



Junior School Chaplaincy Services



Redeemer Lutheran College
Our Hope is in Christ

The Place of Chaplaincy

Lutheran Schooling

One way that the Lutheran Church of Australia serves the Australian community is by providing schools in which the gospel of Jesus Christ informs all learning and teaching, all relationships and all activities. Through its schools the church bears Christian witness to students, parents, teachers, and friends of the school. Lutheran schooling emphasises both quality in education and the opportunity for Christian witness. Lutheran schools are known as places of quality pastoral care.

Redeemer Lutheran College

Redeemer Lutheran College shares this ethos and provides a caring and holistic Prep to Year 12 education that is based on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We desire that all involved in the school will be inspired by hope in Christ Jesus, equipped for life-long learning, make positive contributions to their own communities and partner with Redeemer in its mission of education and care.

The Role of a School Chaplain

Every Lutheran school has at least one chaplain so that the connection between the school and the mission of the church is reinforced and supported. The chaplain is actively involved in school life and provides pastoral guidance in matters dealing with worship, pastoral care, the faith life curriculum, ethical issues, the school's mission and other matters to do with Christian faith.



Chaplaincy Services

Introducing Your Chaplain

Pastor Matt is married with two young children. He studied in Philosophy and Law before training for the ministry. He was ordained and served a country parish for 5 years before moving to Redeemer in 2006. Matt has a keen interest in chess, and plays more computer games than he ought to. He loves to talk about the Christian faith and enjoys getting to know people.



Pastor Matt Thomas
Junior School Chaplain

The Chaplain's In-school Role

In the day-to-day life of Redeemer, our chaplain is involved in organising and overseeing worship and devotions in the college, visiting classes and talking with students. He provides a resource and support to staff and students, and a link through which the local Lutheran Church can support the Christian life of the college. He looks forward to providing pastoral care and Christian encouragement to children and their families.



Chaplaincy Services to Families

You may like to make contact with the Junior School Chaplain for a variety of reasons. Our Junior School Chaplain:

- is there to help you understand what the Christian and Lutheran character of the school means for your child
- is available to talk about matters of faith and ethics whether to do with the school, or more generally
- provides care for students and families who need a Christian friend in times of need
- upholds families in prayer
- can provide pre-marital preparation and conduct Christian marriages
- supports the Christian life of families
- is available to visit in the home for parents who would like to talk about issues
- can give guidance and teaching in Christian approaches to reconciling conflict
- is available to hear private confessions for the sake of forgiveness
- is able to introduce families to the ministries that Our Saviour congregation offers to the college community

Pastor Matt is always keen to hear from families who need Christian care or who would like to discuss matters relating to the spiritual and ethical development of their children.





Congregational Services

Redeemer has a special relationship with Our Saviour congregation. Our Saviour Lutheran Church seeks to be a place where people are invited, included and involved, both with each other and with Jesus Christ. The following ministries may be of interest to families of Redeemer:



Pastor Robin Stelzer
Lead Pastor

Worship

Our Saviour's **worship services** are on Sundays in Redeemer Chapel at 8.30am and 6.00pm. The 8.30am service is ideal for families and the 6.00pm service is often favoured by senior youth and young adults, although both services cater for a wide range of ages.

For Junior School

The **Kids for Christ** program for Junior School age children runs on Sundays in conjunction with the 8:30am service.

Our Saviour also runs the school's **Christian Dance** program. This is where Junior School students have the opportunity to learn liturgical dance and present it in chapel as a form of worship.

Each year Our Saviour gives bibles to the incoming Prep class and has a regular program of **Bible Reading** to the Preps.





For Pre-Schoolers

Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings in the Redeemer Multi-Purpose Centre Auditorium and is open to all parents from the Redeemer community.

Under 5's singing runs on Sundays in conjunction with the 8.30am service.

For Middle School and Senior School

Our Saviour Lutheran Church also has **youth groups** that cater for students in the Middle School ('**Lazer**' Junior Youth - Fridays 3.30-5.30pm) and Senior School ('**OSSY**' Our Saviour Senior Youth - Fridays 7.00-9.00pm).



For Adults

Our Saviour Lutheran Church has a wide range of **small groups**, men's groups, women's groups and service groups available for adults of all ages. There is also a **Christian counsellor** available for those who need someone with whom to talk things through.



Further Information

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