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*"for it is in giving that one receives,"* 



Liberating God, You set us free so we can bind ourselves to the way of love. Enable us to live in the Spirit. And may the spiritual fruits increase within and among us:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen

Rosters - Being part of the life of the church			
	5 May	12 May	19 May
Preaching	Rev Kate Fraser	Linda Adamson	Rev Kate Fraser
Music	Lorraine Fuller	Liz Crook	Greg Bland
Song Leader	Alan Skerman	Wes Jones	Alan Skerman
Welcome	Linda A	Might this be you????	Ray Kirkman
Data operator	Bland Family	William Clarke	William Clarke
Sound Operator	Lukas Christenson	Glenn Adamson	Matthew Skerman
Camera Operator	Glenn Adamson	Doug Spinks	Glenn Adamson
M/Tea servers	Alison & Judith G	Kay Fritz & Volunteer	Kaye K & Bev Nairn
Elder	Alan Skerman	Paul Fuller	Linda Adamson

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Readings This Week: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 **John 15:9-17** 

### The practice of contemplation

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."

- 1. Read all of John 15:9–17.
- 2. Read it again slowly.
- 3. Are there particular words or phrases that catch your attention?
- 4. Focus on the word or phrase that particularly speaks to you.
- 5. Consider how you feel, seek or experience God's love in your life.
- 6. Recall the ways in which you show God's love to others.
- 5. Write or draw your response to these prompts in a journal:



5th May 2024

## Middle Ridge News

We rejoice in meaningful relationships with God, ourselves and the community.

Living out our values of Faith, Love, Courage and Gratitude.



God of many blessings we give thanks for this day. We give you thanks for your steadfast love, for your faithfulness, for your justice. Be with us now and always. Amen.

### Blue Care Grief & Loss Support Program Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?



Blue Care Grief and Loss support programs are designed to help people who have experienced the death of a loved one or who are supporting someone with Dementia.

They provide social and emotional support, practical advice and help to develop effective coping skills in a small group environment.

Brochures are available in the foyer or contact. Barbara Betts Facilitator and Trainer Blue Care Grief and Loss Program Ph: 0417 555 826 E: GriefandLossProgram@bluecare.org.au

# The Queensland Synod advocates for justice reform

The Moderator, Rev Bruce Moore, has made a submission to the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council's review of sentencing for rape and sexual assault. In the submission, based on the work of the Justice Reform Initiative, the Moderator advocated for increased investment in community-led prevention and early intervention programs, along with innovative and therapeutic justice initiatives.

email <u>social.justice@ucaqld.com.au</u> if you have any questions or to get more involved.

### Coffee Catch Up

Come along and share a time of friendship over morning tea



WHERE: Aromas - High St shops Rangeville-WHEN: Thursday 16th May, 2024 at 10am To RSVP or request a lift ring: Alison Trappett - 0407 728 493 Or Kay Fritz - 0407 655 092

#### News from the Annual Congregation Meeting

At the AGM on 14 April, the congregation agreed to request Presbytery to appoint an Intentional Interim ministry agent to commence as soon as possible after Kate's ministry with us concludes.

Church Council are meeting with Presbytery members to discern next steps.

The budget was accepted with anticipated financial year loss of \$26480. *With hope to reduce this loss.* 



35 days of prayer across the national UCA We are invited to pray for: Mitcham Village UCA & Marsden Road UCA (Carlingford) Kate has talked to each of the churches and we are hoping to find ways of getting to know each other and support each other in this special time ahead

### Weekly Activities

Sundays 9.00am	Church Service all ages included	
Mondays	<b>Monday Bible Study</b> (Zoom)	
1:30pm	Margaret Spinks0400 710 277	
Tuesday 9.30am	<b>Praying for the life of the Church</b> in Church Foyer All Welcome Ray Kirkman , Kay Fritz	
Tuesday	<b>Tuesday Evening Bible Study</b> (Zoom)	
7pm	Linda Adamson 46370065	
Wednesday	Wednesday Ladies Bible Study	
9am for 9.30	Contact Jo Cox 0409 620 993	
Thursdays	Bloke's Discipleship Group (Zoom)	
7.30pm	Alan Skerman 0437 771 324	
Thursdays 3pm	<b>Calm Your Farm</b> - A time of contemplation. Contact Ron Hawkins 0448 367 630 Kate Fraser 0438 525 343	

#### For Your Daily Prayer

Please hold in prayer:

- Georgina Speed who is in hospital awaiting a skin graft on her leg
- 2 teenagers who have started Confirmation classes on Thursday nights
- The Armstrong and Neale family as they continue to feel the loss and trauma of Allan's death
- The Morrison family and all who grieve the loss of loved ones
- Ross Walker as he settles into his new living arrangements