



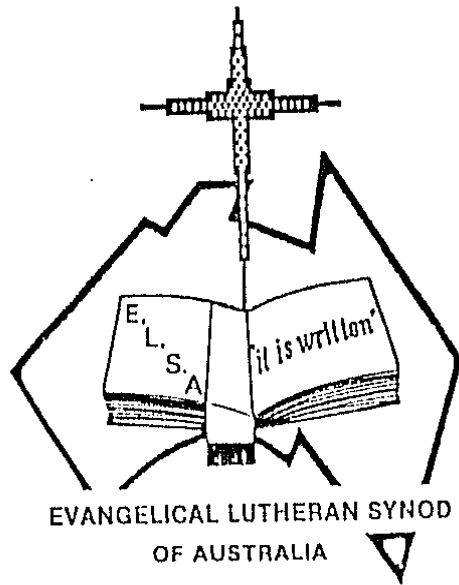
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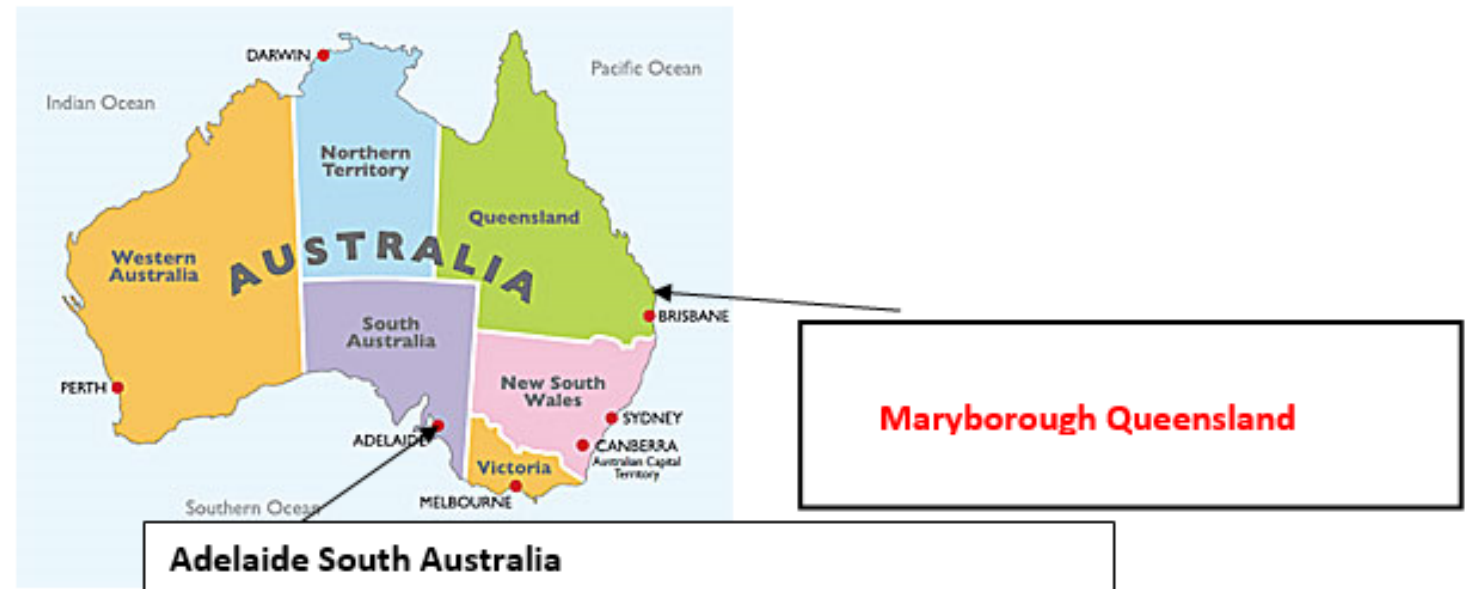
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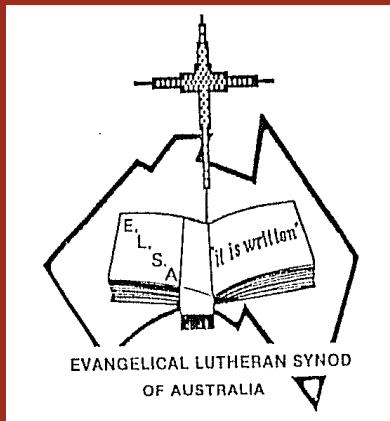
Map of Australia showing South Australia and Queensland.



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Brief History of the Lutheran Church in Australia

**King Frederick Wilhelm III.
1797-1840.**

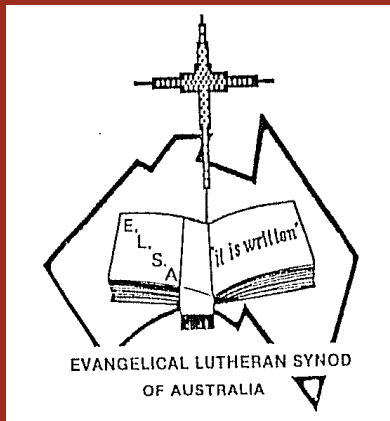
The first Lutherans to come to Australia in any significant number were immigrants from Prussia, who arrived in 1838. This period in Prussia was marked by a persecution of "Old Lutherans" who refused to join the Prussian Union, under King Frederick Wilhelm. Most of these immigrants settled in South Australia.



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Pastor A. Kavel was the first Lutheran Pastor in Australia in 1838.

Pastor Kavel led a group from Klemzig, Prussia (now Poland). The new settlers named their new village in Australia Klemzig, which is now a suburb of Adelaide, after the area they came from in Prussia. Adelaide is the capital of South Australia.

A second group of Lutheran settlers under the leadership of **Pastor G. D. Fritzsche** arrived in Adelaide in 1841.

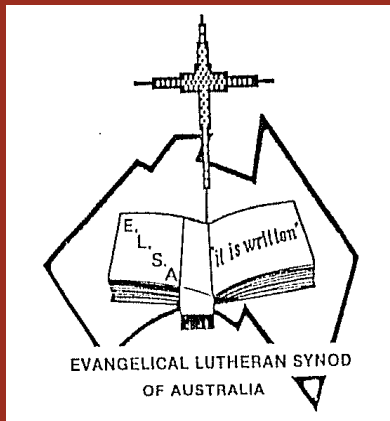
Both Pastors brought their entire congregation with them.

Both congregations appear to have shared a common goal and experiences in the first year or so of arriving in Australia.

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Peace did not last long between the 2 groups.
After a number of doctrinal problems two major new synods were formed:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia.
(Pastor G. Fritzsche's group)

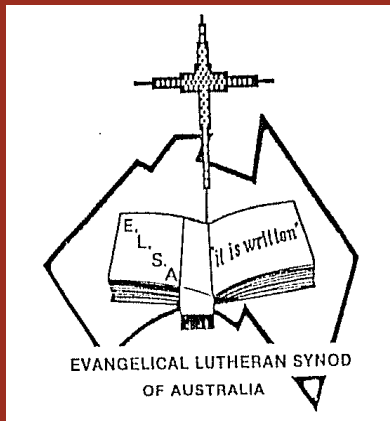
The United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia. (Pastor Kavel's group)

The two distinct synods now flowed separately.
Their course would clash often and turbulently at times for the next 100 years.

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Queensland - Where the “**Evangelicals Lutheran synod of Australia**” is situated.

In 1856 the first formal Lutheran congregation was formed at Zion's Hill in the colony of Queensland, which today is the suburb of Nundah, an inner northern suburb of Brisbane. Brisbane is the capital of the State of Queensland.

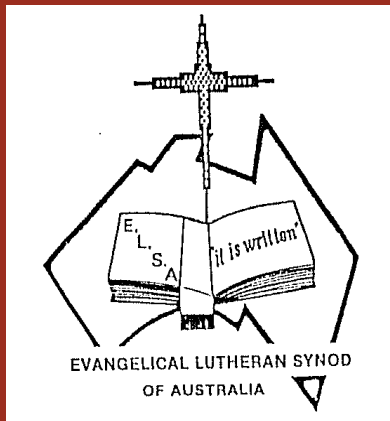


This is the church at Zion Hill, part of the original church makes up the back section of this building.

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In 1857, **Pastor C. F. A. Schirmeister**, "the Father of the Lutheran Church in Queensland," arrived in Zion's Hill.

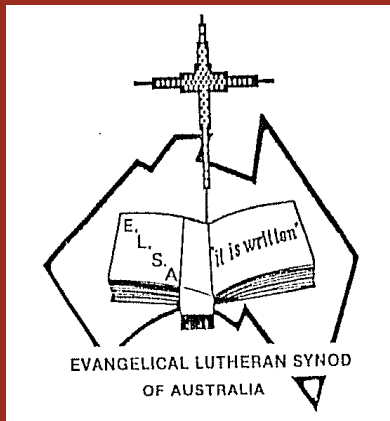
He found that the newly organized congregation had become disintegrated, with different members joining other churches and sects.

However, he ministered to Lutherans over a vast area and organized Lutheran congregations at North Brisbane (1858), Ipswich (1860), South Brisbane (1862) and Toowoomba (1863)

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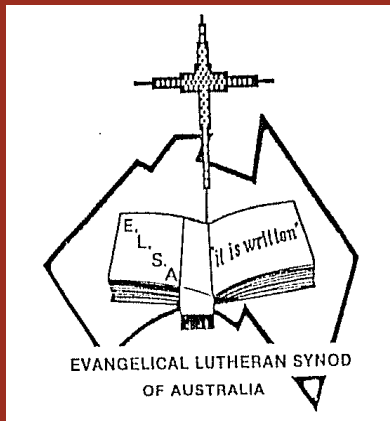
On a lighter note, my wife Anne and I were married in this church January 1974.

The pulpit area in this photo was part of the original church.
At the time we did not know it's history!

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“Declaration of fellowship”

On November 28th 1965 the official “Declaration of fellowship” between the E.L.C.A. and U.E.L.C. was announced.

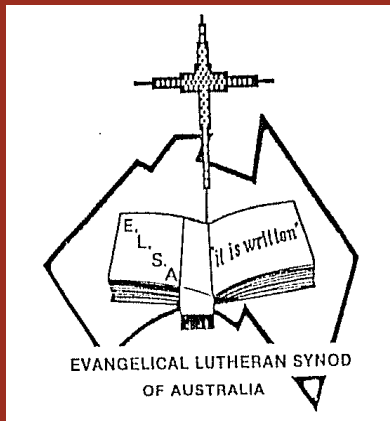
These were the same 2 groups that separated back in 1846.

Merging of UELCA and ELCA into the Lutheran Church of Australia took place on 29th October 1966.

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The formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of the Reformation

One Queensland Pastor, Pastor F.G. Kleinig with a few pockets of believers refused to enter the union of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

On March 20th 1966 the Lord gathered a small group of 50 people at Kilkivan Queensland who refused to go into the union.

Pastor Kleinig stated that the group was made up of 93 souls, which were later joined by about 50 others.

At the second convention of this new group an application for membership was made to Lutheran Church of the Reformation in America (LCR), which had broken away from Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - LCMS.

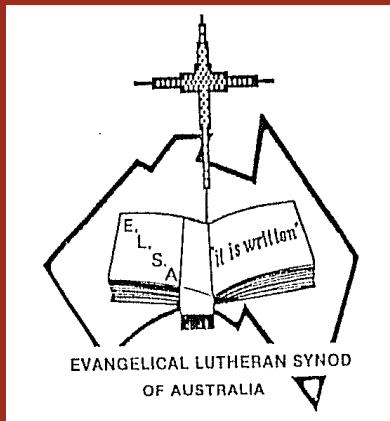


86. Pastor Kleinig, 1967

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Australian groups became known as the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of the Reformation.

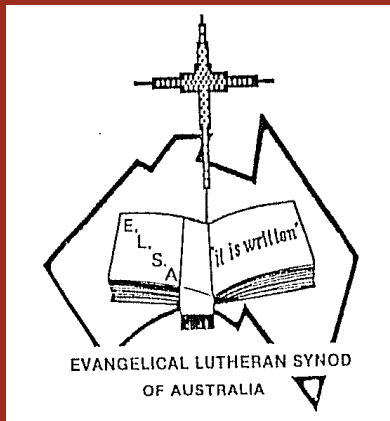
A second Pastor was called, Pastor Keith Hunter who accepted the call to Australia. Pastor Hunter came from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois.

The happy union of the ELCR was not to last very long: as various forms of legalism crept in.

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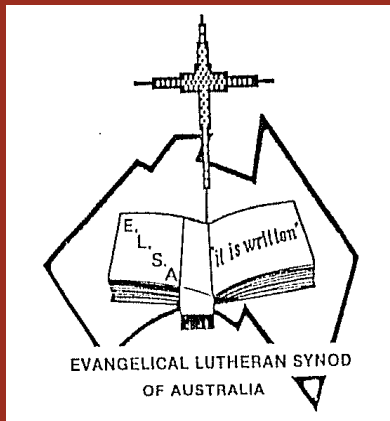
At a special convention in 1971 Pastor Kleinig asked if 'women's head-covering' was 'Christian Liberty or Moral Obligation.'

When the answer 'Christian liberty was given and then rejected by the majority, the antecedents of the ELSA left the ELCR.

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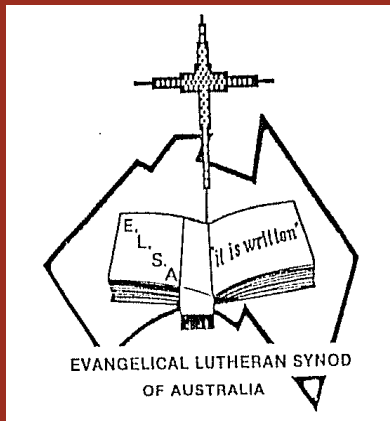
Faced with the evidence of legalism a faithful group conscientiously obeyed the Lord's command, **"Therefore come out from them and be separate."**
(2 Corinthians 6:17).

The schism, though necessary, divided friends and even families.

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What was now referred to as Faith Evangelical Lutheran Parish eventually became known as the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia** when incorporated 2 July, 1992.

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Pastor Peter Prange
accepted the call to Australia and arrived May 1995.

Currently we have one congregation which is in Maryborough,
Queensland and several preaching stations.

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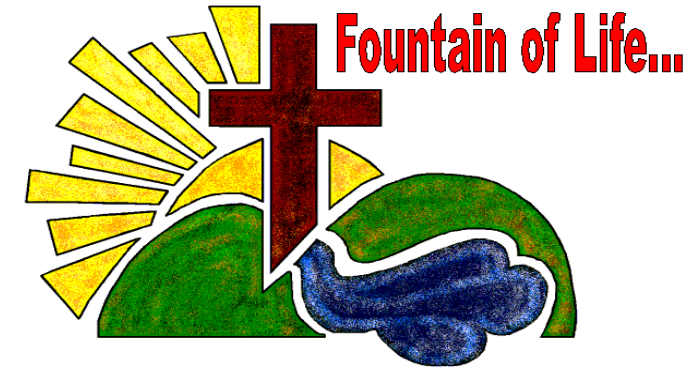
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Fountain of Life Ministries

With You is the



in Your light we see light.

Ps 36:9

The mission for our Synod is to proclaim the Gospel

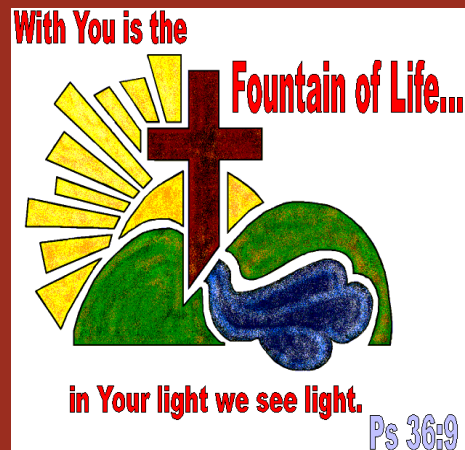
We do that by:

- Teaching our younger members through family devotions, Sunday School and Confirmation Classes.
- Bible study, Synod study weekends, Christian Socials, Christian Trivia nights. Study and fellowship retreats for men and for women. A congregational Ladies Group.
- Teaching Religious instruction in local state schools - Contact with 300 children each week.

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Recent confirmation class

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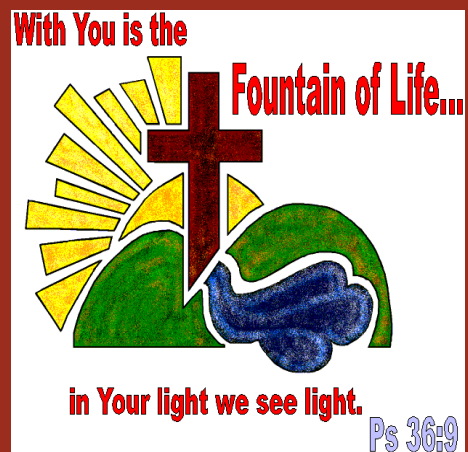


Yearly Study Weekends

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Baptism

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Ladies retreat and study group

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Ladies study group

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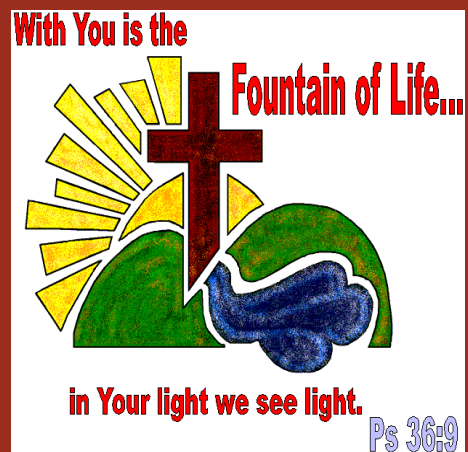


Passover Meal

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Fellowship Day

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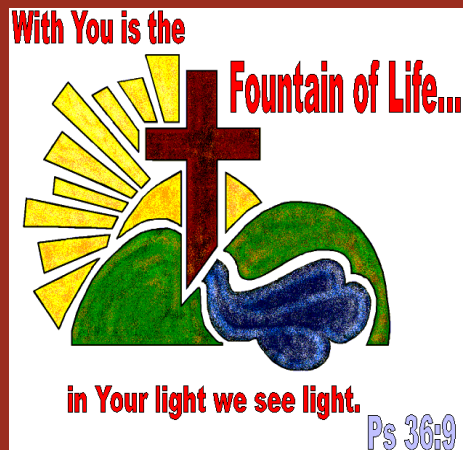


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Prayer Requests.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing on our endeavours.

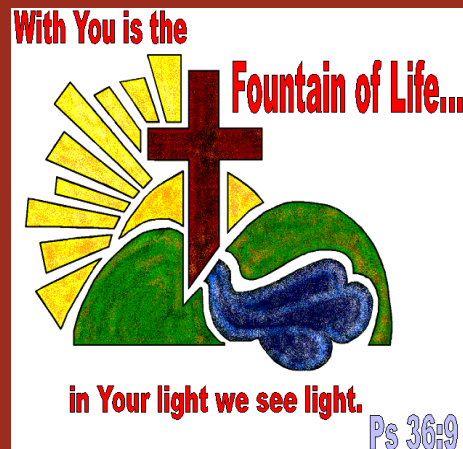
*Now may the Lord give you peace.
The Lord be with you all.*



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