

*A Service of Thanksgiving to God  
for the life of*



**LESLIE EDWARD  
NEUMANN**  
*'Les'*

**20 April 1933 - 23 April 2023**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor John Guilfoyle  
Living Water Fellowship**

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

### WELCOME & GREETING

We gather today to thank God for the life of Les Neumann, and to express our gratitude for how God blessed so many of us through him. We're here to say our earthly good-byes to Les, remembering the promises God made to him when he was baptised. Scripture reassures us of this promise:

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For since we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:3-5)*

We take hold of this promise in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN 426:**  
**"What a Friend we have in Jesus"**

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| <p>1. What a friend we have in Jesus,<br/>All our sins and griefs to bear!<br/>What a privilege to carry<br/>Everything to God in prayer!<br/>O what peace we often forfeit,<br/>O what needless pain we bear,<br/>All because we do not carry<br/>Everything to God in prayer!</p>                                | <p>2. Have we trials and temptations?<br/>Is there trouble anywhere?<br/>We should never be discouraged;<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Can we find a friend so faithful,<br/>Who will all our sorrows share?<br/>Jesus knows our every weakness;<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.</p> |
| <p>3. Are we weak and heavy laden,<br/>Cumbered with a load of care?<br/>Precious Saviour, still our refuge!<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer,<br/>Do thy friends despise, forsake you thee?<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer;<br/>In His arms He'll take and shield thee<br/>Thou wilt find a solace there.</p> |  |

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**PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, as you raised your only Son, Jesus, from the grave, remind us of his claim upon our lives such that not even death can snatch us from your hand or separate us from your love. In your compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your help to see in death the gate to eternal life so we may continue our course on earth in confidence and hope until we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## EULOGY

### PICTORIAL REFLECTION **"Looking Forward Looking Back"** and **"Never Was At All"** By Slim Dusty

#### THE PSALM: PSALM 23

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- <sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows;  
leads me beside peaceful streams.
- <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name.
- <sup>4</sup> Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will not be afraid, for you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil.  
cup overflows with blessings.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me  
the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

**HYMN 609:  
"Jesus Loves Me"**

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak, but He is strong:  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me:  
The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide:  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in:

3. Jesus loves me, loves me still,  
Though I'm very weak and ill,  
From His shining throne on high.  
Comes to watch me where I lie:

4. Jesus love me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
When at last I come to die,  
He will take me home on high:

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**BIBLE READING: John 10:11-15**

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.*

## ADDRESS

### HYMN 863 "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed *assurance*, Jesus is mine:

Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;*

*this is my story, this is my song  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above.  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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## PRAYERS

*As the prayers conclude...Lord, remember us in your kingdom and  
teach us to pray...*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.

Amen.

## BLESSING AND RECESSIONAL

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Les.  
We ask you to remember, Lord, that he is a sheep from your own fold,  
a lamb from your own flock, and a sinner whom you have saved.  
Mercifully welcome him with open arms, and give him everlasting  
peace, with all the saints in heaven. Amen.

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come, we release the body of our brother in  
Christ to its last resting place.

The Almighty Lord, a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to  
whom all things in heaven and earth bow and obey, be now and  
forever your sure defence. May He renew your spirit by the power of  
His Holy Spirit and draw you to His heart in the hope and joy he  
grants to all people through Jesus Christ †.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 851  
**"Amazing Grace"**

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That save a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieves;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe, thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his Word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.



## 'Les'

Les Neumann (Dad and Poppy) was a gentle, caring and determined man who loved his family, animals, sport, music, his garden and food.

Leslie Edward Neumann was born on the 20th April 1933 in Sydney. He was the fourth child of Frank Campbell Neumann and Myrtle Ann Louise Neumann (nee Baker).

Les spent his early years in Benalla (Vic) which included his Primary School years. He fondly remembered having fun down at the river with his younger brothers and friends at weekends and holidays.

The Family moved to Wagga in 1945. Les went to Wagga High School. He left school to work at a Service Station and started a Mechanics Course at TAFE.

This didn't last as he became ill with Rheumatic Fever which almost took his life.

This was the end of his dream to become a mechanic.

Determined to work after recovery Les worked for Croft Stores fulfilling orders and delivering them on his pushbike. He then worked at Hardy's Joinery for a number of years. Working on the timber saws he managed to sever 2 fingers on his right hand, thus the nickname at bowls of 'fingers'.

Because of the Rheumatic Fever, Les could not do his National Service at 18 but eventually could at 21. He thoroughly enjoyed his time there but when asked to continue he declined and returned to Wagga. He married and from that marriage had 2 daughters Carol and Kay whom he adored.

In 1970 Les was working at the Wagga Council as a Gas Metre Reader when he had a life altering accident when the scooter he was riding was hit by a car. His long recovery showed his determination and resilience to get on in life.

Les met Doreen Kroker through love of sport and mutual friends. They married on the 20th of July 1974. He embraced becoming part of her extended family with many nieces and nephews. With Doreen Les enjoyed attending church activities and the wider community that it offered.

Les worked for Wagga Motors for 6 years then Moore Paragon for 15 years medically retiring at 60 due to ongoing problems from his previous injuries. Doreen retired at the same time so they could enjoy playing bowls, going on holidays and visiting friends and family.

Les loved all sport. In his early years Les played Australian Rules Football, Cricket and Tennis at a high level doing well at them all. He also refereed Australian Rules Football around the region. Later Les took up Lawn Bowls where once again he won many trophies including state level. He keenly watched most sport but particularly liked watching his beloved Swans play and hopefully win.

Les had progressive hearing loss from an early age and had a Cochlear implant in 2011 for which he was a star recipient and it greatly enhanced his ability to communicate and take part in everyday life.

Providing for Doreen and his daughters was very important for Les and he was proud of his family home. Les was a loving and caring husband, Dad and Poppy. His health declined over the last 8 years but he always knew Doreen and his 'girls'. He would want you all to take care of each other.



It is with love and gratitude the family thank you for your kindness and expressions of sympathy at a time when it is needed and deeply appreciated.

After the service you are invited to join Les' family in the Fellowship area for light refreshments and a time of conversation and consolation.

**ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD, CHAPEL  
TUESDAY, 2ND MAY 2023 AT 2:00PM**



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