



# July 12 AMAMAS

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## ELCPNG July 12 Newsletter: AMAMAS

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the July 12 edition of our ELCPNG Newsletter, AMAMAS. As we reflect on the blessings and progress within our church community, we are excited to share with you a brief feedback of our Thanksgiving Offering on July 12, 2023 in Lae. This

newsletter aims to provide updates on the projects and missions that have been made possible through your generous thanksgiving.

### Thanksgiving Offering Feedback

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Offering. Your unwavering support and generosity have enabled us to carry the Manus Boat Project.

As we continue to extend the reach of our mission, we are excited to announce the identification of new mission fields. See more information on page 4. These areas, often in remote locations, present unique challenges and opportunities for ministry. We invite Lutheran congregations and individuals to consider supporting these mission fields directly. Your prayers, resources, and involvement can make a profound difference in these communities.

### July 12 Committee- Who are we?

The Office of the Assistant Bishop has appointed a dedicated committee to organize a city-wide celebration for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) on July 12. The committee is also tasked with extending the celebrations to other towns and districts where possible, ensuring that the joyous spirit of this occasion reaches as many people as possible.

### Objectives of the Celebration

**A Day of Unity,**



**July 12 Sunday Service at Eriku Oval 2023. Bishop Jack Urame and assistant Bishop Lucas Kedabing and Church leaders during the Service**

### Thanksgiving, and Celebration

The Church must come together in unity, thanksgiving, and celebration on this special day. The July

12 celebration aims to honor and appreciate the missionaries and local forefathers who tirelessly evangelized vast regions of Papua New Guinea, including Morobe, the

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## COME! Let us celebrate together..

Highlands, Madang, and beyond. This day is a time for us to reflect on their sacrifices and express our gratitude for their relentless efforts in spreading the gospel.

In expressing our gratitude for what God has done through these pioneering missionaries and our forefathers, past and present, we encourage everyone to join in this July 12 thanksgiving offering in your church. These offerings will help in evangelism work, supporting Pastors and in extending the missionaries' work to other parts

of Papua New Guinea, ensuring that the gospel continues to reach new communities and transform lives.

All giving can be deposited in BSP Bank (details are on the front of this Newsletter.)



2023 July12 Celebrations in LAE- Eriku Oval

## 2024 JULY 12 PROJECT

1. Lorengau Town does not have Town Church /Provincial Mission Station since Lutheran missionaries arrived there more than 50 years ago. So part of the thanksgiving this year will be towards acquiring land and establishing a Town Church and Mission Base.
2. Support Pastor Norman in Sepik-Wara to rebuild his House. His House was burnt down by "others".
3. Support Topuh Village Church in Autonomous Region of Bougainville and Hetman Dominic - Dominic Boinavin.

## Manus Mission Boat Purchase and delivery

The primary objective of 2023 JULY12 committee was of acquiring a boat for the Manus Lutheran Mission Field. This was successfully achieved. Through the generous Thanksgiving offerings from the July 12, [2023](#), celebration at Eriku LAE and the Thanksgiving Dinner, at LAE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. A 40-horsepower and a 22-foot boat

was purchased. This boat will significantly aid in the missionary work and transportation needs of the Manus community.

### Delivery of the Boat

The boat was officially delivered to the Manus Lutheran Mission by Rev. Hans Giegere, Head of the

Evangelism Department, and John Yawing, Chairman of the 2023 July 12 Event Committee. Pastor Otto Zidam and the Hetman for the three congregations received the Boat on behalf of the Manus Mission field-Church This event on the 23rd May-marked a significant milestone in enhancing the outreach capabilities of the Manus mission.

## Brief Report on Manus Mission Field

Manus is a "Wok mission" area under the jurisdiction of the Karkar District. The mission was originally established by the Rhenish Mission Society, who ventured to Manus from Karkar before the outbreak of the Second World War. This historical context highlights the longstanding missionary efforts in the region.

### ELCPNG must establish a Church and Mission Base in Lorengau Town–Manus NOW!

Despite a significant presence of local Manus, Morobe, and PNG Lutherans in Lorengau, there is no church building available for congregational activities. This absence

hinders the community's ability to gather and worship effectively for the last 40 years

*The coastal villages of Nyada, Jowan, and Lessau each have churches with small congregations.* Jowan Island boasts a permanent church structure, which was inaugurated by Bishop Jack Urame and Rev. Hans in [2021](#). During that

occasion also, [130](#) baptisms took place.

Other arms of the church in Women, Youth and Sunday School are active but need training, material and assistance in spiritual programs in each ministry. Also other training skills are required to prepare youths and women to engage actively in small economic activities.

**Support for Pastor Otto Zidam**

Apart from the boat, Pastor Otto needs assist him in his duties. He also needs our prayer for and strong moral support and coopera-



Rev. Hans and part of Womens Ministry

tion from all elders within the Manus Church Community.

**Church Mission Station on the West Coast**

Three land areas have been given and surveyed for potential mission stations in Lassau and Nyada, according to local leaders, but no action has been taken by Ampo to

develop these sites. Although two former bishops visited these locations, there has been no follow-up or concrete action from Ampo.

**Vision and Prayer**

Our prayer is that the boat will serve its missionary purpose and be a vessel of unity and a carrier of the Grace of Jesus Christ across Manus Province.



**Final Words on Manus Mission**

The acquisition of the boat marks a significant step forward for the Manus Mission Field. However, ongoing support to the Pastoral team, coordination, and unity are essential to fully realize the potential of missionary activities in the region. All members of the ELCPNG are called to come together and support these endeavors for the glory of God.



(L-R) John Yawing (Chairman July12) Handing over boat to Pasto Otto Zidam and Hetman John (Lessau), Hetman Zing (Jowan Is) and Hetman Bernard (Nyada) and Elder Sammy

**2023 July 12 ELCPNG DAY Thanksgiving Report**

*This is a brief finance report of the Thanksgiving offering received for 2023 . A Sunday Celebration and Dinner event were organized for Lutherans in LAE to take part and offer their thanksgiving,*

<u>Income</u>	
ELCPNG DAY at Eriku—	K21, 361.85
Anniversary Dinner —	K 65,400.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>K 86,761.85</u></b>
<u>Expense</u>	
Hire of hotel, -	K 39,700.00
Others	K 10, 539.00

Net Balance	<b><u>K 36,522.85</u></b>
<u>Cost of Boat for Manus.</u>	
40 Horse Power Engine & 22 foot Boat	
Total Cost —	<b>K35, 700.00</b>
<b>Losses:</b> 7 tables x K 3000.00	
Loss	K 21, 000.00

**Notes**

- The report is only for the two events, i.e. Sunday Thanksgiving at Eriku Oval in LAE and Thanksgiving Dinner at Lae Inter. Hotel*
- There are other July 12 offerings deposited directly to ELCPNG General Faith Account but not include here.*

# 2024 July12 Theme: **Youths - KIRAP! SHINE and PRESERVE**

## Theme Scripture: **Philippines 2:15**

As we celebrate the 138th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG), we reflect on the profound impact our faith community has had over the years. This milestone is not just a celebration of our history but a call to action for our future, particularly focusing on the role of our youth. In these challenging times, our young people are called to be the salt and light of the world, embodying the essence of the gospel and preserving their Lutheran identity.

**Philippians 2:15** exhorts believers to "be blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." This verse is especially relevant today as our youth face unprecedented challenges. From the rapid advancement of technology and social media pressures to political instability and environmental concerns, the world can seem

daunting. Yet, it is precisely in these times that our young people must rise and shine, demonstrating integrity, compassion, and unwavering faith.

To our youth, the message is clear: **Rise, shine, and preserve.** Rise above the challenges, shine with the light of Christ, and preserve the essence of our Lutheran faith. You are the future of the ELCPNG, and your actions today will shape the church of tomorrow. Embrace your role with courage and conviction, knowing that you are not alone. The entire faith community stands with you, cheering you on and praying for your success.

.Let us support them, pray for them, and encourage them to rise, shine, and preserve the gospel that defines their Lutheran identity. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and love in a world that desperately needs it.... **God Bless all our YOUTHS .....Jyawing**

## Celebration Activities

**Friday 12 July**—all ELCPNG run schools and Institution will assemble in ERIKU Oval for the Celebrations.

From 9:00am –3:00pm

**Friday Evening —12th July**  
Anniversary Dinner – Lae International Hotel

From 6:30pm—10:00pm

**Saturday 13th July** —All youths of Lae City Circuit, Lae Circuit and nearby Wampar circuit to have Celebrations at Eriku Oval

From 9:00am—3:00pm

**Sunday 14th July** — Combine Service and Thanksgiving Offering. All Pharishes and Congregations are expected to bring your ELCPNG Day offering to the Combine Service at Eriku Oval

From 9:00Am—3:00Pm

**ALL WELCOME in JESUS NAME**

## Missions "The Heartbeat of GOD"

The July12 Committee is working closely with Evangelism Division in focusing our July12 Thanksgiving offering towards new Mission Fields in PNG.

The main challenge is to support the pastors/missionaries who are there or will be sent there. Their physical welfare is important if God will continue to use them, Their logistical support, ministerial support and consistent communication is vital for progress and establishing a strong church. Above all PRAY for the needs and challenges faced by all involved in the Mission Field. Below are some Mission Fields the committee is made aware of, in which you can support in Prayer or in giving if you fell call to do so. You can get more information from Evangelism office.

Some Mission Fields that you can support are listed below.

- 1) The Arob Mission Field
- 2) Sepik Mission Field
- 3) Usino Bundi Mission Fields
- 4) Kiunga Mission
- 5) Aitape/ Irian Jaya Border Mission
- 6) Kaintiba/Gulf Mission
- 7) Manus Mission Field
- 8) Others in Papua District and other ELCPNG Districts .



**Your July12 Thanksgiving offer can be deposited direct into the BSP Account as shown below.**

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