

# 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 — 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.

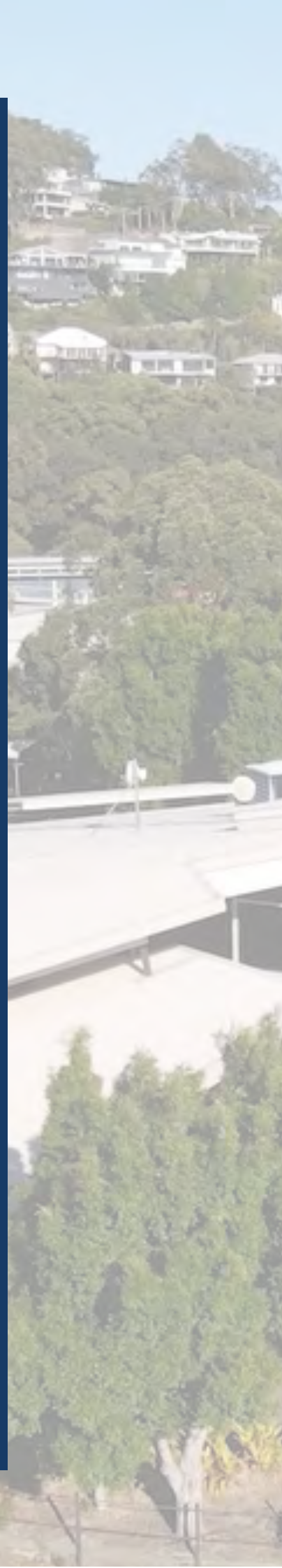
Grace and peace in Christ.

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# *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*)

Added to the above, we are a *Lutheran* church, so our beliefs are summarised in the Lutheran Confessions, including the Augsburg Confession.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

Explore the flavour of Life Groups, with our "Life Group Taster" commencing 6th February 2025. Contact the Church Office to find out more.





## 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.*

Children, around primary school age, 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 5–8pm,  
during school term.*

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

### Short courses

Various short courses are available in 2025 to connect with others & grow in faith.

Mar Holy Spirit Conference  
Apr Easter movie night  
May Who is Jesus?  
July Communion course

### Prayer

We pray — a lot!

Before and during worship, at Holy Communion, and a special 24hr prayer vigil on Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025.

### Whole Church Camp

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

Friday 19 – Sunday 21  
September 2025



## *Meet our staff team*

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



**Dan Mueller**  
Lead Pastor



**Doug Fitzpatrick**  
Missional Formation Pastor



**Stefan Volejnik**  
Youth & Families Coordinator



**Stephen Muller**  
Safe Church Coordinator



**Suzanne Volejnikova**  
Office Coordinator  
(from February 2025)





## *Want to take a next step?*

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

- \* **Subscribe to our weekly email**  
[immanuelchurch.au/contact](https://immanuelchurch.au/contact)

- \* **Consider baptism**  
Contact our Church Office  
to enquire about baptism:  
[office@immanuelchurch.au](mailto: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  
a Welcome Morning Tea on Sunday 9 February,  
25 May, or 14 September 2025. Contact the  
Church Office for more details.



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