Equip Module 6 will be facilitated in the next few weeks where Equip graduates will present and submit their portfolios of work - another exciting time! This is the culmination of 10 workshop days over several years and then many hours of work to collate their portfolios. There are also many ALC graduate teachers meeting with a Christian Studies Officer to present and share their portfolios for accreditation purposes too. In past years, the teachers’ presentations have been overwhelmingly positive professional learning experiences for all involved and we and look forward to these teachers sharing their stories and journeys.

As a Christian Studies Officer it is an honour and privilege to read these teachers’ philosophy statements, their units of work and have an insight into their Christian Studies classes. It is affirming to know that our Lutheran schools are blessed to have so many teachers committed and passionate about their calling to serve as educators and also to minister to others by sharing the gospel message. We have so much to be thankful for; I thank God for providing teachers who want to share his love with others and am reminded of the words from Romans 12: 6-8:

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Sue Kupke
Christian Studies Officer

**Prayers points:**

- Schools and centres that are experiencing challenging and difficult times.
- The LSA office team as we undertake staff appointments to best meet the needs of our schools and centres.
- Congregations and schools as they work together for their common goals.
**World Teachers’ Day - 26 October**

The focus of this day centres on recognition and appreciation of the role that teachers play in shaping the lives of the young people within their care. ([see link](#))

From a LSA perspective we want to broaden the focus to embrace all staff within our schools and centres who individually and collectively serve students and families.

Each child is a unique a precious part of God’s creation who needs a caring, nurturing and stimulating learning environment in which to grow and develop spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. There is no greater privilege in life than having the opportunity and responsibility for nurturing and shaping the lives of young people who are aware of their humanity, open to the influence of the Holy Spirit, and are growing in and living according to a cohesive world view. Young people thrive in learning environments where they feel safe, trusted, are supported in risk-taking, and given opportunities to share their ideas, beliefs and values.

The contribution made by staff within Lutheran schools and centres is truly remarkable and reflective of their commitment to making a difference to the lives of young people.

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**Lutheran Tract Mission**

The Lutheran Tract Mission has released 41 new resources that may be of interest to schools, particularly the new Christmas postcards, bookmarks and leaflets. There are 11 new Christmas resources including 1 postcard, 2 bookmarks and 1 text card:

- Christmas Blessings … greeting leaflet
- The Birth of Jesus Activity Book…a simple story and colouring pages
- The Birth of Jesus … the nativity story told in cartoon form
- Candy canes for Christmas … a new look Christmas Greeting leaflet
- It’s Jesus Birthday … Children’s greeting leaflet
- Away in a Manger … A favourite Christmas carol with Bible verses and its history
- Silent Night, Holy Night … The Christmas carol with Bible verses and its history
- Love, Joy, Hope and … Christmas postcard
- A Saviour has been born to you …. Bookmark
- They will call him ‘Immanuel’ … Bookmark
- A Baby is born for you … Text card

Check out the range available at [www.tracts.lll.org.au](http://www.tracts.lll.org.au)

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**Vacancies in Lutheran Schools**

For details of positions vacant in Lutheran schools, follow the link below and click on ‘Vacancies in Lutheran schools". [www.lutheran.edu.au](http://www.lutheran.edu.au)

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**ACLE 4**

**30th September - 2nd October 2013. Brisbane Convention Centre**

The ACLE 4 Organising Committee has advised the following registration costs:

- Full registration (early bird) $750
- Full registration $850
- Day registration (early bird) $440
- Day registration $490
- Welcome Reception extra $ 65
- Gala Dinner extra $135

[Early bird registrations due and payable by 9th August 2013]