saviour

Mon 19 7:30 pm..... Governance Council (Doorways)

Wed 21 9:15 am M/Wk Prayer (Chapel)

6:30 pm.... DAG: Stelzer, Andrea St, Tarragindi

7:30 pm..... DAG: Grieshaber, 52 Chalfont St, Salisbury

Sat 24 6:30 am..... Combined Men's Breakfasts:

Hank Woo, 27 Tandara St, Rochedale

7:30 pm..... Christmas Eve Service.

Sun 25 8:30 am..... Christmas Day Service

Rosters for Sunday, December 24

Greeters: All Deacons

Stewards: K Niebling, J Turner, M Turner, I Grieshaber

Lectors: P Murray, E Bergmann

Music: SNL Audio—M Cartwright Visual—E King

Rosters for Sunday, December 25

Greeters: All Deacons

Stewards: S Jacobsen, W Lin, K Siebrecht, R Dudgeon, K Dudgeon

Communion Preparation: Lauth, Crepin & Kotzur families

Holy Communion Attendants: E Kotzur, L Moray, G Kempe, S Brine

Lectors: P Crepin, M Hubbers

Music: R Stelzer Audio—N Kotzur Visual—R Groch

Birthdays known to be celebrated this week

18th—Michelle Eime, Ben Murray

19th—Sandra Ludcke, Erik Ropelin

20th—Sean Power, Aaron Eime

21st—Danny Power

22nd—Elwin Lai, Nadia Van Elswyk

23rd—Ben Hodgkinson

25th—Noela Kleinschmidt, Caroline Eisenmenger



Offerings

Attendances/Offerings for Dec 11

am—220 pm—38 Offering: \$5,291.29

Av Weekly Offering YTD: \$6,050.00

Target for Sep to December: \$7,000.00