Welcome

Some info about who we are & what we do



IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

For Everyone, for you

Welcome!

Thanks for taking the time to check us out.
You're welcome here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.
God's undeserved love ("grace") is for everyone, for you!

We're a church that is for everyone — whether young or old; single, a couple, a family; curious about Jesus or a long time follower. We're from all kinds of backgrounds, including different generations and cultures. What binds us together is the person of Jesus Christ, whom we confess is our Lord and Saviour.

You're welcome to join us as we walk together the adventure of life, exploring God's deeper truths about our identity, place, and purpose in the world.

Whether you're just checking us out, or considering making Immanuel your spiritual home, it's great to have you with us. We look forward to getting to know you more.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Joy and peace in Christ.

Dan Mueller

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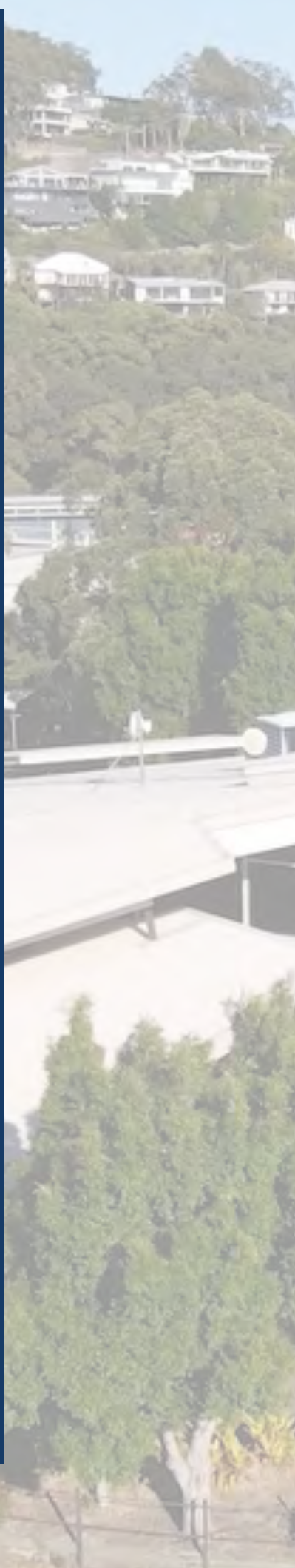
Lead Pastor



What is Immanuel Church?

The church is not the building (we call our building the "Worship Centre"). The church is not even an organisation. The church is the people — you!

It's a real, genuine, messy, talented, growing group of people in community together. A church our size means we find community in smaller groups (we call these "Life Groups").

Immanuel Lutheran Church, originally based in Maroochydore, formed as a congregation in 1960. We moved to our present location in Buderim (co-located with Immanuel College) in 1999. We've been active on the Sunshine Coast for 60+ yrs.





Our values

Jesus is the Way. The path, road, journey and destination is Jesus — the Way. He is our goal and our future. The only reason that such a diverse bunch of people called "Immanuel Church" can work so well together is because we are unified by Jesus Christ. Jesus brings us together as a family and he gives us a reason to work for something greater. *(John 14:16)*

Everything starts with prayer. Prayer is resting in the presence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Every ministry, worship time, meeting and act of service comes from a place of prayer. *(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

Grace changes people. People don't change by being told, commanded, manipulated, forced or made to change. They change through the unconditional gift of God's love. We do not believe that the 'Law' changes people — it points out our failing and need. Real change comes from the Spirit. *(Romans 8:3)*

Compassion calls us beyond ourselves. Our church does not exist for itself or for its members. We are here for the wider world. God's compassion calls us outside our comfort zones and our homes — to serve and give of ourselves. Going beyond ourselves is the way of Jesus! *(John 3:16)*

Generations grow deeper together. To grow into mature disciples (learners and apprentices) of Jesus it takes all ages. Young people grow deeper when they learn from the faith of older ones. Older people grow and get encouragement from exploring the faith of younger generations. *(Hebrews 13:7)*

In addition, we are a Lutheran church, so our beliefs are summarised in the Lutheran Confessions, especially the Augsburg Confession. See more here: bookofconcord.cph.org

Worship

Here at Immanuel Church, we balance deep and ancient traditions with language and customs that speak to us today. Our worship is faithful to God's word in Scripture, vibrant, and involves all generations.

God is active during our worship:

- God gathers us, we come;
- God speaks, we listen;
- God forgives our sin, we confess our sin;
- God offers himself in the person of Jesus Christ, we respond by offering ourselves, our gifts, our talents.

Every Sunday 7:30am

Responsive spoken order, organ or piano music, deep and ancient.

Every Sunday 9:30am

Spoken order, band music, relaxed, generations together, deep yet accessible.

Sunday online livestream

Each Sunday we stream our 9:30am in-person worship to Facebook & YouTube.

Monthly Sunday 5pm

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, shared meal, musical worship, Bible discussion & prayer.

Life groups

Life Groups are a relaxed and real place to explore God's Word and pray with each other, often gathering around a meal. Because of the size of Immanuel Church, Life Groups are a great way for you to get to know others deeply.

There are Life Groups for: youth, young adults, retirees, men, women, Know Your Bible (KYB), young families, and more!

Have a chat with the Church Office about Life Group opportunities and which group might be best for you.







Grow & serve

Followers of Jesus Christ always grow in faith & love. We offer various ways for you to grow & serve alongside each other. Here's a small sample, check out our website for full details.

Kave Kids
Most Sundays, during 9:30am service.

Primary school aged children are invited to a special time in the "Kave" under the Worship Centre during the sermon.

GiG (Grades 4–6)
Fridays 3:30–4:30pm during school term.

"Get into God" is a place to be welcomed, with food, fun games, a Bible story, and group time.

Friday Night R&R (Grades 7–12)
Fridays 5–7:30pm, during school term.

Friday evening fun time of connection & building deeper relationships with each other & God.

Whole Church Bible Studies

Starting Term 2, 2027, we have whole church Bible studies after 9:30am Sunday worship during school term. .

Prayer

We pray before & during worship, during Holy Communion, and 24hr prayer vigils.

Ash Wednesday 10 Feb
Week of Prayer 12–18 Sept

Whole Church Camp

Generations grow deeper together. A fun time of fellowship for the whole church.

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 September 2027

Meet our staff team

Everyone plays a vital role on the Immanuel Church Team, but some paid staff to help us as we walk the path of faith together.



Dan Mueller
Lead Pastor



Stefan Volejnik
Youth & Families Pastor (in training)



Matthew Konrad
Friday Night Youth Coordinator



Caitlin Catherall
Life Group Coordinator



Suzanne Volejnikova
Office Coordinator



Sharine Barth
Playgroup Coordinator



Stephen Muller
Safe Environments Coordinator





Want to take a next step?

We'd love for you to take a next step with us!

- **Subscribe to our Weekly News**
  immanuelchurch.au/contact

- **Consider baptism**
  If you are not baptised, we'd love to talk to you about this. Contact our Church Office: office@immanuelchurch.au, 07 5445 6894

- **Attend a Welcome Morning Tea**
  We'd love to get to know you a little more, and share morning tea with you. You're invited to our next Welcome Morning Tea in early 2027 (date to be confirmed). Contact the Church Office for more details.

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