



WA Lutheran News

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50 YEAR CELEBRATION ST PAUL'S MORAWA

By Paul Offszanka

Attendance at St Paul's Lutheran Church Morawa W.A. swelled tenfold to 60 on 23rd August 2009, when they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Church building, and the many blessings received from our Lord during those years.

Pastor Paul Zweck laid the foundation stone on 9th November 1958, and Pastor H. Koehne officially opened the building on 5th April 1959, with 200 in attendance. August was chosen for the celebration so visitors could enjoy the magnificent crops and wildflowers whilst in the area. Visitors came from Bunbury, Perth, Geraldton, Canna, and from the other denominations in Morawa. Our 3 oldest members (siblings Cordie Offszanka, Erva and Eric Micke) cut the 50th Birthday ribbon across the front doors. They were also present at the opening of the church in 1959.



*Eric & Erva Micke,
Cordie & Paul Offszanka
Cut the ribbon*

We began the Service with the opening verse and Hymn from the original opening. Pastor Greg Pfeiffer (WA District President) officiated with an inspiring sermon based on Psalm 92:12,14,15, and retired Pastor Geoff Burger was also in attendance. A former congregation Chairman (visiting from Geraldton) was guest organist and a "son" of the congregation (now musician and congregation Chairman in Perth) played guitar with his sons on saxophone and flute.

Evelyn Kowald from Canna prepared marvellous flower arrangements in the church.

Many greetings were given after the service, and "Golden Awards" presented to the first person baptised and married in the Church building, and also to those visitors assisting at the anniversary service.

A delicious lunch followed in the Morawa Lesser Hall (catered for by the CWA), and folk stayed for fellowship and to view the photos and documents from the past on display.

Thanks to the Shire of Morawa, we had the use of the Morawa Community Bus to conduct a guided tour for our visitors around the town and Agriculture College to view the developments in our progressive district.

We were saddened during the week to hear of the death of a past member, and also of our current Chairman (Bill Schiller).

We also had the memory of the previous Sunday service in the dark and without music (due to a blown pole-top fuse) and the fact that we had tripped the overload switch the morning of our 50th service.

Despite these issues, God graciously blessed our time together with good fellowship and sunshine, after refreshing rains.

Praise to the Lord for his goodness to us, even in difficult times.

Pastor Greg Pfeiffer



Zac, Jordan & Jon Offszanka



WANTED

Roslyn Zadow is currently the acting Secretary for Lutheran Homes (WA) Inc as well as being on the committee.

She is looking for someone with the skills to take and write up the minutes in 2010. Meetings are approx bi-monthly at 5.30 pm on Monday nights but that's flexible!!

OFFER OF



Roslyn Zadow is the Faith Community Nurse (Parish Nurse) and would like to extend an invitation to any country or city folk who are in any metro hospital especially for extended times that would like a visit from Roslyn. Her job is not to replace the chaplains or pastors who visit but is an extra point of contact.

Roslyn can be contacted on mobile 0413 482 758 or roslyn.zado@lca.org.au. Please leave a message and she will get back to you in her "free" hour between 7 and 8pm.

If you have trusted Jesus as your
Saviour, you are this bell
Ring out at Christmas and all
year round!

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3 :20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?



LUTHERAN MEDIA UPDATE

Christmas on Face to Face

25th—Red Boots for Christmas
Hans the shoemaker is visited by an angel
who brings the promise of a very special gift.
So Hans makes a very special gift in return.
It's a classic Christmas tale that brings home
the true meaning of Christmas.

27th—The Best part of Christmas is the gift
Christmas Day has come and gone once
again. What sort of Christmas did you have?
Did you receive any special gifts?

Someone once said, "The best part of Christmas is the gift." What do you think they meant?

Join Richard Mau this week on *Face to Face*
when he'll be talking about a very special
Christmas gift.

What is Face To Face?

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podcast or mp3 or get a copy of the PDF script go
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COMINGS AND GOINGS

After 10 years at St John's Northbridge,
Pastor Julian & Sara Bayha and family will be
leaving at the end of 2009.
They will be at Langmeil Lutheran Church,
Tanunda in 2010.

Graduate Pastor, Paul Hannola has been
assigned to the WA District and will work in
various capacities from late March 2009.



Have you got any news about your parish
or congregation?

Share with the WA District.

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