

Lugar Brae Ministry Teams and Programs

Minister: Rev. Kwang Min (Kevin) Kim (0414 746 735)

Children and Families Worker: Ryan Buesnel (0406 409 846)

Pianists: Keira Tu, In-Ae Lee

Prayer Group: Bob Vickery (9369 2705)

meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the fellowship area

Music Team: Rehearses at 6:30pm on Thursdays

Bible Study: David Robinson (0410 568 849)

Meets Monday at 6:30pm in the fellowship area

Tuesday Bible Study: Kevin- meets every second Tuesday at 5:30pm in the fellowship area

Bronte Playgroup: Kevin

Meets Wednesdays from 10-11:30am in the Church hall

Lugar Brae Community Choir Rehearses at 4:30pm each Wednesday in the Church

Saturday Fellowship Group: Margery Whitehead (9663 1827)
Meets on the first Saturday of the month at 2pm in the fellowship area

Upcoming Events & Announcements

-We are running some youth/family activities in the Jan school holidays. Please see Ryan for more info

---Stay connected with us: facebook.com/lugarbraeuca

Lugar Brae Uniting Church

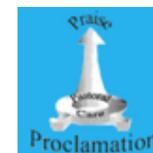


Sunday 7th January 2018

Our vision is to effectively engage with the community
to proclaim God's love through word and action



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A very warm welcome to all our visitors! We would love for you to join us for refreshments after the service if you are able

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Bible Facts!

Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the Bible

Service Schedule

This week

(January 7th): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday School:

Ryan B.

Holy Communion:

Bob V. / Margaret W.

Bible Readers:

Ryan B. / Brooke J.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 1:1-15, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Next Week

(January 14th): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday School:

Ryan B.

Bible Readers:

Margery W. / Keira T.

Bible Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10; (11-200, Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

BE PREPARED: PSALM 139

Prepare for it: Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart. Psalm 139 is difficult to classify as a single type; it combines meditation, praise, thanksgiving, confession and lament which has led some to suggest it should be thought of as a wisdom psalm. The psalm opens with a celebration of God's knowledge of and involvement with each person and closes with a call for God to use that knowledge to judge between the psalmist and their enemies. The psalm is attributed to David and marked "for the director of music" suggesting it was used in public worship.

Read It: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18(www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+139)
What part of God's awareness does the psalmist consider in vv1-3?
Is this knowledge limited to our present and past actions? (vv4,5)
How does the psalmist feel about this knowledge? (v6)
Why does God have this knowledge? (v13,15,16) What response does this elicit from the psalmist? (v14)
How does the psalmist respond to this knowledge? (vv17,18)

Think About It:

Does the thought of being intimately known please you?
How do you respond to knowing God has a purpose for you?

Get the Message:

Verses 1-6 of psalm 139 celebrate God's knowledge of each person: it is the complete, personal and discerning knowledge of all we have done and thought. It is not confined to past deeds – God also knows the things we will do: "Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely". Such knowledge is "too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain") and perhaps confronting, as vv7-12 reflect on the fact that it is impossible to escape God's scrutiny. It is natural that God should have this knowledge because, as the psalmist says in vv13-16, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb". V13 refers to God creating both the spiritual (inmost being) and physical (knit together in the womb c.f. Job 10:11) person. The Hebrew word rendered "inmost being" is kilyâ (כִּלְיָה) which literally means "kidney"; in the ancient world the kidneys were seen as the seat of thought and emotion of the inner person. God's ability to create the complexities of human life and God's sovereignty in ordaining the number of a person's days even "before one of them came to be" moves the psalmist to praise. Having accepted the universality and depth of God's knowledge of every person, and God's purpose for each person, the psalmist is moved to exclaim "How precious to me are your thoughts, God!". The Hebrew word translated as "thoughts" is rēa' (רַעַ) has the sense of "intentions" so the idea here is that the right response to God's knowledge and love of His people is to love His purposes. Because these purposes are uniquely suited to each person's needs the apostle John could write: "In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,"